

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

### 10-10-21 Sermon Notes "Bitter Complaints"

Job has some bitter complaints in today's passage. I do not know about you, I can be good at complaining too. Do you ever just fully vent your concerns to God? Job had lost everything and now he feels like God has abandoned him. Have you ever felt alone and abandoned by God? Join us this week as we discuss this passage.

- 1) Bad theology can make us think God leaves us or stops loving us. Even when we cannot see or feel the presence of God, we are loved and cared for.
- 2) Job cries out and complains to God, we can do the same in times of trouble. We can be real and honest with God.
- 3) We need each other. We need our church family especially in times of despair.
- 4) Who do you know that is lonely? Who do you know that might currently feel like God has left them? How can you bring some comfort to them?
- 5) May our church be a place of comfort and refuge for those who are hurting as Job is in this passage.

Job 23:1-9 Common English Bible Grant me a trial

23 Job answered:

2 Today my complaint is again bitter; [a]  
my strength is weighed down because of my groaning.

3 Oh, that I could know how to find him—  
come to his dwelling place;

4 I would lay out my case before him,  
fill my mouth with arguments,

5 know the words with which he would answer,  
understand what he would say to me.

6 Would he contend with me through brute force?  
No, he would surely listen to me.

7 There those who do the right thing can argue with him;  
I could escape from my judge forever.

God's hiddenness

8 Look, I go east; he's not there,  
west, and don't discover him;

9 north in his activity, and I don't grasp him;  
he turns south, and I don't see.

Job 23:16-17 Common English Bible

16 God has weakened my mind;  
the Almighty has frightened me.

17 Still I'm not annihilated by darkness;  
he has hidden deep darkness from me.

**Pastor Andy**



### Worship Opportunities

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

### Sunday Worship

**Celebration Service 9:00 am**  
(In person in the Sanctuary  
and online)

**Traditions Service 11:00 am**  
(In person in the Sanctuary  
and online)

[www.fumcgadsden.org/media](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media) or  
on Facebook Live: @fumcgadsden

### Tech Team Schedule

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

**October 10**

**Celebration** Eric Wright, Bill Haller,  
Brad Barnes, Liz Barnes


**Traditions** Tammy Hayes,  
Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

**October 17**

**Celebration** Will Brookshire, Sheila  
Freeman, Mark Condra

**Traditions** Tammy Hayes,  
Sheila Freeman





CELEBRATION WORSHIP


# ROCKTOBER

Sermon Series

## "MY SWEET LORD"

70's Sunday

Oct 10 • Rev. Sam Hayes



### 10-10-21

### Sermon Notes

### "My Sweet Lord"

### Celebration Service

One of the very first things a child learns to say and really *understand* (besides mama and dada) is, "No!" Haven't you seen that stubborn look on a toddler's face? ...arms crossed...feet planted... "NO!" Then they grow into the wonderful world of heavy sighs and eye rolls. What are they really saying with all this? "Don't tell me what to do! You are not the boss of me!" When do we grow out of that? Never. You know why? Because every single one of us has this little "inner toddler" that wants to do exactly what we want to do when we want to do it. What is going on with this? I read an article from the Cleveland Clinic about this where an expert in behavioral health called this inner need to rebel "psychological reactance." It is your brain's reaction to the feeling that your freedom is being taken away or your choices are being limited. That's the clinical explanation. I'll give you the theological explanation. It goes back to our very humanness...our fallen nature. Adam and Eve are told that they can eat from any tree in the garden...except THAT one. And what do they do? That rebellious mind is still in us. But we have a mandate from Scripture to let another mind be in us.

<sup>5</sup> *Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,*

<sup>6</sup> *who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,*

<sup>7</sup> *but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.*

*And being found in human form,*

<sup>8</sup> *he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.*

<sup>9</sup> *Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,*

<sup>10</sup> *so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*

<sup>11</sup> *and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. (Phil. 2: 5-11 NRSV)*

Who will be Lord? Of our lives? Of our church? We know the answer! The problem is that it is easier to say, "Jesus is Lord," than it is to live it.

See you Sunday,  
Pastor Sam

## Order Your GFUMC T-Shirt Today

You can order online on the church website @ [www.fumcgadsden.org](http://www.fumcgadsden.org) or by calling the church office to place an order. T-shirts will have a special Celebrate -175 front pocket design and our "Show Love" 13:35 logo on the back.

Sizes are Y-XS through Adult-4X.

The cost is \$15.00 for Short-Sleeve and \$25.00 for Long-Sleeve. Payment may be made by check or through GFUMC's secure E-Giving site, marked "T-Shirts".

**Email [Sheila@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:Sheila@fumcgadsden.org) if you have any questions about your order.**



CELEBRATION WORSHIP

# ROCKTOBER

SERMON SERIES

60'S SUNDAY-OCT 3 • "I'M A BELIEVER" • REV. ANDY YARNELL  
 70'S SUNDAY-OCT 10 • "MY SWEET LORD" • REV. SAM HAYES  
 80'S SUNDAY-OCT 17 • "LIVIN' ON A PRAYER" • REV. ANDY YARNELL  
 90'S SUNDAY-OCT 23 • "I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR" • PASTOR SAM HAYES  
 2000'S SUNDAY-OCT 31 • "KRYPTONITE" • REV. ANDY YARNELL

SANCTUARY | 9 AM  
 FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GADSDEN  
 115 S. 5TH ST

WWW.FUMCGADSDEN.ORG MEDIA

TRADITIONS

# October

Oct. 3 - World Communion Sunday-  
 "Holding onto Integrity in Hard Times" Rev. Sam Hayes  
 Oct. 10 - "Bitter Complaints" Rev. Andy Yarnell  
 Oct. 17- "Answers from the Whirlwind" Rev. Sam Hayes  
 Oct. 24 - "I Can See" Rev. Andy Yarnell  
 Oct. 31 - "Not Far From the Kingdom" Rev Sam Hayes

Sanctuary | 11:00 A.M.

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden  
 115 S. 5th Street  
 www.fumcgadsden.org/media

# Blessing

of the

# ANIMALS

Sunday, October ~~2~~<sup>10</sup> 10 am  
 West Lawn  
 (near the portico entrance)  
 Gadsden First UMC



## Note: New Date!

On this Sunday, October 10, you are warmly invited to join us at 10 am on the West Lawn (near the portico entrance) for the "Blessing of the Animals". Pets of all sizes, shapes, and varieties are welcome! Please ensure that your pet is secured in a way that provides safety for them and for the other pets present. You are welcome to bring a photo of your pet if they are unable to accompany you.

***For those who have lost a pet recently, you are invited to bring a photo to place on our Memorial Wall.***

This blessing event is a chance to give thanks for all God's Creation, especially our pets and the special place they hold in our hearts and lives. We look forward to seeing you and your pet.



Any questions about offerings, gifts or financial issues for the church should be directed to Sheila Witherspoon, Financial Secretary. **You can reach Sheila Witherspoon or Pam Deru in the church office at 256-543-8200 or email to [giving@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:giving@fumcgadsden.org).**

## Generosity-Ways to Give

- [www.fumcgadsden.org/give](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/give)
- Text to Give:  
256-344-8464
- Mail your tithe or gift:  
115 S. 5th Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901
- Offering Plates are located at the entrances the sanctuary.

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## Youth Ministry News

### Wednesday Nights Youth Group

6:00 pm Room 211/Gym

**Saturday, October 9-Youth Fall Fun Night**  
 5:00 pm, Meet at the church for pizza and then we will go to the Chicken House. Let Pastor Andy know that you are coming!

## ELC News

**No school Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day.**

- This coming week will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> lunchbox revolt on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have Papa John's Pizza and the cost is \$3.00.
- On Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> the 4K class will visit the Walnut Street Fire Station and review fire safety.
- Our annual Halloween Parade will be Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>; details on this special morning will come home soon.

—Helene Haller

**Dinner: Wednesday, Oct 13 • \$7 per person • \$3 for 11 & Under**

**Menu: Pizza Night**

*Don't forget to make a reservation for Wonderful Wednesday Family Supper by Noon on Mondays!*

## Children's Ministry

### "Celebrate Wonder"

Children's Church

In-Person, Sundays

9 am and 11 am during Worship

Children's Worship Room

**gfumc Kid's Fall Calendar**

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
6:00-7:00

KID'S SING IN ONE SERVICE SUNDAY 9/26 10:00	THE AMAZING CHEMISTRY SHOW SUNDAY 11/14 6:00-7:00
FALL FESTIVAL SUNDAY 10/31 2:00-4:00	CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY 12/12 TBD

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**Trunk or Treat**

Sunday, October 31  
 2:00-4:00  
 108 Casey Drive  
 Gadsden, AL 35903

costumes games food



Life is a journey. The most important part of the journey is our relationship with God and with others. A Journey Group is a small gathering of individuals who help you grow in your loving relationship with both. We invite all people into a relationship with God and seek to create an outwardly focused community of Christ-followers. Journey Groups are a great way to stay connected to God and with your church family.

## Wednesday Night Supper

October 13, 5:15 pm

Pizza Night

Dinner: \$7 per person

Children 11 and under: \$3

(Max \$20 per family.)

Make a reservation by

Monday, Sept 20 by calling the church office @ 256.543.8200 or email: sheila@fumcgadsden.org

## In-Person Bible Study on Wednesday Nights @ 6:00 pm "The Gospel of Luke" w/Pastor Sam

**In-person**

**Pastor Sam**

**Wednesday**

**Mornings @ 11 am**

**Gathering Room**



**Online**

**Pastor Sam**

**Wednesdays @ 6 pm,**

**online, FACEBOOK Live**

(Also, available on-demand on the GFUMC website or church app under the media tab.)

## Thursdays, Men at the Well, 7:00 am via Zoom– New Study: Saints & Sinners

You are invited to join the weekly ZOOM bible study with the Men at the Well small group. Everyone is invited to join this discussion group. It meets each Thursday morning at 7 am. A different member of the small group will lead a discussion each week.

Tammy Jackson will begin Leading us October 7th in a study of Genesis 1-11. Pre-history and what it means to us.

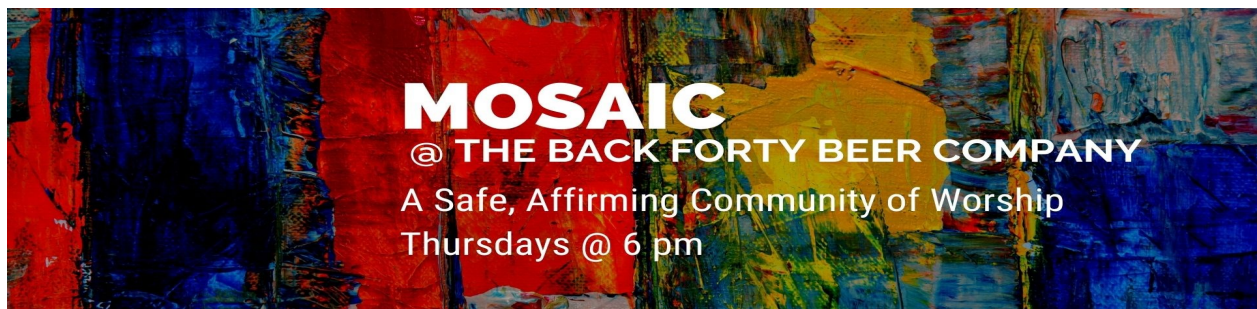
Go to [www.fumcgadsden.org/menatthewell](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/menatthewell) for more details.

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

## Sunday School Classes

- Living Water Sunday School Class, "Mysteries of the Messiah" by Rabbi Jadon Sobel, Chapel, Room 118.
- Martin Fellowship Class, "International Sunday School Lessons", Room 116.
- Pathfinders Class, "The God We Can Know" by Rob Fuquay, Room 208, Starts Sunday, September 12.
- Seekers, Discovery and The Middle Sunday School Classes are currently not meeting.

*Members are welcome to meet with another group until their class returns.*



## September Missions

**C.L.I.C.K.**

### Children Learning in Christ's Kingdom 2021-2022

GFUMC is once again providing snacks for the CLICK Program.

CLICK is an after school day care for East Gadsden Community Children who attend Donohoo Elementary School. This ministry charges parents a minimal fee and is supplemented by a number of United Methodist Churches in our city. Originally housed at East Gadsden United Methodist, 201 South 8th Street, due to COVID and other circumstances the program ended in 2020. The church building was recently purchased by a congregation that desires to continue this outreach.

**God's answer to our prayers and extravagant love for His children will allow us to continue monthly giving to this program through our mission fund. He is a Good, Good, Father!**

*Children are a gift from The Lord; they are a reward from him. Psalm 127:3*



### UMW NEWS AND CALENDAR

**North Alabama Conference of United Methodist Women  
Annual Virtual Meeting Theme: Trust and Obey  
October 9, 2021 10:00-Noon**

We will meet at the church in the Gathering Room at 9:30-9:45 AM, to be ready to begin the meeting at 10am.

Please contact Eileen Graham at 256-399-1932 if you plan to participate.

### UMW Luncheon-October 11<sup>th</sup> at Noon in the gym

Our program will be "Building a Healthy Lifestyle" with Fran and Al Andrepont. The luncheon will be catered by the Gadsden Country Club. Please make your reservations by text or phone to Delores Abney at 256-458-0376, or her email [deloresdda53@gmail.com](mailto:deloresdda53@gmail.com) by October 8<sup>th</sup> at noon.

### Covid – Update

*We have masks and hand sanitizer available at the entrances and every other pew has been marked off.*

*Please observe social distancing and wear a mask if you have not been fully vaccinated or as needed.*

### Honorariums & Memorials

Special donations may be made, in honor or memory of a loved one, to the General Budget Fund or other designated funds. You can send a check by mail, drop in the offering plate, or use e-giving. Be sure to include the name of the person you want to be remembered.

### Altar Flower Fund

Gifts to this fund are used to place flowers on the altar for special worship days throughout the year. Flowers may also be placed on the altar in honor or in memory of a loved one by personal request. Contact Susan Swann in the church office for available dates and more information.

**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



**We are collecting Fall and Winter Clothing. Clean out your closets and don't forget Your Own Clothes Closet! Women, Men, Youth, and Children's clothes are needed.**

### Ladle of Love

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

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

#### Church Phone

**256-543-8200**

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

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## Calendar for October 10-16, 2021

### Oct 10, Sunday

9:00 am, **Celebration Service, in Sanctuary & live stream**  
 10:00 am, Adult Sunday School Classes  
 10:00 am, **Blessing of the Animals, West Lawn**  
 11:00 am, **Traditions Service, in Sanctuary & live stream**

### Oct 11, Monday

**ELC will not meet, Fall Break**  
 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym  
**12:00 pm, UMW Luncheon, Gym (catered lunch)**

### Oct 12, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule  
 5:00-6:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

### Oct 13, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule  
 11:00 am, **Wednesday Morning Bible Study, w/Pastor Sam**

### Oct 13, Wednesday, cont'd

5:15 pm, Wednesday Night Meal, Gathering Room  
 6:00 pm, **Bible Study w/Pastor Sam, Rm 208/live stream**  
 6:00 pm, **Children's Activities, Room 108**  
 Youth Activities, Room 211 & Gym

**6:00 pm, Choir Practice, Choir Room**

### Oct 14, Thursday

7:00 am, **Men at the Well Journey Group, Zoom**  
 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule  
 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym  
 5:30 pm, **Thursday Worship, Sanctuary**  
 6:00 pm, **Mosaic, Back Forty Warehouse**

### Oct 15, Friday

**11:00-12:00 pm, Ladle of Love, Portico**

**REMINDER: Charge Conference,**  
**October 19 @ 6:00 pm**


*The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of*  
*Evander Philips Leach*  
*Big Sister Marihugh*  
*Parents:: Philips & Alyssa*  
*Grandparents:*  
*Nan Macfadyen & Harding Leach*  
*Given by the Children's Ministry and the ELC*



*The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of*  
*Ella Gray Mash*  
*Parents: Phillip & Katie Gray*  
*Big Sister: Audrey*  
*Big Brother: Phillip*  
*Grandparents::*  
*Dewey & Martha Gray*  
*Given by the Children's Ministry and the ELC*



*The ministers and congregation of*  
*First United Methodist Church*  
*of Gadsden, extend Christian*  
*sympathy to*  
*Jill and Rick Moran*  
*in the death of her mother,*  
*Wanda Hemby*  
*October 3, 2021*



### Immediate Prayer Concerns

John Ryle Stan Walker  
 Carma Rayburn Lisa Dobbins  
 Dr. Ed Thompson  
 The Family of Wanda Hemby (Jill Moran's Mother)

### Continued Prayer Concerns

Bill Campbell Joyce Sington Jan Humphrey  
 Yvonne Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's step mother)  
 Matt & Lola Jehn (Jeff & Cathea Poland's son-in-law & granddaughter)  
 Ann Elizabeth Casey (great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)  
 Mikey Tonagel (Collins & Belinda Tackaberry's son-in-law)

### Birthdays.....

**Oct 10** Cynthia Whitt  
**Oct 12** Dotty Ivey  
**Oct 13** Mary Gomillion, Lara Murray  
**Oct 14** Steve Huie, Alana Clemons, Addison Rains  
**Oct 15** Ken Davis, Dr. Mike McEwen, Robin Wilson  
**Oct 16** Millie Martin



### Week of October 3, 2021

\*In Person Total \*220 Overall Total 474  
 Online Viewer Total 254 Mosaic \*9  
 Thursday \*9 Sunday School \*22  
 Celebration \*61/106 Traditions \*68/132  
 Children \*26 Youth \*20  
 Bible Study Groups \*\*5/16  
 General Offering Budget \$15,200.00  
 General Offering Received \$20,391.00  
 YTD General Offering Budget \$608,000.00  
 YTD General Offering Rec'd \$537,896.16

**Text to Give: 256.344.8464**

### Honorariums and

### Memorials

### General Budget Fund:

In memory of Jack Floyd  
 given by Pat & Kathy Sherrill.

Information for the weekly  
 announcement sheet is due  
each Wednesday by noon.  
 Events for the church calendar  
are needed one month prior to  
the event.