


Attendance for August 31, 2025			
Sunday School	7	Livestream Views	30
10:00 Traditional Service	49	Children's Church	
11:00 Contemporary Service	22	Daycare Chapel	21
Morning Pointe Senior Center	15		
Children's Church & Youth Wednesday Night	50		

Pastor Blessings


Go in the power of the Holy Spirit! See all the people, share your story, point everyone to Jesus, and always be ready to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in every way you can, with all the people you can, wherever you can. Take the matchless name of Jesus Christ with you everywhere you go. Amen.

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONES CAMERA FOR MORE INFORMATION


View Our Prayer List




View Our Coming Events



Give Online



Join our Live-stream



Childcare is available under the Sanctuary. An usher can guide you.



14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE 14TH DAY *of* SEPTEMBER 2025

TEN O’CLOCK

201 SOUTH MAIN STREET . GREENEVILLE, TN 37743
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MORNING WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In
The Light

“Here I Am to Worship”
arr. Hughes

Martha Wiley

The Greeting

We welcome you, and we pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life.
† At the sound of the bells, please prepare your hearts and minds for worship

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Lifting Our Voices in
Praise*

“The Church’s One
Foundation”

UMH #545

The Apostles Creed*

See Insert

UMH #881

Gloria Patri*

See Insert

Passing Of The Peace*

† Afterward, the people may be seated.

The Children’s Message

Don Stansfield III

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Prayer

“Must Jesus Bear the Cross
Alone”

Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sharon Bowers

The Lord’s Prayer

See Insert

MORNING WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Lesson*

Acts 1:8; Acts 3:1-10;
Acts 4:18-20 (NRSV)

Marcia Parsons

The Message

Can’t Keep it To Myself!

Rev. Sharon Bowers

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Giving Our Tithes &
Offerings

† An offering is collected to support the mission of Asbury UMC to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Please register your attendance in the Ritual of Christian Friendship Folder and let us know if you are visiting, would like to become a member, or are interested in more information.

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Sharon Bowers

Anthem

“Amazing Grace”
(My Chains Are Gone)
arr. Tomlinson/Giglio

Chancel Choir

Doxology

See Insert

UMH #95

Hymn of Invitation*

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH # 77

SENDING FORTH

Benediction*

Rev. Sharon Bowers

Peace*

Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **An also with you.**

Postlude*

Performed by:

Martha Wiley

TODAY’S WORSHIP TEAM	
Preaching:	Rev. Sharon Bowers, Lead Pastor
Liturgist:	Marcia Parsons
Children’s Message:	Don Stansfield III
Organist/Pianist:	Martha Wiley
Music:	The Chancel Choir; Mrs. Cindy Sams , Director
Sounds/Livestream:	Christian Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS
<p>Let us know you’re here: Please take a moment to let us know you’re here by checking-in using the church center app, completing an online connection card at www.asburylife.org, or by signing the red registration pad in your pew.</p>
<p>See what’s coming up at Asbury: Visit our online church calendar at https://asburylife.org/coming-up-at-asbury. Sign up today, we look forward to seeing you there.</p>
<p>Please welcome next Sunday , September 21st the Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett. Reception to be at 9:45. With combined service following at 10:30. Come and visit the Bishop as we “roll out” the welcome mat.</p>
<p>Volunteers Needed for the Children’s Church on Sundays: 11:00 AM Service: 1 Nurse Worker / 1 assistant to help with elementary aged students.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asbury United Methodist Women Meet Thursday, September 19th at 10:00 am Hosted by Debby Hendrix at 46 Vista Street, Greeneville.
<p>The Campfire Covenant has been rescheduled to Friday, September 26 at 5:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you then.</p>
PRAYER REQUESTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As you enter or exit the sanctuary, you’ll find a display of original photographs from the people of Ukraine. I invite you to pause and spend a moment with these images—holding in prayer the many lives that have been uprooted and the hearts carrying the weight of so much loss. Lift the Reviere and James family up in prayer, following Pam Revieres passing.. Please keep Steve King, the husband of our cleaning lady Theresa in your prayers. Pray for guidance and for an open heart to receive the wisdom and suggestions of his eye specialist.

Small Group Bible Studies – Launching soon!

Bible Study: *Making Sense of the Bible*

Thursdays
 Sept 4 – Oct 2
 6:00 –7:30 p.m.
Barton Hollow Farm
Explore scripture in a fresh, engaging way—everyone welcome!

Men’s Ministry Launch: *The Campfire Covenant*

Fridays
 Beginning Sept 26th
 5:30—7:00 p.m.
Barton Hollow Farm Gather ‘round the fire—faith, fellowship, and the outdoors await.

Bible Study: *Reckless Love*

Thursday
 October 23rd–Dec 4
 6:00—7:00 p.m.
 Dates and Times to be Announced.
Truly Love our Neighbor the Way Jesus Loves Us

Crochet Workshop: With Artist Sandi Tester

Thursdays
 Sept. 11th–Oct 16th
 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
 Asbury 2nd Floor Parlor
 Workshop supplies to be provided at no charge.

Books & Brew

Mondays
Beginning Oct. 6th
 10:00—12:00 p.m.
 Asbury UMC Library
Where Coffee, Community, and Curiosity Meet

Contemporary Worship Family Enrichment Hour

Sundays
 10:00—11:00 a.m.
 Asbury UMC Fellowship Hall
Fuel Your Body and Spirit – Breakfast, Coffee, Conversation, Scripture

Liturgy For Worship

The Apostles 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.

**Universal

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.

Doxology

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

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Lord Jesus, we confess that too often we have held Your love and grace to ourselves. We have not shared Jesus with anyone else, keeping the good news silent in our hearts.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Liturgist: We have been fearful and afraid that we would be seen as disingenuous, and we have worried more about what others might think than about Your call to witness. We have been ashamed of our past and hesitant to apply Your grace fully in our lives, forgetting that Your mercy covers all our failures.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Liturgist: We have too often conformed and resisted transformation, clinging to comfort rather than being renewed by Your Spirit. We have misunderstood Your commands: we thought that justice was merely a political word, mercy was something only You could grant, and humility was something to fake rather than live out authentically.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

All: Forgive us, Lord. Heal our fear, lift our shame, and transform our hearts so that we may boldly live as Your witnesses, locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. Let our mission be to love God, grow in faith, and reach the lost at any cost. Amen.

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.

Join the Asbury Family!

On Sunday, September 28, 2025, we will hold a special service for those who wish to become official members of Asbury United Methodist Church. Whether you've been attending for many years or have recently joined us, this is your opportunity to take that step of commitment.

To participate, please call the church office to set up a short conversation, either in person or via Zoom, at a time that works for you.

Take this step and make Asbury your church home—we can't wait to welcome you!

Contact: 423-798-1050

Rev. Sharon Bowers, Lead Pastor

Asbury UMC

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**"Your story matters! Come discover how
the testimony of God's goodness in your
life can bring encouragement and faith to
those who hear it."**

3-Minute Testimony Worksheet

Every believer has a story. This worksheet is designed to help you write a simple, clear testimony of faith in three minutes or less. Use the three-part framework below. Keep it short, real, and focused on what God has done in your life.

1. Before Christ

What was your life like before faith became real to you? What challenges, struggles, or emptiness did you face?

2. Encounter with Christ

How did you come to know God’s love and grace? Was there a moment, event, or gradual realization that changed you?

3. After Christ

What difference has Jesus made in your life? How are you growing, serving, or living differently now?

"Lord, give me one opportunity this week to share my story with someone who needs hope."

Practice Sharing

Pair up with someone. Take turns sharing your story in 3 minutes or less. Listen carefully as your

partner shares. Remember: this is not about perfection—it’s about practice, clarity, and courage.

Reflection

After practicing, reflect on these questions: - How did it feel to share your story? - What surprised you

as you told it? - Who might God be nudging you to share it with this week?

Commitment Challenge:

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