

COULD WE START AGAIN, PLEASE?

PASTOR SAM HAYES

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

11-7-21

Sermon Notes

"Could We Start Again, Please?"

This Sunday is special for a number of reasons. First, *every* Sunday is special, because every Sunday is a remembrance of that first Sunday that Jesus rose from the dead! In a sense, every Sunday is Easter Sunday! Second, this Sunday is All Saints Sunday. All Saints Sunday is the first Sunday after All Saints Day (which is celebrated on November 1). Sometimes All Saints Day is celebrated the day before, on All Hallows (Saints) Eve (a.k.a. Halloween). All Saints Sunday is a day to celebrate and remember the lives of the saints who have gone before us into glory. I love All Saints Sunday! John Wesley loved it too. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley called All Saints "a festival I truly love." Charles Wesley loved it as well. In his hymn, "Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above," (#709 in our hymnal), Charles writes, "Let saints on earth united to sing, with those to glory gone, for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one." We *do* believe in the "communion of saints," after all. That's what we confess in the Apostles' Creed.

Next, this Sunday is special because we will be starting a three-week series called, "Showvember." We will be using tunes from musical theatre to help us see the truth of the Gospel. This week, we will be hearing a song from the musical, "Jesus Christ Superstar." It features Mary Magdalene and Peter remembering Jesus, and wishing they could see him again so they could appreciate him more the next time. The name of the song is, "Could We Start Again, Please?" Here is one of the lines in the song:

*I've been living to see you
Dying to see you
But it shouldn't be like this
This was unexpected
What do I do now?
Could we start again, please?*

Regret...sadness...wishing to have a "do-over"... all these things filled Mary Magdalene's heart as she made her way to the tomb early that Sunday morning. We will read about it this Sunday in John 20: 1-13. Is it really possible to start all over?

Finally, this Sunday will be special because we will celebrate Holy Communion together. Won't you join us for this special day?

See you Sunday,
Pastor Sam



Worship Opportunities

- **Mosaic:** 6:00 pm, **Thursday**, (In person @ Back Forty Beer Company)
- **Thursday Worship:** 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday Worship

All Saints' Sunday will be celebrated in both worship services.

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.)

November 7

Celebration Eric Wright, Brynn Crain, Brad Barnes

Traditions Tammy Hayes, Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

November 14

Celebration Eric Wright, Bill Haller, Zach Hillburn

Traditions Mark Condra, Sheila Freeman

The Amazing Chemistry Show

Sunday, November 14 @6:00 in the gym
Food truck dinner @5:00 in the portico

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Fun for all ages!



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

SHOWEMBER

Sunday, November 7

"Could We Start Again, Please?"

Music from the Broadway Show, "Jesus Christ, Superstar"

Sunday, November 14

"God Help the Outcasts"

Music from the Broadway Show,
"The Hunchback of Notre Dame"

Sunday, November 21

"All Good Gifts"

Music from the Broadway Show, "Godspell"

SERMON SERIES

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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
- Offering Plates are located at the entrances the sanctuary.



Youth Ministry News

Wednesday Nights Youth Group
6:00 pm Room 211/Gym

Youth are working at Trunk or Treat on October 31 from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Wednesday, October 27th, at 6:00 pm, be sure to wear a costume to youth group.

Other news: The youth made 50 dog treats for the "Blessing of the Animals" service on October 10.

They packed 100 bags for Ladle of Love this month.

Confirmation Class information will be coming soon!

ELC News

We had a great time hosting our annual Halloween Parade. Visit the ELC Face Book page for pictures and more of this special day.

On Wednesday, November 3 and Thursday November 4, Patrick Wright with Professional Photography Group will be here for Fall Picture Review.

We are looking forward to watching "Mouse on the Move" on Thursday, November 4th, brought to us by our own Molly Page.

—Helene Haller

Dinner: November 10, No Wednesday Night Dinner or Youth or Children's Activities. Enjoy the Veteran's Parade and Activities with your family.

Children's Ministry

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November 14 @ 6:00

Christmas Play Practice
Wednesday's 6:45-7:00:

- October 6, 13, 20, and 27
- November 3, 10, and 17
- December 1 and 8

Dress Rehearsal
Sunday, December 12 at 3:00
Performance at 5:00

"Celebrate Wonder" Children's Church
In-Person, Sundays 9 am and 11 am during Worship
Children's Worship Room (Room 108)



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.

Wednesday Night Supper
 There will be no Wednesday night meal or Bible Study on Wednesday, November 10 due to early dismissal for school and due to the special activities for Veteran’s Day. We will see you on Wednesday, November 17!

No In-Person Bible Study this Wednesday ,November 10. “The Gospel of Luke” w/Pastor Sam

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.)

Thursdays, Men at the Well, 7:00 am via Zoom– A Study of Genesis

You are invited to join the weekly ZOOM bible study with the Men at the Well small group. Everyone is invited to join this discussion group. It meets each Thursday morning at 7 am. Tammy Jackson is leading the current study of Genesis 1-11, pre-history and what it means to us.

Go to www.fumcgadsden.org/menatthewell for more details.
 Contact **Todd Rains, Mark Condra or Mark Casey** or any of the Men at the Well for more information and the Zoom link.

Sunday School Classes

- Living Water Sunday School Class, “Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple” by Adam Hamilton, Chapel, Room 118.
- Martin Fellowship Class, “International Sunday School Lessons”, Room 116.
- Pathfinders Class, “ The God We Can Know” by Rob Fuquay, Room 208
- Seekers, Discovery and The Middle Sunday School Classes are currently not meeting.



Missions for November

Thanksgiving Bags.....are ready at the Chestnut Street Lobby to pick up and fill with food for the Salvation Army to distribute to families. Attached to the bag is a list of suggested items to help someone make a nice meal for their family. These will need to be returned to the church by Friday, November 19, in order to get them to the Salvation Army to be distributed to families.

Thank you! Mission Team



CommUnity
Thanksgiving
Dinner

It is that time of year when we begin preparing for the **CommUnity Thanksgiving** event. It WILL go on this year with some changes due to Covid 19 guidelines. As in the past, our church will provide the money to purchase the desserts for the meal. They are planning on feeding 7,000 people this year. We are going to have individually wrapped Cakes (Little Debbie) instead of the usual pound cakes. If you would like to make a donation, please send a check or e-give and mark it for CommUnity Thanksgiving. Thanks for your unending generosity.

There are many Volunteer Opportunities for Thanksgiving week for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. To sign up for a time convenient for you please call: 256-459-5255 or log-in to Facebook: CommUnity-Thanksgiving-Celebration. —Your Mission Team

Serving as Disciples through Missions

Your Mission Team will be taking Jack's Biscuits to our hospital workers at both GRMC and Riverview to say "Thank You!" for their tireless and unending CARE of our community. Our youth will be making giant cards for all of us to sign.

Striplin Elementary School

This is a reminder that we are still collecting for the Striplin School Fund! The A/B Honor Roll Bags will be prepared soon for our students and the \$50.00 Visa cards for the "Teacher's of the Month" will be given out soon. It takes \$600.00 to fulfill our commitment to all of the Teachers' cards. PLEASE give to support our adopted school so we can help make a difference in the lives of our children. Thank you for your continued generosity, -Your Mission Team

UMW NEWS



UMW Luncheon will be Monday, November 8 at 12:00 noon in the gathering room. The Executive Board will meet at 10:30 am in room 208 (Seekers Classroom). The program will be "Maximizing Mental Health" presented by Kelly Waits Cochran. The luncheon will be catered by Chicken Salad Chick. Please call in your reservation by noon on Friday, Nov.5 to Delores Abney at 256-458-0376 or email to deloresdda53@gmail.com.

Upcoming for December 2021

The December UMW Luncheon will be the first Monday, December 6, beginning at noon in the Gathering Room. We will have a catered lunch in the gathering room. The ELC children will be our special program. Watch the newsletter for who will be catering the luncheon. We will have poinsettias available to be taken to our homebound members.

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

Clients served in
September

Ladle of Love 404

Clothes Closet 200



Hats off to our volunteers

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

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

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Calendar for November 7-November 13, 2021

Nov 7, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Service, in Sanctuary & live stream
 10:00 am, Adult Sunday School Classes
 11:00 am, Traditions Service, in Sanctuary & live stream

Nov 8, Monday

9:00am-1:00pm, ELC Fall Schedule
 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
 10:30 am, UMW Board meeting, Room 208
 12:00 noon, UMW Luncheon, Gathering Room
 6:00 pm, Choir Practice

Nov 9, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule
 5:00-6:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

Nov 10, Wednesday

9:00 am-11:30 pm, ELC close early
 11:00 am, No Wednesday Morning Bible Study

ALL SAINTS DAY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Nov 10, Wednesday

No Wednesday night meal
No Bible Study & Children's activities

Nov 11, Thursday

7:00 am, Men at the Well Journey Group, Zoom
 ELC closed

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

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

6:00 pm, Mosaic, @ Back Forty Warehouse

Nov 12, Friday

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

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund:

In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Evelyn & Glen Pierson.
 In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Rod Porter & Holland.
 In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Brenda Gregory.
 In memory of Betty Abel, given by Sonya Nesbitt.
 In memory of Charles Huguley, given by Sonya Nesbitt.
 In memory of Dr. Ed Thompson, given by Sonya Nesbitt.
 In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Sonya Nesbitt.

Ladle of Love:

In memory of Bill Campbell, given by Charles & Paula Stenmoe.
 In memory of Bill Campbell, given by Jim & Jane Hicks.
 In memory of Bill Campbell, given by Stan & Pat Walker.
 In memory of Bill Campbell, given by Don & Debbie Hiltz.

Howell Erwin Medical Fund:

In memory of Wanda Hemby, given by Don & Debbie Hiltz.
 In memory of Bill Campbell, given by George & Lori Varner..

Sara Rabun Johnson Scholarship Fund (Correction)

In memory of Wanda Hemby, given by LuVerna Waid Circle.

Save the Date:

The Amazing Chemistry Show

Sunday, November 14, 6:00 pm

In the Gym

All Ages are invited!

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Tomilyn Isbell
 Stan Walker
 Lisa Dobbins



Continued Prayer Concerns

Carma Rayburn Martha Bullock
 Jan Humphrey
 Ann Elizabeth Casey (great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)
 Mikey Tonagel (Collins & Belinda Tackaberry's son-in-law)

November Birthdays.....

Nov 7 Alison McCoy
 Nov 8 Dee Grimes, Hunter Skipper
 Nov 9 Jane Ann Gann, Lynn Page, Oliver Wright
 Nov 10 Katharine Barnes
 Nov 11 Sherre McGinnis
 Nov 12 Paul McIntyre, Bart Scott, Scott Skipper, Emily Lindsey
 Nov 13 Wesley Shumate
 Nov 14 Juanita Hammons



Prayer Concerns

Are for our members and their families. Please notify the pastors or church office with any updates on Prayer Concerns... Ongoing or New.

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.

Week of October 31, 2021

*In Person Total *315 Overall Total 617
 Online Viewer Total 302 Mosaic *6
 Thursday *9 Adult Sunday School *30
 Celebration *49/130 Traditions *75/160
 Children *31 Youth *26 Other *80
 Bible Study Groups *9/22
 General Offering Budget \$15,200.00
 General Offering Received \$8,490.92
 YTD General Offering Budget \$668,800.00
 YTD General Offering Rec'd \$576,463.00

Text to Give: 256.344.8464



November 7, 2021

<i>Mary Rowan Freeman</i>	<i>October 22, 2020</i>
<i>Sonya Cantrell</i>	<i>November 29, 2020</i>
<i>Bill Hale</i>	<i>December 14, 2020</i>
<i>Anne Byrum</i>	<i>December 25, 2020</i>
<i>Redia Brooks</i>	<i>December 26, 2020</i>
<i>Joanne Hightower</i>	<i>January 2, 2021</i>
<i>Leda Taylor</i>	<i>January 2, 2021</i>
<i>Betty Jo Miller</i>	<i>January 26, 2021</i>
<i>Marj Ross</i>	<i>May 2, 2021</i>
<i>Pandora McLeod</i>	<i>May 23, 2021</i>
<i>Virginia Yocum</i>	<i>June, 10, 2021</i>
<i>Dot Thompson</i>	<i>July 1, 2021</i>
<i>Ina Davis</i>	<i>July 7, 2021</i>
<i>Jack Floyd</i>	<i>August 24, 2021</i>
<i>Barbara Morrison</i>	<i>September 6, 2021</i>
<i>Betty Abel</i>	<i>September 21, 2021</i>
<i>Charles Huguley</i>	<i>October 11, 2021</i>
<i>Ed Thompson</i>	<i>October 12, 2021</i>
<i>William (Bill) Campbell</i>	<i>October 14, 2021</i>

