

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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Serving From The Heart

There can be little argument that God intends for God's people to be servants. In the Old Testament, the children of Israel are chosen to be God's people. God said: "I will be your God and you will be my people" (Jeremiah 7:23). Yet, they are not chosen so that they can just enjoy the privilege. They are chosen to be light to the world. Likewise, in the Gospels – Jesus taught his disciples to be servants. In the Gospel of John, Jesus serves his disciples by washing their feet, then says to them: "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you" (13:15). In the 20th chapter of Matthew, Jesus said: "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave -- just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus calls His followers to be servants – to share his love with the world. But how do you know how to serve?

In the next four weeks, you will have an opportunity to discover the gifts that God has given you for service. "Serving From The Heart" is the title of the small group conversations that will be taking place at several different times and places beginning Sunday, January 17th. You can sign up for one of the groups at the table in the Chestnut Street Lobby, by calling the Church Office, or by e-mail (eileen@fumcgadsden.org). "Serving From The Heart" begins with the assumption that every Christian has God-given gifts to be used for the common good of the Christian community. God does not call us to serve without giving us the equipment we need in order to serve! Our conversations in the "Serving From The Heart" groups will help you find your "equipment."

This week, I will begin a series of sermons under the general banner of "For The Common Good." I'll be exploring the concept of "spiritual gifts" – the gifts that God gives to all believers to be used "for the common good." Our text for the next several weeks will be 1 Corinthians 12. Read it and pray it and ask God to use "Serving From The Heart" as a way to show us how we may better serve God as the people of Gadsden First United Methodist Church!

It is a joy to be your pastor!

In Christ's Service,

VESPERS • 5:00 PM • CHAPEL

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 17, 2010 10:45 AM

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Prayer

Rev. Tammy Jackson

Prelude

Benny McNair

Call to Worship

Ministry Statement

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

*Hymn Of Praise "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name" No. 155

*The Affirmation of Faith "The Apostle's Creed"

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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

Organist

*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 "Spirit Song" No. 347

Sheila Freeman

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

1Corinthians 12:1, 4-11

The Anthem

"We Will Be Your Church"

Chancel Choir

Sermon

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

Rev. Roger K. Thompson

*Hymn of Invitation

"Here I Am Lord"

No. 593

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude

Organist



The flowers on the altar today are given in memory of LuVerna Waid by Marian B. Ford.

You are invited to stand as you are able.

Broadcast over WJBY (AM1350)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

January 17, 2010 – January 23, 2010

SUNDAY

9:00 AM—Celebration Service, in the gym
10:00 AM—Church School Classes for all ages
10:45 AM—Traditional Service, in the Sanctuary
5:00 PM—Vespers, Chapel
5:00 PM—O.A.T.H.

MONDAY

9:00 -1:00 PM—**No** Early Learning Center-MLK Holiday
9:00 -10:00 AM—Exercise Group, Gym
10:00 AM—Circle 1, Arts and Crafts room

TUESDAY

9:00 -1:00 PM—Early Learning Center
9:00 AM— Stevens Circle, Parlor
5:00 PM—Pilates, Gym
5:00 - 6:30 PM—Five Alive Leaders, Jr. Hi room
5:30 PM—Wesleyan Circle, Gathering room
6:30 PM—LuVerna Waid Circle, Parlor

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

9:00 -1:00 PM—Early Learning Center
10:00 AM— Education Team, Jr. Hi room
5:00 PM—Yoga, Gym
5:30 PM—ThursdayWorship, Sanctuary
6:00 PM—Finance Team meeting, Parlor

FRIDAY

Birthdays: Jan 17– Jan. 23, 2010

Jan. 17 Stephen Kirk, Mary Claire Owen
Jan. 18 Frank Dressman, Steve Means
Jan. 19 Russ Waits, Janie Gray
Jan. 20 Sharon Morris
Jan. 22 Ragan Godfrey, Nathan Whitt
Jan. 23 Steve Frederick, Haley Burford



Christian Medical Ministry of Alabama

Two of our own, Susan and Paige Whitt, will join the Christian Medical Ministry of Alabama on a mission trip to San Jose, Costa Rica, February 28th—March 7th. A fund has been established to support that trip. If you would like to contribute, mark your special offering “Medical Missions” and drop it into the offering plate or send to the church office.

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Meal 5 PM Jan. 20

Menu: Breakfast for dinner

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

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

Name _____

(Reservations & cancellations by noon Tuesday)





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNER



Hunter Grimes, Savannah Beth Phillips,
Cortland Phillips

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FOR CHILDREN "The Life of Christ"



5:45 PM Gathering Time
(3 years through 5th Grade)

6:00 to 7:00PM

Children's Choir and Rotation Workshops
(1st through 5th Grade)

Cherub Bible Buddies and Choir
(3 years through 5th Grade)

Skating Party—Watch upcoming bulletin for date & time

K-NEX

K-NEX is the "all new" Children's Ministry Team that will Connect Kids with Christ at Gadsden First! We will meet on **Sunday, Jan. 31** from 4 to 6 PM. This will be an **important** workshop for **ALL PARENTS** who have children-babies through 5th Grade.

EDUCATION TEAM MEETING

The Education Team will meet on Thurs., Jan. 21, at
10 AM in the Jr. Hi Room.

STEWARDSHIP

Greater Things Are Yet To Be Done In This City

2010 W+3 Challenge to Greatness

Just A Reminder-Included in your personalized contribution envelopes is a **W+3 Challenge Card** for you to keep a personal record of your commitment made to God. If you have not picked up your contribution envelopes they are located on the table in the Chestnut Street entrance. Recent new members may pick up their boxes in the church office.

Budget Offerings Week of	Jan 10, 2009	Month to Date
Offering Received	\$ 11,443.00	\$23,961.00
Expenses Paid	\$ 8,993.67	\$21,861.08

Attendance Sunday, Jan 10, 2009 – Total – 378

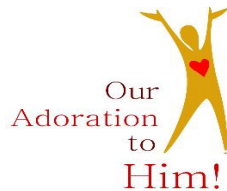
Trad/Celeb-375

ThursdayWorship-3

No Vespers

Sunday School-132

STUDENT MINISTRIES



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.

MISSIONS

UMW NEWS

Upcoming Events

- Sun. Jan. 17, 9:00 Celebration Service-Installation of new UMW officers
- Mon. Jan. 18, 10:00 AM-Circle 1 will meet in the Arts & Crafts room
- Tues. Jan. 19, 9:00 AM-Stevens Circle will meet in the Parlor
- Tues. Jan. 19, 5:30 PM-Wesleyan Circle will meet in the Gathering room
- Tues. Jan. 19, 6:30 PM-LuVerna Waid Circle will meet in the Parlor



INSTALLATION OF NEW UMW OFFICERS AND CIRCLE OFFICERS



United Methodist Women

This Sunday, January 17th will be the installation of the new UMW Executive Board officers and circle officers. The installation service will be included in the Celebration Service at 9 AM.

SUCCESS BY SIX

Circle 1 continues to make quilts for "Success by Six." They are in need of appropriate cotton or cotton blend material for baby quilts. If you have suitable material you would like to donate, please bring it to the church office. Circle 1 members donated 22 hand made baby quilts in the month of December for this program through the United Way of Etowah County.



Success by Six

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
GADSDEN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DISBURSEMENT OF 2008 MISSION FUNDS

LOCAL

American Red Cross (Etowah County Chapter)	\$200
Brasher Springs	200
Camp Sumatanga	150
Etowah County Rescue Squad	400
Etowah Free Clinic.....	500
Even Start	200
Manna.....	500
New Life Domestic Violence Center.....	1,000
Retreat for Older Special Adults	100
Salvation Army.....	500
Sansbury Library (UMW Mission Books) Reading Program .	200
Smeltzer Center	200
Snellgrove Center	300
Thirteenth Place.....	300
Promise Homes (formerly UMRA).....	600
Woman to Woman (Breast Cancer Support Group.....	300
Total Local	\$5,650

NATIONAL

Henderson Settlement	\$200
Redbird Mission School	200
SIFAT.....	100
Upper Sand Mountain	600
Total National.....	\$1,100

INTERNATIONAL

Church Apportionment.....	\$800
Dave and Joy Bodine.....	100
Results of Mission Study.....	100
United Methodist Committee on Relief.....	400
Total International	\$1,400

GRAND TOTAL..... **\$8,150**

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.17th.



Serving from the Heart Schedule

Sundays, 5:00 PM, January. 17, 24, 31 and Feb. 7
Leader: Roger K. Thompson
Room 6

Tuesdays, 5:30 PM, Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2 and 9
Leader: Bob Blount
Martin Fellowship Classroom

Wednesdays, 5:30 PM, Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3 and 10
Leader: Tammy Jackson
Seekers Classroom

Wednesdays, 5:30 PM, Jan. 20, 27, Feb 3 & 10
Leader: Roger K. Thompson
Martin Fellowship Classroom

Wednesdays, 5:30 PM, Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3 and 10
Leader: Eric Wright
Trailblazers Classroom

Wednesdays, 5:30 PM, Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3 and 10
Leader: Roger Mills
Adult Library

Thursdays, 6:00 AM, Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4 and 11
Leader: Eric Wright
Room 106

Fridays, 7:00 AM, Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5 and 12
Leader: Todd Rains
Coffee Well on Court Street

Fridays, 12:00 PM, Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5 and 12
Leader: Tammy Jackson
Martin Fellowship Classroom

MEMORIALS, HONORARIA AND GIFTS

General Budget-In memory **Jordan Grimes**, given by **Nanci and Steve Chazen**. In memory of **Virginia Luker**, given by **Sally Furse, Bill Burgett, Margaret Campbell, Anita Barnett, The College of Sciences and Mathematics at Auburn University and its Dean, Steward W. Schneller**.

Music Fund-In honor of **DeLeath Rives**, for his years of service, given by **Laura Condra**. In memory of **Geneva McNair**, given by **The Chancel Choir**.

Howell Erwin Medical- In honor of **Sue Roberts and Dotty Ivey**, given by **Lou Ellen Phillips**.

Children's Playground-In memory of **Armon Pugh**, given by **Kay and Brittany Pugh**. In memory of **Geneva McNair, Jim Keady**, given by **Dotty Ivey**.



LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

When: Jan 17, after the Traditional Service

Place: Stevi B's Pizza

Hope to see you there! *Billie Hackney*

Retired and Ready

R & R will meet on January 25th, at 11 AM in the Gathering Room. Call Hettie Marshall at 442-3952 by January 21st for reservations.



Contribution and Financial News

To ensure your church contributions are tax deductible, do not file your 2009 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment (statement) of your contributions from the church. Your contributions will not be tax deductible if you file your tax return before receiving this written acknowledgement.

The contribution statements for the year 2009 will be mailed to you by the end of January. Please look over them when they come, in case there is an error that needs to be corrected. Contact Jane Newman at the church office if you have questions or concerns.

The IRS says ALL contributions, no matter the amount, must have some form of proof other than your personal record. If you write a check, that will be proof, but the \$250 rule will still apply. If you give cash, please put it in an envelope with your name on it if you want to get contribution credit for it. Otherwise you will have no way to prove, for tax reasons, that you made a donation.



Ted Levi (son-in-law of Jimmie Taylor)

Katherine Smith-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.

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