

MYSTERIOUS *Women* of the Bible

SERMON SERIES

June 2021

Pastor Sam Hayes

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

6-27-21 Sermon Notes "She Was the Weak-Eyed Girl"

This week's mysterious woman of the Bible was part of a family in the Old Testament that was famously "dysfunctional." If you look up the word dysfunctional in dictionary.com, you will find that it means "not performing normally" (as in the case of a bodily organ) or "behaving or acting outside social norms" (as in the case of a family). If you look closely enough at any of our families, you might see something that is not "normal," or just isn't the way someone expected it to be. Have you ever had moments when you thought, "This wasn't what I had in mind?" Have you ever wondered, "Where is God in all this?"

One of my favorite things about our beautiful sanctuary at GFUMC is our stained glass windows. Each of them tells a story from the Bible. But if you walk up and put your face right up to the window and stare at it closely, you will just see a piece of colorful glass. Move even closer, and you will see the gritty details and jagged angles. Nothing to write home about... Step back, though, and take in the entire window. See how all the pieces – all the various colors – come together as if a master artist had a grand design in mind all along. The big picture is what tells the story.

Look at this mysterious woman of the Bible up close...look at her dysfunctional family, and see the gritty details. Up close, all we see are flaws and jagged edges. She is not the girl of anyone's dreams. She is nobody's first choice. However...she is *God's* choice to move forward God's redemptive purpose. Backing up and seeing the big picture, this weak-eyed girl starts to look...well...beautiful! Have you guessed who she is yet? Take a guess, then read Genesis 29: 15-28.

I hope you will join us this Sunday in-person or by livestream!

Pastor Sam



Worship Opportunities

- **Mosaic:** 6:30 pm, Tuesday, (in person and online)
- **Thursday Worship:** 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday Worship

Celebration Service 9:00 am
(In person in the Sanctuary and online)

Traditions Service 11:00 am
(In person in the Sanctuary and online)

www.fumcgadsden.org/media or
on facebook live: @fumcgadsden

Tech Team Schedule

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

June 27

Celebration: Davis Varner, Bill Haller, Tammy Hayes, Sheila Freeman
Traditions: Matthew Vance, Sheila Freeman

July 4

One Worship Service, 11:00 am
Mark Casey, Parker Casey, Brynn Crain, Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven



Youth Ministry News
Wednesday Night
Youth Group 6:00 pm
Room 211/Gym

Youth Summer 2021

Junior High Camp was a success. We had three from GFUMC to join in with a total of 78 kids for the week!

Upcoming: Sunday, August 8th, from 3 pm-11 pm, we will have a youth event. Fun stops in Gadsden, Worship Service with a special guest youth pastor, and much more!

Thanks to everyone who came and worked on Friday, June 18th at the Humane Society, for the United Way "Day of Action".



ELC News

This week at the ELC we enjoyed Papa Johns Pizza. The staff and children continue to adjust to the new playground turf. There is no modification for our summer schedule for July 4th. We will finish summer session on July 28th. Activities have been exploring many summer themes including sea life, the beach, 4th of July and camping.

Helene Haller

Children's Ministry News

GFUMC SUMMER EVENTS 2021

<p>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23 TYE-DYE T-SHIRTS MEET AT 6:00 IN THE PORTICO *BRING YOUR OWN WHITE SHIRT</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 7 MOVIE IN OUR NEW KIDS WORSHIP ROOM MEET AT 6:00. WEAR PAJAMAS, BRING PILLOWS, BLANKETS, AND A SNACK TO SHARE!</p> <p>SUNDAY, JULY 11 SKATING MEET AT MERRY-GO-ROUND SKATING RINK FROM 3:00-5:00</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 21 CHRISTMAS IN JULY MEET AT 6:00 IN THE PORTICO. WE'LL PUT TOGETHER SHOEBOXES FOR "OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD"</p>	<p>IMPORTANT REMINDERS! WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4 WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES START BACK! MEET IN OUR NEW KID'S WORSHIP ROOM 6:00-7:00</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, PROMOTION SUNDAY MEET IN THE KID'S WORSHIP ROOM TO CELEBRATE AND GET PROMOTED TO THE NEXT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!</p>
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"Celebrate Wonder"
 Children's Church
 In-Person, Sundays
 9 am and 11 am Worship

Thanks for a Great VBS!

Children's Ministry & Youth Ministry



Tie Dye Fun



June is Missionary Month

Please pray for our missionaries during the month of June, as we learn more about United Methodist Missionaries around the world! We will also offer special prayers for our missionaries during our worship services.

Sunday, June 27

Bishop Gabriel Yemba Unda cuts the ribbon at the new Amani United Methodist Church.

Thousands of United Methodist faithful in eastern Congo have a new place to worship with the completion of a large, modern church in Amani. The church is the 33rd new church to be built since 2012 as part of Bishop Gabriel Yemba Unda's "Rise and Build" campaign to strengthen evangelism. "I invited everyone to rise and build, because we still had local churches that needed reconstruction given different events like natural disasters," he said.

The church was built with contributions from United Methodists in the region and support from the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries and First United Methodist Church in Martin, Tennessee. "Today, it is the largest church — (called) the Cathedral — and this is now the pride of East Congo."



Sunday, June 20, Campomanes Ramirez, Edwin

Advance # 3022594

Country: Guatemala

Serving at: National Evangelical Primitive Methodist Church of Guatemala

Home Country: Mexico

Edwin Campomanes Ramirez is a United Methodist missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving as the assistant to the president for institutional development at the National Evangelical Primitive Methodist Church of Guatemala. He is based in Quetzaltenango.



Sunday June 13, Camarce, Helen de Leon

Advance # 13953Z

Country: Cambodia

Serving at: Methodist Mission in Cambodia

Home Country: Philippines, Asia and Pacific

Helen de Leon Camarce is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church currently serving as treasurer of the agency's Cambodia and Southeast Asia Missions.

Sunday, June 6, Rev. John Calhoun

Serving At: Pastor of the English Speaking UMC in Vienna, Austria.

Home Country: United States of America, North America

The Rev. John Calhoun is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving as the Multicultural Ministries Leader. John has served in several missionary placements since he was commissioned in 2000.



GFUMC



"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

Ladle of Love

Fridays, 11:00am-

12:00pm, at the portico
entrance

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

Church Phone

256-543-8200

fumc@fumcgadsden.org

[#gfumcreconnect2021](https://twitter.com/gfumcreconnect2021)

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.

Contact the church office to find out how you can connect! [#GFUMCreconnect2021](#)



Sunday Mornings

@ 10:00 am – In Person

- ◆ Living Water Sunday School Class, “Mysteries of the Messiah” by Rabbi Jadon Sobel, Chapel, Room 118.
- ◆ Martin Fellowship Class, “International Sunday School Lessons”, Room 116.
- ◆ Pathfinders Class, “Which Way, Lord”, by Rob Fuquay, Room 208.
- ◆ Seekers Sunday School Class– is currently not meeting. *Members are welcome to meet with another class until Seekers returns.*

In-person

Pastor Sam

Wednesday

**Mornings @ 11 am
Gathering Room**



Online

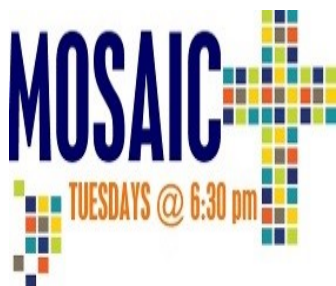
Pastor Sam

**Wednesdays @ 6 pm,
online, FACEBOOK Live
(Also, available on-demand on
the GFUMC website or church
app under the media tab.)**

**In-Person: Wednesday Nights, 6:00 pm, w/Harriet Murray
will not meet during June and July. Return in August.**

Thursdays, Men at the Well, 7:00 am via Zoom

“The Miracles of Jesus” with Roger Thompson. *Contact the church office for more information on how to join this online study.*



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. Check out the Mosaic Facebook Page for weekly devotionals and for updates about in-person worship @ 6:30 pm on Tuesdays in the gym or portico/courtyard, depending on the weather.

UMW NEWS

Join us as we start our **UMW** Summertime Get-Togethers.

Summertime Dinner: Tuesday, **June 29th**, "Downtown Chief Restaurant",
5:30 pm, Gathering/mingle, 6:00 pm, Dinner

July Calendar of Events

July 20, Tuesday at 6:00 pm, Summertime Dinner at "The Rail House"

July 22-24, North Alabama Conference Virtual Mission U (more info to come)

This is a conference with guest speakers on the following topics:

- *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*, edited by James Brown, taught by Rev. Denise Mullaney
- *Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools*, by Monique, taught by Rev. Melissa Self Patrick
- *Bearing Witness in the Kingdom: Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship*, by Darryl W. Stephens, taught by Abi Carlise-Wilke.
- *Responding to Violence: A Curriculum for Children's Facilitators*, by Sue Raymond, taught by Patricia Lane



GADSDEN FIRST UMC

Let Freedom Ring

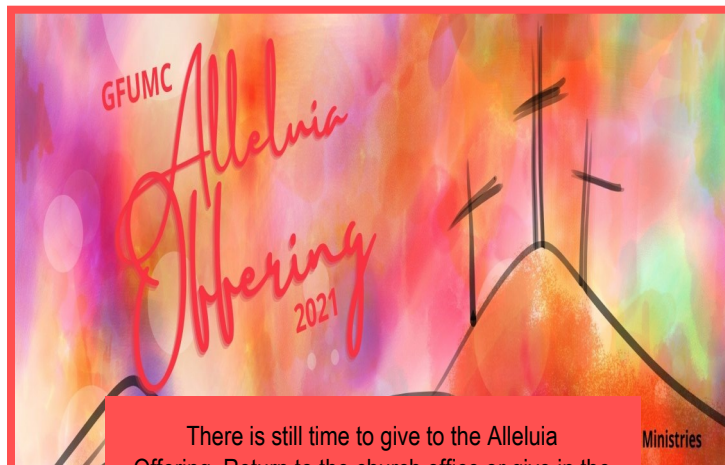
One United Worship Service
Sunday, July 4, 11:00 am



Have you downloaded the Church App?
It is a great way to reconnect! Go to: **FUMCGadsden**
(Available in the App Stores for Android or iPhone!)



Any questions about offerings, gifts or financial issues for the church should be directed to Sheila Witherspoon. She is currently serving as our interim Financial Secretary. **You can reach Sheila Witherspoon at the church office at 256-543-8200 or email at giving@fumcgadsden.org.**



There is still time to give to the Alleluia Offering. Return to the church office or give in the offering plates in the sanctuary.

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

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Calendar for June 27-July 3, 2021

June 27, Sunday

9:00 am, **Celebration Service, in Sanctuary & live streamed**
 10:00 am, **Martin Fellowship, Pathfinders, & Living Water**
 Sunday School classes, in person
 11:00 am, **Traditions Service, in Sanctuary & live streamed**

June 28, Monday

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

June 29, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, **ELC Summer Schedule;**
 5:00-6:00 pm, **Yoga, Gym**
 6:30 pm, **Mosaic, In person/Livestream**

June 30, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, **ELC Summer Schedule**
 11:00 am, **Bible Study w/Pastor Sam, in person**
 6:00 pm, **Bible Study w/Pastor Sam, online**
 6:00 pm, **Youth, Gym & 211**
 6:00 pm, **Choir Practice, Choir Room**

July 1, Thursday

9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
 7:00 am, **Men at the Well Journey Group, Zoom**
 5:30 pm, **Thursday Worship, Sanctuary**

July 2, Friday

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

The Flowers on the Altar are given in honor of Jessie George and Matt Timmons on their 10th Wedding Anniversary and in memory of James B. and LuVerna Waid.

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund:

In memory of Rabun Johnson given by Gloria Rives..
 In memory of Rick Countryman given by Gloria Rives.
 In memory of Marj Ross given by Juanita Hammons.

Sara Rabun Johnson Scholarship Fund:

In memory of Rabun Johnson given by Karen & Lanny Lancaster.

Music Fund

In memory of Marj Ross given by Rick & Amy Feitl.
 In loving memory of Marj Ross given by Debbie, Don, & Tommy Hiltz.

Covid – Update

With the easing of mask requirements from the CDC, we have put the hymnals and offering envelopes back in the pews. We have removed the signs blocking off every other pew. We still have masks and hand sanitizer available at the entrances and encourage people to use them as needed, especially those who are not fully vaccinated.

Pastor Sam Hayes & Pastor Andy Yarnell

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Carma Rayburn Donny Gray
 Dr. Ed Thompson Dot Thompson
 Cathy Graham (Eileen Graham's daughter)
 Crystal Roden Anderson (Allison Casey's cousin)
 Mikey Tonagel
 (Collins & Belinda Tackaberrys' son-in-law)



Continued Prayer Concerns

Jack Floyd Glen Pierson
 Ruby Christine Poland (granddaughter of Jeff & Cathea Poland)
 Ann Elizabeth Casey (great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)
 Julia Keenum (Peggy Casey's mother)
 Yvonne Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's step-mother)
 Mary Nichols (Patsy Blankenship's mother)

Birthdays.....

June 27 Ciara Caldwell, John Freeman
June 28 Albert Gibson, Lee Pruet, Grace Walton
July 1 Carma Rayburn, Lauren Blackstock, Lilly Ostendorf, Sarah Kate Brookshire
July 2 Gene Dean, Susan McCord, Gavin Martin
July 3 Todd Rains, Jody Sizemore



Week of June 13, 2021

*In Person Total *228	Overall Total 469
Online Viewer Total *241	Mosaic *11
Thursday *13	Sunday School *33
Celebration Service *47/106	
Traditions *96/121	Children *9
Bible Study Groups *42/15	Youth *10
General Offering Budget \$15,200.00	
General Offering Received \$7,443.00	
YTD General Offering Budget \$380,000.00	
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$344,409.00	



2021 Alleluia Offering
\$15,588.00
Designated for
Children's Ministry
Room 6,650.00

Total \$22,238.00