



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

1-17-21

Sermon Notes

"Can Anything from Nazareth be Good?"

John 1:43-51

(Common English Bible)

43 The next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip.

Jesus said to him, "Follow me." 44

Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law and the Prophets: Jesus, Joseph's son, from Nazareth."

46 Nathanael responded, "Can anything from Nazareth be good?"

Philip said, "Come and see."

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, "Here is a genuine Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

48 Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree."

49 Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are God's Son. You are the king of Israel."

50 Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these! 51 I assure you that you will see heaven open and God's angels going up to heaven and down to earth on the Human One." [a]

What on earth is wrong with Nathanael's attitude when he says, "Can anything from Nazareth be good?" What does he hate about this community of people so much? Why does he question who Jesus is? Does he know the stories of some of the people in Jesus's family tree? Is Nathanael thinking no way could this be the Savior? We too must ask ourselves, do we ever judge someone based on their nationality, income level, town of birth, etc. Are we missing out on being blessed or being used by God when we act like Nathanael? On this MLK weekend, let us ask God to give us clean hearts to love all of God's people.

Pastor Andy



Worship Opportunities

- **Mosaic:** 6:30 pm, Tuesday
Online only
- **Thursday Worship:**
Not meeting at this time
- **Sunday Celebration Worship,** 9:00 am, Sanctuary*
Online only
- **Sunday Traditions Worship,** 11:00 am, Sanctuary*
Online only
- **www.fumcgadsden.org/media**
or on facebook live:
[@fumcGadsden](https://www.facebook.com/fumcGadsden)

**Remember to return
your 2021 "Estimate of
Giving" Card to the
church office.**



UMW News

The UMW Board Members will not meet until later in February to decide when to start back safely having luncheons and circle meetings. Meanwhile, we will be working on our new directories for 2021. If you have any changes in your contact info, please let your Circle Leader know. *Eileen Graham*

Missions for December

White Christmas

Thank you for your tremendous generosity through the special offering for the United Methodist Children's Home.

**2020 White Christmas Offering:
\$8,821.00**



Guidelines for End of Year Contributions

In order for contributions to be posted to your **2020** giving record, they must meet one of these requirements:

1. The gift is received and posted to your account before December 31st.
2. The contribution is put into the offering plate on December 27th or delivered to the office on or before December 30th.
3. The envelope in which the gift is mailed is postmarked on or before December 31st.
4. An online E-Giving transaction is dated on or before December 31st.
5. Gifts of stock should be transferred before the market closes on December 31st. Please inform Jane at the office about a stock transfer.

For questions or more info, please contact Jane at the church office at 543-8200 or Jane@fumcgadsden.org no later than December 30th.

We are here for you!

We are still taking precautions by keeping the church office closed to the public. We ask that all business be conducted by email, phone or text whenever possible. In-person visits are by appointment only. You may call for an appointment or if you or someone you know has a need that we can help with, please call us or email us between 8:00 am--4:00 pm, 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 coming to the office for an appointment or attending any service or activity at the church. If you do not have one, we have masks available for you. **Stay Well. Stay Safe. —Your Church Staff!**

Clothes Closet

Workday

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Open

1st & 3rd Wednesdays
9:00 am to 11:00 am
516 Broad Street
Gadsden, AL

*Clothes Closet Winter

Needs: Gloves, Scarves, and Coats. Please check your closets and bring any items that you are no longer wearing.

Ladle of Love

Fridays, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, outside in the portico.

Missions for January

The **Missions Team** along with help from the youth will be distributing Firehouse Subs to all 8 of the Fire Stations in the city of Gadsden. We will be taking these on **Sunday, January 17th and Monday, January 18th around 12:00 noon.**

Church Phone

256-543-8200

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[#fumcconnect2020](https://twitter.com/fumcconnect2020)



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. #GFUMCConnect2020

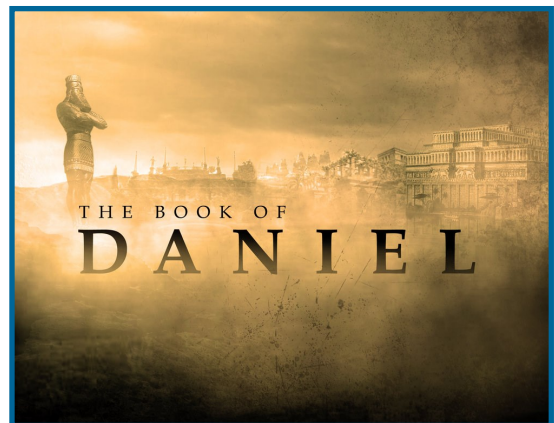
Thursdays, Men at the Well, 7:00 am, Zoom
God's Word of Life, Daily Bible Readings
Contact the church office for more information.

Sunday Mornings, 10:00 am, GoToMeeting with Ken Casey, George Varner & Grover Kitchens
The Wesley Prayer Challenge by Chris Folmbee will begin this Sunday, 1.17.21

New Zoom Study for January: One in a Million
Zoom study begins Monday January 18th at 6:00 pm.
Priscilla Shirer- One in a Million. A study of the two Israelites who made it into the promised land out of the approximate 2 million that left Egypt. They were brave enough to put abundant life to work no matter where they were or what outside influences tried to change them. Call or text Barbara Condra for codes- 256-328-3679. Please join us!

The Book of Daniel Bible Study with Pastor Sam

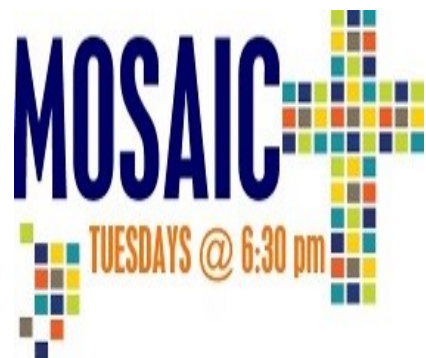
Wednesdays @ 6 pm, Online



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.

Services are *live stream only at this time.*



ELC News

The ELC is closed until Monday, January 25th, due to Covid exposures and shortage of staffing. Lunchbox Revolt has been cancelled for January. The Parent Meet and Greetings that were scheduled for January 26th will be rescheduled for February.

Helene Haller

Wednesday Nights

6:00 pm, Courtyard or Gym
(Please wear a mask)

The youth will be helping the Missions Team distribute Firehouse Subs to all 8 of the fire stations in the city of Gadsden. We will be taking these on Sunday, **January 17th and Monday, January 18th** around **12:00 noon**.



Virtual Sunday School
Sundays at 10:00 am

Join Andy on Facebook Live
or Instagram.
Sunday & Wednesdays, 6pm

Safe Sanctuary Policy: All children and youth volunteers must have Safe Sanctuary Training prior to beginning to work with children or youth and annually thereafter. A background check is required. In addition, volunteers must have been members of the church for 6 months or more, be 5 years older than the group they are working with and there must always be at least 2 unrelated adults present for all activities and events. Other rules apply for field trips or overnight trips. Contact the church office Sheila@fumcgadsden.org for more information.

Children's Ministry News

It's official! Welcome Katharine Barnes!

Katharine is the new Children's Ministry Director at Gadsden First!

**Wednesdays at 6:00 pm,
Room 108 or gym
(in person)**

**Sunday mornings at
10:00 am "Celebrate
Wonder" can be viewed
or watched later.**

Children's Ministry Mission: Care Packages for Caring Angels

For the month of January, the children and the Children's Ministry team are taking donations for our at home members. Please consider donating these items for our care packages. Bring items on Sunday's or Wednesday's, please leave donations in the arts and crafts room.



- Hand soap
- Chapstick
- Fuzzy socks
- Large print crossword puzzles
- Wrapped milk chocolate candies
- Small notepads
- Black or blue pens
- Small lotions

BLAST OFF with Spiritual Habits! Wednesday Children's Church

January 6: WE CAN SPEND TIME WITH GOD! LUKE 10:38-42

January 13: PEOPLE CAN HELP OUR FAITH GROW! MARK 2:1-12

January 20: WE CAN SHARE GOD'S STORY! ACTS 4:1-20

January 27: WE CAN SERVE OTHERS! JOHN 13:1-17



For more information about Wednesday activities, check us out on Facebook at Gadsden First United Methodist Children's Ministry.

Prayer Service for Healthcare Professionals



- The Prayer Service is available to watch on the church app under the media tab, on the church website @ www.fumcgadsden.org/media or on the church facebook page.
- Signs are still available at the church office. Help us thank our friends and neighbors who are providing critical care during this global pandemic by placing a yard sign at your home or place of business! (*Donations of \$5 per sign are appreciated but not required.*)

Thank You!

♥ **We love our ♥
Healthcare Workers**

**First United Methodist
Church of Gadsden**

Worship with GFUMC on Sunday Mornings Online LIVE

9:00 am Celebration and 11:00 am Traditions

Where to connect:

Church Website: www.fumcgadsden.org/media

Facebook Live: @FUMCGadsden

Church YouTube Channel: Gadsden First UMC

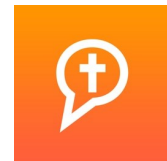
Sermon.net:

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden (search ministries)

Watch on demand:

Church App: [FUMCGadsden](https://www.fumcgadsden.org)

Church Website: www.fumcgadsden.org/media



“Counting Our Blessings” Estimate of Giving 2021

As of 12/31/20 we have received 68 “Estimate of Giving” Cards with a total of \$271,016.00.

If you haven't turned your card in, please return it to the church office. Additional cards are available in the church office. Budget planning for 2021 has begun.

Generosity

- **Give online:**
www.fumcgadsden.org/give
- **Text to Give:**
256-344-8464
- **Mail your tithe or gift to the church:**
115 S. 5th Street
Gadsden, AL 35901

Text to Give: 256-344-8464
Online Giving:
www.fumcgadsden.org/give



Calendar for week of January 17-23, 2021

Jan 17, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Worship; Online
 10:00 am, Sunday School, Ken Casey & George Varner, GoToMeeting
 10:00 am, Children's Bible Study, Facebook
 10:00 am, Youth Sunday School, Online
 11:00 am, Traditional Worship; Online

Jan 18, Monday

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

Jan 19, Tuesday

ELC closed
 9:00-11:00 am, Clothes Closet workday
 6:30 pm, Mosaic, Online

Jan 20, Wednesday

ELC closed
 9:00-11:00 am, Clothes Closet open
 6:00 pm, Bible Study, Pastor Sam, Online
 6:00 pm, Children's activities, Room 108/gym
 6:00 pm, Youth activities, Courtyard/gym

Jan 21, Thursday

ELC closed
 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
No Thursday Worship

Jan 22, Friday

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

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in gratitude for His blessings, mercy, and grace given from the Altar Flower Fund.

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget: In memory of Joanne Hightower and Leda Taylor, given by Mandell & Judy Tillman.

In memory of Joanne Hightower, given by James D. & Laura Henderson. In memory of Anne Byram, given by Kay Moore.
 In memory of Anne Byram, given by Mr. & Mrs. Stuart T. Patton. In memory of Anne Byram, given by Mrs. John S. Bowman.
 In memory of Anne Byram, given by Bobby Segall. In memory of Anne Byram, given by Gordy Mead Britton Foundation:
 Judge & Mrs. Reese McKinney and Judge & Mrs. Joel Dubina. In memory of Anne Byram, given by William R. Gregory.
 In memory of Bill Hale, given by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Roe. In memory of Leda Taylor, given by Jack & Margaret Kubiszyn.
 In memory of Leda Taylor, given by Bryant & Deborah Banks. In memory of Bill Hale, given by Robert "Sandy" & Brenda McKay.
 In memory of Anne Byram, given by Josephine Crenshaw. In memory of Anne Byram, given by Bart & Elizabeth Crum.

Ladle of Love: In memory of Leda Taylor, given by Joanie Leach. In memory of Leda Taylor and Joanne Hightower, given by Stan & Pat Walker. In memory of Leda Taylor, given by Jerry & Julia Jolley. In memory of Leda Taylor, given by Johnny & Peggy Wetzell. In memory of Joanne Hightower, given by Mark & Barbara Condra.

Clothes Closet: In memory of Bill Hale and Leda Taylor, given by The Clothes Closet volunteers. In memory of Leda Taylor, given by Barbara Bennett. In memory of Bill Hale, given by Louise Ferguson.
 In memory of Leda Taylor, given by Nan MacFadyen.

Howell Erwin Medical Fund: In memory of Joanne Hightower, given by Nan Mac Fadyen.

Benevolence Fund: In memory of Joanne Hightower and Leda Taylor, given by Steve & Lynne Frederick.

Johnson Children's Library Fund: In memory of Redia Brooks, given by Mark & Barbara Condra.

Birthdays.....

Jan 17 Stephen Kirk,
 Mary Claire Owen
Jan 18 Frank Dressman,
 Jan Andrew
Jan 19 Russ Waits,
 Janie Gray, William Edwards
Jan 20 Sharon Morris
Jan 22 Ragan Godfrey,
 Nathan Whitt
Jan 23 Steve Frederick,
 Amie Kelley



Week of January 10, 2021

Online Prayer Service *10/120	
*In Person Total *33	Overall Total 484
Online Viewer Total 451	
Celebration *15/132	Traditions *8/146
Mosaic 15	Thursday 0
Bible Study Groups 31	
Youth 7	Children 0
General Offering Budget \$15,440.00	
General Offering Received \$11,055.00	
YTD General Offering Budget \$30,880.00	
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$14,110.00	

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Pat Martin Ron Garry
 Susan Keady (Debbie Hiltz' sister)
 Mikey Tonagel
 (Collins & Belinda Tackaberry's son-in-law)
 Sara Beth (Paul) Poland & unborn baby
 (daughter-in-law of Jeff & Cathea Poland)

Continued Prayer Concerns

Wanda Hemby
 Ina Davis
 Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)
 Mary Nichols (Patsy Blankenship's mother)