



“The Old and the New”

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

1-31-21

Sermon Notes

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Worship Opportunities

Remember this song?

Give me that old time religion,
Give me that old time religion,
Give me that old time religion,
It's good enough for me.
It was good for Paul and Silas...
It was good for the Hebrew children...

It is a real toe-tapper! But is it true? Is that old time religion really good enough? What people usually mean when they say, “Give me that old time religion,” is “Don’t come in here and try to change things!” Jesus faced that time and time again with the Pharisees and other religious leaders. But was Jesus trying to do away with the old? It may sound funny, but the answer to that question is, “Yes and no.” On one hand, Jesus said, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” (Matt. 5: 17) So – old time religion...right? But in almost the next breath, Jesus went into a string of teachings that went, “You have heard it said...but I say to you...” He did that a total of five times in the Sermon on the Mount. He wasn’t doing away with old time religion. He was saying, “This deserves a second thought.” Maybe we need old *and* new.

We see a mixture of old and new in this week’s gospel story from Mark.
(Mark 1: 21-28 NRSV)

The people were “astounded” and “amazed!” “What is this? A new teaching – with authority!” they proclaimed. Was it totally new? Or was it just the “old” teaching come to life in Jesus? Worship us this Sunday at 9:00 or 11:00 via livestream as we look at the old and the new. Who knows? Maybe we will come away astounded and amazed too!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Sam

- **Mosaic:** 6:30 pm, Tuesday
In person, weather permitting
- **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 meet sometime 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 January



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 distributed Firehouse Subs to all eight of the Fire Stations in the city of Gadsden on **Sunday, January 17th and Monday, January 18th.**

Church Phone

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#gfumconnect2020

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!

JOURNEY GROUPS

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

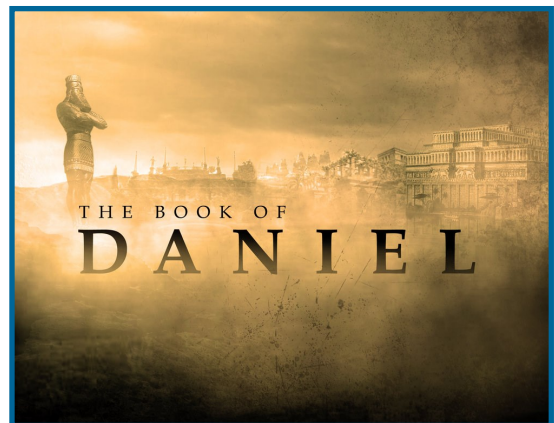
Thursdays, Men at the Well, 7:00 am, Zoom
God's Word of Life, Daily Bible Readings
Contact the church office for more information.

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 Mondays** 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

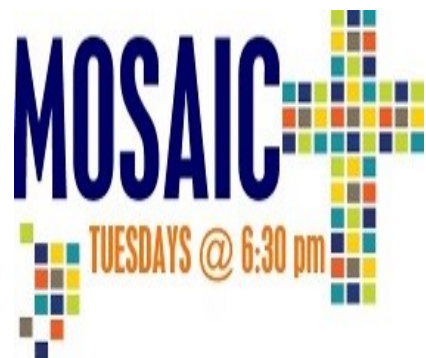
Wednesdays @ 6 pm, Online



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

We had a great week back in action. ELC students and teachers will exchange Valentine's on Thursday, February 11th. "Teacher Meet and Greets" for those currently enrolled (going into 2K, 3K and 4K) will be hosted on Wednesday, February 17th. Invitations with specific times have been sent home. Thursday, February 18th will be our next lunchbox revolt. Burger King will be served and order forms will be sent home next week. Registration for the 2021-2022 school year will begin Monday, February 22nd with currently enrolled church member students. *Helene Haller*

Wednesday Nights

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

Thank you to all the youth who helped the Missions Team distribute Firehouse Subs to all eight of the fire stations in the city of Gadsden!!

Camp Sumatanga workday
Saturday, February 13
Sign up if you want to help!



Virtual Sunday School
Sundays at 10:00 am

Join Andy on Facebook Live
or Instagram.

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.

Show Love to Sumatanga

Who: All Ages

What: GFUMC Camp Sumatanga Service Day

Camp Sumatanga Rd, Gallant, AL 35972

When: Saturday, February 13

9 am to 12 pm and 12 pm to 3 pm

There will be a variety of projects including outdoor and indoor tasks.

Lunch Provided @ 12 Noon

(Let us know you are coming so we can get a count for lunch!)

Sign up on the church website and let us know that you, your family and friends are coming! You will receive a follow-up email with additional information and a list of what to bring.

GFUMC "Show Love" T-Shirts are available if you sign up online @ www.fumcgadsden.org by 12:00 noon on February, 5.

Please be sure to include the size for each t-shirt ordered.

GFUMC



"This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other." **John 13:35**

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



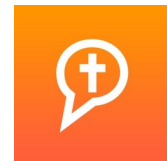
Sermon.net:

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden (search ministries)

Watch on demand:

Church App: FUMCGadsden

Church Website: www.fumcgadsden.org/media



"Counting Our Blessings" Estimate of Giving 2021

As of 1/24/21 we have received 69 "Estimate of Giving" Cards with a total of \$276,116.00.

It's not too late to turn your card in.

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

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