

The Asbury Connection

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Philippians 1:18 What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,



In preparing for July, specifically July 4! Along with doing some future thinking and looking ahead to what the church will look like beyond the 2022 General Conference, I found myself in Paul's letter to the church in Philippi. This was the first church that Paul started in eastern Europe. We see this story in Acts 16. Philippi was a Roman colony in ancient Macedonia made up largely of retired soldiers. There was a lot of patriotism and a strong commitment to supporting Rome and the emperor. This created resistance to the message of the Gospel that Paul brought.

However, Paul had a successful mission in Philippi and when he moved on there was a vibrant community of Christ-followers. They continued to struggle with persecution from the powers that be for their belief in Jesus as the one true King, but they remained faithful. So Paul writes this letter to the Philippians to thank them for their gift of financial support while he is imprisoned. Being in a Roman prison awaiting trial was very difficult in part because even though you were in prison you were responsible for your care. This gift from the Philippians made this possible. But even more than that it enabled Paul to continue the ministry of sharing the gospel of Jesus.

While Paul is in prison many come to believe in Jesus. They see the power of Paul's witness and take up the call to share the gospel with others. This is a large part of Paul's discipleship ministry, to help people see how their story is a lived expression of the story of Jesus. Paul's imprisonment has encouraged other people to talk about Jesus. It has encouraged others to look into the story of Jesus and see for themselves. This is a huge challenge for the church still today. One of the things I know about Jesus is he meets people where they are! Whether a woman at a well, a man lying by a pool, a leper crying out, an addict who has hit rock bottom, or whomever. It doesn't matter where someone is, they are never too far to meet Jesus.

So in prison, Paul says, as long as people are talking about Jesus it doesn't matter how it started. He is glad that his imprisonment has brought this forward. And he doesn't care what his imprisonment ultimately brings, whether death or release. Because for Paul to die "in Christ" would be the ultimate release and to be released from prison would be more of a sacrifice to continue to serve in the ministry of the Gospel. This is an incredible way to think about life and death and the ministry of Jesus.

It seems to me that this is a powerful message for us during this new season we find ourselves in. You see as long as people are talking about the Gospel of Jesus it doesn't matter. What matters is that we continue to live or die in Christ. This Independence day I hope you will celebrate the freedom you have to live life in Christ.

Blessings, Jerry

July Birthdays

Tyler Detroyer 7/1 Foster Kilday 7/3 James McMichen 7/4 Austin Loven 7/4 Aala Kyte 7/4 James Montgomery 7/5 Rad Clanton 7/6 Ann Smith 7/8 Gray Hull 7/8 Rebecca Uhls 7/9 Ava Jo Holmes 7/10 Jane Brown 7/12 Mary Brooks 7/12 Jim Sterling 7/14 Caroline Tvardy 7/14 Ashley Duckworth 7/16 Julia Richey 7/16 Kim Bowers 7/17 Brook Loggins 7/17 Theo DeBord 7/17 Andrew Cornwell 7/18 Oliva Bradford 7/20 Shelby Sullivan 7/22 Donald Hyde 7/22 Glyn Ann Smiley 7/22 Maeve Rogers 7/22 Shannon Johnson 7/23 Jake Broyles 7/23 Frank Jennings 7/24 Tom Vaughan 7/27 Megan Johnson 7/28 Ron Boshart 7/28 Blakley Crum 7/28 Joe McInturff 7/29

UMW- President Sally Andrew

Greetings Ladies,

I hope this July newsletter finds all of you doing well and enjoying the "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer." I, for one, am thankful that the 17-year visitors have exited and that we can once again enjoy the normal sounds of summer!

As things in our church are starting to return to "post Covid normalcy", we will begin our monthly UMW meetings again on the third Thursday in September. On Thursday, September 16, we will kick off our new year with a covered dish cookout. This should be a fun way to get back together and see friends we may not have seen over the past year. There will be more details in the upcoming August newsletter.

Thank you, Ms. Judy, and the teams that provided meals for the Howard Slagle and Cindy Tvardy families. Please continue to keep these families in your prayers. Also, please keep one another in your prayers that whatever needs there are, they will be provided. Thank you, Lord for always hearing our prayers and being present, especially in times of trials and tribulations. May we always be grateful when times are good as well!

Love to all, Sally

2021 Officers

President: Sally Andrew Vice President: Debby Hendrix

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Historian: Bennie Brooks



Church Maintenance Updates-Keith Cornwell

As we move into the summer months, phase I of the improvements have begun and have made large improvements to the exterior of the church. Have a safe and Happy 4th of July and look for the improvements around the building.







July Anniversaries

Jerry & Sue Vitthuhn 7/3
Bill & June Henry 7/10
Rad & Barbara Clanton 7/11
Andy & Lynn Broyles 7/22
Jim & Dinah Seip 7/26
Lennie & Terri Lawson 7/29

Congregational Care

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

Living at Morning Pointe
Orland Britton
Homer & Marjorie Davenport
Winifred Kuper
Kermit Justis
Pat Logan

Living at Brookdale
Linda Allen
Mel Mauck

Living at Signature
Tedo Southerland

<u>Living at Laughlin Health Care</u> Janice Moore

Out of State Facilities

Martha Chudina

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

Donations and Workers

needed for Asbury UMC Yard Sale July 30-31

Items accepted

Household Items

Sports Gear

Furniture

Antiques

Toys

Christmas In July

Seasonal Deco

Workers needed July 26-31

Contact:
Pat Bradford
423-329-3295

Pre-sale for donors and workers Thursday, July 29 4 PM -6 PM

Drop off Starts Monday, July 26th if you need pick up for large items contact Pat.



ASBURY UMC

Yard Sale

JULY 30-31

8 A M - 4 P M

REAR PARKING LO



Join Rev. Jones for lunch and conversation at noon on
Tuesday, July 6th
Bring your own lunch or buy from the food truck on that day.



JULY

ACEC Monthly Newsletter



How To Wash Your Hands

Hand washing is the single most important means of preventing the spread of germs in a child care setting. The Centers for Disease Control estimate that up to 80% of infections are spread by hands. In addition, improper and insufficient hand washing can stand in the way of higher quality ratings.

Reminders

- Please remember to sign your child in and out each day!
- Please be curtious, if your child is sick (running a fever of 100 or more, throwing up, etc.) please keep your child at home!
- Please check your email for important information, updates, and events from Chassidy. If you need to update your email please see Chassidy or Sharon.

<u>Birthdays</u>

Ethan 7.07 Hunter S. 7.10 7.10 Gavin Braelee 7.11 Jackson D. 7.12 Theo 7.17 Eleanor 7.23 Henry S. 7.24 Caroline M. 7.24

Dates to Remember

•7/5 ACEC closed to observe 4th of July

•7/9 ACEC Closed for Staff In-service Day

<u>RSV</u>

Respiratory syncytial virus is highly contagious. It spreads through droplets containing the virus when someone coughs or sneezes. It also can live on surfaces (like counters or doorknobs) and on hands and clothing. So people can get it if they touch something that's contaminated.

RSV can spread quickly through schools and childcare centers. Babies often get it when older kids carry the virus home from school and pass it to them. Almost all kids have had RSV at least once by the time they're 2 years old.





The Holston Annual Conference Mission in 2021 is to continue helping those in need within Holston, "Holston Helping Holston." You may or may not be aware of the several tragedies that have struck the East Knoxville area the past year. This area of Knoxville is of great need and also is an area with great potential.

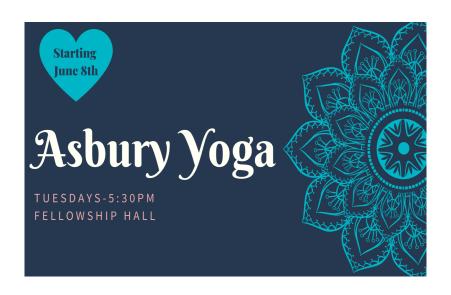
With your help in this years mission offering, Holston churches could surround this area with the love of Jesus and help with the needs while offer a greater potential of hope. The funds that are raised will be used to help East Knoxville churches develop and strengthen their ministries as well as help address the needs of food & nutrition, adequate healthcare and housing.

With that being said, **Asbury has designated August 1 & August 8** as Holston Conference Mission Offering Sundays. If you wish to give to this Mission offering, please notate in the memo line of your check or write on the envelope, "Annual Conference Missions"













VBS NeedS

8 EZ Up Tents to borrow

6 Beach Towels

6 Outdoor Pillows

Tissue Paper all shades of green

3 Kiddie Pools

6 Plastic Bowls

Poster board

6 Large Cheap Paint Brushes

Pint and Jelly Jars

Small Pebbles

Small Chain (Used for Hanging Lanterns)

5 Decorative Lanterns

Tropical Decorations

We need Adult & Youth Volunteers

Discover on Adventure Island



Kids will explore ways God shines great light in the world and learn how they can Arise and Shine! God's light. We need Adults & Youth Volunteers to make this day happen! You can serve in recreation, storytelling, craft, science, or missions.

Spend an AMAZING DAY with us!



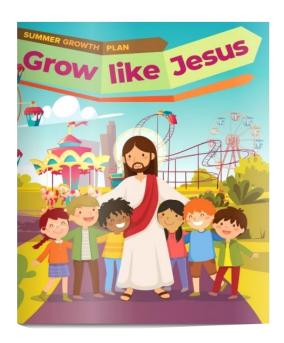


Grow Like Jesus

By now, everyone should have received their, "Grow like Jesus" summer growth plan.

This self-guided, choose your own adventure is designed to help children take responsibility for their growth in faith and make it fun. Along with getting their parents involved in the adventures.

Mrs. Kim would love to see pictures of the adventures you choose.





ASBURY UMC ONE DAY VBS

July 24

10 am -4 pm

Ages 3-11

Registration now open through July 16

Register on our website www.asburylife.org

or

Call 423-278-5104

VBS Mission will be Change for Children Bring in your loose change!

Lunch will be provided

Check out our website for VBS Schedule

FAITH FORWARD JOLY

ALWAYS PRAY AND NEVER GIVE UP.

- LUKE 18:1

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FRIDAY

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song, or sing Tell God about your favorite

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For whom or what do you pray today? 27 Tell God thing that ever

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Tell God something you 28

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Natasha DeBord, Director of Student Ministries

June was another month of fun things! Although we had to reschedule our pool party, again, we were able to still have some really fun activities! We played mini golf, read scripture, helped clean and organize the Isaiah House, and learned different ways to pray. In July we are going to focus on helping our church as our mission. I encourage youth and their families to volunteer for VBS and the church wide yard sale. Both events need a ton of help prior to the day we have them to be successful.













Boones Creek / Johnson City



Calling all adults!!!

Your youth group here at Asbury is in need of some help. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help chaperone events (both regular meetings and special events), help plan and get ready for events, people who would like to provide a snack on Sunday evenings, people to pray for us, and even people who would love to come and lead a lesson. The best part about helping with youth? You usually get fed, and you are going to have fun. Susan and Don both got to play mini golf with us last month and had a blast! If you have a calling for working with the younger generation of our church, we would love to help you find a place in our ministry. If you feel called to providing snacks or a light meal, but don't want to hang with the youth, that's ok too! And if you have another idea of how to volunteer with the youth we are always open to suggestions. Our middle and high school kids are eager to learn and grow as a faith community with you. How can we best pour into them?





Events

July 3rd-4th of July parade

July 18th-Youth lead worship

July 24th-VBS

July 30th-Yard Sale

July 31st-Yard Sale

Sunday Morning Services 8:00-Chapel 10:00-Sanctuary 11:00-Fellowship Hall

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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25	26	27	28	29	30 Yard Sale 8:00-4:00	Yard Sale 8:00-4:00

2021 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

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Lay Member to

AC-Alternate Abigail Brown

Children's Council

Lynette Hill Rep 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

George Tvardy Chairperson Finance Chairperson Rodney Bell

Finance Committee:

Chairperson Rodney Bell

Treasurer Ivy Leonard/Bobby Wells

Financial Secretary Susan Bowers

Trustees Chairperson Tom Cole/ Tom Smith

Staff-Parish

Chairperson George Tvardy Stewardship Chair Bob Leonard

Lay Leader **TBD**

Leadership Team

Lee Duckworth Chairperson Lay Member to AC Shelby Sullivan

At-Large

Bill Brown Year 3 Year 3 Barbara Clanton Year 2 Brian Allen Maynard Austin Year 2 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 Bettye Ann Bewley Year 2 Year 2 Dawn Wright Year 1 Judy Reviere John Cash Year 1 Art Masker

Chairperson Rev. Jerry Jones

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Year 3 Frieda Wright

George Tvardy-Board Chair Year 3

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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

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Year 2 Phyllis Bible

Year 2 Alice Russell Year 1 John Loven

Year 1 Tom Cole -Co-Chair

Year 1 Tom Smith -Co-Chair

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Ex-Officio Ex-Officio Keith Cornwell

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Year 3 Don Stansfield

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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

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Sunday School Superintendent: Jerry Moore

Restoration Depot Chairperson: TBD

Witness Ministry Chairperson: David Andrew Wood Cutting Ministry: David Andrew



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

Choir Room-CK	30	ey class—JVVC	Frayer Shawi No	om 1 510		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				9A-PEP CLUB		9P-4th Parade
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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8A-Chapel Service 9A-Sunday School 10A- Traditional –ST 11A-Cont. Service-Outside	7P-Troop 94 DROP OFF Yard Sale Items	3P-Benevolence DROP OFF Yard Sale Items	8A Van Dreal Bible Study DROP OFF Yard Sale Items	9A-PEP CLUB Yard Sale Prep 4PM-PreSale for workers	8A-YARD SALE	8A-YARD SALE

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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

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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