



The Asbury Connection

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Luke 2: 52 *And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*



What a difference a year makes. When I was little my mom and dad would measure my height on the wall. They would mark the place where I grew and then check again the next year. Then they would look at me and say “my how you’ve grown.” Recently I thought about it and realized the same could be said for me again this year. How about you, have you grown in all the ways you wanted.

The Scripture says Jesus “increased,” the reality is we all need to increase, we need to grow as persons, as Christians. We need to grow as Jesus did, in wisdom and stature. In order to do this, we need to grow in four areas; mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially. Growing mentally is about learning. We are always students, students of life, and students of the bible. We need to learn more, learn scripture, commit it to memory and know it. We need to understand how the Bible applies to life and the world we live in. Then we need to share it with others.

Our bodies are temples. Temples for God as the Holy Spirit dwells within us, therefore we need to treat them as such. We need to eat healthier. We need to get proper rest and exercise regularly. Paul says it “benefits” little, but it does benefit. As United Methodists, we are called on to be temperate in all things. We need to grow socially. This is being kinder to our friends. This is helping our neighbors. Wesley said, “Our neighbors are any who are in need.” Make new friends and expand our “neighbors.” As people who have much, much is expected.

Then finally growing spiritually is about more; Praying more, Reading the Bible more, Give more, and resist temptation more. This is not accomplished by yourself but with accountability and the help of others. Sharing with others the changes that you are making can serve as an encouragement to make the changes permanent. This will help us build on the faith and character that God has called us too. As we get ready for the New Year and want to share a story that includes all of the above changes.

A large prosperous downtown church had three mission churches under its care that it had started. On the first Sunday of the New Year, all the members of the mission churches came to the city church for a combined Communion service. In those mission churches, which were located in the slums of the city, were some outstanding cases of conversions—thieves, burglars, and so on—but all knelt side by side at the Communion rail. On one such occasion, the pastor saw a former burglar kneeling beside a judge of the Supreme Court of England—the judge who had sent him to jail where he had served seven years. After his release, this burglar had been converted and become a Christian worker. Yet, as they knelt there, the judge and the former convict, neither one seemed to be aware of the other. After the service, the judge was walking home with the pastor and said to the pastor, “Did you notice who was kneeling beside me at the Communion rail this morning?” The pastor replied, “Yes, but I didn’t know that you noticed.” The two walked along in silence for a few more moments, and then the judge said, “What a miracle of grace.” The pastor nodded in agreement. “Yes, what a marvelous miracle of grace.” Then the judge said, “But to whom do you prefer?” And the pastor said, “Why, to the conversion of that convict.” The judge said, “But I was not referring to him. I was thinking of myself” The pastor, surprised, replied, “You were thinking of yourself? I don’t understand.” “Yes,” the judge replied, “it did not cost that burglar much to get converted when he came out of jail. He had nothing but a history of crime behind him, and when he saw Jesus as his Savior he knew there was salvation and hope and joy for him. And he knew how much he needed that help. But look at me. I was taught from early infancy to live as a gentleman; that my word was to be my bond; that I was to say my prayers, go to church, take Communion and so on. I went through Oxford, took my degrees, was called to the bar and eventually became a judge. Pastor, nothing but the grace of God could have caused me to admit that I was a sinner on a level with that burglar. It took much more grace to forgive me for all my pride and self-deception, to get me to admit that I was no better in the eyes of God than that convict that I had sent to prison.”

I look forward to us all growing together!

In His Service, Jerry

January Birthdays

Donna Daniels 1/1
Herb Whitfield 1/1
Debby Hendrix 1/3
Bill Henry 1/3
Kevin James 1/3
Emily Rivers 1/6
Emerson Hensley 1/8
Melody Johnson 1/8
Connor DeBusk 1/9
Sharon Jeffers 1/9
Carolyn Smith 1/9
Mary Garland 1/10
Mason Boatman 1/11
Louise Ricker 1/12
Lila Richey 1/13
Buddy Yonz 1/17
Becky Yonz 1/18
Tucker Loggins 1/20
Brenda Ottinger 1/20
Abby Carter 1/24
Cobin Crumbley 1/24
Amy Wagner 1/24
Keith Cornwell 1/25
Emily Susong 1/25
Ben Wagner 1/25
Natasha DeBord 1/26
Bob Windham 1/26
Jimmy Hill 1/27
Betty Mathes 1/27
Micah Justis 1/28
Barbara Clanton 1/29
Pat Bradford 1/30
Cindy Adorante 1/31
Watson Leonard 1/31

United Methodist Women

The Asbury UMW enjoyed their annual Christmas luncheon on Dec. 5. Hostesses were: Bettye Hayes, Barbara Serral, Susan Jones, Nancy Worley, Lynn Reviere, and Sally Andrew. Members brought canned food for the local food bank as their gift to missions. A delicious meal was provided by Judy Kennon.

Following the meal, Cindy Sams entertained with Christmas music selections. Barbara Serral read excerpts from the book, "The Forgotten Man." Debby Hendrix was honored for serving as UMW President with the gift of a crockpot which was donated to the Asbury kitchen.

Barbara Serral installed new officers for 2020. They are:

Sally Andrew.....President
Debby Hendrix.....V. President
Tee Earl.....Secretary
Barbara Clanton..... Treasurer

Pins of recognition for their service to the UMW were presented to Lynn Reviere and Barbara Serral. Jean Henard won the door prize, a painted slate tile donated by Sally Andrew.

The next meeting will be on Jan. 16 at 11:30. Hostesses are Doris Allen, Elizabeth Wilson, and Susan Holzschuh. Look for upcoming information. A board meeting will precede in the library at 10:30. We welcome all women to come to join us.

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 Hayes, Judy Kennon

Nominating Committee:
Ann Smith
Caroline Russell
Kim Brown

Scholarship:
Barbara Clanton
Becki McInturff
Lisa Crum

Historian: Bennie Brooks



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Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

We are excited to introduce Natasha DeBord as our new Director of Student Ministries. Please welcome her and her family to our Asbury family.



Hello and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to work with you and your children. I am excited to be joining the Asbury family as Director of Student Ministries. A little bit about me: I grew up in New Jersey and moved to Rogersville, TN my sophomore year of high school. After graduating from high school I attended Lincoln Memorial University where I obtained a B.A. of Philosophy and Religion. Most recently, I graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity. I have been married since 2012 to Dustin and we have 2 sons, Jakob and Theo. I have worked with youth in the past not only as a chaperone but also as a Sunday School teacher and other capacities.

One of my passions is connecting people outside of the church to the church. This starts by laying a firm foundation within the church's four walls. This means learning who we are, what we believe, how we do things, and why we do things. When we are confident in knowing ourselves, we can be confident in inviting people to join our church community. I pray that while working with the youth, they will make the faith their own and be able to reach out to their community (school, sports, etc....) and invite people to join our community here at Asbury. This is no different for our children.

One of my pet peeves is the saying, "The youth are the church of tomorrow". The problem is, they are here now. Now is the time to nurture them and accompany them in their growth so that they can continue our church. If we don't meet them now, there will be no church tomorrow. And for our youth and young adults group to grow, we have to nurture our current students. With that being said, it is my absolute joy to be able to come alongside our youth and help them to grow in their faith making it their own. I look forward to the New Year and seeing what blessings it holds for our children of all ages.

Natasha

January Anniversaries

Leon & Jewel Bell 1/14

Larry & Margaret Akins 1/21

Joe & Cindy Adorante 1/28

Congregational Care

Living at Home

- Minnie Anderson
- 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

Shopping for our Christmas Children

The children and youth adopted two children each from the Greene County Foster Child program for Christmas and went shopping for their wish list items!



Children's Ministries

The Real Christmas Story

The Real Christmas Story was a huge success! The kids did a great job and we thank everyone that came out to show their support.



Future Choir Director

"Souper" Bowl Vegetable Soup Fundraiser



Homemade Vegetable Soup to enjoy during your Super Bowl watching!
Soup will be in a quart jar and sale for \$15. Orders will be taken January 6 - 27. Soup pick up is February 2 in Library.
Orders may be placed through church office, sign up sheets located throughout the church or Mrs. Kim.

Wonderful Wednesdays and KIDS Klub

Wonderful Wednesdays will resume on January 15th. If your child has not been joining us, but would like to, please see Mrs. Kim & complete permission papers prior to January 13, 2020. January 15th, KIDS Klub, Kids In Discipleship & Service, will resume. Each week will be different activities of Bible Study, Art, Movies or service projects. A calendar of events will be handed out on January 15. Kids ages 4—5th grade may stay after dinner and attend KIDS Klub 6:30-7:30. These activities will be held in the Children's area. If child-care for younger ages are needed, please see Mrs. Kim.

Sunday
January 5th

CHANGE 
for children

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

Family Ministries

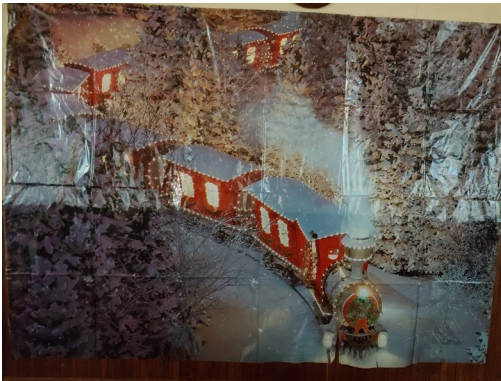
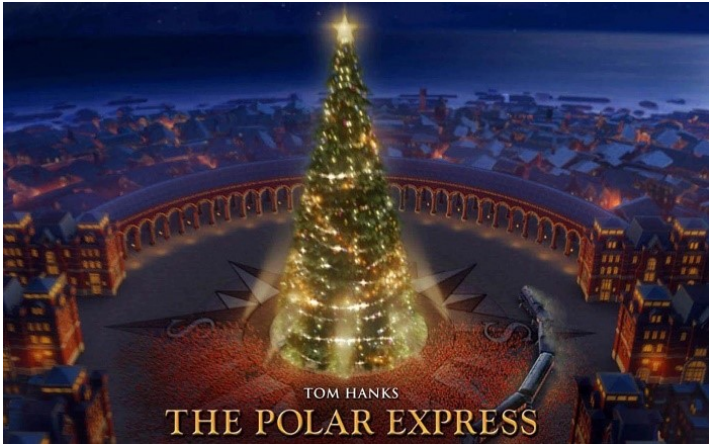
Christmas Caroling



Asbury Bell Ringers for the Greeneville Food Bank Ministries



Asbury Family Movie Night



Asbury Youth

The youth had a great time with their Gingerbread House Contest



Youth Christmas Party Lock-In



MORE THAN CONQUERORS
ROMANS 8:37

JANUARY 24-26, 2020
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PIGEON FORGE, TN

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resurrection
a Ministry to Youth

the music

ELIAS DUMMER

REGGIE DABBS

the message

Resurrection is approaching quickly, if you haven't already secured your spot with a deposit do so by contacting Kim Brown or Natasha DeBord. Information Packets are available and the final payments are due Jan. 20th. If you have any questions please contact Natasha or Kim.

Asbury Child Enrichment Center

ACEC Newsletter



January 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:

Luka Laight	1.10
Bert Miller	1.10
Kyndall Roberts	1.11
Colt Carter	1.28



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

•ACEC will be close January 1, 2020

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

January 1st

NO MEAL

January 8th

NO MEAL

January 15th

**Casseroles, green beans
rolls, & dessert**

Hosted by Asbury Youth

January 22nd

**Meatloaf, mashed
potatoes, corn, rolls, &
dessert**

**Hosted by: Asbury Chili
Peppers**

January 29th

**Chicken Dumplings, slaw,
cornbread & dessert**

**Hosted by: Local Mission
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/
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	TBD
Mission Team	
Chairperson	Rob Brown
Trustees	
Chairperson	TBD
Staff-Parish	
Chairperson	TBD
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
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
Year 1	Tom Smith
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
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

January

2020

<u>Abbreviation Key</u>	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
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			OFFICE CLOSED			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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 Meeting-DH 5:30P -Handbells-BB	10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR	9A-PEP Club		12P- Wood Cutters Meal
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 4P -Children Council Meeting 6P-Asbury Youth	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence -LB 5:30P-Trustees Meeting-DC 5:30P -Handbells-BB	8A-Van Dreal SG-DC 10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR SEE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE	11:30A UMW Lunch-FH		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8A-Chapel Worship-Children 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST -Children 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 6P-AsburyYouth	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence -LB 5:30P -Handbells-BB 6:30P-Boy Scout Meeting-FH	10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR SEE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE	9A-PEP Club 5:30P-ACEC-FH	Resurrection	Resurrection
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH Resurrection	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence -LB 5:30P -Handbells-BB	8A-Van Dreal SG-DC 10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR SEE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE	9A-PEP Club		
			<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE 3:30PM-Homework Club 4:30PM-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
4:30PM—MUSIC
5:30PM—WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL
6:30PM—CHOIR PRACTICE, KIDS KLUB, YOUTH



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