

# The Asbury Connection

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Matthew 22:35-40 34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37 He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."



If I were to ask you what is the greatest commandment, I am willing to say that most of the people reading this could come up with some version of what Jesus says here. But this is one of those stories from the gospels that bears a closer look. For example, some version of this dialogue is found in all three synoptic gospels; Matthew, Mark, and Luke. But Matthew and Mark are different from Luke. Matthew and Mark have Jesus say the words "love the Lord your God.... love your neighbor as yourself." But in Luke it is a teacher of the law, this would be a scribe.

Luke 10:25-28 25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 27 He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

This is important because the lawyer would know the Law. Do you know the law well enough to know where these commandments come from? I will help you out.

Leviticus 19:18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

So here is one of the things that I think is really important for us. This was not new teaching! This is what the Israelites, then the Jews and Hebrews were supposed to be doing already. So why does this become such an important question? Why is it a question that Scribes and Pharisees use to try and trip Jesus up? When the Israelites came into the promised land and settled they were to Love the Lord their God with all that they were and to love their neighbors even if they were "aliens" as themselves. The problem then is not that they didn't know the law but they were not following it.

Even in the Gospel of John living out the love of Jesus was a central understanding. This apostle speaking late in life had one message. John 15: 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Dear friends, I want to take this time to encourage you not to let fears, differences, or frustration overtake us. Let us continue to live as imitators of Christ, and Love God, our neighbors, and ourselves with all that we are!

Blessings Jerry,

# June Birthdays

Katharine Andrew 6/1 Jakob DeBord 6/1 Ivy Leonard 6/4 Louise Love 6/5 Lilly Gilliland 6/5 Matthew Fox 6/6 David Fisher 6/7 Abigail Brown 6/7 Bethea Luttrell 6/10 Ashley Loven 6/11 Joy Nunnally 6/11 Barbara Serral 6/12 Jerry Jones 6/13 Neva Kilday 6/14 Mary Jo Slagle 6/14 June Henry 6/15 Diane James 6/17 Luke Hall 6/18 Emma Ricker 6/18 Abbi Morelock 6/19 Teresa Smith 6/19 Bailey Snelson 6/19 Cade Snelson 6/19 Jean Masengill 6/20 Donald Stansfield IV 6/21 Tanna Stansfield 6/22 John McGuffin 6/22 Colton Cross 6/23 Delana DeBusk 6/24 Brain Allen 6/25 Emily Whitaker 6/26 Joe Adorante 6/26 Rob Brown 6/26 Reena Sanjeev 6/26 Tommy Carter 6/27 Emily Roger 6/28

#### **UMW- President Sally Andrew**

Greetings to all,

As I am writing this June newsletter submission, the sound of our 17 yr old visitors is "whirring" loudly outside and even inside my house. Nature never fails to amaze me with all its quirks and oddities. Even though I'm not fond of these flying and noisy little critters, and I imagine you feel the same way, we have to admit that they are a curious bunch that has definitely gotten our attention. To think that we were 17 years younger when they last appeared, well that is just amazing to me!

Our UMW Scholarship winner is Jillian Carter who will be graduating from Greeneville High School. Congratulations to Jillian! Thank you to Barbara Clanton for announcing this year's winner during a recent church service.

This month's program focus is Learning in Community

**The Objective**; To explore Amos's vision for God's shalom and our call to live out that vision through our baptismal vows and extend opportunities for understanding that call through studies offered by UMW.

Scripture Reading: Amos 5:6-15, 21-24

We hear Jesus calling to follow in his way of life and "never be the same." Following Jesus' call to be part of bringing in God's vision of shalom for all creation, causes us to change and to never return to the way things were. Amos, a prophet, called for the people of Israel to recognize and eliminate any injustices and complacency. He lets them know that their praises to God through song and worship will not replace justice and righteousness. They are instructed to seek the Lord and love. By seeking the Lord, Amos tells the people that they need to recognize areas where justice and righteousness are marginalized.

The city gates were the place where the elders gathered to judge the peoples' disputes with one another. Unfortunately, those people who were without financial means or privileges were often pushed aside, and in some cases, the elders who were supposed to distribute justice were guilty of taking bribes.

The vision of life that Amos exhorts us to seek is God's shalom where there is harmony and fellow-ship. Justice and righteousness are the two keywords Amos uses to describe God's shalom. We are to seek these throughout our community so that all people can work towards God's shalom. In 5;15, Amos tells Israel to hate evil, love good and establish justice. The verbs "hate' and "love" refer to decisions to act, not feelings. We should see the world with God's vision and recognize injustice and complacency, taking action for injustice.

#### 2021 Officers

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Historian: Bennie Brooks



## **Church Maintenance Updates-Keith Cornwell**

After several years of waiting, the center ceiling stain glass is now all light up again. Our work with Skyline is moving right along. Please take note of the great work they are doing. Lots of repairs and facelifts happening right now.











# **June Anniversaries**

Russ & Lisa Crum 6/8
Randy & Brook Loggins 6/10
Don & Sandra Fox 6/11
Tommy & Angel Carter 6/12
Felty & Jean Masengill 6/14
Bobby & Angie Wells 6/15
Bart & Judy Reviere 6/15
Tom & Dawn Wright 6/16
David & Rebecca Uhls 6/18
Stuart & Christy Hoeke 6/19
Maynard & Davina Austin 6/20
Art & Marty Masker 6/22
Steve & Missy Crouch 6/23
Bob & Ivy Leonard 6/24
Jeff & Rebekah Taylor 6/29

# 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.

# Asbury College Graduates Congratulations and Best Wishes





Andrew Duckworth



Nicole Sallah



Ashtyn Hill



Kelsey Kershaw



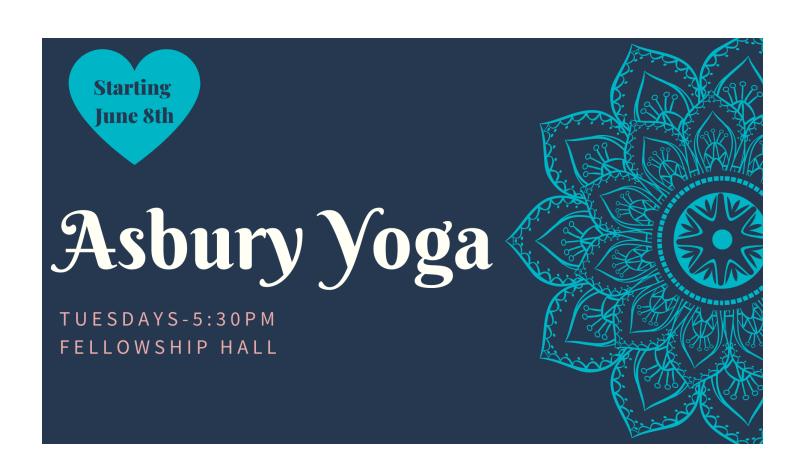
Jessica Sallah



Alex Whitaker



Savannah Tvardy





# Asbury Child Enrichment Center

June 2021

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#### **Meet our Staff:**

Chassidy Inscore-Director

Sharon Ottinger-Office Manager

Connie Lane-Lead 1A

Darlene Duke- Assistant 1A

Amber Fillers-Assistant 1A

Yasmin Bracero-Lead 1B

Parris Dabbs-Assistant 1B

Kandra Harmon-Lead 2

Amanda Hopson-Assistant 2

Savannah Wedding-Assistant 2

Ashley Fillers-Lead 3

Amy Stapleton-Assistant 3

**Taylor Hawk-Assistant 3** 

Trisha McAbee-Lead 4

Tristan Barnes-Assistant 4

Ashlyn Tarlton-Lead 5

Lauren Messer-Assistant 5

Vicky Robinson-Substitute

**Emily Russ-Substitute** 

Harley Haney-Substitute

## **Upcoming Events**

Father's Day

Celebration

When: June 17, 2021

Time: 9:00 am-10:00am

We would love for all of our daddies and grandfathers to come and join us!

## **Parent Information**

#### **Clothing requests:**

Please be sure to send your child summer appropriate change of clothes.

#### Why Is Sun Protection Important?

We all need some sun exposure. When skin is exposed to the sun, our bodies make <u>vitamin D</u>, which helps the body absorb <u>calcium</u> for stronger, healthier <u>bones</u>. It only takes a little time in the sun for most people to get the vitamin D they need (and most vitamin D needs should be met with a healthy diet and/or supplements).

Too much unprotected exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays can cause skin damage, eye damage, <u>immune system</u> suppression, and skin cancer. Even people in their twenties can develop skin cancer.

# **Important Reminders**

Please make sure you are signing your children in and out each day. We will call you to come back and sign them in and out.



# **Birthdays**

Adley 06-05

Penelope 06-28

## You and your child are important to us.

Should you wish to share something good a teacher has done or if you ever have a concern, please:

Call: Chassidy Inscore Telephone: 423.798.1060





Do you have a magazine subscription stack? Extra books? Devotionals?



#### Donate them today!

Asbury is now taking donations of magazines, devotionals, upper rooms, short books, bibles and other reading materials for our home-bound and Meals on Wheels partnership.



Drop off unwanted material at the church office!



#### **Emergency Need at Isaiah House**

When a child comes into Foster Care, they need a car seat before they are allowed to leave with Foster parents. Most of the time they do not bring one from home and the DCHS workers cannot give up theirs. If you would consider purchasing a car seat for the Isaiah House to have when needed, please get in touch with Mrs. Kim or you may purchase one on your own and bring to church office.

Thank you in advance!

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**Mountain View District Hands-On Mission Project 2021 Food Buckets for Liberia** SPAM CONTENTS OF BUCKET 1 bag of sugar (4-5 lb) 1 bag rice (2 lb) Not Instant 1 bag dried beans (2 lb) Any kind 1 powdered milk (9-10 oz) Can be pouches up to 9-10 oz 1 old fashion style oatmeal (18 oz or less) Not Instant 1 cooking oil (48 oz or less) 2 12 oz cans meat (ham, spam or tuna) No chicken Include \$5 per bucket to help cover cost of shipping Include money in separate envelope DO NOT SEAL LID **RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE BY MAY 30** 

### Isaiah 117 Needs for June

Newborn Diapers Bibs Pajamas-all sizes Men's Underwear Socks-All sizes Fire Extinguishers





## **Morning Pointe Visit**













Have a child interested in attending Church camp this summer?

Camp brochures are located outside Mrs. Kim's office for Camp Bays Mountain. Camps weekly starting in June. Scholarship help is available for your camper.





THROUGH THE







**Asbury KIDMIN Event** K-5th Graders June 9 & 23 5:30 - 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall/Kitchen



# **VBS 2021**



July 24 10 am -4 pm

**Ages 3-11** 

Please register on our website www.asburylife.org **Questions? Call 798-1050** 

Lunch will be provided



# VBS NeedS

8 EZ Up Tents to borrow

6 Beach Towels

6 Outdoor Pillows

20 Pool Noodles

Tissue Paper all shades of green

3 Kiddie Pools

**6 Plastic Bowls** 

Sticky Notes

Poster board

2 Bags of Play sand

**6 Large Cheap Paint Brushes** 

**Small Pebbles** 

Small Chain (Used for Hanging Lanterns)

**5 Decorative Lanterns** 

Clear Packing Tape

**Tropical Decorations** 

Pop Tarts & Prayers

Sunday Mornings

9:00-9:40 am In the Children's Area

This will be a time of prayer & fellowship with Mrs. Kim as we enjoy a lite breakfast snack

Beginning June 6

# Kim Brown, Director of Children Ministries



































May was a fantastic month for our youth! We completed our first Mission in a Day outreach where we helped prepare Camp Bays Mountain for camp. Director Jeff was extremely pleased with our youth and volunteers and could not be happier with not only our work, but also how easy we were to work with. We left his to-do list clear by the time we left! We also celebrated our seniors, held our first ever Taco Bell Olympics (which may be a yearly event), and cleaned up our adopted road. Then we ended our month with an end of the year pool party.

The most exciting thing for me as the Director of Student Ministries is seeing our students inviting their friends to youth. It truly warms my heart to know they, and their parents, feel comfortable and safe while they are participating in youth activities. And I hope to continue to see new faces in June! During the month of June we are going to focus as a group on prayer. If you would like to join us as a volunteer please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Natasha!

### **Natasha DeBord, Director of Student Ministries**









# Events

**June 2** - What is prayer?

June 6 - NO YOUTH

**June 9** - Daily Replay Prayer

June 13 - Game Night

June 16 - Mini Golf

**June 20** - Father's Day NO YOUTH

June 23 - Creative Prayer

June 27 - MIAD: Isiah 117 House

**June 30 -** Coperate Prayer

Mission in a Day

Who: Asbury Youth and Volunteers

Where: Greene County Isaiah 117 House

When: Sunday, June 27 from 5:00-6:30



Caring for children awaiting foster placement

What: We will be helping to organize and do other small tasks for the local Isaiah 117 House. If you are unfamiliar, the Isaiah 117 House provides physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home for children awaiting foster care placement. We will also be collecting needs items for the Isaiah House throughout the month. Those needs include: newborn diapers, bibs, pajamas, men's underwear, socks, and donations towards purchasing car seats.

Why: As Christians we are called to help our fellow brothers and sisters. Being the hands and feet of Christ to our world, and in this instance our immediate community, we are not only spreading love, we are also sharing the Gospel. In helping the Isaiah House we are helping to create a safe space for children to come as they face uncertainty.

\*\*If you would like to participate in the youth's collection you may drop items off at the church office and Mrs. Natasha will see that they get to the Isaiah House.

















# 2021 Leadership

#### **Church council:**

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Secretary Susan Bowers
Pastor Rev. Jerry Jones

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Family Ministries Kim Brown

Director of

Student Ministries Natasha DeBord

Director of

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Lay Member to

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Year 2 Brian Allen
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Year 1 Tom Smith –Co-Chair

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#### **Family Ministries:**

**Adult Ministries** 

Coordinator: Susan Holzschuh

Benevolence Team

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Holston Home Ambassador: Kent Bewley

Nurture Ministries Chairperson: Marge Saulsbury

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Sunday School Superintendent: Jerry Moore

Restoration Depot Chairperson: TBD

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

June

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

Sisters By Grace-SG
Youth Room-YR

Sanctuary-ST

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service-Outside	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence	8A-Van Dreal Bible Study 5P-YOUTH 5:30P-Kidsmin			
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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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