



Galatians 6:14
May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

We have begun the season of Advent. A season of watching and waiting. A season of preparation. Preparing our lives to receive the coming of the Holy One. But how do we do this in a season of so much excess? During this time it is easy to get caught up in the World. As we prepare for our own Christmas gatherings, how do we maintain our connection to God? And not just maintain, but deepen it through watching and waiting for the Lord!

I am not aware that Christ ever turned down an invitation to a party. He spent so much time going to parties with the wrong people that the Pharisees said he was a “glutton and drunkard.” As the disciples went to spread the Gospel, they too went to where the people were. They joined in the homes of people who would not have been accepted by the Pharisees. They were never aloof or cut off from the world. But they were in the world, not of the world. They never allowed themselves to be cut off from God. Oswald Chambers calls this “consecration of Spiritual energy.”

Jesus always made time for God. Even when he was with the twelve he would find a quiet space for him and God. Jesus was never disconnected from God. He was always “Prayed UP!” It is my hope for you that as you join in this Holy Season of watching and waiting, that you will find time to deepen your connection with God. That as you spend time with family and friends you find a way to share Christ. Truly enjoy this Holy season and always remember our calling to make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the World!

Merry Christmas,
Jerry

December Birthdays

Addison Armbrister 12/1
Bea Jennings 12/1
Ann McInturff 12/1
Donald Stansfield III 12/1
Emma Lamons 12/2
Amanda Richey 12/2
Jewel Bell 12/4
Angie Wells 12/5
Carolina Jones 12/5
Jackie Crawford 12/5
Rebekah Taylor 12/5
Carolyn Gregg 12/6
David Andrew 12/7
Dave Wright 12/7
Robert Ottinger 12/8
James Gregg 12/8
Joy McGuffin 12/11
John Fisher 12/11
John Kilday 12/11
Doug DeBusk 12/11
Andy Broyles 12/15
Page Bible 12/15
Emma Andorante 12/17
Kenny Kershaw 12/18
Grayson Hite 12/18
Marjorie Bullen 12/19
Cindy Tvardy 12/19
Lu Henry 12/20
Shelia Moore 12/21
Dawn Wright 12/22
Calix Jones 12/22
Shane Hite 12/24
Mary Louise Fisher 12/24
Sophia McInturff 12/25
Savannah Tvardy 12/26
David Jones 12/27
Brooke Baker 12/28
Gracyn Uhls 12/28
Angel Carter 12/29
Lana Broyles 12/29
Vicky Cole 12/29
Steve Crouch 12/30
Frank Holzschuh 12/31

UMW- President Sally Andrew

Season's Greetings to all!

I hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The fall leaves we enjoyed are either going, or are gone, and are being replaced by the bright and colorful lights that drape our Christmas trees and outdoors. Awe, tis the beginning of the Advent season and the preparation for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

The UMW officers met with Rev. Jones, before the regular November meeting, to discuss options on the way forward for our Asbury UMW. Ms. Judy provided pastries and coffee to those in attendance. Items for the Isaiah 1:17 House were collected. The officers present reviewed said options and it was decided that we would continue our status quo with the only change being in our quarterly giving to the district and conference. The amount given quarterly would be reduced from \$100 to \$10.

This would allow the majority of our monies to be spent locally, and/or, for missions we deem as most relevant to the betterment of our local community. This proposal was then presented to the general membership which gave unanimous approval. Debby Hendrix has agreed to help me draft a letter explaining our position to the district and conference UMW leadership.

Our Christmas get-together will be on Thursday, Dec. 16 from 10:00 to 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Light finger foods, including homemade pound cake with strawberries, cheese wafers, and sausage balls will be served. Everyone is asked to bring canned or boxed foods to be donated to the local food bank. Debby Hendrix will again be filling in for me, as I will be out of town celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary. Hope we have a good turnout!

Please keep Linda Sullivan in your prayers as she is experiencing some health issues. You may or may not know, but Linda has been our devoted correspondent and card mailer for the last several years. We truly appreciate the wonderful ministry she has provided to each of us. Due to her health concerns, Linda has asked for someone else to fill her role. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity, please let one of your officers know.

Wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Much love,
Sally Andrew

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Church Maintenance Updates-Keith Cornwell



ACEC has had knock box installed for the Greenville Fire Department to gain access after hours in case of an emergency.



Tis the season of Advent and we have started our decorations in the Sanctuary and Chapel. Please take a moment to enjoy the wonderful decoration our volunteers have done this season.



I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours Truly,
Keith Cornwell

December Anniversaries

Louis & Carolyn Ricker 12/12
George & Cindy Tvardy 12/14
David & Sally Andrew 12/19
David & Susan Jones 12/21
Buddy & Becky Yonz 12/27
Woody & Teresa Smith 12/31

Congregational Care

Living at Home

Libby Bible
Carolyn Galloway
Bea Jennings
Barbara Lawson
Louise Love
Felty & Jean Masengill
Buck Mathes

Living at Morning Pointe

Marjorie Davenport
Winifred Kuper
Kermit Justis
Pat Logan

Living at Brookdale

Mel Mauck

Living at Signature

Tedo Southerland

Living at Laughlin Health Care

Janice Moore

If you would like to mail to our homebound please contact the church office for contact information.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
December 3, 2021 5:30 - 8:30PM
DOWNTOWN Greeneville, TN
Tree Lighting, Music, Santa, Hayrides, Food/Drink,
Magic Reindeer Food, Shopping
EVENT FOR ALL AGES - JOIN THE FUN
Shops and Attractions Open Late
Shop Local
Don't let the construction keep you away - the
SHOPS ARE OPEN - stop in and see what
they have to offer
www.mainstreetgreeneville.org

Advent at Asbury



December 3rd - Downtown Christmas-5PM-9PM

December 10th-ACEC Christmas Program

December 12th- Service of Music-10AM (Single service)

December 12th-Kidmin Gingerbread Bash-4PM

December 15th-Kidmin Christmas Service-6:30PM

December 21st-Blue Christmas Service-6PM

December 24th-Christmas Eve Services-5PM & 11PM





The Praise Team did some remodeling, painting the back wall of the Fellowship Hall, and adding lights to the stage. Check out the space when you have a moment and say thanks to the team.





Thank you Asbury for your donations during Children's Sunday.



ISAIAH 117 DECEMBER NEEDS
Little Boys Pants size 6-8
Little Boys Shirts size 6-8
Pajamas all sizes
Car seats



Asbury KIDMIN held our annual Shoebox packing party on November 17. With the help of the Youth, we packed 22 boxes. Thank you for your support of this mission!



Wednesday Night Life



Wednesday Night
Meals
5PM

Dec 1

Cubed Steak/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Roll
Dessert

Dec 8

Chicken Dumpling's
Slaw
Corn Bread Muffin
Dessert

Dec 15 KIDMIN Fundraiser

Breaded Chicken Breast
Mac & Cheese
Roll
Dessert

No Meal December 22 or 29
Christmas Break

Under 3 is free
3-11 is \$3
12 and up is \$6
Family Max \$30

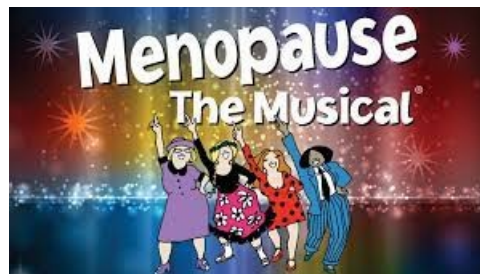
Please go to website to RSVP for
the meal by Tuesday each week.
<https://asburylife.org/connect>
Or call the church office.

If you or your group would like
to do a fundraiser meal please
contact Mrs. Judy!

November was a busy month for Family Ministries.

We held our Fall Market Place on November 13. We had 19 vendors and a large shopping crowd.

Then on November 20, we had a group of 13 ladies enjoy "Menopause the Musical." It was a hilarious show, with each lady having a great day of laughing and fun.



FAITH FORWARD

DECEMBER

NEVER STOP PRAYING.
1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

SUNDAY

5 Talk to God about a promise in the Bible that you're trusting Him to fulfill.

MONDAY

6 Pray for someone who feels lonely.

TUESDAY

7 Thank God for the gift of JOY.

WEDNESDAY

1 Where do you see God working IN and AROUND you? Talk to Him about that.

8 Ask God for an opportunity to show His love to someone.

THURSDAY

2 Thank God for the gift of MERCY.

9 Thank God for the gift of ETERNAL LIFE.

FRIDAY

3 Be still for a few minutes and simply enjoy God.

10 Make a list of all your concerns and worries, and then present them to God.

SATURDAY

4 Ask God to examine your life and shine His light on the areas He wants to work on.

11 Thank God for spiritual leaders and faith-filled friends.

12 Thank God for a time when He "showed up" in your life and did something great.

13 Pray for someone who is sad or grieving.

14 Thank God for the gift of PEACE.

15 Ask God what HE wants for Christmas.

16 Thank God for the gift of HOLY SPIRIT.

17 Make a list of the people that are hard to love. Pray for God's best for them.

18 Pray for someone whose name starts with the letter C.

19 Ask God to help you see the meaning of Christmas like never before.

20 Make a Birthday card for Jesus.

21 Thank God for the gift of LOVE.

22 Tell God something you love about December.

23 Thank God for the gift of SALVATION.

24 Ask God to make you like a MIRROR that reflects Him to the people around.

25 PRAISE GOD FOR GIVING US JESUS!

26 Camp under your Christmas tree.

27 Pray for someone who is sick.

28 Thank God for the gift of GRACE.

29 Make a list of God's blessings you've enjoyed in 2021. Take time to say THANKS.

30 Thank God for the gift of FREEDOM.

31 Tell God about your plans and dreams for 2022.





DECEMBER KIDMIN HAPPENINGS

WEDNESDAYS IN DECEMBER

HWC 330-515

MEAL 515-600

KIDMIN KLUB 600-700

SUNDAYS IN DECMEBER

POPTARTS & PRAYERS 9-940

FAMILY WORSHIP FIRST SUNDAY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH 2,ND , 3RD , & 4TH

ACOLYTES

DECEMBER 5

TATUM HILL

DECMEBER 12

JANIYAH SMITH

DECEMBER 19

TUCKER HILL

DECEMBER 24

CAROLINA & MICAH

DECEMBER 26

AALA KYTE

DECEMBER 15 KIDMIN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 630 IN SANCTUARY

"THE CHIRSTMAS STORY"

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ASBURY KIDMIN PRESENTED FIVE BIBLES ON NOVEMBER 14 DURING OUR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SERVICE.

THOSE RECEIVING BIBLES INCLUDED:

BLAKE LISTER
JANIYAH SMITH
MAEVE ROGERS
KENZIE MIKAN
KYLEE COLLIER

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY 2021

November 14 Asbury KIDMIN lead worship to celebrate our children and the children in our community. Ronda Paulson, founder of Isaiah 117 House, was our guest speaker. The children did a fantastic job leading worship. They thoroughly enjoyed sharing their VBS music from the summer. Special Thank You to Mrs. Lynette Hill for her help with music and Mrs. Soozie for her help in getting us ready!

Thank you Asbury for always showing our children love!

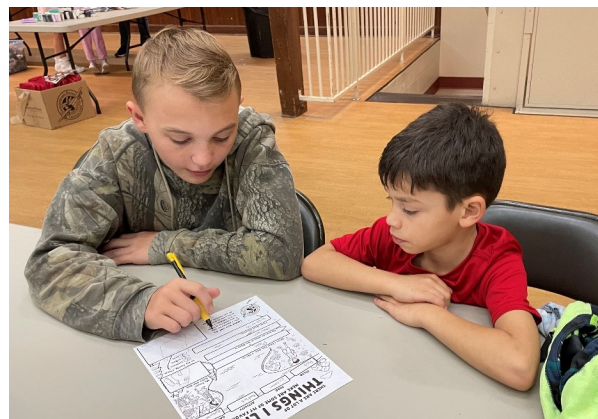
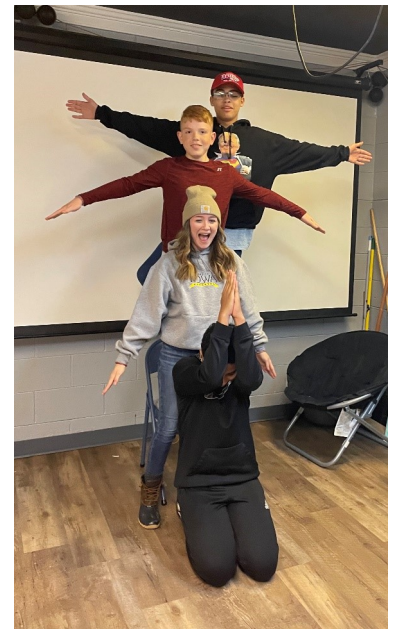




Natasha DeBord
Director of Student Ministries



November was fun and a month full of giving. We played games, learned how to be with people when they are in difficult situations, and did things for others. We packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, gave our time to helping the KidMin students fill out their papers to go in the shoeboxes, and made little goodie bags to go with the meals we deliver on Wednesdays. If you see our youth make sure you tell them how proud you are of them being so generous. Our group of young adults are really the best of the best.



TURKEY THROWDOWN!

This year we started a new yearly tradition of a Thanksgiving meal followed by games. The best part about this event is the parents/ adults get to participate! I am proud to announce that the first ever Turkey ThrowDown was won by our youth. Not to say there were losers, but the parents did not win this year. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and no one went home empty handed. If you're looking for somewhere to plug into and get more involved in the life of the church, I highly encourage you to volunteer with our youth. They are an absolutely amazing bunch of young adults who are all making a difference in our world.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **December 15: \$35 deposit due for Resurrection**
- **December 19-20: Lock in at the church**
- **January 21-23: Resurrection; \$35 deposit due December 15th**



December Events

- 1st - Youth Room Decorating
- 5th - Christmas Parade
(NO YOUTH)
- 8th- Youth
- 12th- Youth
- 15th- Youth
- **Resurrection deposit due*
- 19th-20th- Lock In
(7pm-7am)
- 21st - Blue Christmas
- 24th- Christmas Eve
- 22th - NO YOUTH
- 26th - NO YOUTH
- 29th - NO YOUTH



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1 Youth 3:00-7:00	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Youth 3:00-7:00	9	10	11
12 Youth 5:00-7:00	13	14	15 Youth 3:00-7:00	16	17	18
YOUTH LOCK-IN		21 Sanctuary 6:00	22	23	24 Sanctuary 5:00 Fellowship Hall 11:00	Merry Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

2021 Leadership

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Chairperson Rob Brown
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Chairperson Tom Cole / Tom Smith
Staff-Parish
Chairperson George Tvardy
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Lay Leader TBD
Leadership Team
Chairperson Lee Duckworth
Lay Member to AC Shelby Sullivan

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Year 3 Barbara Clanton
Year 2 Brian Allen
Year 2 Maynard Austin
Year 1 Vicky Cole
Year 1 TBD

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Year 3 Ben Brooks
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Year 2 Dawn Wright
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Year 1 John Cash
Year 1 Art Masker
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Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones

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Year 2 Brenda Ottinger
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Year 1 Terri Lawson
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December

2021

Abbreviation Key

Boots Bewley-BB
Chapel-CH
Choir Room-CR

Disciple Classroom-DC
D&H Brown Classroom-DH
Fellowship Hall-FH
John Wesley Class-JWC

LaRue Classroom-LR
Library-LB
Parlor-PL
Prayer Shawl Room-PSR

Sanctuary-ST
Sisters By Grace-SG
Youth Room-YR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			8A Van Dreal Bible Study 10A-Benevolence 3:30P-Homework Club 5P-WNM 6P-Wed Night Life		5P-Downtown Christmas	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8A-Chapel Service 9A-Sunday School 10A- Traditional –ST 11A-Cont. Service-FH 5:30P-Youth	5:30 Yoga 7P-Troop 94	10A-Blood Drive 5:30P-Trustee Meeting	10A-Benevolence 3:30P-Homework Club 5P-WNM 6P-Wed Night Life		12p-ACEC Christmas	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9A-Sunday School 10A– Service of Music 2P-Vison for Asbury 4P-Gingerbread Bash 5:30P-Youth	5:30 Yoga 7P-Troop 94		8A Van Dreal Study 10A-Benevolence 3:30P-Homework Club 5P-WNM 6P-Wed Night Life 6:30P-KIDMIN Christmas	10a-UMW Luncheon		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8A-Chapel Service 9A-Sunday School 10A- Traditional –ST 11A-Cont. Service-FH 7P YOUTH LOCKIN	5:30 Yoga 7P-Troop 94 7A-Lockin	6P-Blue Christmas	10A-Benevolence 5:30PM-Christmas Caroling	Office Closed	5P-Christmas Eve 11P-Christmas Eve Office Closed	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8A-Chapel Service 9A-Sunday School 10A- Traditional –ST 11A-Cont. Service-FH 5:30P-Youth	5:30 Yoga 7P-Troop 94		8A Van Dreal Study 10A-Benevolence	Office Closed	Office Closed	

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00AM—Chapel Worship—CH
9:00AM—Sunday School Classes
10:00AM—Traditional Worship—ST
11:00AM—Contemporary Worship—FH

SUNDAY GROUP

OPPORTUNITIES

9A—Nursery, Preschool & K-5th
Children's Dept.
(under Sanctuary)
9A—Men's Life Group-PSR
9A—Youth Sunday School-YR

1st Floor Education Building

9A—D&H Brown
(mixed gender, 50-70s)
9A—Disciple
(mixed gender, mixed age)
9A—Sisters by Grace
(females, mixed age)
9A—LaRue
(mixed gender, mixed ages)

2nd Floor Education Building

9A—Seekers
(mixed gender, 30-50s)-Parlor
9A—Choir
(mixed gender, mixed age)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

3:30PM—HOMEWORK CLUB
5:00PM—WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL
6:00PM—CHOIR PRACTICE, KIDS KLUB, YOUTH



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