

SERMON SERIES

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PASTOR ANDY YARNELL

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

2-6-22 Sermon Notes “Holding On to the Good News”

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 New Revised Standard Version

The Resurrection of Christ

15 Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, [a] of the good news [b] that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2 through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. 3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters [c] at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. [d] 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The church in Corinth had conflict within it. Paul is reminding the church to remember the basics. This applies not just to our church lives, but all areas of our lives. Sometimes we take our eyes off the basics and take our eyes off Jesus. The basics in this passage that we hold firm to are that Jesus died for our sins, was resurrected, and appeared to the disciples. The things Paul talks about in this passage sounds a lot like the Apostles Creed that we say together in the service, doesn't it? Today, we remember our foundation, we get back to basics, we celebrate who Jesus is and what he has done.

Did you also notice that in verse 2, Paul says by the good news “we are being saved”. We are going to talk about this, too. None of us have it all together, we mess up, we are a work in progress. These basics of the faith continue to help us grow and shape us into becoming more like Jesus every day.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Andy

Worship Opportunities

- **Thursday Worship:** 5:30 pm
In the Sanctuary
- **Mosaic:** 6:00 pm, **Thursday**,
(In person @ Back Forty Beer Company)

• **Sunday Worship**

Celebration: 9 am*

Traditions 11 am*

*In-Person (Sanctuary)
and Online

www.fumcgadsden.org/media or
on Facebook Live: @FUMCgadsden

Tech Team Schedule

(Please arrive 45 minutes
prior to the start of the service.)

February 6, 2022**Celebration:** Sheila Freeman,

Will Brookshire, Brynn Crain

Traditions: Davis Varner,

Sheila Freeman

February 13, 2022**Celebration:** Eric Wright, Bill Haller,

Brad Barnes, Elizabeth Barnes

Traditions: Mark Casey,

Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven,

Parker Casey

Dream Big by Bob Goff

Small Group Study on Sunday Mornings!

Sunday, January 23—Sunday, February 20

Study, In the Gathering Room @ 10 am

All Ages are Welcome! Led by Pastor Andy
(You will love the food!)



Wednesday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Andy

11 AM, In the Gathering Room, Everyone Welcome!

February 9—Special Family Night

Come and enjoy Pizza, Salad, and Conversation!
Families eat free on February 9!

Thursdays, Men at the Well, 7:00 am via Zoom

You are invited to join the weekly ZOOM bible study with the Men at the Well small group. If you are interested please see the contact information below to join this discussion group. It meets each Thursday morning at 7 am. The current study is Stand Strong: 365 Devotions For Men.

Go to www.fumcgadsden.org/menatthewell for more details.

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

RECONNECT with the Sunday School Class of Your Choice!

- **Living Water Sunday School Class, Virtual/ Online**—Contact the church office for the link to join!
Flawed But Faithful Disciple, by Adam Hamilton
- **Martin Fellowship Class, Room 116, International Bible Studies**
- **Pathfinders Class** is attending “Dream Big” in the Gathering Room beginning 1/23

Seekers, Discovery and The Middle Sunday School Classes are currently not meeting.
Members are welcome to meet with another group until their class returns.





Youth Ministry News

Wednesday Nights Youth Group
6:00 pm Room 211/Gym

Save the Date: Youth Super Bowl Party

February 13, 2022, 5:00-7:00 pm, Gym

Confirmation Class schedule:

Jan 23rd, Feb 6th, Feb 20th, March 6th, & March 13th.

Time: 5:00-7:00 pm each Sunday night.

Confirmation Sunday will be March 20th.

Let Katharine or Andy know your family is coming to the Special Family Night on Feb. 9, so they know how many pizzas to order. Families eat free!

ELC News

On Wednesday, February 9th, we will host teacher meet and greet for parents whose children are entering 3K at 10:00 am. We will swap valentines on Monday, February 14th. Registration for the Summer 2022 and Fall 2022-2023 sessions will begin this month for those currently enrolled. Information letters are being sent home.

February 14th thru **17th** is registration for currently enrolled church members and non-enrolled siblings.

February 21st thru **24th** is registration for currently enrolled non church members and their non-enrolled siblings.

March 7 is for any openings with priority given to those on the waitlist. **March 14** is open enrollment for any remaining openings per class. Priority given to those on the waitlist.

Helene Haller



Children's

Ministry

Valentine

Parties

Wed, Feb 9 &

Sun, Feb 13

February Missions

Tornado Buckets will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 6th, in the Sanctuary and Chestnut Street entrance. There will be a list of required items for you in each bucket. Our goal is to try and fill 40 buckets. Please return by Sunday, February 27th.

Thank you for your help with this project.

Your Mission Team

Specific Items Needed to Complete a Tornado Bucket:

- 1 Standard Size Claw Hammer
- 1 Shirt Pocket Notebook, 1 Permanent Marker,
- 1 Pencil and Sharpener in a Ziplock Bag
- 12 Black 30-45 Gallon Trash Bags
- 2 Rolls of Toilet Paper in Ziplock bag
- Work Gloves-Leather Palm or All Leather Gloves
- 100 Count Nails (1 3/4 –2 1/2) common
- 10 White 13 Gallon Trash Bags with drawstrings.
- 1 Cellophane Packing Tape
- 10 One Gallon Ziplock Bags
- 1 Box Cutter
- 1 Hand Sanitizer (4oz to 12 oz)
- 1 Insect Repellent Spray or Can, or Wipes or combination
- 1 pair Safety Glasses
- 6 Clear 40 –55 Gallon Trash Bags
- 3 Tampons or Pads in a Ziplock Bag
- Flashlight with batteries



Each bucket contains specific items used for a specific purpose during clean-up after a tornado.

UMW NEWS

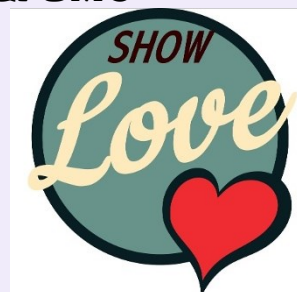
UMW luncheon
When: Monday, February 14 at 12:00 noon
Where: Gathering Room
Please make your reservation by 11:00 am Friday, February 11 by calling Delores Abney 256.458.0376 or email deloresdda53@gmail.com

For the luncheon on Valentines Day everyone wear something RED to celebrate the holiday. Remember that February is the month for UMW to Observe Day of Prayer and Self-denial. If you wish to make a contribution bring it to the luncheon. If you are not attending you may leave it in the UMW mail box in the church office. Make check payable to UMW!

See you there!



GFUMC



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

Clothes Closet

Workdays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Open to Public

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

9:00 am to 11:00 am

516 Broad Street Gadsden

Thank you to all our volunteers for their time and service to these missions!

Ladle of Love

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

Clients served in
2021

Ladle of Love	3,923
Clothes Closet	2,357



Find out more about mission and service opportunities @ www.fumcgadsden.org/serve

Church Phone 256-543-8200
fumc@fumcgadsden.org

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Here's how YOU can take part in The Valentine Project!

- Make or buy Valentine Cards for each child participating in Children's Ministry at GFUMC. (The little ones that you can get in boxes at the dollar store are fine.) Make one Valentine for each child and put their names on them, just like you did when you were a child. You can add a brief scripture verse on the Valentine, if you would like! Pick up a list of children's names in the church office. There are about 30 names on each list. You can select the Sunday Children's Church List or the Wonderful Wednesday Children's List.
- It would be great to include a few extra cards in your packet that are not addressed to anyone so that visitors that may come that Sunday.
- Include a Valentine Card for Katharine Barnes, Children's Director, also!
- Place the Valentines in an envelope marked
"Valentines for Wednesday, 2/9" and drop off to the church office no later than Tuesday, February 8.
Or "Valentines for Sunday, 2/13" and drop off to the church by Friday, February 11.
- Members can do this individually, and bring to the church office. We hope that each child will receive a bunch of Valentines!

Look What's Brewing...
@GFUMC

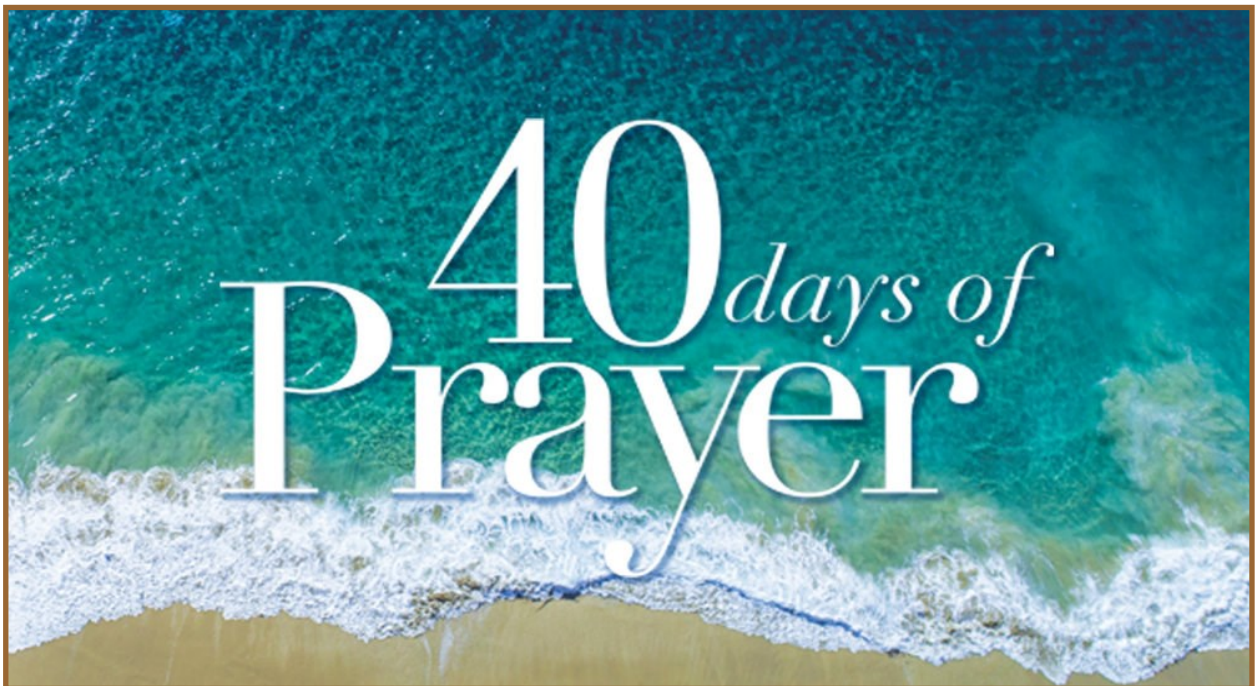
A C O F F E E C A F E !

" L E T ' S N A M E I T "
C O N T E S T

Send your ideas by placing
the entry form (found on page 8) in the
offering plate on Sunday morning
or by texting 256-441-8600!

All entries will be judged on Monday, Feb. 21st.
Stay tuned for the winning name!

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40 Days of Prayer Challenge

Starts March 2. Wednesday Mornings and Wednesday Nights

Study guide/prayer journals will be available in the church office for \$13.

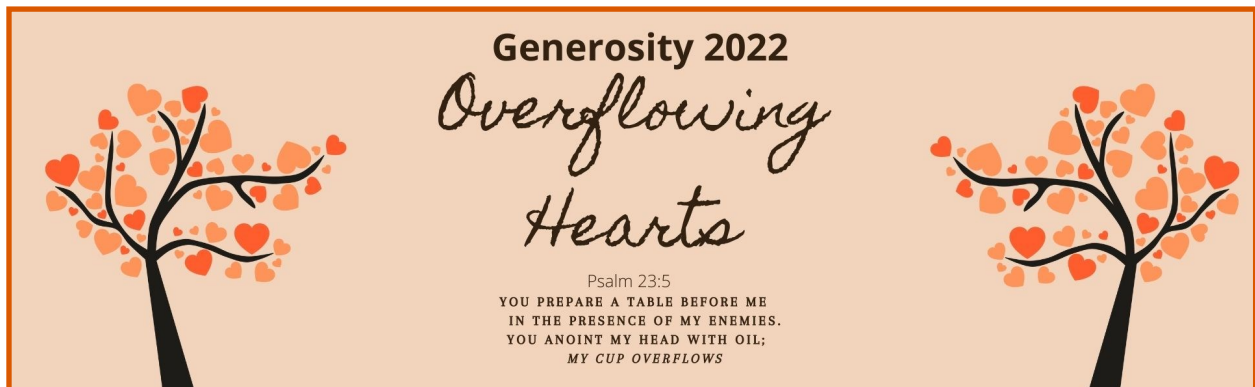
(If you are interested in starting a small group for 40 Days of Prayer, please contact Sheila Freeman in the church office for information on this opportunity and the materials.)



Feb 6th- "Holding On to the Good News" 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Feb 13th- "Resurrection Power" 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Feb 20th- "New Life" 1 Corinthians 15:35-38;42-50



Thank you for your gifts that make possible, the ministries and missions of First UMC Gadsden.



Generosity Ways to Give

www.fumcgadsden.org/give

Text to Give:
256-344-8464

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



Calendar for February 6-12, 2022

February 6, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Service, in Sanctuary & live stream

10:00 am, Adult Sunday School Classes

11:00 am, Traditional Service, in Sanctuary & live stream

February 7, Monday

9:00-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule

9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

February 8, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule

5:00-6:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

February 9, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule

11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study, Room 208

February 9, Wednesday, cont'd

5:15 pm, Wonderful Wednesday meal, Gathering Room

6:00 pm, Choir Practice, Choir Room

6:00 pm, Children's Activities, Room 108

6:00 pm, Youth Activities, Gym & Room 211

February 10, Thursday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule

9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship

6:00 pm, Mosaic Worship, Back Forty Warehouse

February 11, Friday

11:00 am, Ladle of Love, Portico

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of George Langstaff, given by Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Cedarholm.

In memory of Sandy Self, given by Mr. & Mrs. Pat Sherrill.

In memory of Barry Loveman, Bob McElroy, and George Langstaff, given by Ruth Chandler.

In memory of Ellen Cummins and Bob McElroy, given by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Frederick.

In memory of Sam Norris, given by Howell Pruett.

Howell Erwin Medical Fund In memory of Ellen Cummins, given by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Sisson.

Music Fund In Honor of Benny McNair, given by the Gadsden Music Club.

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Lisa Dobbins Julia Knox Wayne Payton

Glen Thompson (father of Debbie Leach)

Helen Wright (mother of Valerie Johnson)

Alice Hayes (mother of Sam Hayes) Anne Elizabeth Casey

(great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)



Continued Prayer Concerns

Mike Taff

Margie Freeman

Paul DeJong

Birthdays



Feb 6 Dee McCoy, Kathy Trotter

Feb 8 Rev. Ken Casey,

Rebecca Livingston

Feb 9 Beverly Young, Blakely Roberts

Feb 10 Jeff Poland, Jay Knowles

Feb 11 Jeff Bryson, Courtney Hood,
Stephen Leach

Feb 12 Libby Turnipseed,
Leslie Johnson, Casey Wigley

Feb 13 Sherry McIntyre,
Parker Vallejo, Rhett Hilburn

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

Week of January 30, 2022

*In Person Total *216 Overall Total 606

Online Viewer Total 390 Mosaic *0

Thursday *14 Children *17 Youth *22

Celebration *50/195 Traditions *62/161

Bible Study Groups *19/27

Adult Sunday School *32/7

General Offering Budget \$15,200.00

General Offering Received \$13,114.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$76,000.00

YTD General Offering Rec'd \$79,379.85

2022 "Overflowing Hearts"

Estimate of Giving Cards Returned:

2022 80 for \$417,624.85

2021 72 for \$300,076.00

Text to Give: 256.344.8464



Entry Form. See page 6 for details.