

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

Gadsden First News

The People of Gadsden First United Methodist Church
 Changing Lives by *Sharing Christ, Making Disciples,*
Serving and Giving Hope



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115 So. 5th St. Gadsden, AL 35901

August 4, 2019

Calendar for Aug 4-Aug 10, 2019

Aug 4, Sunday, 8:45 am, Celebration Service, Gym; **10:00 am,** Sunday School; **10:55 am,** Traditional Service, Sanctuary;
Aug 5, Monday, 9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym;
Aug 6, Tuesday, 9:00 am, Clothes Closet workday; **4:00 pm,** Trustees Meeting, Room 108; **5:00 pm,** Finance Team, Parlor; **5:00 pm,** Yoga, Gym; **6:00 pm,** Board of Stewards, Gathering Room; **6:30 pm,** Mosaic, Back Forty Brewery
Aug 7, Wednesday, 9:00-11:00 am, Clothes Closet open; **6:00 pm,** Choir Practice, Choir Room
Aug 8, Thursday, 5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary
Aug 9, Friday, 11:00-12:30 pm, Ladle of Love

Serving This Sunday

Sound Tech: George Varner
Ushers: *Mike Taff, Eldred Davis, Donny Gray, Ricky Young
Greeters: Janie Gray, Kathy Taff
Acolytes: Sara Margaret Waits, Liz Barnes
Children's Church:
Celebration: Helene Haller
Tradition: Allison Casey
***Head Usher**

Church Position Available: The church is searching for a **part-time custodian.** Must be able to work up to 25 hours weekly, including morning, afternoon or evening hours and every Friday. Contact the Gadsden Career Center to apply. Background and Drug screening are required.

A New Church Directory is Coming! Photography Dates are August 15-18.

Sign up for your family portrait today! Everyone who participates will receive a complimentary 10 x 13 professional family portrait, one printed directory, smart phone app, and online directory. All appointments are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so make your appointment today.

We need everyone to participate to help make this directory complete. Additional quality family portraits will be offered at competitive prices. Thank you for your participation!

Quick Tip for your photos: Please avoid wearing green, as we will be using Green Screen Technology to photograph. (Like what they use in action and superhero movies!)

Make an appointment by clicking the link on the GFUMC App, Website or Facebook Page! You can also sign up for an appointment by calling 1-877-896-9667 ext. 360.



Blessing of the Backpacks

This Sunday, August 4
 Both Worship Services

All Students and Educators are invited to bring their Backpacks, Binder or Briefcase to worship to begin the new school year with a special Prayer of Blessing.



MOSAIC- Our newest outreach is meeting on Tuesday nights at the Back Forty Brewery at 6:30 pm. Do you know someone who has been hurt or felt excluded by the church, or works an odd shift and is unable to attend Sunday Worship?

Invite them to visit with us at Mosaic.

Sermon Outline Key

Satisfaction, "more", "having", "being", "do", thank, emptied, past, worry, content, difficult, strengthens, enough

Memorials and Honoraria

Ladle of Love Fund: In memory of Iris Isbell given by Mark & Barbara Condra.

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Marj Ross Bill Campbell
 Stan Walker

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Winnie Mae Beasley Ina Davis Judy Dressman
 Gloria Vickery (Chris Thrasher's sister)
 Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)
 Carolyn Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's mother)

Text to Give: 256-344-8464

Birthdays This Week...

Aug 4 Jane Patton, Jill Moran, Lori Walker,
 Mary Elizabeth Dial, Kaden Epperson
Aug 5 Laurie Holtsford, Katie Wilson
Aug 6 Karen Blackstock, David Freeman, Jade Marie Collins
Aug 7 Ruthie Hester, Ray Smith, Carol Roberts,
Aug 8 Jennifer Jackson
Aug 9 Peggy Burnett, Diana Rampey, Judy Tillman, Lewis Hill, Sara Margaret Waits
Aug 10 Jacob McKiven



Week of July 28, 2019

Total Attendance	292	Tradition	160
Mosaic	23	Thursday	21
Celebration	82	Online	6
Sunday School	106		
Volunteer Service Hours	107		
People Served	214		
General Offering Budget	\$14,879.00		
General Offering Received	\$12,494.00		
YTD General Offering Budget	\$446,370.00		
YTD General Offering Received	\$452,370.73		

Sunday's Schedule

8:45 am, Celebration
 10:00 am, Sunday School
 10:55 am, Traditional Service

Monday-Thursday

ELC will begin Fall Schedule August 19

Monday

9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

Tuesday

5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

6:30 pm, Mosaic, Back Forty

Wednesday

Wednesday morning Bible Study, Wednesday night meal, & Journey groups will resume August 14

6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

5:30 pm Thursday Worship

Friday

11:00-12:30 pm, Ladle of Love



Sunday Mornings Sunday School 10 am

Preschool-Nursery-Room 115

Grades K-1st-2nd-Room 114

Grades 3rd-4th-5th-Room 106

Children's Church- August 4, Room 102, Arts & Craft Room

Celebration: Helene Haller Tradition: Allison Casey

Back to School

Today in Children's Church, the kids will be sent home with some Back to School Devotions for you to share as a family. We hope this will help send all our students into an amazing new school year!

Wednesday Nights

On August 14, our Wednesday Night Activities begin -- and we have BIG plans in store for this Fall!! All Children 4K thru 5th Grade are invited to join us on a journey to be Devoted to Jesus...Devoted to Prayer, Devoted to His Word and Devoted to His House. Using the interactive curriculum "Follow You," our students will learn through music, skits, games, bible study and prayer what it means to be a life-long follower of Jesus Christ.



Another year of "Gift to Gadsden" has come to an end. This was our 29th year. We continue to bring new people into Gadsden First Methodist. We as a church are continuing to be the "hands and feet" of Christ with this outreach mission. Thank you to Matthew Vance and Josh Holloway for moving tables and chairs and getting each classroom ready for the various classes.

Thank you to our instructors for taking your time to teach a class and share your talents with people in our community.

A special "Thank You" to all the volunteers who really made the "Gift" a success. There are too many individual names to mention and I don't want to leave anyone out, so.....

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!! —Eileen Graham



Sunday Morning
10 AM Youth Sunday School-Rm 211
Blessing of the Backpacks-Both Services

Youth Group: Meet at Stevi B's at 6 PM on Wed., August 7.



Contact Andy Yarnell or Hannah Murray to find out more and join the GroupMe!



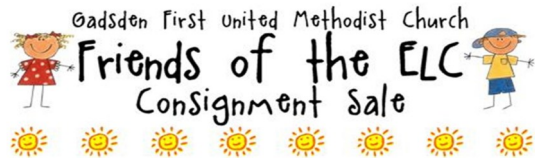
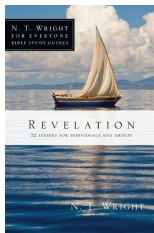
Thank You Very Much!

Wow! What a great day for all of the children and families at Striplin Elementary School! Mr. Ash estimated that there were likely over 500 adults and children in attendance. Thank

you to all of the wonderful volunteers who supported this mission and outreach. Special thanks goes to all the hosts, greeters, sweepers and nurses who created such a warm and welcoming atmosphere, to the youth who provided games and activities for the children, to the three stylists who gave great hair cuts, and to the United Way Agencies that took part! **And thank you to each one of you—over 300 children received school supplies because of your generosity!** —Missions Team

A Study of the Book of Revelation

You are invited to join us as we study the Book of Revelation! This will be a 22 week study that will begin on Wednesday, August 14. The class will be offered at 11:00 am in the Seekers classroom, and then again at 6:00 pm in the Martin Fellowship classroom. In addition to the Bible, we will be using N.T. Wright's book, *Revelation: 22 Studies for Individuals and Groups*. These books are available in the church office for \$9. (N.T. Wright is research professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.) Sometimes people are afraid to study the Book of Revelation, but they shouldn't be! To quote the back cover of N.T. Wright's book, *The Book of Revelation "offers one of the clearest and sharpest visions of God's ultimate purpose for the whole creation. Here we see how the powerful forces of evil can and are being overthrown through the victory of Jesus the Messiah and the consequent costly victory of his followers."* Join us as we study this exciting, hope-filled book! *Pastor Sam*



Mark your calendars: Registration for Returning Consignors and Volunteers is Sunday August 11 at 2pm.

Registration for New Consignors will start Sunday August 18 at 2 pm.

Fall Sale Dates: Friday September 13 and Saturday September 14.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study
A Study of Revelation with Pastor Sam
begins August 14, at 11:00 am



Wonderful Wednesday and Dinner
will kickoff on August 14 with
the **Annual Ice Cream Social**

Dinner— *Italian Night*: 5:00 PM, \$5 per person
Small Groups for Adults:

A Study of Revelation with Pastor Sam, Room 208
Making Room for Neighbors with Harriet Murray, Room 112

Small Groups & Activities for Youth & Children: 6:00 PM

Ice Cream Social: 6:30 PM



UMW News Summer Dinners

Our next dinner will be Tuesday, August 20. Please watch the newsletter for an update to the name of the restaurant. Due to a change this will be announced at a later date. Make your reservation by Monday, August 19, by contacting Bonda Vance @256-458-3571 or by email @ bondatvance@att.net .

