

Gadsden First United Methodist Church



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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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As I write these words, another earthquake, magnitude 6.1, has struck in the already devastated country of Haiti. This aftershock will cause damage upon damage! The only fortunate thing is that many of the survivors of last Tuesday's magnitude 7.0 quake have been living outside, rather than taking shelter in damaged buildings. I have not yet heard of new casualties, but the news is still early and sketchy. By the time you read this article, more information will be known.

The attention of the world has been focused on the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere for over a week, now. I remember the words of Jesus in the 25th chapter of Matthew (begin reading at verse 31). In his "Parable of the Sheep and Goats," Jesus tells of times when he was hungry, thirsty, lonely, naked, sick and in prison and was helped by the sheep but not by the goats. Both the sheep and the goats protested, saying: "Lord, when did we see you hungry, thirsty, lonely, naked, sick or in prison." And Jesus said: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did (did not do) for me." Followers of Jesus have always been those who offer help to those in need. Elsewhere in this bulletin (or look on our website at (www.fumcgadsden.org)) you will see instructions on how to make a Health Kit that will be distributed by UMCOR to the people of Haiti. The Health Kits contain things that we use every day without even thinking about it! Things like a hand towel or washcloth or comb or soap or a toothbrush, or band aids. These things are desperately needed by the millions of survivors in Haiti. Follow the instructions, gather your items and bring them to the church office. We will be delivering the kits to the UMC warehouse in Decatur later.

Your financial support of UMCOR will be of great help, as well. The United Methodist Committee on Relief is already at work in Haiti. Giving to UMCOR is a good way to help, and I invite you to give as you are able. Make your check to First United Methodist Church and mark it UMCOR, or mark your envelope UMCOR and drop it into the offering plate. Any amount that you can give will help. A Special Offering will be taken on Sunday, February 7th for UMCOR. You may also go on-line to <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/> and click on the "How To Give" tab.

Please remember that the financial needs of First United Methodist Church continue even as we are trying to help others. Our Special Offering for those in Haiti should be "special" – over and above our regular offerings. Through our General Budget giving, our Church supports the work of missionaries in Haiti and around the world. Our goal as a congregation is to fully fund the work of the church even while we give for needs like earthquake relief.

Thank you in advance for your extravagant generosity!

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

Rev. Roger K. Thompson

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Benny McNair

Call to Worship

The Chancel Choir

Ministry Statement

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

***Hymn Of Praise**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

No. 64

***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

Rev. Tammy Jackson

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**

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

No. 114

Children's Time

Sheila Freeman

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

The Anthem

"It Is a Joyful Noise" (Psalm 100)

Douglas Wagner

Sermon

"One Body, Many Parts"

Rev. Roger K. Thompson

***Hymn of Dedication**

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

No. 540

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

***Postlude**

Organist



The flowers on the are today are given in memory of Virginia Luker by Marian B. Ford.

You are invited to stand as you are able.

Broadcast over WJBY (AM1350)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

January 24, 2010 – January 30, 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—Early Learning Center
9:00 -10:00 AM—Exercise Group, Gym
11:00 AM—R & R Meeting, Gathering room
5:30 PM—Vision Team meeting, Arts and Crafts

TUESDAY

9:00 -1:00 PM—Early Learning Center
5:00 PM—Pilates, Gym
5:30 PM—Team meetings, various locations
6:30 PM—Board of Stewards meeting, Gathering room

WEDNESDAY

9:00 -1:00 PM—Early Learning Center
9:00 -10:00 AM—Exercise Group, Gym
4:00 PM—Confirmation Class, Jr. Hi room
5:00 PM—Wonderful Wednesdays
5:30 PM—NCD Small groups, various locations
7:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:00 -1:00 PM—Early Learning Center
5:00 PM—Yoga, Gym
5:30 PM—ThursdayWorship, Sanctuary
5:30-7:30 PM—Staff Parish, Parlor

FRIDAY

Birthdays: Jan 24—Jan. 31, 2010

Jan. 24 Adam Carroll, Riley Epperson
Jan. 25 Richard Caldwell, Laura Hand, Tripp Leach
Jan. 26 Tom Dawson, Charlotte Rutland
Jan. 27 Alice Clark
Jan. 28 Chris Harris, Marian Ford, Leda Taylor, Rob Lambert
Jan. 29 Marie Lambert, Eldred Davis, Carol Livingston,
Jonathan Bone, Sara McCord
Jan. 30 Joyce Sington



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. 27

Menu: Tacos

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

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

Name _____

(Reservations & cancellations by noon Tuesday)





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNER

Table in Celebration: **Helene Haller**



Katie Edwards, Carter Rains, Margaret Walton

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FOR



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)

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.

Skating Party—Watch upcoming bulletin for date & time

STEWARDSHIP

William Booth's Secret Power

"Jesus said that Lordship means putting God first in our lives...Great men and women who have done great things for God have always placed God first...William Booth, founder of The Salvation Army, said, 'God had all of me that there is. There have been others who had greater plans, greater opportunities, and greater potential than I. But from the day that I had a vision of what God could do with my life, I made up my mind that God would have all of William Booth that there is.' "That is all there is." [What is Lordship? John Maxwell, audio tape.

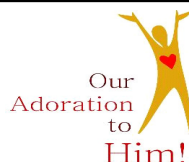
Remember your W+3 Challenge 2010

Budget Offerings Week of	Jan 17, 2009	Month to Date
Offering Received	\$6,889.00	\$30,850.00
Expenses Paid	\$7,972.97	\$29,834.50

Attendance Sunday, Jan 17, 2009 — Total — 331

Trad-175 Celeb-125 ThursdayWorship-15
Vespers-16 Sunday School-158

STUDENT MINISTRIES



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OATH YOUTH WORSHIP TEAM
Gym Time 4 PM Sundays 5:00—6:30 PM
Family Meal 5 PM
Jr. Hi & Sr. Hi UMYF 6-7 PM

Upcoming Dates

CONFIRMATION classes begin Jan. 27, 4 PM, Jr. Hi Room
For more information please contact Tammy at the Church Office
at 543-8200 or call 393-4400.

MISSIONS

Health Kit

Here is the list of contents for the health kits valued at \$12 per kit.

KIT CONTENTS

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

Please return "Health Kits" for UMCOR to the church as soon as possible. Look for the drop-off station in the Chestnut Street Lobby.

Kits will be delivered to UMC in Decatur.

(NOTE: UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before it is sent. Please include \$1 for each kit you send toward the purchase of toothpaste.) All items must be **NEW** items.

All kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Strict rules govern product entry into international countries, kits must contain only the requested items. Do **NOT** include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits.

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



Gadsden First Welcomes New Members

Adam and Jenny Sollie
Robert and Kelly Branch
Barbara Morrison

MEMORIALS, HONORARIA AND GIFTS

General Budget— In memory of LuVerna Waid, Virginia Luker, Ruby Hatter, Virginia Crabtree, Jim Keady, given by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Phillips. In memory of LuVerna Waid, given by Katherine Burke.

Medical Missions Fund— In memory of LuVerna Waid, Virginia Luker, given by Bill and Helene Haller.

*Gadsden First Welcomes Through
Christian Baptism
January 17, 2010
Sellers Bradley Kirk
son of
Stephen and Victoria Kirk*

Retired and **R**eady

R & **R** will meet on January 25th, at 11 AM in the Gathering Room. Our guest speaker will be Mr. M.N. Cothran of WAAX radio.



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.

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