



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

7-17-22 Sermon Notes "A Vision of Summer Fruit"

Amos 8:1-12 (CEB)

8 (1) *This is what the Lord God showed me: a basket of summer fruit. (2) He said, "Amos, what do you see?" I said, "A basket of summer fruit."*

Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again forgive them. (3) On that day, the people will wail the temple songs," says the Lord God; "there will be many corpses, thrown about everywhere. [a] Silence." Judgment on oppressors and hypocrites (4) Hear this, you who trample on the needy and destroy the poor of the land, (5)

saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath so that we may offer wheat for sale, make the ephah smaller, enlarge the shekel, and deceive with false balances, (6) in order to buy the needy for silver and the helpless for sandals, and sell garbage as grain?" (7) The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget what they have done. (8) Will not the land tremble on this account, and all who live in it mourn, as it rises and overflows like the Nile, and then falls again, like the River of Egypt?

[b] (9) On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight. (10) I will turn your feasts into sad affairs and all your singing into a funeral song; I will make people wear mourning clothes and shave their heads; I will make it like the loss of an only child, and the end of it like a bitter day. (11) The days are surely coming, says the Lord God,

when I will send hunger and thirst on the land; neither a hunger for bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the Lord's words. (12) They will wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they will roam all around, seeking the Lord's word, but they won't find it.

Living in a Bitter Day

This Sunday, we continue with the prophecy from the book of Amos. The message continues that destruction and despair is coming soon. God is very angry with how they have trampled on the poor. Amos is a very tough book but it is important for us to remember our calling to care for the poor and those who are struggling around us. I stumbled across hymn # 592, "When the Church of Jesus." Fred Pratt Green, wrote these words in 1968, when some of the urban congregations seemed to ignore the needs around them. Are we guilty of ignoring the needs around our church, our homes, or other areas that we have influence? What is a way you can help someone in need? —Pastor Andy

Hymn No. 592

When the Church of Jesus
Shuts its outer door,
Lest the roar of traffic
Drown the voice of prayer:
May our prayers, Lord, make us
Ten times more aware
That the world we banish
Is our Christian care.

If our hearts are lifted
Where devotion soars
High above this hungry
Suffering world of ours:
Lest our hymns should drug us
To forget its needs,
Forge our Christian worship
Into Christian deeds.

Lest the gifts we offer,
Money, talents, time,
Serve to salve our conscience
To our secret shame:
Lord, reprove, inspire us
By the way you give;
Teach us, dying Savior,
How true Christians live.

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Worship Opportunities

Thursday Worship: 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday Mornings:

Celebration, 9 am* Traditions, 11 am*
*In Person (Sanctuary) and Online
www.fumcgadsden.org/media or
on Facebook Live: @FUMCgadsden

ACOLYTES

July 17: Clementine Hilburn & Luke Barnes
July 24: Liam Humphries

Tech Team Schedule

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

July 17

Celebration: Eric Wright, Sheila Freeman, Brynn Crain

Traditional: Sheila Freeman, Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

July 24

Celebration: Mark Casey, Parker Casey, Sheila Freeman

Traditional: Mike Self, Sheila Freeman



Unshakeable Hope

by Max Lucado

Small Group Study on Sunday Mornings!

Will meet in Room 208 @ 10 am

All Ages are Welcome!

with Pastor Andy

(Snacks are available!)

Bible Study with Pastor Sam

Summer on Wednesday Mornings

11 am In Person Bible Study

Gathering Room, 201

The Book of Acts

Facebook Live @ 6 pm

**Wonderful Wednesday is taking a break for Summer!
See you in August!
Check Out Youth and Children's Ministry this Summer!**

Men at the Well Thursday Mornings 7:00 am via Zoom

You are invited to join the weekly ZOOM bible study with the Men at the Well small group.

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

RECONNECT with the Sunday School Class of Your Choice!

- Living Water Sunday School Class, "Reading the Old Testament Through Jewish Eyes" by Rabbi Evan Moffic, **Room 112, In person and online. Contact a member of the class for the link to join online!**
- Martin Fellowship Class, International Bible Studies, **Room 116**
- Multi-Age Sunday School, Unshakeable Hope, with Andy Yarnell and Eric Wright **Gathering Room, 201**
- Pathfinders Class is currently meeting with the Multi-Age Sunday School Class, **Gathering Room, 201**



Sign Up to Receive Emails from the Church

Sign up to receive emails from the church including the Weekly News, Devotionals, Sermon Notes, and Ministry and Mission Notes.

Go to: <http://www.fumcgadsden.org/sign-up-to-receive-emails>

Need Help: Contact Sheila Freeman @ 256-490-5018

ELC News

Our summer session is going by quickly. We have just 4 more weeks to go. On Tuesday, July 26th, The Dog House will be with us for our only summer lunchbox revolt. Cost will be \$4.00 and notes are coming home soon. Our last day of the summer session is Wednesday, July 27th. The 2022-2023 Fall Open House will be hosted on Thursday, August 18th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

—Helene



Youth Ministry News

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, August the 6th @ 8am, the youth, parents and chaperones will be going on a challenging adventure. This hike is hard and we are choosing to go in the hottest time of the year! You can get in the water at the bottom of the hike. Be aware, this hike is difficult, they have no bathrooms on the trail, and it is 6 miles round trip. Some of the hike has a large incline. If you take on the challenge you will be proud of yourself and you will feel strong and ready to start school. Who is up for the challenge? We are eating some awesome BBQ in Rainsville @ 50 Taters on the way home! Adventure awaits!

Children's Ministry

GFUMC CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Wonderful Wednesday's

Wednesday's at 6:00
in the Kid's Worship Room
Room 108

Sunday Children's Church

Sunday's during each service
9:00 and 11:00
Room 108



CELEBRATE • ER

A colorful graphic for a "Christmas in July" event. It features a cartoon Santa Claus wearing sunglasses and a red suit, standing on a sandy beach. There are palm trees, a hammock, and beach balls in the background. The text is written in a playful, rounded font.

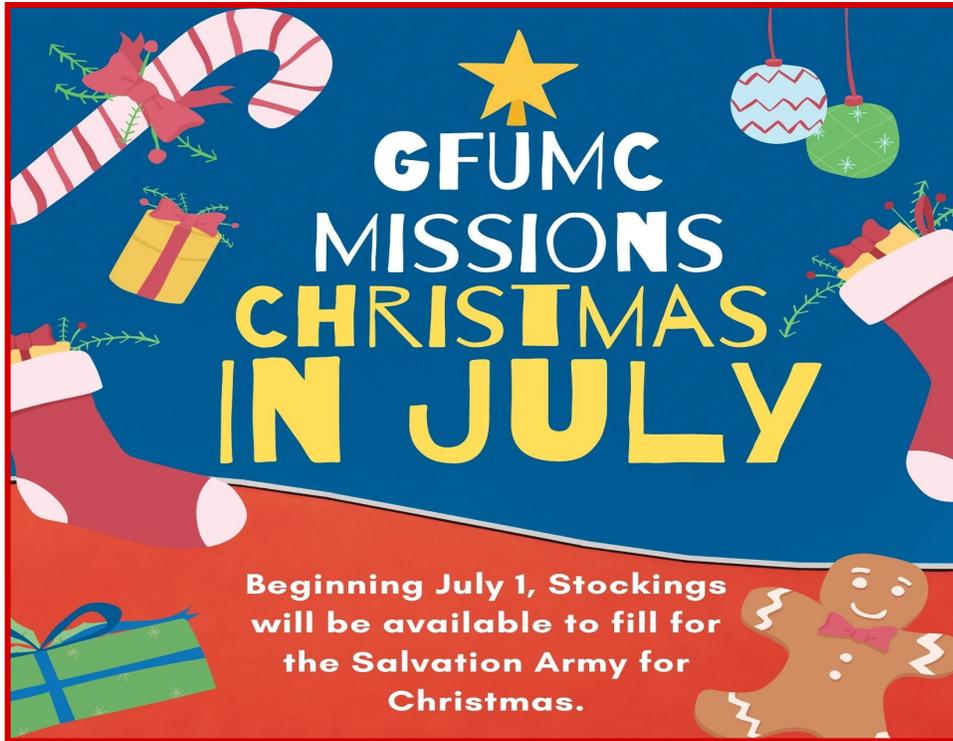
Christmas in July

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 AT 6:00

LET'S PACK SHOEBOXES WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

PLEASE BRING **\$5** TO HELP WITH POSTAGE, WE ARE PACKING **50 BOXES!**

July Mission Focus



**GFUMC
MISSIONS
CHRISTMAS
IN JULY**

Beginning July 1, Stockings will be available to fill for the Salvation Army for Christmas.

The graphic features a blue background with a yellow star, a red and white striped candy cane, a yellow gift box, a red stocking, a green gift box, a gingerbread man, and various Christmas ornaments.

Pick up a list of suggested items and a stocking in the Chestnut Street Lobby. Fill and return your stocking by Sunday, July 31. Stockings will be taken to the Salvation Army and given children this Christmas!



Put Your Party Hat On!

**Exceptional Persons
Party**

July 20, 2022
3 pm
Gathering Room

The graphic features a light blue background with colorful bunting, party hats, and confetti.

UMW NEWS

Let's gather for another "Summer Supper."
When: July 19 @ 6 pm Where: C&J's Crab Shack
Sizzling Summer Surprise: One lucky lady will enjoy a free meal. All ladies are invited even if you aren't a member of UMW. Come and enjoy the company and invite a friend.

The next UMW Luncheon is September 12th. *Barbara Bennett*



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"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

Please hold your fall and winter donations of clothing until the first of September. Thank you!

Ladle of Love

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

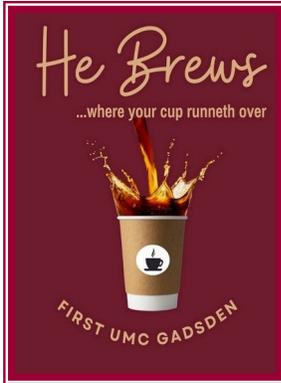
Clients served in
May 2022

Ladle of Love 335
Clothes Closet 264

Thank you to all our volunteers for their time and service to these missions!

Find out more about mission and service opportunities @ www.fumcgadsden.org/serve

Church Phone 256-543-8200
fumc@fumcgadsden.org



Inviting Ministries welcomes you to our Coffee Café!
 We have your Sunday Cup of Coffee waiting for you between
 10 am 11 am on Sunday mornings. **Join us this Sunday!**
Come visit with friends, old and new, in Christian Fellowship!
After Celebration and before Traditions and on your way in or
*out of Sunday school! **There is nothing like being here!***
Everyone come on back!

G FUMC
Brunch
Club

MONTHLY LUNCH/BRUNCH
 AT 12:30 FOLLOWING
 TRADITIONAL SERVICE.

Sunday, August 21– Harp & Clover

**All Young Adults and
 Families Welcome!**

Generosity 2022
*Overflowing
 Hearts*

Psalm 23:5
 YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME
 IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES.
 YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL;
 MY CUP OVERFLOWS

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



*Thank you for your
 gifts! The Special
 Offering for Ukraine
 totaled \$4,000.00*

**100% of this special offering will be
 given to for love and support of those
 in crisis from the war in Ukraine.**



Calendar for July 17-23, 2022

July 17, Sunday

10:00 am, Celebration Service, Sanctuary
 10:00 am, Sunday School; HeBrews Coffee Ministry
 11:00 am, Traditional Service, Sanctuary

July 18, Monday

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

July 19, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule
 9:00 am-11:00 am, Clothes Closet workday
 5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

July 20, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule
 9:00 am-11:00 pm, Clothes Closet open
 11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study
 3:00 pm, Exceptional Persons Party, Gathering Room
 No Children activities
 No Choir Practice (will resume in August)

July 21, Thursday

9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
 5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

July 22, Friday

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

Upcoming Sermons

Sunday, July 24— “Look Who’s Talking”
Sunday, July 31— “Watch Out!”
Sunday, August 7— “Ready?” Holy Communion
Sunday, August 14— “Set?” Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 28— “Table Manners”

Dates to Remember

July 25, 5 pm, Trustees, via GotoMeeting
 July 26, 5 pm, Finance, Parlor
 July 26, 6 pm, Board of Stewards, Room 201
Christmas in July
 Children’s Mission Activity—Shoebbox
 Packing Party, July 27 @6 pm —Bring \$5.
 Return Stockings by Sunday, July 31.

Honorariums and Memorials

Howell Erwin Fund

In memory of Sue Roberts, given by Sandra Hunter

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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.

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Amy Sanner (Debbie Edwards’ mother)
 Family of Pastor David Buchholz (Attalla First UMC)

Continued Prayer Concerns

Dottie Rogers	Pat Martin	Regina Holloway
Dee McCoy	Lisa Dobbins	Jeannie Cosper
Winnie Mae Beasley		
Alice Hayes (mother of Sam Hayes)		

Birthdays

July 17 Adria Connell, Broasha Williams, Rhett Loveman, Kelly Muratta, Ryan Jackson
July 19 Judy Dawson, Shane Robinson
July 20 Clair Harrison, Parker Casey
July 21 Whit Torbert, Ava Malone, Alexandria Cox, George Cox
July 22 Kathy Torbert, Jenny Guthery
July 23 Louise Ferguson, Marsha Williams, Bob Sisson, Cameron Powell



Please update your family's record in the church office to include all dates of birth. Thank you! —Susan Swann

Week of July 10, 2022

In Person Total *119 Online 346
 Worship Total 465 Thursday Worship *6
 Celebration Service *46/183
 Traditional Worship *67/163
 Adult Sunday School *32/1 Children *4
 Bible Study Groups *13/32
 Children *9 Youth *7 Nursery *6
 Total Attendance *71/25

General Offering Budget \$13,175.00
 General Offering Received \$14,058.00
 YTD General Offering Budget \$368,900.00
 YTD General Offering Rec'd \$376,729.00

Offering for Ukraine: \$4,000.00
2022 Pledges: 82 for \$420,924.85
Text to Give: 256.344.8464

Important Deadlines

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.

Subscribe to the Weekly Church News
You can submit your email to the church office to receive the weekly announcements on Friday.