

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

ROCKTOBER

Sermon Series

"I'M A BELIEVER"

60's Sunday
Oct 3 • Rev. Andy Yarnell

TRADITIONS

October

Oct. 3 - World Communion Sunday
"Holding onto Integrity in Hard Times"
Rev. Sam Hayes
Sanctuary | 11:00 A.M.
First United Methodist Church of Gadsden
115 S. 5th Street
www.fumcgadsden.org/media

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

10-3-21 Sermon Notes "Holding On To Integrity In Hard Times"
World Communion Sunday

Sometimes I think I am having a bad day...maybe even a "terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day." (Did you read that children's book?) Then I remember Job. We have heard about Job, haven't we, and we have said this person has "the patience of Job," or that person has "the troubles of Job." It's almost as if Job becomes so familiar a part of our language that we forget that Job was a real person. His story reads like a fable, but he was a real person. He is mentioned not only in Ezekiel 14: 14,20, but also in James 5: 11. He was a real man with real troubles, and lived in the land of Uz (near Edom). The first chapters of the book of Job establish some important facts about this guy:

He was very prosperous - in his character ("perfect and upright" – think "perfect" in the sense of mature and complete, not sinless), in his family (ten children - in a Patriarchal Age a large family was seen as a blessing), and in his material possessions (land, animals, servants). He had much trouble! His wealth was taken away suddenly, his children killed suddenly, and finally his health taken away.

He was faithful. Job said in 1: 21, *"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."* Then these powerful words in 1: 22 – *"In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrongdoing."*

Job might not have "charged God" but Job's wife did, bless her heart. She suggested that Job just go ahead and "curse God and die." (2:9) I try to consider Job's wife's situation. She had lost 10 children in one day. That would devastate anybody. The family wealth was gone – POOF! Her once-great husband was now sitting in the city garbage dump, suffering from some terrible disease. It is understandable that she would question God. It is understandable that she would tell her husband curse God and die, and just get out of all this misery.

Her question to Job is what haunts me in this story. "Do you still persist in your integrity?" This is what we will talk about Sunday. How does a person hold on to his or her integrity, even in the midst of terribly hard time? How did Job do it? More importantly – how do we do it?

The Scripture Sunday will be Job 1: 1; 2: 1-10.

See you Sunday,
Pastor Sam

See Page 2 for Sermon Notes for "Rocktober" Celebration Worship.

Worship Opportunities

- **Mosaic:** 6:00 pm,
Thursday, (In person @
Back Forty Beer Company)
- **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.)

October 3

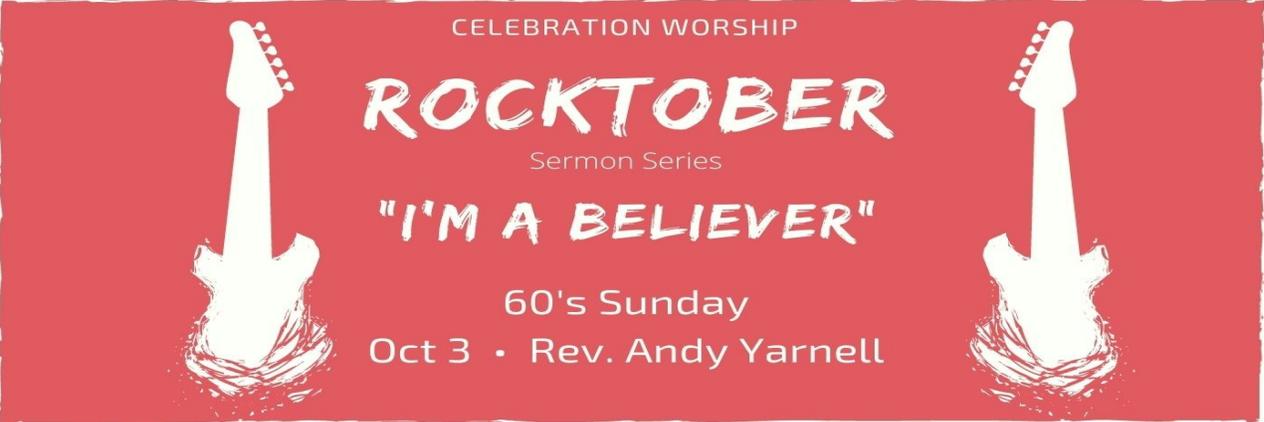
Celebration Mark Casey,
Parker Casey

Traditions Tammy Hayes,
Sheila Freeman

October 10

Celebration Eric Wright, Bill Haller,
Brad Barnes, Liz Barnes

Traditions Tammy Hayes,
Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven



Sermon Notes: Celebration, 10.3.21, "I'm A Believer"

This entire month we are having our Rocktober sermon series in the Celebration Service. This week we start with "I'm a Believer" from the 60's. I got to see Davey Jones perform at Epcot in 2008. The song says "Then I saw her face, now I'm a believer, not a trace, of doubt in my mind". Our scripture talks about the time Thomas had to see Jesus back from the dead with his own eyes to be a believer. He had to see the face of Jesus and actually see the wounds on his arms too.

Some key points from this passage that we will talk about this Sunday.

- *Jesus was not angry with Thomas for having doubts.*
- *We need to be respectful of where other people are at on their spiritual journey. Why might they currently have doubts?*
- *We all struggle with doubt from time to time.*
- *John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist church, struggled with faith at times. We will talk about what he did to grow in faith.*

Join us for Celebration and stay at 10am for Blessing of the Animals @ 10am in the Greenspace.

John 20:24-30

Common English Bible

Jesus appears to Thomas and the disciples 24 Thomas, the one called Didymus,[a] one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!" But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe." 26 After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!" 28 Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe." 30 Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll.

—Pastor, Andy

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SERMON SERIES

60'S SUNDAY-OCT 3 • "I'M A BELIEVER" • REV. ANDY YARNELL
 70'S SUNDAY-OCT 10 • "MY SWEET LORD" • REV. SAM HAYES
 80'S SUNDAY-OCT 17 • "LIVIN' ON A PRAYER" • REV. ANDY YARNELL
 90'S SUNDAY-OCT 23 • "I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR" • PASTOR SAM HAYES
 2000'S SUNDAY-OCT 31 • "KRYPTONITE" • REV. ANDY YARNELL

SANCTUARY | 9 AM
 FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GADSDEN
 115 S. 5TH ST

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TRADITIONS

October

Oct. 3 - World Communion Sunday-
 "Holding onto Integrity in Hard Times" Rev. Sam Hayes
 Oct. 10 - "Bitter Complaints" Rev. Andy Yarnell
 Oct. 17- "Answers from the Whirlwind" Rev. Sam Hayes
 Oct. 24 - "I Can See" Rev. Andy Yarnell
 Oct. 31 - "Not Far From the Kingdom" Rev Sam Hayes

Sanctuary | 11:00 A.M.

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Blessing of the ANIMALS

Sunday, October 3, 10 am
 West Lawn
 (near the portico entrance)
 Gadsden First UMC



On Sunday, October 3, you are warmly invited to join us at 10 am on the West Lawn (near the portico entrance) for the "Blessing of the Animals". Pets of all sizes, shapes, and varieties are welcome! Please ensure that your pet is secured in a way that provides safety for them and for the other pets present. You are 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.



Any questions about offerings, gifts or financial issues for the church should be directed to Sheila Witherspoon, Financial Secretary. **You can reach Sheila Witherspoon or Pam Deru in the church office at 256-543-8200 or email to giving@fumcgadsden.org.**

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

Saturday, October 9-Youth Fall Fun Night
5:00 pm, Meet at the church for pizza and then we will go to the Chicken House. Let Pastor Andy know that you are coming!

ELC News

Fall Pictures Tuesday, October 5th and Wednesday, October 6th.

Sale News: Thank you to all who participated in our Fall 2021 sale. We had 35 consignors who brought us 2,330 items. We sold right at 37% of these items and another 30% of the unsold items were donated to our clothes closet. Volunteer hours totaled 214. This sale would not be a success without everyone coming together and working hard to make it happen. Through consignor fees, girls' night out tickets and sale proceeds, we will clear \$2200 for special projects. One area we desperately want to improve is the third floor play area. Thank you again and many blessings to you all.

—Helene Haller

Dinner: Wednesday, Oct 6 • \$7 per person • \$3 for 11 & Under:
Menu: Chicken Fingers, Mac-n-Cheese, Green Beans, Dessert
Don't forget to make a reservation for Wonderful Wednesday Family Supper by Noon on Mondays!

Children's Ministry News

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

gfumc Kid's Fall Calendar
EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT
6:00-7:00

KID'S SING IN ONE SERVICE SUNDAY 9/26 10:00	THE AMAZING CHEMISTRY SHOW SUNDAY 11/14 6:00-7:00
FALL FESTIVAL SUNDAY 10/31 2:00-4:00	CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY 12/12 TBD

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GFUMC
Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 31
2:00-4:00
108 Casey Drive
Gadsden, AL 35903

costumes games food



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
 October 6, 5:15 pm
 Chicken Fingers, Mac-n-Cheese
 Dinner: \$7 per person
 Children 11 and under: \$3
 (Max \$20 per family.)
 Make a reservation by
 Monday, Sept 20 by calling the church
 office @ 256.543.8200 or email:
 sheila@fumcgadsden.org

In-Person Bible Study on Wednesday Nights @ 6:00 pm
“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– New Study: Saints & Sinners

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. A different member of the small group will lead a discussion each week.. **Thursday, September 16, 2021:** Todd Rains will lead us in a discussion of Stephen, the Martyr and how his loyalty and willingness to sacrifice his own for his belief shaped Christianity. **Thursday, September 23, 2021:** Mark Condra will discuss how two wealthy merchants, Aquila and Priscilla, helped Paul in Acts 18. 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, “Mysteries of the Messiah” by Rabbi Jadon Sobel, Chapel, Room 118.
 - Martin Fellowship Class, “International Sunday School Lessons”, Room 116.
 - Pathfinders Class, “ The God We Can Know” by Rob Fuquay, Room 208, Starts Sunday, September 12.
 - Seekers, Discovery and The Middle Sunday School Classes are currently not meeting.
- Members are welcome to meet with another group until their class returns.*

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 @ THE BACK FORTY BEER COMPANY
 A Safe, Affirming Community of Worship
 Thursdays @ 6 pm
 Starts September 9

September Missions

C.L.I.C.K.

Children Learning in Christ's Kingdom 2021-2022

GFUMC is once again providing snacks for the CLICK Program. CLICK is an after school day care for East Gadsden Community Children who attend Donohoo Elementary School. This ministry charges parents a minimal fee and is supplemented by a number of United Methodist Churches in our city. Originally housed at East Gadsden United Methodist, 201 South 8th Street, due to COVID and other circumstances the program ended in 2020. The church building was recently purchased by a congregation that desires to continue this outreach.

God's answer to our prayers and extravagant love for His children will allow us to continue monthly giving to this program through our mission fund. He is a Good, Good, Father!

Children are a gift from The Lord; they are a reward from him. Psalm 127:3

UMW NEWS AND CALENDAR



**North Alabama Conference of United Methodist Women
Annual Virtual Meeting Theme: Trust and Obey
October 9, 2021 10:00-Noon**

This is a virtual annual meeting that will last two hours. We will meet at the church in the Gathering Room at

9:30-9:45 AM, to be ready to begin the meeting at 10am. If you would like to attend the meeting contact Eileen Graham at 256-399-1932 to be added to the list. After the meeting we can decide if we would like to go out to lunch together.

UMW Luncheon-October 11th at Noon in the gym

I believe after speaking with several medical individuals it appears Covid is on a downward trend. **We will have our UMW Luncheon on October 11th in the gym. Our program will be Good News...."Building a Healthy Lifestyle" with Fran and Al Andrepont.**

We will continue with masking, washing our hands and social distancing. Also, just a reminder if you haven't gotten a flu shot (suggestion from medical professionals) this would be another way of protecting ourselves. Please make your reservations by text or phone to Delores Abney at 256-458-0376, or her email deloresdda53@gmail.com by October 8th by noon.

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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



We are collecting Fall and Winter Clothing. Clean out your closets and don't forget Your Own Clothes Closet! Women, Men, Youth, and Children's clothes are needed.

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

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Calendar for October 3-9, 2021

Oct 3, Sunday

9:00 am, **Celebration Service, in Sanctuary & live stream**
 10:00 am, Adult Sunday School Classes
 10:00 am, **Blessing of the Animals, West Lawn**
 11:00 am, **Traditions Service, in Sanctuary & live stream**

Oct 4, Monday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule
 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

Oct 5, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule
 9:00 am-11:00 am, Clothes Closet workday
 5:00-6:00 pm, **Yoga, Gym**

Oct 6, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule
 9:00 am-11:00 am, Clothes Closet Open
 11:00 am, **Wednesday Morning Bible Study, w/Pastor Sam**

Oct 6, Wednesday, cont'd

5:15 pm, Wednesday night meal, Gathering Room
 6:00 pm, **Bible Study w/Pastor Sam, Rm 208/livestream**
 6:00 pm, **Children's Activities, Room 108**
 Youth Activities, Room 211 & Gym
 6:00 pm, **Choir Practice, Choir Room**

Oct 7, Thursday

7:00 am, **Men at the Well Journey Group, Zoom**
 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule
 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
 5:30 pm, **Thursday Worship, Sanctuary**
 6:00 pm, **Mosaic, Back Forty Warehouse**

Oct 8, Friday

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

Oct 9, Saturday

10:00 am-12:00 pm, **NAC of UMW Annual Meeting, Virtual**

*The ministers and congregation of
 First United Methodist Church of
 Gadsden, extend Christian
 sympathy to
 Danny & Jennifer Jackson
 in the death of her father,
 William (Skip) Edwards, Jr.
 September 24, 2021*



*In Memory of
 Her Life
 Betty Abel
 September 21, 2021*



*The ministers and congregation of
 First United Methodist Church
 of Gadsden, extend Christian
 sympathy to
 Mr. M.B. McCartney
 in the death of his grandson,
 John McCartney
 September 18, 2021*



Immediate Prayer Concerns

John Ryles Stan Walker
 Carma Rayburn Lisa Dobbins
 Family of John McCartney
 Family of William (Skip) Edwards
 Family of Betty Abel

Continued Prayer Concerns

Bill Campbell Joyce Sington June Styles Trish Harrell
 Matt & Lola Jehn (Jeff & Cathea Poland's son-in-law & granddaughter)
 Ann Elizabeth Casey (great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)
 Wanda Hemby (Jill Moran's mother)
 Mikey Tonagel (Collins & Belinda Tackaberrys' son-in-law)

Birthdays.....

Oct 3 Julie Nolen Knox
Oct 4 Martha Smith, Alyssa Branch
Oct 5 Harding Leach, Hilary Jarecki,
 John Paul Wilson,
 Stephen Blackstock,
 Madison Walker
Oct 6 Susan Swann
Oct 7 Miller Wigley
Oct 9 Kinley Freeman



Week of September 26, 2021

*In Person Total *204 Overall Total 465
 Online Viewer Total 261 Mosaic *10
 Thursday *9 Sunday School 0
 One United Service *145/239
 Children *10 Youth *19
 Bible Study Groups *11/22
 General Offering Budget \$15,200.00
 General Offering Received \$9,760.00
 YTD General Offering Budget \$592,800
 YTD General Offering Rec'd \$523,268.66

Text to Give: 256.344.8464

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund:

In memory of Jack Floyd,
 given by David & Stacey
 Thrasher.
 In memory of Jack Floyd,
 given by Jim & Beth Prucnal.
 In memory of
 William Anderson, given by
 Sonya Nesbitt.