

115 So. 5th Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901

August 16, 2020

# Gadsden First UMC

Changing Lives by Sharing Christ, Making Disciples, Serving and Giving Hope  
#GFUMCConnect2020

## RESET “Resetting Through Self Care”

1 Kings 19:3-9

Elijah was one of God’s prophets. Recently he had been through a great battle and stress. Elijah is scared, exhausted and suffering from burn out. God isn’t angry with Elijah for being scared, nor is God mad that Elijah needs a break. God sends a messenger to help Elijah rest and recover.

This Sunday we are talking about Resetting Our Health. How is your health right now? Are you getting enough rest, eating some healthy foods, exercising, etc.? Just like Elijah, we may be tired and in need of rest. God wants us well rested because we are going to be used to help others in this difficult year.

Later this week, I will be interviewing one of our church members, Jane Patton. We are going to discuss yoga and our health. Be looking for the interview on our church Facebook and website.



**Reset**

**Sermon Series**  
August 2- “Resetting Our Priorities”  
August 9- “The Reset of Forgiveness”  
August 16- “Resetting through Self-Care”  
August 23- “Resetting Our Attitude”  
August 30- “Resetting our Expectations”

### Worship Opportunities

- Mosaic: 6:30 pm, Tuesday, Church Courtyard (Social Distancing and masks required.)
- Thursday Worship: 5:30 pm Thursday, Sanctuary (Social Distancing and masks required.)
- Sunday Celebration Online Worship, 9:00 am
- Sunday Traditions, Online Worship, 11:00 am

### Generosity

- Give online: [www.fumcgadsden.org/give](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/give)
- Text to Give: 256-344-8464
- Mail your tithe or gift to the church:  
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#### Week of August 9, 2020

Online Viewer Total 319  
\*In Person Total \*39 Total overall 358  
Celebration 121 Traditions 128  
Mosaic \*15 Thursday \*24  
Youth 10 Bible Study Groups 24  
Children’s online Bible Study 15  
General Offering Budget \$15,440.00  
General Offering Received \$29,585.00  
YTD General Offering Budget \$494,080.00  
YTD General Offering Received \$467,953.79  
Text to Give: 256-344-8464  
Online Giving: [www.fumcgadsden.org/](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/)





**Sunday Morning** w/Ken Casey and George Varner, 10:00 am, GoToMeeting

**Thursday, Men at the Well**, 7:00 am, Zoom, Mark Condra, Todd Rains, Bob Blount or Mark Casey

**Sunday August 16:** Sunday Morning w/Mark Condra & Eric Wright, 10:am, GoToMeeting

**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. All Journey Groups are currently meeting virtually.**

**New opportunities will begin in August! It's easy to join via GoToMeeting or Zoom!** Contact one of the Journey Group leaders or the church office to find out more about how to get started!

**Contact: [sheila@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:sheila@fumcgadsden.org) or 256-543-8200**

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***Interested in leading or teaching a journey group? Contact one of the pastors or Sheila Freeman at 256-490-5018 or [Sheila@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:Sheila@fumcgadsden.org)***

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## **Bible Study w/Pastor Sam**



### **A Study of the Gospel of John**

Join Pastor Sam each Wednesday night at 6:00 pm for a study of the *Gospel of John*.

Facebook Live

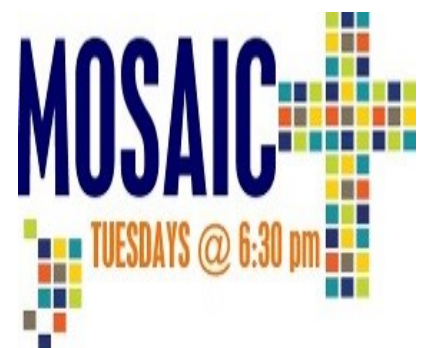
Wednesdays @ 6 pm

(You can watch the weekly episodes "on-demand" via the church app or website. Each lesson is uploaded to the church app and website following the live broadcast.)

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## **Join Pastor Andy for Mosaic**

—A unique worship experience that includes a homily, discussion, and prayer. This service is open to everyone, but is particularly designed for those who have felt hurt or rejected. Come meet with us outside the church in the Courtyard facing 5th Street near the sanctuary on Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm! Social distancing is required. (In case of rain, Mosaic will meet in the gym.)



## AUGUST MISSION SUPPORTING OUR ADOPTED SCHOOL STRIPLIN ELEMENTARY



It is time for school to begin, although extremely different this year! Our students will be starting with Virtual School but there are still many needs that we can help the teachers meet. The three biggest requests from teachers are: HAND SANITIZER REFILL BOTTLES, PUMP HAND SOAP, AND DISINFECTANT WIPES. *Please help us collect these items!*

**On Thursday, August 20th, from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm, there will be Drop Off Tubs outside the Chestnut Street Entrance.** The church will remain closed but these three items can be dropped there securely. The Mission Team THANKS you for your generous support of this Mission Project!!!

**Along with the Beginning of School** comes our FUNDRAISER to support our teachers at Striplin through the year. These funds will provide **The Teacher of The Month Program** (50.00 / month), **Teacher of the Year** (100.00) and the **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** in May. Our teachers work so hard, especially now with Covid 19, so your support will enable us to say, "THANK YOU!" Please add a donation to your pledge, mail a check to the Church Office, or use e-giving to make sure we are able to provide a much needed "JOB WELL DONE!"

## Christmas in



*Fill a Stocking for a Child for Christmas*

**It's Christmas in our hearts!**

- **Already picked up a stocking?** You may also return stockings @ Thursday Worship or Mosaic by 8/19/20, at Striplin Donation drop-off times or by calling the church office.
- **Would you like a stocking delivered to you so that you can fill and return?** Contact Charlotte @ 256-504-9718
- **Would you like for Santa's helpers to do your shopping for you?** You can sponsor a stocking with your donation of \$15.00 and one of the remaining stockings will be filled!

*(Remember the church office is closed,  
so please use the pick-up and drop-off times above.)*

### Clothes Closet Workday

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

### Open

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

9:00 am to 11:00 am

### Ladle of Love

Fridays, 11:00 am to  
12:00 pm

### Donations for Striplin Elementary School

Hand Sanitizer (large  
refill size)

Pump Hand Soap

Disinfectant Wipes

### Stocking Stuffer Ideas

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Hair items

Small Bible

School supplies

Small toys

Gloves

Hats

Socks

Cards

Books

Candy



## ELC News

We are excited to get our Fall 2020 term started. Open House will be Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. This will be a come and go event. Please enter at portico entrance. All adults must wear masks.

First day of school will be Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> with extended hours available on this day as well as those that sign up at open house.

## Youth News

### Virtual Sunday School

Will begin Sunday, August 23, at 10:00 am

**Former Youth-** check out our college and career Instagram page to stay up to date with future social distancing gatherings.

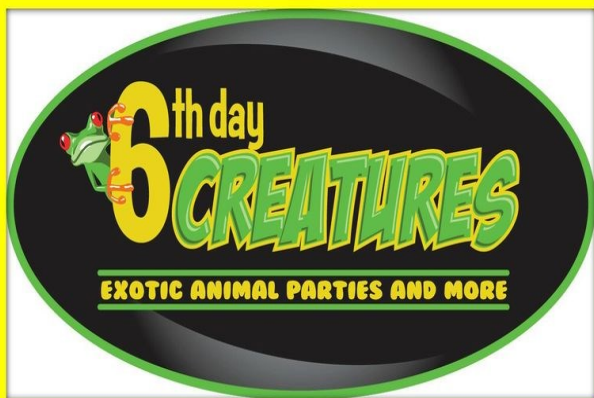
**Join Andy on Facebook Live or Instagram.**

**Sunday & Wednesdays,  
6pm**



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## Children's Ministry



### Children's Ministry

**6th Day Creatures in the Green Space  
with Social Distancing**

**Wednesday, August 19, 6 pm**

Join us in the green space to see a great presentation with exotic animals. Bring your own lawn chair if you have one.

We will also be starting on our Christmas Shoe Box Ministry.

Join Pastor Carrie on Facebook 

**Look Up**

Sundays at 10:00am  
+  
Wednesdays at 6:00pm

**AUG 16+19** Look Up to God in Prayer

**AUG 23+26** Jesus is Our North Star Guiding Us Home

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge God, and He will direct your path. PROVERBS 3:5-6*



Well, here we are still in quarantine....Is this ever going to end?  
Once again, thanks to everyone for your participation in making our 2020 Auction a huge success!!

**Update for UMW summer schedule:**

We have been hoping and praying that we as United Methodist Women would be able to meet this summer at a restaurant for dinner so that we could meet for fellowship and food. However, sadly, that is not to be. The number of COVID-19 cases continue to rise so we all need to be staying at home and only going out as necessary wearing a mask.

If anyone would like to do a Zoom meeting, we can collect names and schedule a meeting when it is convenient for everyone. Several groups at

the church have either Gotomeetings or Zoom meetings going on through this quarantine time. We can make the arrangements as needed. We do not know when we will be able to return to our usual UMW Luncheons. It will depend upon the status of this virus. Watch the newsletter for any updates. Thank you for your part in UMW and may God continue to bless each one of us. —**UMW Board**

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*Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. 1 John 4:11*

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### Worship with GFUMC on Sunday mornings online

#### Live:

9:00 am Celebration

11:00 am Traditions

#### Where to connect:

Church Website: [www.fumcgadsden.org/media](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media)

Facebook Live: @FUMCGadsden

Church YouTube Channel: Gadsden First UMC

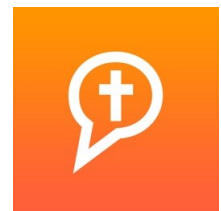
Sermon.net:

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden (search ministries)

#### **Watch on demand:**

Church App: **FUMCGadsden**

Church Website: [www.fumcgadsden.org/media](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media)



## Calendar for week of August 16-August 22, 2020

### Aug 16, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Worship Online  
 10:00 am, Sunday School, GoToMeeting  
 10:00 am, Children's Bible Study, Facebook  
 11:00 am, Traditional Worship, Online  
 6:00 pm, Youth via Zoom or Instagram

### Aug 17, Monday

9:00 am– 1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule

### Aug 18, Tuesday

9:00 am– 1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule

9:00 am, Clothes Closet workday

6:30 pm, Mosaic, Courtyard

### Aug 19, Wednesday

9:00 am– 1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule

9:00 am-11:00 am, Clothes Closet open

6:00 pm Children's Ministry: 6th Day Creatures, Courtyard

6:00 pm, Online Bible Study with Pastor Sam

6:00 pm, Youth via Zoom or Instagram

### Aug 20, Thursday

9:00 am– 1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule

11:00 am-1:00 pm Drop Off Items for

Striplin School, Chestnut Street Entrance

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

7:00 pm, College Group, via Zoom or Instagram

Aug 21, Friday, 11:00-12:00, Ladle of Love, Portico

*The church office is still closed. You may call if you have a need that we can help with between 8:00am-4:00pm, Monday thru Friday. If no answer, please leave a message and a staff member will return your call as soon as possible. A MASK is required if you are attending any service or activity at the church. If you do not have one, we have them available for you to use.*

Dear Church Family,  
 We wish to express our gratitude for all your prayers, words of comfort, and deeds of kindness.  
 The Family of Jim Bennett

### Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Sidney Gardner  
 Family of Jim Bennett  
 Hanky MacFayden  
 (Nan MacFayden's mother)

### Continuing Prayer Concerns

Nancy Smith Butch Herb  
 John Floyd Doug Martin  
 Joanne Hightower Jane Jones  
 Ronald Garry  
 Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)

*In Memory of His Life*  
*James (Jim) K. Bennett*  
*August 6, 2020*



*In Memory of His Life*  
*Sydney N. Gardner*  
*August 6, 2020*



### Honorariums and Memorials

#### General Budget Fund:

In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, given by Mamie Dye.  
 In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, Dr. Adrian Chandler, and Mark Swann, given by Sue Roberts. In memory of Jim Bennett, given by Evelyn & Glen Pierson. In memory of Sid Gardner given by Evelyn Pierson. In memory of Jim Bennett given by Gregory Scott Hicks. In memory of Jim Bennett and Sid Gardner given by Dave & Sissie Jensen. In memory of Jim Bennett given by John & Sue Balsamo.

#### Ladle of Love Fund:

In memory of Jim Bennett given by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Condra.

#### Music Fund:

In memory of DeLeath Rives, given by Dr. Chip Griffith.  
 In memory of DeLeath Rives given by Drs. Jonathan & Karen Watts.

#### Striplin Elementary Fund:

In memory of Sid Gardner given by George & Joanne Hightower.

### Birthdays.....

**Aug 16** David Cummins, Barbara Dorsett, Charles Trotter, Grady Leach IV

**Aug 17** Hayden Caldwell, Henry Darden, Josie Darden

**Aug 18** Georgia Eugenias

**Aug 19** Briggs Megois

**Aug 20** Joyce Noojin, Brad Norris

**Aug 21** Stephe Wood, Valerie Keelin

**Aug 22** Maria Swinford, Donny Gray, Mike Taff, Lisa Dobbins

