

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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Praying Deep

A Message from our District Superintendent, Rev. Bill Gandy,
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We came back from Korea after 11 days on an Institute for Clergy Excellence (ICE) trip, both excited and repentant. Both were experienced by our group because of what we had seen and heard. The church is growing at a staggering rate. While the city of Seoul has over 11 million people and the communities around Seoul total over 20 million, the church is growing beyond the rate of community growth. This country was 2% Christian when the armistice was signed creating a cease-fire with North Korea (an armistice that is still in existence). Today the South Korea is 49% Christian and continuing to grow. We visited church after church that was experiencing thousands of people participating weekly in worship and small groups (they call them cell groups). And we wanted to learn what was creating this growth.

The more we listened the more we were convinced that the most important feature was **prayer**. The people, the leaders, the churches were taking the time to talk with God in (to us) unprecedented ways. Pastors were expected to pray for 3 hours per day as part of their work day. The laity said they were dependent on their pastor hearing from God so they could lead them. The churches offered daylight prayer services everyday of the week except Sunday (starting at 5:00 am usually). The retreat centers were called "Prayer Mountains" because in addition to the overnight facilities, youth oriented activities, large worship places, and cafeterias, the hillsides were adorned with "prayer grottos", closets that looked like miniature storm shelters where mats and pillows and desks were provided so that individuals could come and spend hours and/or days in prayer.

In more than one instance in the Scriptures, it records Jesus "going to the mountain to pray", or "going away to pray" and this was a time of fuel for him. Before he started his ministry he was "led by the spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days..." (Luke 4:1a-2a) When all the disciples were learning, the only request for training they gave to Jesus was, "Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1). We all seek to be effective in our calling from God and our appointment to the church and our faithfulness as witnesses of God's grace and love.

Will you join me in being excited and repentant, seeking the Lord regularly before we lead others? Bill Gandy, District Superintendent

VESPERS • 6:00 PM • CHAPEL • ELTON BEASLEY

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 2010**

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Tammy Jackson

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ministry Statement

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Prelude

Benny McNair

Choral Call to Worship

Chancel Choir

*Congregational Call to Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

*Processional Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

No. 89

*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.

Invitation to Holy Communion

No. 12

Confession and Pardon

The Offertory Anthem

"In Memory of You"

Jay Althouse

*The Doxology

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Preparation

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

No. 618

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:15-24

Sermon

"A Banquet for Misfits"

Rev. Roger K. Thompson

The Great Thanksgiving

No. 13

Holy Communion

*Closing Hymn

"One Bread, One Body"

No. 620

*Benediction

*Postlude

*You are invited to stand as you are able. Broadcast over WJBY (AM1350)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

September 5, 2010 - September 11, 2010

SUNDAY

9:00 AM-Celebration Service, Gym
10:00 AM-Sunday School for all ages
10:45 AM-Traditional Service, Sanctuary
6:00 PM-Vespers, Chapel

MONDAY

Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday

TUESDAY

5:00-6:00 PM-Pilates, Gym
5:30 PM-Fall Fest Team Meeting, Arts and Crafts Room

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: September 5 - September 11, 2010

Sept. 5 Ira Capps, Makayla Walker
Sept. 6 Jonathan Blount, Jack Carr, Max Carr
Sept. 7 Maxine Wilson, Carmen McKiven, Andrew Jackson
Sept. 8 Mark Condra, Jim Bennett, Michael McKiven
Sept. 9 Roberta Clonts, Annie Gay, George Adams,
Mallory White, Anderson Roberts
Sept.11 Johnny Bridges

SAVE THE DATE:
Fall Fest is coming Wednesday, October 20th

Wonderful Wednesday

Adult Study: Christianity and World Religions
with Dave Jensen
September 1 & 8

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Meal 5 PM

Menu: Adults: Pork loin Children: Hamburgers
Adult (\$6) __ Youth (\$4) __ (13 & over) Child (\$3) __ (12 & under)

Name _____

(Reservations & cancellations by noon Tuesday)



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNER

No Children's Church: **Holy Communion**
Children's Table in Celebration: **Carmen McKiven**

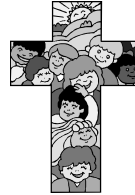


Tripp Martin, Carter Rains, Katie Edwards

Exploring

Wonderful Wednesday

**For Kids
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 & 3rd Grade Green Team: 4th and 5th Grade

Choir: 6:30 to 7 PM

Cherubs 3,4,& 5 years old Children's: 1st-5th Grades

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

Don't miss: Tryouts for the Children's Christmas Musical: Sept. 8 & 22,
6:30 PM @ Wonderful Wednesday for speaking parts and solos.

KidsZone at the Football Tailgate Blowout

September 15

Moonwalk, Face Painting, Create a Pennant or Poster Contest!

Save the Date: Fall Fest is Coming October 20!



Wonderful Wednesday Gym Monitor: **Mills**

Wonderful Wednesday Greeter: **Hester**

Changing Lives

My parents brought me to this church as an infant and I still have my "cradle roll" certificate. My 4th grade class was located next to the pastor's study and he often came by to speak. He noticed I was always present and told me "Fidelity is often greater than genius." I've tried to live by that saying. I attended classes and was baptized here in the 6th grade, but my real life changing moment came the summer when I helped in Bible School as a young teenager. I related well to the children and decided that was where I belonged. I've taught kindergarten classes since then. Eighteen months ago I broke my leg and was in the hospital and rehab for four weeks and thought maybe I should retire and let others teach Sunday school, serve as receptionist and work for UMW. God had other plans for me. Before I could even walk, let alone drive, friends picked me up and all my equipment and brought me to church each Sunday. I couldn't wait to get back. So much for retirement!

~ Beth Kimball

| Budget Offerings Week of | Aug. 29, 2010 | Month to Date |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| General offering Received | \$ 9,146.00 | \$ 47,133.90 |
| Connectional Giving Received | \$ 50.00 | \$ 3,250.00 |
| Expenses Paid | \$ 9,355.05 | \$ 59,833.86 |

Attendance Sunday, Aug. 29, 2010 – Total – 320

Trad– 158 Celeb– 140 ThursdayWorship–8 Vespers–14
Meetin' in the Middle-200

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: **Mills**

MISSIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept. 13, 10:30 AM, UMW Executive Board Meeting
Sept. 13, 12:00 PM, UMW Luncheon, Gathering Room
Sept. 14, 6:00 PM, Church Ladies, Chili's Restaurant
Sept. 25, UMW District Mini School-here at GFUMC



UMW BEGINS NEW SEASON

Sept. 13, UMW Luncheon at noon in the Gathering Room. For reservations please call Shelby Smith at 256-442-7117 or your circle leader by Sept. 9th, cancellations by 5 PM on Sept. 10th.

The Clothes Closet served 236 people on September 1, 2010

**District Mini School September 25, 2010 GFUMC
Registration: 9:30 AM Sessions Begin: 10 AM**

Studies for this year are:

1. Spiritual Growth Study-"**For The Love of God: The Epistle of John.**" Instructor Deaconess Minnie Murrell
2. Geographic Study-"**The Beauty of Sudan**" (2nd year). Instructor Nancy Lane
3. Issues Study-"**Joy to the World; Mission in The Age of Global Christianity.**" Instructor Jeff Murrell
4. Teaching Children's Study: "**Hugging the World: Faith, Hope, Love in Action.**" Instructor Judith Steele

MEMORIALS, HONORARIA and GIFTS

General Budget-In honor of the **children** and the **Children's Ministry**, given by **Hazel Oliver**.

Thanks to the 36 people plus Riley (Cleve Estis' dog) who walked in the American Heart Association Heart Walk this past Saturday and to the many people of Gadsden First who gave over \$800 for the cause. This was a great response, but with a little more time to prepare we hope to have at least 70 walkers next year. So get out your sneakers and start training. Again, thanks to all.

~ Ken Casey



WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

New Members to Gadsden First

Lee, Elizabeth and Janet Barnett

Mike and Sandy Self

Ruth Duke

Michael and Merry Blevins

Please continue to be in prayer for all of our members and especially for those who are in the hospital, in treatment, homebound, in a nursing home or recovering at home.



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-recovering at home

Worship Services

Sunday Services-Celebration 9 AM Traditional 10:45 AM Vespers 6 PM

Thursday — ThursdayWorship-Sanctuary 5:30 PM

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

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