

# 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*



www.fumcgadsden.org

115 So. 5th St. Gadsden, AL 35901

August 11, 2019

### Calendar for Aug 11-Aug 17, 2019

**Aug 11, Sunday, 8:45 am**, Celebration Service, Gym; **10:00 am**, Sunday School;  
**Promotion Sunday for Children & Youth, Gathering Room**; **10:55 am**, Traditional Service  
**Aug 12, Monday, 9:00 am**, Exercise Group, Gym;  
**Aug 13, Tuesday, 5:00 pm**, Yoga, Gym; **6:30 pm**, Mosaic, Back Forty Warehouse  
**Aug 14, Wednesday, 5:15 pm**, Wonderful Wednesday Meal, Gathering Room;  
**6:00 pm**, Adult Journey Groups, Room 112-202-208; Childrens Journey Groups & Choir,  
 Rooms 102-106-108; Youth Activities; **6:30 pm**, Ice Cream Social, Portico & Green Space;  
**6:00 pm**, Choir Practice **Aug 15, Thursday, 5:30 pm**, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary;  
**10:00-11:30 am, ELC Open House** **Aug 16, Friday, 11:00-12:30 pm**, Ladle of Love

### Serving This Sunday

**Sound Tech:** Blaise Jarecki  
**Ushers:** \* George Varner, George Day, Jason Knowles, Sam Norris  
**Greeters:** Leone Norris, Lori Varner  
**Acolytes:** Parker Casey  
**Children's Church:**  
**Celebration:** Katie Darden  
**Tradition:** Charlotte Rutland  
**\*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.

### Memorials and Honoraria

#### General Budget Fund:

In memory of Iris Isbell given by Martha Bullock.

#### Howell Erwin Fund:

In memory of Iris Isbell given by Dottie Erwin.  
 In memory of Iris Isbell given by Lynne & Steve Frederick.

#### The Johnson Family Children's Library

Three books have been donated in loving memory of Hazel Oliver for her birthday, August 11, by her nephew Jack Pierce.

The ELC is looking for a highly energetic, friendly, organized and loving Christian to work hand in hand with our current 4K teacher.

Qualified candidates must be at least 19 years old and have a high school diploma. If the candidate has had teacher training in childcare along with teaching this is extremely helpful. Experience can be in the form of on the job, college credit or vocational training. Referrals can be made to directly to Helene Haller and applications are available online @ <http://www.fumcgadsden.org/early-learning-center>.

### Farewell!

Joshua Holloway, our part-time custodian is resigning his position effective August 9. He is moving to go to school at Lincoln Tech, in Nashville, TN. We would like to wish him good luck as he goes forward on this journey. If you would like to give a donation for a love offering, please leave in the church office.



*Our steps are made firm by the Lord when he delights in our way.*  
 Psalm 37:23

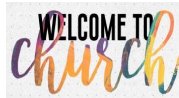
### Immediate Prayer Concerns

Stan Walker

### Continuing Prayer Concerns

Ina Davis  
 Gloria Vickery (Chris Thrasher's sister)  
 Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)  
 Carolyn Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's mother)

### Help Us to Be a Welcoming Church!



on Sunday mornings and for Thursday Worship!

Please leave curbside parking near the Chestnut Street doors and Hazel Oliver entrance available for handicapped persons or those needing additional assistance.

To insure that convenient parking is available for our guests, please do not park in designated "Visitor" Parking Spaces Thank you.

Text to Give: 256-344-8464

### Week of August 4, 2019

Total Attendance	300	Tradition	150
Mosaic	18	Thursday	16
Celebration	110	Online	6
Sunday School	108		
Volunteer Service Hours	250		
People Served	500		
General Offering Budget	\$14,879.00		
General Offering Received	\$19,449.00		
YTD General Offering Budget	\$461,249.00		
YTD General Offering Received	\$471,819.73		

### Sunday's Schedule

**8:45 am, Celebration**  
**10:00 am, Sunday School**  
**10:55 am, Traditional Service**  
**Monday-Thursday**  
 ELC Fall Schedule starts Aug. 19  
**Monday**  
**9:00 am**, Exercise Group, Gym  
**Tuesday**  
**5:00 pm**, Yoga, Gym  
**6:30 pm, Mosaic, Back Forty**  
**Wednesday**  
**11:00 am** Wednesday Bible Study  
**5:15 pm** Wednesday Night Meal  
**6:00 pm** Adult Journey Groups;  
 Children's Journey Groups  
**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

### Sermon Outline Key

achieve, tomorrow, peace, labor, imagine, prepared, neighborhood, transformation

### Birthdays This Week...

**Aug 12** Gwen Axtell, Claire Hedgspeth  
**Aug 14** Kelly Roach  
**Aug 15** Tom Quinn, Madeline Mills, Griffin Bone  
**Aug 16** David Cummins, Bitsy Dorsett, Charles Trotter, Grady Leach, IV  
**Aug 17** Hayden Caldwell





### 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 11, Room 102, Arts & Craft Room**

Celebration: Katie Darden Tradition: Charlotte Rutland

### Wednesday Nights

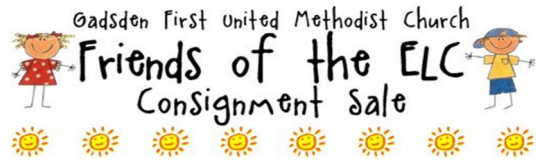
On August 14, our Wednesday Night Activities begin -- and we have BIG plans in store for this Fall!!! All Children 4K thru 5th Grade are invited to join us on a journey to be Devoted to Jesus...Devoted to Prayer, Devoted to His Word and Devoted to His House. Using the interactive curriculum "Follow You,"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

### Annual Ice Cream Social

Come join us Wednesday night, August 14, at 6:30 pm in the Portico and Green Space for this fun fellowship time.

### 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.



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.



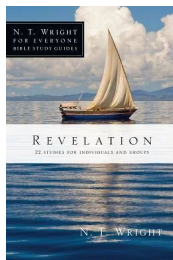
**Sunday Morning**  
10 AM Youth Sunday School-Rm 211  
Youth Group, Wednesdays, 6 pm



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

### 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*



Come and be a part of a Sunday School/Journey Group on Sunday mornings at 10 am. There are lots of great studies going on now!

- ◆ Seekers, Room 108-The Call by Adam Hamilton
- ◆ Pathfinders, Room 116-The Mayberry Bible Study
- ◆ Discovery, Room 210-The Wired Word
- ◆ Open Doors, Room 209-Final Words from The Cross
- ◆ Martin, Room 208-Lectionary Based Bible Study
- ◆ Living Waters, Room 110-Ten Commandments from the Backside by Elsworth Kalas.

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



### UMW News Summer Dinners

Our next dinner will be Tuesday, August 20. We will meet at "Lola's On the River" at 6:00 pm. Reservations are needed by Monday, August 19. You can make your reservation by contacting Bonda Vance @ 256-458-3571 or [bondatvance@att.net](mailto:bondatvance@att.net) The program for September 9th luncheon will be Upper Sand Mountain Parish. Pastor Woody Woodfin will speak to us about the ministry that has been ongoing there for 50 years. This a group of 9 United Methodist Churches that are part of our North Alabama Conference. **Coming soon!** Circle meeting times and books that we will be using for study guides.



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

Dinner— Barbecue Pork or Chicken 5:00 PM, \$5  
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

