



# The Asbury Connection

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Revelations 1:11 *“Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”*



The words of Jesus spoken to John in Revelation. If Jesus was to look upon His bride today and send her a letter what would he say? One of the things that I have noticed in my experience of leading churches is that people always want to study the end times scripture; Revelation and Daniel, the prophets and the gospels. They want to know when the end of times will be. Almost like they want to know if it is time to get ready, or if they can continue doing what they are doing. This focus on things that are in the future seems to me to entirely miss the point of these writings. Matthew 24:36 *“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”* Only the Father knows and the plan to share this information does not seem to be a part of the overall scheme of things.

So, then why write Revelation? In fact, why put the Holy Scriptures together at all? There must be a good reason. The Bible tells the story of a faith journey that has lasted at least 4,000 years and probably longer. It is the story of God and God’s creation. It is the story of loving and growing. It is the story of grace and mercy. It is the story of life! The Bible reveals to us the desire of God. I believe that is relationship. That a life lived in relationship with God opens us to the fullness of all creation. For Jesus to speak these words to John means something. But I am not sure it is what we think it is.

I want to invite you to join me in this season of Lent for a study on the seven letters that Jesus sent to His bride the church. These seven churches from Asia Minor, about whom really scripture does not say a whole lot. We will begin on Sunday, February 23 and go to Sunday, April 5, also meeting on Tuesday afternoons. The Sunday time will be at 6 pm and Tuesday at 1:30. Let me know if you have any questions.

In His Service, Jerry

## February Birthdays

Kristen Fox 2/1  
Carolyn Galloway 2/1  
Dominick Jackson 2/1  
Lynda Sullivan 2/2  
April Johnson 2/3  
Addie Leonard 2/3  
Bobby Wells 2/3  
Art Masker 2/7  
Kevin Smith 2/7  
Cindy Sams 2/8  
Cameron UHls 2/8  
John Reviere 2/9  
Janice Justis 2/10  
Connie Moore 2/10  
Katy Babb 2/14  
Jake Hall 2/14  
Nick Hall 2/14  
Mack Hall 2/14  
Andrew Whitaker 2/14  
Grace Riley 2/17  
Leslie Allen 2/18  
Susan Jones 2/18  
Holly McGaw 2/21  
Mike Monger 2/22  
Jodie Carter 2/23  
Chandler Jones 2/23  
Claire Hoeke 2/24  
Avery McGaw 2/24  
George Tvardy 2/24  
Annemarie Brown 2/25  
Kermit Justis 2/27

## United Methodist Women

The first meeting of the Asbury UMW for 2020 was held on January 16th. Hostess were Doris Allen, Susan Holzschuh, and Elizabeth Wilson. Each table was decorated with winter themed centerpieces. Following a bag lunch the hostess provided delicious desserts. The pledge ceremony was conducted by Elizabeth Wilson, our pledge chairman. New membership directories were distributed which had been prepared by Susan Bowers. Please thank Susan when you see her.

We collected baby wipes, tissues, and disinfecting wipes to give to the ACEC as our mission project. Kim Brown has asked that we bring items that will be packed and sent to ur college students for Valentines Day. Individual packaged crackers, microwaveable popcorn, cookies and wrapped candies should be brought to Kim by Feb. 2nd.

The next UMW Meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 2020 in the Fellowship Hall. A board meeting will precede in the library at 10:30AM. Hostess will be Bettye Anne Bewley, Marjorie Bullen, Barbara Clanton, Tee Earl, & Becky Yonz. Look for more information in the upcoming bulletins. We will be hosting a baby shower Chandler & Shoshana during our meeting. A list of suggested or needed items will be forth coming.

All women of Asbury are welcome and encouraged to attend the UMW meetings.

Sally Andrew  
President

### 2020 Officers

President: Sally Andrew  
Vice President: Debby Hendrix  
Secretary: Tee Earl  
Treasurer: Barbara Clanton  
Pledge Secretary: Elizabeth Wilson  
Correspondence: Lynda Sullivan  
Scholarship Treasure: Barbara Clanton  
Reading Program: Becki McInturff  
Mission Coordinators:  
Spiritual Growth: Barbara Serral  
Social Action: Bettye Anne Bewley, Judy Kennon  
Nominating Committee:  
Ann Smith  
Caroline Russell  
Kim Brown  
Scholarship:  
Barbara Clanton  
Becki McInturff  
Lisa Crum  
Historian: Bennie Brooks

## Finance Team

Greetings from your Finance Committee,

We ended the year with giving of approximately \$531 thousand, which left us short of fully funding the 2019 budget of \$561 thousand. After being ahead of budget for the first 11 months of 2019 we fell short of both plan as well as giving in December 2019. This shortfall was partially mitigated by 2019 actual expenses coming in \$18 thousand lower than budget. All this resulted in a net income shortfall of \$13 thousand as compared to budget.

In preparation for ministry this year the Church Council approved our 2020 operating budget, in early December. It has budgeted giving set at \$564 thousand. Total expenses, which were given a comprehensive review, also total \$564 thousand for a balanced budget. Our challenge and charge in 2020 is to increase giving by \$33 thousand (6.2%) over our 2019 total, as we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

As we head into the New Year we wanted to make sure everyone understood both our 2019 results as well as our goal for 2020. We respectfully ask that you are mindful of this in your giving throughout the year.

Thank you  
Asbury Finance Committee



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Methodist  
Women

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## February Anniversaries

David & Amanda Richey 2/8  
Tyler & Kathy Adorante 2/14  
Jackie & Ryan Crawford 2/17  
Tom & Carolyn Smith 2/17  
Jim & Jean Sterling 2/25



## MY BELOVED AND ME VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE

Dinner featuring low county boil  
(non-seafood option available)  
Live Music | Door Prizes | Silent Auction |  
Dance Party  
RSVP with Abby Whitaker 423-329-8161

**02.13.20** 6PM  
Asbury  
Fellowship  
Hall



### Closet Clean out

The above items, church pew and wooden cross, were found in a closet in the children's area. If you would be interested in purchasing either of these items, please call the church office.

## Congregational Care

### Living at Home

- Minnie Anderson
  - Libby Bible
  - Orland Britton
  - Betty Fletcher
- Barbara Lawson
  - Louise Love
- Felty & Jean Masengill
  - Buck Mathes
  - Cheryl Smith

### Living at Morning Pointe

- Homer & Marjorie Davenport
  - Winifred Kuper
  - Jessie Wilburn

### Living at Brookdale

- Mel Mauck

### Living at Signature

- Tedo Southerland

### Living at Laughlin Health Care

- Janice Moore

## Asbury Missions

# Isaiah 117

Caring for children awaiting foster placement

The monthly needs for the Isaiah 117 House are listed below. These items may be brought to the church office for delivery to Gwyn Southerland. There will be a tote marked for these items in the reception office.

### General Needs

Duffle bags for boys  
Suitcases for girls  
Diapers-preemie, size 1 and size 6  
Preemie clothes  
Infant clothes size 0-3 months

### Boys

Winter Clothes-infant through youth 16  
Shirts-Men's Small medium, large, XL  
Pants- Men's medium, large, XL

### Girls

Winter clothes in sizes 0-12 months  
Size 2T, 3T, 4T shirts & sweatshirts  
Size 5, 6 pants  
Size 10 shirts & pants  
Size 12 pants  
Size 14-16 shirts & pants  
Ladies size large sweatshirts



## Asbury in Missions

As we begin the new year, please consider giving towards our Local missions. We are still working with Tate's Chapel in repairing their parsonage and helping them raise the needed funds, approximately \$2500, for this work to be completed.

As spring and summer approach, our mission teams, youth & adults, will be gearing up to go beyond the walls of the church and help those in need whether it be in our community, state, country or outside our border.

In the coming months there will be lots of opportunities to serve with our mission team. If this is something you have thought about doing in the past, prayerful consider joining us as we gear up to do the work of the Lord outside our church walls. If you would like to help in supporting our mission ministry, please comment in memo line of check for designation.

Thank you for your prayers and support,  
Asbury Mission Team

# Children's Ministries

## "Soup'er" Bowl

### Vegetable Soup Fundraiser

Thank you to all who supported our "soup'er" Bowl fundraiser. Your support allows us to carry out our mission projects.



## Homework Club



## Wonderful Wednesdays

Wonderful Wednesdays have resumed, if your child or someone you know would like to join us, please see Mrs. Kim.

### Wonderful Wednesday Schedule

Snack	3:30-3:50
Homework	3:50-4:30
Music Time	4:30-5:05
Free Time	5:10-5:30
Meal	5:30-6:30
KIDS Klub	6:30-7:30



Children host Greene County Wood cutting ministry on February 8. Children will serve and clean up.

Parents that have volunteered to bring food items, please have those there by 11:00 am. We should be done by 1:30 pm.

**Sunday  
February 2nd**

CHANGE   
for children

## Valentine Activity

Children will be making valentine cards for our "Special Friends" February 5



# Confirmation Class 2020

Introducing our newest confirmands. Confirmation classes will begin March 1. When you see these outstanding young people, please make them feel welcome at Asbury! Get to know them better at their next fundraising meal, Wednesday, February 12. Our confirmation retreat will be held March 20-22 at Lake Junaluska with Confirmation Sunday April 12.



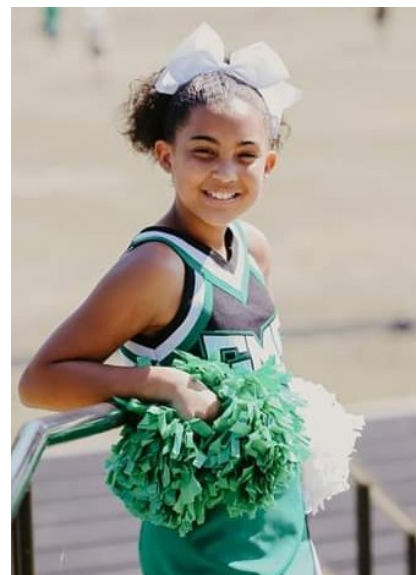
Nash Barnes  
Son of Mike & Wendy Barnes



Son Katie Haun and  
son of Harry Haun



Emerson Hensley  
Son of Rachel Hensley



Anastasia Smith  
Daughter of Waverly & Miranda Smith

## Family Ministries



### College Care Packages

Asbury Family Ministries along with the help of the UMW will once again be sending care packages to our college students. Items needed for this special project are microwave popcorn, prepackaged cracker & cookies, hot cocoa, gum, & miniature candy bars. Items are due in church office no later than Monday, February 3. If you are interested in helping with this outreach, we will be preparing packages February 4 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 1230 pm.

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# PROM CLOSET 2020

*NEW LOCATION!*  
*Asbury Fellowship Hall*  
*201 S. Main St.*

**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 7TH, 2020**  
**10 AM-3 PM**

Offering formal dresses for 8th -12th grade students for \$10.  
For more information please call 423-798-1050.



## Asbury Youth

## Resurrection 2020



## February Schedule

Feb. 2nd: Super Bowl Party at Kim Brown's -5:30 PM

Feb. 16th: Youth Sunday all 3 services (NO Sunday Evening Youth)

Feb 25th: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Fundraiser

Feb 26th: Ash Wednesday Youth will be done after service.



# ACEC Newsletter



February 2020

### Flu Prevention Steps:

- Avoid close contact.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing.
- Clean your hands
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Practice good health habits.

From CDC Website

### Reminders:

If your child has a fever of 101 and or flu like symptoms we ask that you keep your child home! We are doing our best to keep our center as healthy as possible!!!

### Open Door

ACEC has an open door policy! Please come to your child's class when you have time. We love to have parents come play with the children in the class, eat lunch, or see if the teachers need any help with things in their class.

### Birthdays

Dane Nikle	02.01
Brooklyn Broyles	02.02
Axle Brown	02.17
Avery Mae McGaw	02.24
Mia Hendon	02.25
Paisley Jones	02.25
Henry Metroka	02.28



**ACEC IS IN NEED OF SUBSTITUTES!**  
If you are interested or know someone who is interested please have them call Chassidy at 423.798.1060



## REMINDERS

Consignment sale is near! Please see Chassidy or Sharon with any questions!

### Inclement Weather Policy

ACEC will not be open till 8:00 am if the Greenville City Schools are closed due to weather. If the Greenville City Schools ESP closes due to weather, we will close as well. If the Greenville City ESP dismisses early due to weather related incidents, then ACEC will close early.

## Wednesday Night

### February 5th

**Pork Loin, Potatoes,  
Apples, Rolls  
Dessert  
Hosted By Mrs. Judy**

### February 12th

**Bread Chicken, Corn,  
Mashed Potatoes, Rolls,  
Dessert  
Hosted By Confirmation**

### February 19th

**Taco Bar  
Hosted by Asbury Youth**

### February 26th

**Soups, Salad, Cornbread,  
Dessert  
Hosted by: Family  
Ministry**

**Cost is \$6.00 for adults,  
\$3.00 children ages 2-10,  
\$30.00 family.**

**Take-Out Meals Available.**

**ALL MEALS MUST RSVP BY  
NOON ON TUESDAY.**

**Our schedule, menus, and  
RSVP form can be found on  
our website [asburylife.org/](http://asburylife.org/)  
connect, you can also reserve  
meals on your connection  
cards in the pews, or by calling  
the church office.**

## 2020 Leadership

### **Church council:**

Chairperson	Lee Duckworth
Secretary	Susan Bowers
Pastor	Rev. Jerry Jones
Director of	
Family Ministries	Kim Brown
Director of	
Student Ministries	Natasha DeBord
Director of	
Traditional Music	Cindy Sams
Director of Contemporary	
Worship	Abby Whitaker
Lay Leader	Bill Rymer
Lay Leader	Margaret Akins
Lay Member to AC	Shelby Sullivan
Lay Member to	
AC-Alternate	Abigail Brown
Children's Council	
Rep	Amanda Richey
Senior Adult Rep	Dinah Seip
UMW Rep	Sally Andrew
ACEC Chairperson	Abby Lawson
Mission Team	
Chairperson	Rob Brown
Trustees	
Chairperson	Tom Cole / Tom Smith
Staff-Parish	
Chairperson	George Tvardy
Finance Chairperson	Rodney Bell

### **Finance Committee:**

Chairperson	Rodney Bell
Treasurer	Ivy Leonard/Bobby Wells
Financial Secretary	Susan Bowers
Trustees Chairperson	TBD
Staff-Parish	
Chairperson	TBD
Stewardship Chair	Bob Leonard
Lay Leader	TBD
Leadership Team	
Chairperson	Lee Duckworth
Lay Member to AC	Shelby Sullivan

### *At-Large*

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

### **Leadership Development/Nominating:**

Year 3	Debby Hendrix
Year 3	Frank Holzschuh
Year 3	Ben Brooks
Year 2	Phyllis Stansfield
Year 2	Bettye Ann Bewley
Year 2	Dawn Wright
Year 1	Judy Reviere
Year 1	John Cash
Year 1	Art Masker
Chairperson	Rev. Jerry Jones

### **Staff-Parish Relations Committee:**

Year 3	Carolyn Ricker
Year 3	Frieda Wright
Year 3	George Tvardy-Board Chair
Year 2	Lori Duckworth
Year 2	Dale Landers
Year 2	Sandra Fox
Year 1	Marjorie Bullen
Year 1	Chuck Pearson
Year 1	Jim Seip
Ex-Officio	Rev. Jerry Jones

### **Trustees:**

Year 3	Steve Shore
Year 3	Brandon Hull
Year 3	Suzanne Wagner
Year 2	Dave Wright
Year 2	Phyllis Bible
Year 2	Alice Russell
Year 1	John Loven
Year 1	Tom Cole –Co-Chair
Year 1	Tom Smith –Co-Chair
Ex-Officio	Rev. Jerry Jones
Ex-Officio	Ex-Officio Keith Cornwell

### **ACEC Board of Directors:**

Year 3	Brook Loggins
Year 3	Don Stansfield
Year 3	Abby Lawson –Board Chair
Year W	Brittani Hirschy
Year 2	Brenda Ottinger
Year 2	Janie Laws
Year 2	Holly McGaw
Year 1	Mary Louise Fisher
Year 1	Stephanie Hite
Year 1	Terri Lawson
At Large	Lynette Hill
Ex-Officio	Kim Brown
Ex-Officio	Rev. Jerry Jones

### **Family Ministries:**

Adult Ministries  
Coordinator: Susan Holzschuh  
Benevolence Team  
Chairperson: Joe McInturff  
Boy Scouts Representative: Art Masker  
Camping Advocates: Emily & Scott Whitaker  
Children in Poverty Chairperson: Tee Earl  
Evangelism Chairperson: Steve Shore  
Fellowship Coordinator: Judy Kennon  
Historian: Carolyn Gregg  
Holston Home Ambassador: Kent Bewley  
Nurture Ministries Chairperson: Marge Saulsbury  
Older Adult Ministries: Dinah Seip  
Mission Ministries: Rob Brown  
Outreach Ministries: Bettye Hayes  
Sunday School Superintendent: Jerry Moore  
Restoration Depot Chairperson: TBD  
Witness Ministry Chairperson: David Andrew  
Wood Cutting Ministry: David Andrew

# February

# 2020

**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
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 6P-Asbury Youth @Browns	7P-Troop 94	12:30PM-College Care Package Packing 3P-Benevolence –LB Meeting-DH	10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR 5P-Boy Scout Banquet <a href="#">SEE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE</a>	9A—PEP Club		12P– Wood Cutters Meal
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 6P-Asbury Youth	7P-Troop 94	12P—Finance Meeting 3P-Benevolence –LB 5:30P-Trustees Meeting-DC	8A-Van Dreal SG-DC 10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR 11A-Staff Meeting <a href="#">SEE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE</a>	9A-PEP Club 6P-BAM Praise Band Fundraiser		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
YOUTH SUNDAY 8A-Chapel Worship-Children 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence –LB	10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR <a href="#">SEE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE</a>	11:30A UMW Lunch-FH		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 6P-Asbury Youth	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence –LB 6PM-Shrove Tuesday Youth Fundraiser	8A-Van Dreal SG-DC 10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR 12P-Ashe Wed Service 6P-Ashe Wed Service <a href="#">SEE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE</a>	9A—PEP Club		11PM-Puzzle Pieces
			<p><a href="#">WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE</a> 3:30PM—Homework Club 5:00 PM—Music 5:30PM—Wednesday Night Meal 6:30PM—Choir Practice, Kids Klub, Youth</p>			

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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—Youth in Youth Room  
9A—Men's Life Group-PSR

### **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—MUSIC  
5:30PM—WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL  
6:30PM—CHOIR PRACTICE, KIDS KLUB, YOUTH



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