

# 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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## "Miracle on 5th Street"

Jan. 10, 2010

Celebration Luncheon *Burning of the Mortgage*

### Schedule of Events

9:30 AM Sunday School for all classes

**10:30 AM Combined service in the sanctuary**

11:30 AM Catered lunch in the gym

## W+3 Challenge 2010

The W+3 Challenge is our challenge for 2010. Worship plus 1) small groups, 2) service and 3) giving. Throughout the year, each of us will have the opportunity to live into the challenge.

It begins with regular worship. You have four opportunities each week: Celebration (Sundays at 9:00 AM), Traditional (Sundays at 10:45 AM), Vespers (Sundays at 5:00 PM), and Thursday Worship (Thursdays at 5:30 PM). Choose the service that fits your schedule!

It continues with a small group that helps you to be a stronger follower of Jesus. See below for several wonderful opportunities for short-term small groups as we explore "Serving From The Heart" beginning on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Other groups will form after these are completed in four weeks. Our goal is for 130 people to be part of one of these small groups in the next few months. Sign up in the Chestnut Street Lobby.

Where are you serving? "Serving From The Heart" will help you to understand the gifts that God has given you to serve. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all had a clear picture of our Spirit given-gifts and could choose places to use those gifts? "Serving From The Heart" will help you to explore your gifts.

Giving is part of our challenge. With our faithful giving, Gadsden First United Methodist Church will change lives by: Sharing Christ, Making Disciples, Serving People and Giving Hope.

2010 will be a year of challenge! I am praying that God will shower us with God's grace.

It is a joy to be your pastor!

In Christ's Service,

### Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service

Explore *YOUR* gifts...

Find the passion to serve...

Connect with opportunities

4 week Exploration Groups forming now!

The journey begins the week of Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>.



*Serving  
from the  
Heart*

VESPERS • 5:00 PM • CHAPEL

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 10, 2010 10:30 AM

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

Rev. Tammy Jackson

**Prelude**

"God of The Ages"

Benny McNair

**Call to Worship**

"God of This City"

Praise Team

**Ministry Statement**

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

**\*Hymn Of Praise** "I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light" No. 206

**\*Reading of the Gospel** "The Baptism of The Lord" Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**\*The Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**The Morning Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

**The Choral Response**

**The Offertory Anthem** "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" Chancel Choir

**\*The Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn of Preparation** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" No. 117

**Sermon**

"Glory Days"

Rev. Roger K. Thompson

**Special Music**

"Child of Mine"

Praise Team

**Remembrance of Baptism**

No. 50

**\*Hymn of Invitation**

"Freely, Freely"

No. 389

**\*Benediction and Blessing of Meal**

**\*Choral Response**

**\*Postlude**

"O God, Our Help In Ages Past"

Organist



*The flowers on the altar on January 3, 2010 were in memory of Frances Durham on the occasion of her birthday by her children and grandchildren.*

\*You are invited to stand as you are able. Broadcast over WJBY (AM 1350)

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

January 10, 2010 – January 16, 2010

### SUNDAY

9:30 AM—Church School Classes for all ages  
10:30 AM—Combined Service in the Sanctuary  
5:00 PM—Vespers, Chapel  
5:00 PM—O.A.T.H.

### MONDAY

9:00 -1:00 PM—Early Learning Center  
9:00 -10:00 AM—Exercise Group, Gym

### TUESDAY

9:00 -1:00 PM—Early Learning Center  
5:00 PM—Pilates, Gym

### WEDNESDAY

9:00 -1:00 PM—Early Learning Center  
9:00 -10:00AM—Exercise Group, Gym  
5:00 PM—Wonderful Wednesdays  
7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY

9:00 -1:00 PM—Early Learning Center  
5:00 PM—Yoga, Gym  
5:30 PM—ThursdayWorship, Sanctuary

### FRIDAY

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## Birthdays: Jan 10– Jan. 16, 2010

Jan. 11 Ralph Culp, Bill Campbell  
Jan. 12 Nell Welsh  
Jan. 13 Heather New, Sid Gardner  
Jan. 14 Ed Carrell  
Jan. 16 Laura Reid, Bill Haller



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## *The Case for Faith* by Lee Strobel 2nd of Two Part Series continues Jan. 13

*The Case for Faith* is an honest message of hope and spiritual clarity in a world where faith is tested on a daily basis. The two part series continues Wed., Jan 13, 6-7 PM in the Gathering Room  
Complimentary Popcorn and Cokes



## Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Meal 5 PM January 13

Menu: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, veg/bread/dessert

Adult (\$6) \_\_ Youth (\$4) \_\_ (13 & over)

Child (\$3) \_\_ (12 & under)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Reservations & cancellations by noon Tuesday)





# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNER



Hayden Caldwell, Madeline Mills, Sarah Grace Whitt

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FOR CHILDREN "The Life of Christ"



5:45 PM Gathering Time  
(3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

6:00 to 7:00PM

Children's Choir and Rotation Workshops  
(1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Cherub Bible Buddies and Choir  
(3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### Upcoming Event

Skating Party—Watch upcoming bulletin for date & time

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## STEWARDSHIP

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**Calling All Trolley Packs**—We have several trolley packs that have not been returned to the church. If you need help getting your trolley pack back on its rails, please call Susan Copeland at 546-0048.

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*Greater Things Are Yet To Be Done In This City*

**2010 W+3 Challenge to Greatness**

We have church envelopes available for pick up from the table located at the Chestnut Street entrance. Please use these envelopes for all contributions. Recent new members may pick up a box in the church office. Also enclosed in the box is the **2010 W+3 Challenge Card** for you to keep a personal record of your commitment made to God.  
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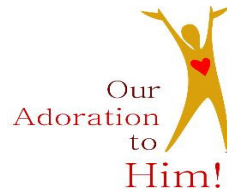
| Budget Offerings Week of | Jan 3, 2009 | Month to Date |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Offering Received        | \$12,518.00 | \$12,518.00   |
| Expenses Paid            | \$12,867.41 | \$12,867.41   |

**Attendance Sunday, Jan 3, 2009 — Total — 236**

Trad— 116    Celeb— 120    No Thursday Worship  
No Vespers    Sunday School—136

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

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### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Gym Time 4 PM

Family Meal 5 PM

Jr. Hi & Sr. Hi UMYF 6-7 PM

### OATH YOUTH WORSHIP TEAM

Sundays 5:00—6:30 PM

### Upcoming Dates

**CONFIRMATION** classes begin Jan. 27, 4 PM, Jr. Hi Room

Reserve a place in this class by Jan. 17th, contact Tammy at the Church Office at 543-8200 or call 393-4400.

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## MISSIONS

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### UMW NEWS

#### *Upcoming Events*

Jan. 11, 9:30 AM-UMW Finance Meeting, Room 106

Jan. 11, 10:30 AM-UMW Board Meeting, Room 106

Jan. 11, 12:00 UMW Luncheon-Gathering room. The guest speaker will be Terry Williams-US Census Bureau. (Make cancellations with Shelby Smith at (442-7117) by Friday, Jan. 8th 5 PM)

Jan. 11, 1:15 PM-Circle 3 will meet in the Seekers classroom

Jan. 12, 9:00 AM-Stevens Circle will meet in the Parlor

Jan. 17, 9:00 Celebration Service-Installation of new UMW officers

Jan. 18, 10:00 AM-Circle 1 will meet in the Arts & Crafts room

Jan. 19, 5:30 PM-Wesleyan Circle will meet in the Gathering room

Jan. 19, 5:30 PM-LuVerna Waid Circle will meet in the Parlor



### CLOTHES CLOSET

Thank you to everyone who has worked in the Clothes Closet. If you have an hour or two to help in this mission, come by the Clothes Closet the 1st Tuesday or Wednesday of each month from 9-12 to help prepare the Clothes Closet for our shoppers. We are in need of winter clothing for men, women and children. We do not need spring or summer clothing at this time.

### EVERY MEMBER IN MINISTRY

If you would be interested in attending an “**EVERY MEMBER IN MINISTRY**” seminar led by Rev. John Ed Mathison on Saturday, January 23rd at Gunterville First United Methodist Church, please contact Dotty at the church (543-8200) or at home (442-2739) or email (dotty@fumcgadsden.org). The focus will be a practical guide to lay member involvement.

## MEMORIALS, HONORARIA AND GIFTS

**General Budget**-In memory of **LuVerna Waid**, given by **Mrs. Edward Surber, Mr. and Mrs. Whit Torbert and Hannah**. In memory of **Virginia Luker**, given by **Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stivender**.

**Building Fund**-In memory of **LuVerna Waid**, given by **Mark, Barbara and Claire Condra**.

**Howell Erwin Medical**-In memory of **LuVerna Waid**, given by **Doug and Betty DeGraaf**.



Due to the Miracle on 5th Street the Lunch Bunch will be meeting on the 3rd Sunday, Jan. 17th, at Stevi B's Pizza.

IN MEMORY OF HER LIFE  
MARY VIRGINIA ALLSUP LUKER  
DECEMBER 31, 2009



The ministers and congregation extend Christian Sympathy to Benny McNair and his family in the death of his mother, Geneva Mullinax McNair.

The ministers and congregation extend Christian Sympathy to Marie Lambert and her family in the death of her sister, Betty Jo Johnson Burch.

**Ted Levi** (son-in-law of Jimmie Taylor)  
**Katherine Smith**-at home  
**Toni Furse**-recovering at home



### Worship Services

Sunday Services — Celebration 9 AM Traditional 10:45 AM  
Vespers 5 PM

Thursday — ThursdayWorship-Sanctuary 5:30 PM

### Ministers and Staff

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

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

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| Russ Waits, Director of Music     | Benny McNair, Organist                   |
| Rhonda Robinson, Pianist          | Mike Bright, Celebration Team Leader     |
| Dotty Ivey, Director Lay Ministry | Sheila Freeman, Dir. Children's Ministry |
| Eileen Graham, Church Secretary   | Jane Newman, Financial Secretary         |
| Jerry Newman, Building Supervisor | Patsy Powers, Housekeeper                |

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