

# Eve

Genesis 3

Rev. Sherri Reynolds

Changing Lives by Sharing Christ, Making Disciples, Serving and Giving Hope

## Sermon Notes: Thursday, Sept 11 and Sunday, Sept 14

Today I deleted all the game apps from my phone. I removed them because I was spending too much time playing electronic games. I really enjoy my gaming apps, but one game would turn into another and another and before I knew it too much time had passed. Even having the apps on my phone was tempting me to play, so I decided to avoid temptation by getting rid of the source. Phone gaming apps are just one of the distractions of life which lead me into temptation. What tempts you?

For Eve it was great knowledge (Genesis 3). She could not resist the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of God and evil. With some prompting from the serpent, she ate and encouraged Adam to eat too. From there, they were expelled from paradise, and the story of temptation has been our story ever since. Fortunately, God equips us to stand against temptation. Through scripture, prayer, and encouragement we have a defense. The good news is that even when we give into temptation, that God's grace is bigger than our sins. "He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins." (1 John 1:9a)

Peace, Rev. Sherri

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## Worship Opportunities

**Thursday: Worship, 5:30 pm**

**Sunday Morning: Celebration, 9 am**

**Traditions, 11 am**

## ACOLYTES

September 14: Clementine and Rhett Hilburn  
 September 21: Sarah Echols and Luke Barnes

## Tech Team Schedule

**September 14**

**Celebration:** Sheila Freeman, Bill Haller

**Traditions:** Mark Condra, Wayne Payton, Sheila Freeman

**September 21**

**Celebration:** Sheila Freeman, Brad Barnes

**Traditions:** Mark Condra, Neil Mullin, Sheila Freeman



**L.I.F.T.**

**GFUMC YOUTH ROOM, 211**

**OPEN HOUSE**

*And Shower*

Youth Room Makeover  
 New Paint. New Look.

**10 AM TO 10:45 AM**  
**SUNDAY, SEPT. 21**

DONATIONS OF GIFT CARDS SUCH AS AMAZON AND TARGET TO HELP COMPLETE THE MAKEOVER ARE WELCOME!

L.I.F.T. Youth: Love in Fellowship and Truth

STOP BY TO SEE OUR NEW LOOK!

## New Bible Studies Begin

— Many study *Revelation* for what it reveals about the past or future, but what does it have to reveal about today? Using Greg Robbin's ***Revelation Simplified: A Commonsense Approach to the Bible's Most Mysterious Book*** as a guide, see how *Revelation* provides hope-filled promises for today. [Bring your Bible and join Rev. Sherri in Room 208 at 11am or 6 pm on Wednesday.](#) The study will continue through November 19.

— **The Belonging Project: Finding Your Tribe and Learning to Thrive** Are you hungry for true community, deeper connection with God, and friendships that are greater than just “likes” on social media? This is a study of the “One Another” Sayings of the New Testament. Join Harriet Murray and friends for this exciting new study. [Room 110, Wednesdays at 6 pm.](#)

— **Loving on Purpose** by Danny and Sheri Silk brings a fresh perspective on the age-old role of parenting. It will give you tools to:

- ◊ Protect your connection with your children.
- ◊ Teach your children to manage increasing levels of freedom.
- ◊ Replace the tools of intimidation and control.
- ◊ Create a safe place for children to build confidence and personal responsibility.

[Room 116, Wednesdays at 6 pm.](#) *This series includes a video live audience recordings of age specific Q&A sessions with wisdom that will work for your toddler all the way through your adult child. Our group facilitator will be Dawson Harmon, but the real teachers will be each of you as you share your stories and learn from one another.*

**Wonderful Wednesday Dinner: 5:15 pm**

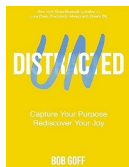
**Menu: September 17: Chick fil A**

**\$3 Children under 11**

**\$7 per Person**

## Sunday School: New Adult Series

**Transitions 10 am, Room 209 Undistracted w/ Bob Goff**

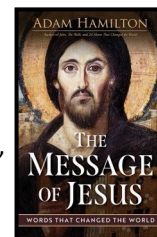


Distractions cause more harm than you might think. And they're all around us, all the time. They can disrupt our focus on what really matters, interfere with our true priorities, and divert our attention from the God who created us for his good purpose. **Identify the distractions in your life. Eliminate them so that you can recharge and refocus on your God-given purpose. Start living a less-distracted and more joy-filled and love-oriented life.**

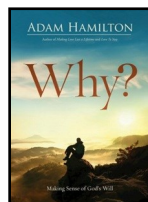
**Pathfinders/Seekers 10 am, Room 208**

**The Message of Jesus— Words that Changed the World by Adam Hamilton**

Adam Hamilton's "The Message of Jesus" explores six key themes in Jesus's teachings, emphasizing their relevance today. The study includes insights on the Kingdom of God, the Sermon on the Mount, and Jesus's parables, highlighting how his words can be life-changing and world-changing.



**Living Water 10 am, Room 116**



Join us, as we try to answer some tough, age-old questions concerning our faith. Questions like: “where is God when tragedy and suffering strikes? Why do the innocent suffer? Why do my prayers go unanswered? Why can’t I see God’s will for my life?” If God is all powerful, and If each one of us is a beloved child of God, then Why? How do we understand the will of God?

Let’s Talk About it! **Why? Making Sense of God’s Will** by Adam Hamilton. Weekly discussions led by Dawson Harmon and Ken Casey.

**“Men at the Well” Thursday Mornings, 7:00 am**

You are invited to join the weekly Bible study with the “Men at the Well” at the 278 Restaurant.

**Contact Todd Rains, Mark Condra, Mark Casey, or any of the Men at the Well for more information.**





### ELC NEWS

Apple orders are due tomorrow Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry. Scholastic Book Orders are due Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Your purchases help us build classroom libraries and curriculum.

—Helene Haller



### Youth

Sunday School  
10 am, Room 211

### Wonderful Wednesday

Dinner- 5:15 pm

Youth Group, 6:00 pm

*"Let's Build a Solid Foundation!"*

Matthew 7:24

Save the Date:

9/21 at 10:00 am

LIFT Room Open House & Shower

10/22 at 5:00 pm

Fall Festival

Wonderful Wednesday Dinner: September 17: Chick-fil-A

# Children's Ministry

**GFUMC Kids Fall Calendar '25**

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 6:00 CHILDREN'S CHOIR	SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 9:00&11:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00	FAMILY EVENTS!
August: Under Construction James 1:5	August: The Holy Spirit makes us better	October 22: Fall Festival 5-7
September: Game Plan! Psalm 33:11	September: Creativity: God Creates	November 2: Rake & Run! 12-2
October: Along the Way Psalm 121:8	October: Faith: God's Promise	November 19: Friendsgiving 6-7
November: Unsung Heroes Zeph. 3:4-7a	November: Blessing: God's Blessings	November 26: Community Thanksgiving

Follow us on Facebook for more info!

### Wonderful Wednesday

Small Groups and Activities  
@ 6 pm

Fellowship Dinner, 5:15 pm  
Sept 17  
Chick-fil-A

\$7 -per person, \$3 -11 & Under  
RSVP: Text 256.490.5018

### Sunday Mornings

Children's Church  
during worship, 9 am & 11 am  
Sunday school @ 10 am

Need more info?

Katharine@fumcgadsden.org  
Ms. Katharine Barnes  
Children's Director

**GFUMC CHILDREN'S GAME PLAN**

**Wednesday's at 6:00**

**September Unit**

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
<b>MAKING PEACE</b> IS PART OF GOD'S GAME PLAN.	<b>FOLLOWING GOD</b> IS THE BEST GAME PLAN.	<b>SHOWING KINDNESS</b> IS IN GOD'S GAME PLAN.	<b>FORGIVENESS</b> IS ALWAYS GOD'S GAME PLAN.

**BUT THE PLANS OF THE LORD STAND FIRM FOREVER, THE PURPOSES OF HIS HEART THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS.**  
**PSALMS 33:11 (NIV)**

## Fall ELC Apple Sale!

Order by September 15. Apples will be delivered starting September 26th.

Six Flavors to choose from!

### Apple Strudel

Creamy homemade caramel covering a fresh granny smith apple and then dipped in a sweet white chocolate and tossed with our cinnamon- sugar topping - most popular.

### Strawberry Cheesecake

Granny smith apple covered in soft creamy caramel and dipped into white chocolate and covered in a delicious strawberry cheesecake and graham cracker crumbles.

### Triple Chocolate

Fresh granny smith apple smothered in our homemade caramel and dipped into milk chocolate and then drizzled with dark and white chocolate.

### Dark Sea Salt

Made from scratch caramel coated granny smith apple dipped in a sweet dark chocolate and sprinkled with grey sea salt.

### Peanut Butter Swirl

Crisp granny smith apple coated in golden caramel and dipped in white chocolate blended with peanut butter then topped with milk chocolate drizzle.

### Classic With Nuts

Granny smith apple coated in creamy sweet caramel and rolled in nuts.



Order Online Now!

## ELC Fall Apple Sale- \$14.00 Each

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



Order by September 15.

Apples will be delivered starting September 26.

STRUDEL	STRAW BERRY	Triple Choco- late	Dark Sea Salt	Peanut Butter Swirl	Classic With Nuts	Quantity Ordered	Donated Amount
							\$

# New College-Age Pastor for Mid-Central District

Andy Yarnell is now serving as the College-Age Pastor for several locations in the Mid-Central District.

Our goal is to remind college-age young adults that they are deeply loved by God. We also want to help them get connected with local United Methodist Churches—places where they can find community, talk to a minister, access resources, serve others, and maybe even show up on a Sunday morning.

Many of these young adults are new to the United Methodist Church, and some haven't been connected to any church in years. Others grew up in United Methodist youth groups, and we want to help them stay connected as they enter this next chapter of life.

This ministry is for all college-age young adults—whether they're attending classes in person, studying online, working full-time, or taking a gap year. Everyone is welcome.

**Open Door** college-age groups are currently meeting in Gadsden, Cullman, Boaz, and Centre. Recently, the group met at First UMC Gadsden.

**From Pastor Andy (you know him!)**

(A bunch of young adults with connections to Gadsden FUMC and Southside UMC.)

***Pictured above are:***

Jacob McKiven ( you know this one)

Bella Gray (Donnie Gray's granddaughter)

Sophia Norris - ( you know her) going to JSU

Ramel Roffin - Goes to JSU

Kirby (helps with the college choir)

Phoenix Rich ( in the college choir)

Afton ( you know her, lol)

Dale Layton (was in the college choir last year)

And our District Deacon Beth Johnson came.



***Meetings at First UMC Gadsden will be approximately once per quarter. GFUMC will provide refreshments for the group and from time to time, Andy may need another adult to be present. Volunteers who are interested in helping with this college-age, young adult ministry may contact the church office @ 256.543.8200.***



## Sept. Mission Focus



The Etowah Free Community Clinic provides uninsured patients of Etowah County with access to physicians, nurses, support staff, prescription medication and a variety of holistic care services, at no cost. The clinic has had a dramatic impact, not just in the lives of those served, but also in the community in which they live, work and play. The clinic is located at 423 South 3rd Street · Gadsden, AL 35901 · (256) 546-3456 .

During the month of September, the mission team will be receiving donations for the Etowah Free Community Clinic. Look for a list of needed items and the red buckets at the entrances to the church building. Thank you for your support for local missions.

—The GFUMC Mission Team

### Donation Items

- 13 gallon garbage bags
- reams of white paper
- Kleenex
- paper towels
- toilet paper

### Clothes Closet Needs

As the season changes, our clothes closet is empty. Time to clean out closets and contact friends and neighbors to help replenish our store!



We need everything : children, men, women's and plus sizes. Please help with this wonderful mission that helps so many! Thanks for your continued generosity.

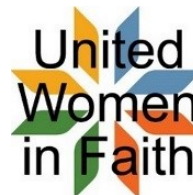
Your Clothes Closet Team

### United Women in Faith

### UWF Sunday

**September 14**

Sunday is UWF Sunday for both services at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. All ladies are encouraged to volunteer and help with a task during the service. Please contact Delores Abney or Olivia Kendrick.



### GFUMC



"By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." **John 13:35**

### Ladle of Love

Fridays, 11:00am-12:00pm,  
at the Portico entrance.

**Donations may be made to the Ladle of Love Fund in honor or in memory of a loved one.**

**Clothes Closet Workdays**  
are Tuesdays before open days from 9:00-11:00 am.

**Open to Public**

**1st & 3rd Wednesdays**

**September open dates are 9/3 and 9/17**

**9:00 am to 11:00 am**

**516 Broad Street Gadsden**

**Find out more about mission and service opportunities @ [www.fumcgadsden.org/serve](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/serve)**

**Phone: 256-543-8200**

**Email:**

**[fumc@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:fumc@fumcgadsden.org)**

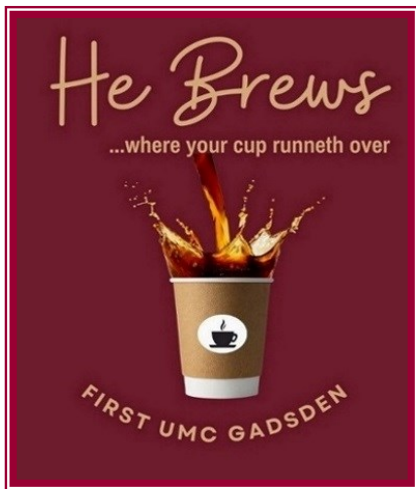
**#gfumcreconnect2025**

**Ladle of Love  
Clothes Closet**

**July**

LOL	297
Clothes Closet	266

**Thanks to our  
Volunteers!**



Follow us on  
Facebook and Instagram.

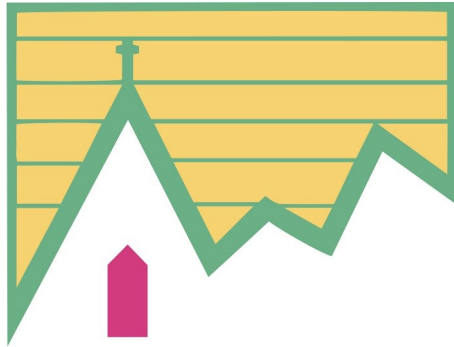


HeBrews Coffee Café 10 am, Chestnut Street Foyer  
We Can't Wait to See You There!



A NEW Church Directory is coming! Watch for important dates for your opportunity to have a portrait made and be included in the GFUMC Church Directory. Photography dates are Tuesday, October 7 and Wednesday, October 8. Signup online for your photography session @ [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) Church Code: **al217** Password: **photos**





# Church FINANCES

## ***A Note from the GFUMC Finance Committee:***

If anyone has questions about our budget and spending you can contact the finance office at the church. If you want a specific area or in general, it is open to anyone. It can be printed or emailed to you.

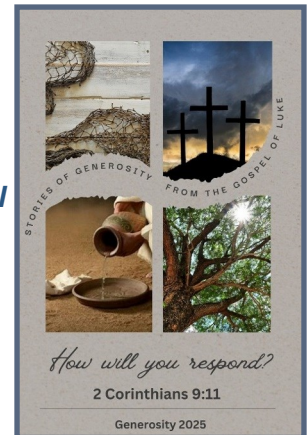
—Jill Vincent, Finance Chair

## **Generosity 2025** **“How will you Respond?”**

*You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us*

**2 Corinthians 9:11**

The 2025 “Estimate of Giving” Card can be filled out at any time during the year online @ [www.fumcgadsden.org/give](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/give)



***First UMC Gadsden***  
***is a registered charity and can receive***  
***donations through Venmo:***

***@FirstUMCGadsden***

(Please search in Venmo under charities or follow the link in the QR Code.)



**venmo**

Download our Church App  
Search First UMC-Gadsden  
In the App Store for Android or iPhone.



## **Generosity: Ways to Give**

In-person, at the offering time during worship.

Online: [www.fumcgadsden.org/give](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/give)

Text to Give: 256-344-8464

Venmo **@FirstUMCGadsden**

Mail your tithe or gift: 115 S. 5th Street, Gadsden, AL 35901



## **Secure Online Giving**



Scan the QR Code or  
Text to Give: 256-344-8464  
First United Methodist Church of Gadsden



*Thank you to the FUMC Gadsden Fellowship Team and the United Women in Faith for a wonderful reception welcoming Bishop Holston and his wife, Felicia on September 7. The reception and flowers were lovely and the food was delicious and all the volunteers are appreciated!*



## Mark your calendars!

**Robbie's of Fayette will be at First UMC Gadsden on Tuesday, October 7, for the Fall Trunk Show and Sale!**

*10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Gathering Room*

**Please Invite Friends!**

***A percentage of the sales is donated to GFUMC's Children's Ministry Program.***

You are invited to connect with the GFUMC Family in a new and exciting way. Connect through the church app today by scanning the QR code above. You will now be able to find groups and connect with Teams, Leadership Groups, Sunday school classes, UWF Circles and more within the App.

**Follow these steps to connect:**

- Scan the QR Code and Click the link.
- "Join" by creating your profile with a password in the app (use "continue with email").
- Discover your connections to the GFUMC church community, a smaller community (like UWF, choir, or Children's Ministry, etc.) or a small group (like a Sunday school class or small group) or a church leadership team. There are so many ways to connect!
- Request to join or accept an invitation to join.
- You are now ready to send and receive notifications, messages, notices, reminders, prayer requests, and more within your GFUMC connections.
- Thank you for joining GFUMC Community Connection today!



Download our  
Church App  
**FUMC-Gadsden**

On the App Store or Google Play  
Create a profile and join the conversation  
connection!

# First UMC Gadsden Sept 14-Sept 20, 2025

## Sept 14, Sunday

9:00 am-Celebration Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00 am Sunday School  
**10:00 am HeBrews, Chestnut Foyer**  
11:00 am-Traditions Worship, Sanctuary

## Sept 15, Monday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Fall Schedule  
9:00 am-10:00 am-Exercise Group, Gym

## Sept 16, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm-ELC Fall Schedule  
9:00 am-11:00 am-Clothes Closet workday  
1:15 pm-Staff Meeting;  
5:00 pm-Yoga, Gym

## Sept 17, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm-ELC Fall Schedule  
9:00 am-11:00 am-Clothes Closet open  
11:00 am-Morning Bible Study  
5:15 pm-Wed Night Meal, Gathering Room  
6:00 pm-Children's Activities, Room 208  
Youth Activities, Room 211 & Gym  
6:00 pm-Bible Study Groups, Room 110, 208, & 209  
6:00 pm-Choir Practice

## Sept 18, Thursday

9:00 am-11:00 am-ELC Fall Schedule  
9:00 am-10:00 am-Exercise Group, Gym  
5:30 pm-Thursday Worship Service

## Sept 19, Friday

11:00 am-12:00 pm- Ladle of Love  
12:00 pm-Office Closed

## **Save the Date**

**Sept 14-9:00 am and 11:00 am-UWF Sunday**  
**Sept 21-10:00 am to 10:45 am-Open House & Shower for Youth**  
Room, 211  
**Sept 28-10:00 am-10:30 am-Blessing of Animals-West Lawn (Green**  
Space) See page 7 for details.  
**Oct 7 & Oct 8-2:00 pm-9:00 pm-Directory Pictures**  
**Oct 7-10:00 am-3:00 pm-Robbie's of Fayette**  
**Oct 22-5:00 pm-7:00 pm-Fall Festival**  
**4:00 pm-5:00 pm-Sensory Friendly Hour**

**A new church directory is**  
**coming! Photography**  
**Sessions will be Oct. 7 & 8.**  
**Sign up online:**  
**[www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com)**  
**Church Code: [a1217](#)**  
**Password: [photos](#)**

*The ministers and congregation of First  
United Methodist Church of Gadsden  
extend Christian sympathy to  
Michelle Morgan  
in the death of her father,  
Kenneth R. Cox  
September 6, 2025*



## Immediate Prayer Concerns

Dawn Rains Jackie Herlong Ruthie Hester  
Beth Kimball Amy Epperson (Gene & Danna Dean's daughter)  
The family of Kenneth Cox

## Continued Prayer Concerns

Betty Elliott (Cindy Archer's mother)  
Jay Morgan (Friend of Bobby Robinson)  
Ricky Couvillion (Joey Couvillion's brother)



## **Birthdays**

**Sept 14** Tommy Bone  
**Sept 15** Alicia Dowling, Lucas Selsor,  
Anna Dobbins  
**Sept 16** Bibb Holland  
**Sept 17** Doug Frickey  
**Sept 18** Hunter Grimes  
**Sept 19** Gwen Ford, William Leach,  
Sophia Norris  
**Sept 20** Cherie Cornelius, Phil Owen



*Please update your family's record in the  
church office to include all dates of birth.  
Thank you! —Susan Swann*

## **Attendance Week of Sept 7, 2025**

In Person Total \*179 On Line Total 919  
Worship Total 1,098 Thursday Worship \*9  
Celebration \*61/432 Traditions \*109/487  
Adult Sunday School \*0 Children SS \*8  
Middle School & Senior Hi SS \*4 UWF \*0  
Bible Study Groups \*33 Children Wed/Sun \*28  
Middle & Sen Hi Wed/Sun \*16 Nursery \*10

## **Year 2025 Week of Sept 7, 2025**

General Offering Budget	\$12,400.00
General Offering Received	\$14,467.83
YTD Gen. Offering Budget	\$446,400.00
YTD Gen. Offering Rec'd	\$461,064.83

## **Honorariums & Memorials**

### Ladle of Love Fund

In memory of Barbara Pactor,  
given by  
Keith & Harriet Murray.

### Columbarium Fund

In memory of Elisabeth Hardin,  
given by  
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Dawson.