

Gadsden First United Methodist Church



Gadsden's Oldest Church

Looking to the Future

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

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Celebrate Camp Meeting Month "Foundations for the Future" at the Meetin' In the Middle

Sunday, August 29 10 AM In the Gym

Bring a covered dish to share for BRUNCH between the services.

Church-wide Small Group Conversations begin the week of September 12

Small groups are an opportunity for spiritual growth. God does not save us to stay where we are; rather God created us to grow so that we might have abundant life. Aba Dorotheus, a spiritual director at the beginning of the 7th century, illustrates our growth as a wheel. The circumference of the wheel is the world. Jesus Christ is at the center of the wheel and the spokes represent the paths of people's lives. The further our lives are from the center, the more widely dispersed and separated we are from Christ and one another. As we grow and move closer to Jesus Christ, in the center, we move closer to one another. We all need space to rest, re-energize and tend our soul so that we can grow closer to Christ and one another.

They're back; they're fabulous and they are . . .

The Fruity5

Five Practices of Fruitful Living moves the conversation from a focus on congregations to the personal walk of discipleship. How do I cultivate a life that is purposeful, deep, and fruitful? What are the commitments, critical risks, and personal practices that open me to God's grace? How can I discover the spiritual life and the difference God intends for me to make in the world? How do I have in me the mind that is Christ?

| Day | Time | Leader |
|------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Sundays | 4:00 PM | Carmen McKiven |
| Mondays | 12:00 PM | Roger Thompson |
| Mondays | 6:30 PM | Joanne Hightower @ the Grays |
| Wednesdays | 6 :00PM | Bob Blount |
| Wednesdays | 6 :00 PM | George Day/Harriet Murray |
| Thursdays | 6:00 PM | Sheila Freeman |



Given in loving memory of Joe Smith by Randa, Steve, Peyton and Ian Hall, Jodie, Dorothy, Will and Clark Smith, and Catherine, Mark, Bryant and Malone Bridgers.

VESPERS • 6:00 PM • CHAPEL • ELTON BEASLEY

Football Tailgate Blowout

Gadsden First UMC

Wednesday, September 15

5-7 PM



Wear Your Team Colors!

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for the Best Tailgate Set-up!

**Vote for your favorite team by donating canned goods in their name--may the best team win!*



Friends of the ELC
Consignment Sale



This September, the Early Learning Center is hosting it's first Fall and Winter consignment sale. Get great deals on gently used children's clothes, toys, books, furniture and lots more. Earn money back by becoming a consignor. Clean out your children's closet, recycle their old toys and equipment and receive 70% of your sales. Consignors also get to shop before the public! The remaining 30% benefits the Early Learning Center @ GFUMC! Contact Helene Haller at 256-543-3276 to become a consignor or to volunteer.

SALE DATES:

Friday, September 17

9am-6pm

Saturday, September 18

9am-Noon (most items ½ price)

WOW!!!!

**WHAT A TERRIFIC NIGHT OF
FUNDRAISING AND FELLOWSHIP!**

Thanks to everyone's involvement, Treasure Island was a tremendous success! A special thanks to all those who donated auction items, set up auction items, and purchased auction items. A special thanks, as well, to the Rains family for the fabulous feast they prepared for over 350 guests. What a great time at Gadsden First!!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

August 29, 2010 - September 4, 2010

SUNDAY

9:00 AM-Celebration Service, Gym
10:00 AM-Meetin' in the Middle, Gym
10:45 AM-Traditional Service, Sanctuary
6:00 PM-Vespers, Chapel

MONDAY

9:00 -10:00 AM-Exercise Group, Gym
5:30 PM-Tailgate Party Team meeting, Parlor
7:00 PM-Meet and Greet, at the home of Adam and Jenny Sollie

TUESDAY

5:00-6:00 PM-Pilates, Gym
7:00 PM-Meet and Greet, at the home of Bishop Lloyd & Julie Knox

WEDNESDAY

9:00 -10:00 AM-Exercise Group, Gym
5:00 PM-Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 PM- Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

7:00 AM-Men's Bible Study Group, Coffee Well
5:00-6:00 PM-Yoga
5:30 PM-ThursdayWorship, Sanctuary

FRIDAY

11:00 -12:30 PM-Soup Kitchen, Portico entrance

Birthdays: August 29, - September 4, 2010

Aug. 29 Jane Trotter, Janet Edwards, Taylor Means,
Erin Rutland, Afton Yarnell

Aug. 30 Snooky Weaver, Jenn Yarnell

Aug. 31 Cecil Dorsett, Faye Kennah, Bill Green

Sept. 1 Jim Martin, Gloria Blackwood. Louie Loveman

Sept. 2 Sherry Bridges, Neita Taylor, James Isbell, Susan George



Retired & Ready August 30th, 11:00 AM

R and R will meet on Monday, August 30th at 11am in the Gathering Room. The guest speaker is Anita Waid from Comfort Care Hospice.

Wonderful Wednesday

Adult Study: Christianity and World Religions with Dave Jensen
August 18-September 29

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Meal 5 PM

Menu: Adults: Country Fried Steak Children: Pizza

Adult (\$6) ___ Youth (\$4) ___ (13 & over) Child (\$3) ___ (12 & under)

Name _____

(Reservations & cancellations by noon Tuesday)



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNER

Children's Church: **Holly Whitt**

Children's Table in Celebration: **Jennifer Yarnell**



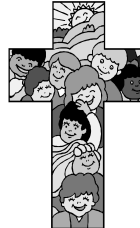
Madeline Mills, Audria Wood

Wonderful Wednesday for Kids

Exploring

L.I.F.E.

Living in Faith Everyday



5 PM Family Fellowship Meal

5-6 PM Open Gym Time

6 to 6:30 PM Small Groups

Orange Team: 3k and 4k Yellow Team: 5k and 1st Grade

Purple Team: 2nd and 3rd Grade Green Team: 4th and 5th Grade

Choir: 6:30 to 7 PM

Cherubs: 3, 4, & 5 year Children: 1st-5th Grades

Music for worship and rehearsal for the Children's Musical are beginning now!



Wonderful Wednesday Gym Monitor: **Lara Murray**

Wonderful Wednesday Greeter: **Holly Whitt**

Changing Lives

The Youth of GFUMC show me the face of Christ in fresh new ways, continually. They challenge and stretch me to see that change is necessary to spread the Good News. Their ways may seem out-of-the box, but what they have to offer and live out is grounded with the same message that we all are called to embrace and share. God is our Saviour, our anchor, a constant companion in the midst of it all, this life thing. I pray everyday to never lose sight that I was once their age, had the same fears, hopes and dreams. The body of Christ at GFUMC has provided fertile soil for planting and growing disciples. I thank God for a church that embraces young people and allows for stretching, questioning, embracing and growing in this journey of faith. This is just one of the nuggets in my life as I have grown in Christ at the corner of 5th and Chestnut! ~ *Charlotte Rutland*

| Budget Offerings Week of | Aug. 22, 2010 | Month to Date |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| General offering Received | \$ 4,294.15 | \$37,987.90 |
| Connectional Giving Received | \$ 1,050.00 | \$ 3,200.00 |
| Expenses Paid | \$ 7,691.66 | \$50,478.81 |

Attendance Sunday, Aug. 22, 2010 – Total – 334

Trad- 160 Celeb-161 ThursdayWorship-13 Vespers-350
Sunday School-175

STUDENT MINISTRIES



**Join us for UMYF Wednesday evenings
6:00 - 7:00 pm.**

Junior High students are Growing with Jesus!
Senior High students are UNASHAMED

Come early and hang out!
Bring your reserved dinner plate or bring your own meal
and eat with us in the Senior High room from 5:00-6:00 PM.



O.A.T.H. Kick Off Party
Sunday, September 12, 5 - 7pm Gym
Hope to see you there!!



Wonderful Wednesday Gym Monitor: **Lara Murray**

MISSIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Aug. 31, 9-Noon, Clothes Closet workday
- Sept. 1, 9-Noon, Clothes Closet open for clients
- Sept. 13, 10:30 AM, UMW Executive Board Meeting
- Sept. 13, 12:00 PM, UMW Luncheon, Gathering Room
- Sept. 13, 6:00 PM, Church Ladies, Chili's Restaurant



The Clothes Closet served 147 people on August 18, 2010.

MEET AND GREET 2: Continuing the Conversation
There are two more MEET and GREET groups. The last MEET AND GREET will be at the home of Bishop Lloyd and Julia Knox on Tuesday, August 31st. If you were unable to attend the group in your neighborhood and would like to join the group at the home of Bishop and Julia Knox, please call their home (256) 547-8212 and let them know that you are planning to attend.

MEMORIALS, HONORARIA and GIFTS

Howell Erwin Medical-In memory of **Pete Griffith**, given by the **Morris Friendship Sunday School class**. In memory of **Doris Copeland** and in honor of **Joyce Strickland**, given by **Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hiltz**.

Children's Ministry-In memory of **Joe Smith**, given by **Steven and Randa Hall**.

The ministers and congregation of Gadsden First extend Christian Sympathy to Robert Hammons and his family in the death of his sister, Carolyn Curnutt.



**Welcome New Members
to Gadsden First
Mike and Brandi Martin**

Katherine Smith-at home
Sammie Mayben-(Lara Murray's mother)
Anne Beckert-at home
Joe & Sheila Migliorie- (friends of Butch & Jane Herb)
Wayne Nesbitt-Gadsden Health Care
Jimmie Taylor-Gadsden Regional
Bill Willard-UAB



Worship Services

Sunday Services-Celebration 9 AM Traditional 10:45 AM Vespers 6 PM
Thursday — ThursdayWorship-Sanctuary 5:30 PM

Ministers and Staff

ROGER K. THOMPSON ♦ **TAMMY H. JACKSON** ♦ **J. ELTON BEASLEY**

The staff of Gadsden First United Methodist Church connecting people to Christ and one another; equipping people to serve God in the world.

Staff

Charlotte Rutland, Dir. Creative Worship Team
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