

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

Gadsden First News

The People of Gadsden First United Methodist Church
Changing Lives by *Sharing Christ, Making Disciples,*
Serving and Giving Hope



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115 So. 5th St. Gadsden, AL 35901

October 6, 2019

Calendar for October 6– October 12, 2019

Oct 6, Sunday, 8:45 am, Celebration Service, Gym;
10:00 am, Sunday School; **10:55 am,** Traditional Service, Sanctuary
Oct 7, Monday, 9:00-1:00 pm, ELC; **9:00 am,** Exercise Group, Gym
Oct 8, Tuesday, 9:00-1:00 pm, ELC; **5:00 pm,** Yoga, Gym;
6:30 pm, Mosaic, Back Forty Warehouse
Oct 9, Wednesday, 9:00-1:00 pm, ELC; **11:00 am,** Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 201-Gathering Room; **12:15 pm,** Prayer team, Sanctuary; **5:15 pm,** Wednesday Meal, Gathering Room;
6:00 pm, Adult Journey Groups, Rooms 110 & 201-Gathering Room; Childrens Journey Groups & Choir, Rooms 102,106,108; Youth Activities, 211, Gym; **6:00 pm,** Choir Practice, Room 100
Oct 10, Thursday, 9:00-1:00 pm, ELC; **9:00 am,** Exercise Group, Gym;
5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary **Oct 11, Friday, 11:00-12:30 pm,** Ladle of Love



Serving This Sunday

Sound Tech: George Varner
Ushers:* Mark Condra, Donny Gray, Mike Piper, Ricky Young
Greeters: Janie Gray, Mary Tom Hale, Sandi Piper
Acolytes: Sara Margaret Waits, Elizabeth Barnes
Children's Church:
Celebration: Jillian Sherrouse
Tradition: Beth Kelley

Memorials and Honoraria

UMCOR: In memory of Tom Dawson, Bob Echols, Dave Wilson, Tripp Leach, and Iris Isbell given by Dr. & Mrs. Adrian Chandler.
Music Fund: In memory of Sarah Shew given by Judy and Mandell Tillman. In memory of Harry & Lillie Vane given by Kathye Vance. In memory of Sara Nolen given by Sonya Nesbitt. In memory of Wayne Cospers, Jane Gomillion, and J.C. Chandler, Jr. given by DeLeath & Gloria Rives.
Altar Flowers Fund: In memory of Suzi Beason given by Marian Ford.
Homebound/Caring Angels: In memory of Jane Gomillion given by Sonya Nesbitt. In memory of Jane Gomillion given by Marian Ford.
ELC Sara R. Johnson Scholarship Fund: In memory of Suzi Beason given by Jane & Larry Hughes.

Volunteer Opportunity!

Mountain Lakes District Pastor Appreciation Dinner

When: October 21 at 6:00 pm
Where: GFUMC Gym
This event is sponsored by the District to honor pastors and spouses. It will be hosted by our church. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, serving, and clean up. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sandra Hill at 256-478-0002 or email bitbit4@bellsouth.net, in advance of the event.

You would need to arrive at 5:30 and should be through by 7:30.

*In memory of her life
Jane Kinarad Gomillion
September 27, 2019*



Sunday, Oct 13

10:00 am, Blessing of the Animals.
5:30 pm, Movie on the Block



Sunday, Oct 20, Children's Sabbath

A special offering will be received at each worship service for Children's Missions and Outreach including:
Striplin Adopted School - A/B Honor Roll & Attendance Reward Parties, Teacher of the Month and Teacher of the Year Recognition, and Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

C.L.I.C.K.- "Children Learning in Christ's Kingdom"—to provide daily nutritious snacks for the children. (This replaces the monthly snacks donated each month last year by small groups.)

Wed., Oct 23, 5:00 pm, Fall Fest & Chili Supper

Free Chili Supper, Games, Activities & Inflatables—fun for the entire family and you can INVITE SOMEONE!

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Bill Haller, Jr. Joanne Hightower
Regina Holloway Tom Quinn
John Robert (Bobby) McElroy, Jr.
Family of Jane Gomillion

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Wayne Payton Marian Ford
Ormond Grimes Ina Davis
Gloria Vickery (Chris Thrasher's sister)

Birthdays.....

Oct 6 Susan Swann,
Emily Kate Hayes
Oct 7 Miller Wigley
Oct 9 Jack Floyd, Kinley Freeman
Oct 10 Cynthia Whitt, Abigail Ross
Oct 12 Dotty Ivey



Week of September 29, 2019

Total Attendance	284	Tradition	148
Mosaic	16	Thursday	19
Celebration	95	Online	6
Sunday School	87		
Volunteer Service Hours	170		
People Served	340		
General Offering Budget	\$14,879.00		
General Offering Received	\$ 6,185.00.00		
YTD General Offering Budget	\$580,281.00		
YTD General Offering Received	\$558,270.04		

Sunday's Schedule

8:45 am, Celebration
10:00 am, Sunday School
10:55 am, Traditional Service
Monday-Thursday
9:00-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule
Monday
9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
Tuesday
5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym
6:30 pm, Mosaic, Back Forty
Wednesday
11:00 am Wednesday Bible Study
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Meal
6:00 pm Adult Journey Groups;
Children's Journey Groups
6:00 pm Choir Practice
Thursday
9:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
5:30 pm **Thursday Worship**
Friday
11:00-12:30 pm, Ladle of Love
Church Office
256-543-8200

Show Up! Grow Deep! Reach Out!

Mountain Lakes District
An Evening of Worship with the People
Bishop Wallace-Padgett

When: October 7, 2019, 6:30 pm
Where: Christ Central UMC



Sunday Mornings Sunday School 10 am
Preschool-Nursery-Room 115
Grades K-1st-2nd-Room 114 Grades 3rd-4th-5th-Room 106
Children's Church- October 6, Room 102
Celebration: Jillian Sherrouse
Tradition: Beth Kelley

Wednesday Nights

All Kids age 3 through 5th Grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays for "Can You Believe It?" Worship & Small Groups! We are building our faith on solid ground, learning the heart of what we believe as Christians. Nursery is also available for Infants - Age 3. **Parents, please remember to Check-In your children on the iPad in the Portico Entrance. Thanks! Pastor Carrie**

Youth Sunday School, 10 am-Rm 211
The Book of John
Youth Group, Wednesdays, 6 pm
"Dare to Dream"



October 5th- Youth Trip to the Haunted Chicken House. Meeting at the church @ 5:30 for pizza before we leave. \$10 per student.
October 13th- Youth— ask how you can help with the Blessing of the Animals Service.
October 30th- Youth Halloween Party

North Alabama Conference Historical Society

The North Alabama Conference Historical Society will convene for its fall 2019 meeting at historic Athens United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 12, 2019. The church is located at 208 West Hobbs Street, Athens, Alabama. The meeting will be in the Youth Center. Registration is at 9 am with the program starting at 9:45 am. There is no charge to attend the program. **Please make your reservation for lunch (\$10.00) by sending your name, address, phone, and church name by mail no later than Saturday, October 5, to Geneva Blackburn, 1620 Ashley Wood Way, Vestavia, AL 35216**

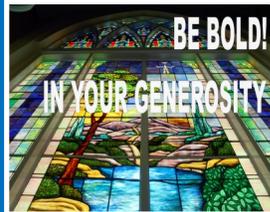
UMW



October 14th UMW Luncheon at 12 noon. Program is "Never Surrender" with Mary Hager. Board Meeting at 10:30 am, room 106. Deco & clean up by LuVerna Waid Circle.
Circle Meetings
Jean Holtsford Circle **Oct 14th, @ 1:15 pm**, Room 208.
Peggy Casey Circle, **Oct 14th @ 6 pm**, at Baja California Cantina & Grill, Rainbow City

United Methodist Women of Gadsden First

Information about all our UMW circles and what they are doing is available in the Chestnut Street Lobby entrance. If you are already attending a circle, please invite someone to come with you that is not attending. Remember to **"BE BOLD"** in your hospitality.



Thank you for supporting your church with your worship, growth, hospitality, mission & service and your generosity. **Because you give**, we are able to do amazing ministries in our community – ministries like *Ladle of Love*, *Clothes Closet*, supporting students and teachers at *Striplin Elementary*, helping support awesome community programs like *C.L.I.C.K.*, *Love Center*, and *211*. **Because you give** we are able to do new outreach ministries like *Mosaic*, reaching new people in new ways with the love of Christ! **Because you give** we are able to make plans to *expand* our already-great children ministry, youth ministry, music and missions.

Promise Cards Received: 55 Total Pledged: \$329,660

Please return your 2020 Estimate of Giving Card by October 15. When prayerfully considering how you can give and serve, and then filling out your promise card, I want to encourage you to remember two words: **"Be Bold!"**

—Pastor Sam —Jay Hedgspeth
Senior Pastor Generosity Team Chair

Sermon Outline Key

Quality, real, rest, already, future,
present, release

Who: Everyone and their pet(s) are welcome!

What: Blessing of the Animals

Pets of all sizes, shapes, and varieties are welcome. Please ensure they are secured in a way that provides safety for them and the other pets present.



Meet us for a blessing & refreshments!

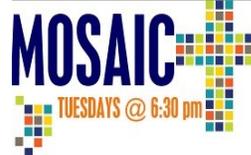
When: October 13, 2019 at 10:00 am

Where: On the West Lawn (near 6th Street Portico Entrance)

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For more info, please contact the church office at 256-543-8200.



Invite someone to visit with us
at **Mosaic Tuesday nights at the Back Forty Brewery at 6:30 pm.**

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

A Study of Revelation with Pastor Sam
at 11:00 am, Gathering Room



Wonderful Wednesday and Dinner

Oct. 9, 5:15 pm

Small Groups for Adults, 6 pm

A Study of Revelation with Pastor Sam, Gathering Room
How Happiness Happens by Max Lucado with Harriet Murray, Room 110

Small Groups & Activities for Youth & Children: 6:00 PM

Menu: **Barbecue Pork or Chicken 5:15PM, \$5, \$2 Kids<12**

Name _____ 10/9/2019

_____ Adults # _____ Children under 12
_____ Permanent Reservation

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 13
10:00AM
WEST LAWN
BY THE PORTICO
ENTRANCE



On Sunday, October 13, you are warmly invited to join us at 10:00am in the West Lawn for our First Annual Blessing of the Animals! Pets of all sizes, shapes, and varieties are welcome. Please ensure they are secured in a way that provides safety for them and the other pets present. You are also welcome to bring a photo of your pet if they are unable to accompany you. For those who have lost a pet recently, you are invited to bring a photo to place on our Memorial Wall. This blessing event is a chance to give thanks for all God's Creation, especially our pets and the special place they hold in our hearts and lives. We look forward to seeing you and your pet!

Children's Sabbath

A Celebration of Children's Ministry

Sunday, October 20

Both Worship Services

On Sunday, October 20 during both Worship Services, we will celebrate ALL the amazing ministries Gadsden First United Methodist Church does with & for children – Children's Church, Sunday School, Wednesday Worship, the Nursery, The Early Learning Center, Striplin Elementary School, and the CLICK After-School Program. Children will serve in various ways during Worship, they will sing in the Traditions Service, and we will collect a special offering for our two Children's Mission Ministries,



CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY

Striplin & CLICK. **The goal for this offering is \$4000.**

For Striplin, this will support A/B Honor Roll Parties, Teacher of the Month Gifts, Perfect Attendance Awards, PTO Sponsorships, and the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. For CLICK, this will support daily, nutritious

snacks for the entire school year. This will replace the monthly collections made by small groups last year. It is sure to be a meaningful & special time of worship! We hope to see you there!



DOWNTOWN MOVIE ON THE BLOCK

Disney
Aladdin



FREE POPCORN AND COKES

FOOD VENDORS ON SITE

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

5:30-8:30 PM

MOVIE BEGINS AT 6:30 PM

THIS COMMUNITY
EVENT IS SPONSORED BY



GADSDEN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

FALL
FEST

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

5:00 - 7:00 PM



GAMES

CHILI AND
HOT DOGS

JOIN US FOR:

CANDY

BOUNCY HOUSE & SLIDE

FACE PAINTING

MUSIC

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ALL ARE
WELCOME!