The Asbury Connection

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Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care....
PSALM 95:6-7

Joy once asked me, "What are you passionate about?" I confess to you that the question took me somewhat off guard. The first thought that came to mind was "preaching the gospel!" This I think is a good answer for a minister. However, my wife, being the brilliant and loving woman that she is, looked at me and said "is that really what you're passionate about? Truthfully!" She knows me too well! While I do truly love preaching, and sharing the gospel of Jesus I cannot say that is what I am passionate about.

Passion for something comes out in everything you do, just ask any University of Tennessee football fan. Their passion for their team is something that drives them 24/7 365 days a year. Some of you are saying I am not that way, let me ask you this how many recruits does the team have committed to play for them next year? Passion is an intense, compelling emotion that communicates enthusiasm and desire. It is what drives many people, but I do think it is developed over time.

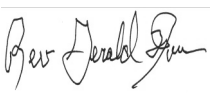
Looking at the gospels when the disciples were first called by Jesus, I would not say they were passionate. They doubted, even wanted to return to their families. But they grew into zealous and loyal followers. Imagine how their hearts grew and warmed every time they heard Jesus teach or saw Him work a miracle. Those who served with Jesus grew in faith and passionate conviction to the point that they were able to stand in the face of persecution and proclaim Jesus as Lord! Something else stands out to me; the disciples were not just passionate about the Jesus that they knew. They saw how he becomes all things to all people, even those who persecute Him.

The disciples came to know that there were certain requirements for faith and belief. But because Jesus comes as the way the truth and the life, he meets people where they are. So, in the Acts of the Apostles written by Luke, there was not simply one formula for sharing the gospel, unless you count Passionate Faith as a formula. Anthony DeMello says it this way, "You cannot walk by the light of someone else's lamp, you want to borrow mine. I'd rather teach you how to make your own." Because you see a passionate relationship with Jesus Christ is about your heart, not your head. This is truly my passion to introduce people to Jesus and to help them to realize the life Christ has created them to be. To say simply as Phillip did to Nathaniel, "Come and See!

Love for the Lord is not an ethereal, intellectual, dreamlike thing; it is the intensest, the most vital, the most passionate love of which the human heart is capable.
Oswald Chambers

During this Lenten season let our passion for Christ be rekindled, and as we walk together during this season let us not lose our passion.

Blessings, Jerry



March Birthdays

Soozie Shore 3/1
Aarush Sanjeev 3/1
Rob McGaw 3/2
Tiffany Yonz 3/4
Susan Bowers 3/4
Kingston Shepherd 3/5
Stuart Hoeke 3/5
Carolyn Ricker 3/7
Austin Haun 3/9
Mary Van Dreal 3/10
David Lamons 3/10
Jermaine Reese 3/12
Sue Southerland 3/12
Beau Nelson 3/14
Alice Russell 3/15
Dylan DeBusk 3/15
Marjorie Davenport 3/16
Sandra Fox 3/17
Ashtyn Hill 3/17
Shade Fillers 3/17
Lynn Broyles 3/20
Scott Whitaker 3/21
Kolby Andrew 3/23
Phyllis Bible 3/24
Terry Rymer 3/24
Terri Lawson 3/25
Ben Brooks 3/26
Tom Smith 3/26
Kathy Arrington 3/27
Dave Konieczny 3/28
Sullivan Rogers 3/29
Miranda Smith 3/29

UMW- President Sally Andrew

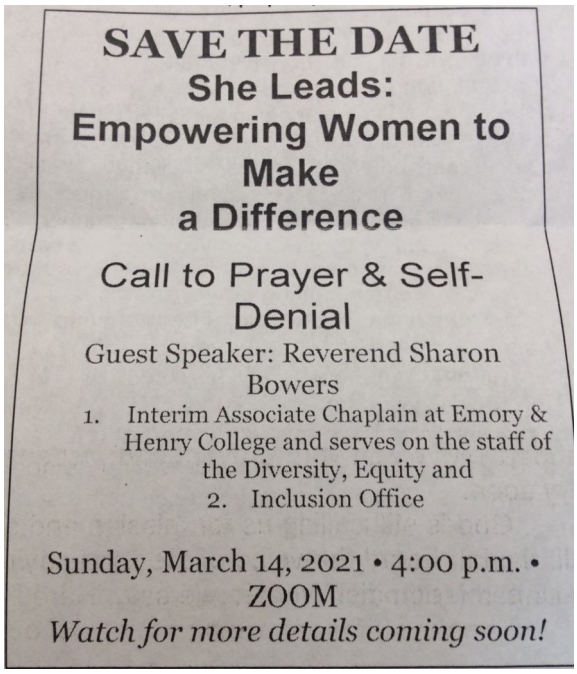
Greetings and blessings,
Another winter month has passed and if you are like me, the "promise" of spring is something to look forward to. In reflecting on Pastor Jerry's recent sermon on God's promises, I am reminded and encouraged when I remember how God has followed through with his promises throughout my life. The hymn, "Standing on the Promises" immediately comes to mind and I find myself frequently humming and singing that tune. How uplifting it is!

In a little business news, our UMW donated $300 to Kim Brown and Family Ministries to help purchase items or help with shipping costs for Valentine's care packages sent to our 38 college students. Thank you, Mrs. Kim!

The UMW focus for March is: "Persistence in Mission."
Objective: To study how women in scripture and UMW's history have been persistent in prayer and speaking up, and to find ways to develop connections in prayer and action for mission as UMW members.

Read Matthew 15:21-28.
Take note of the woman's persistence and faith. The Canaanite woman was an outsider being 1st a woman and 2nd, a Gentile. Her words, "Lord help me," verbally acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah. She uses Jesus's illustration to demonstrate that it is not taking something away from others to extend mercy to her.
Prayer: Strengthen our resolve to persist in prayer and action. We are witnesses to your mercy and splendor. We will not keep silent. We will speak up! Amen

Sending love to all,
Sally



2021 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
Spiritual Growth: Barbara Serral
Social Action: Bettye Anne Bewley, Judy Kennon
Nominating Committee: Ann Smith, Kim Brown
Scholarship: Barbara Clanton, Becki McInturff, Lisa Crum
Historian: Bennie Brooks

United Methodist Women
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Spreading the Love for Isaiah 117 House

Isaiah 117
Caring for children awaiting foster placement

March Needs

Clothing

Girls
3T
Small
Medium
Large

Teen/Adult Girls
Large
XX-Large

BOYS
3T
Small
Medium

Teen/Adult Boys
Large
XX-Large

March Anniversaries

Don & Tanna Stansfield 3/5
Bill & Jane Brown 3/7
Steve & Soozie Shore 3/14
Jerry & Joy Jones 3/17
John & Brenda Ottinger 3/21
Mike & Patricia Quarles 3/23

Congregational Care

Living at Home
- Libby Bible
- Orland Britton
- Carolyn Galloway
- Bea Jennings
- Barbara Lawson
- Louise Love
- Felty & Jean Masengill
- Buck Mathes
- Cheryl Smith

Living at Morning Pointe
- Homer & 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.

ASBURY FAMILY MINISTRIES

College Care Packages

We packed and mailed 38 college care packages. These packages included microwave popcorn, candy/popcorn mix treat, hot cocoa, gum, crackers, cookies, candy, hand sanitizer and personal notes from Kim & Natasha.
The response we have gotten from our college students has been great!
Thank you Asbury UMW and others that contributed to this project! It is a blessing to all of our college students! What a way to show our LOVE for them even though they may not be with us every Sunday!

"Looking for Love"

Congratulation to Sally Andrew for being our first Match Game winner!

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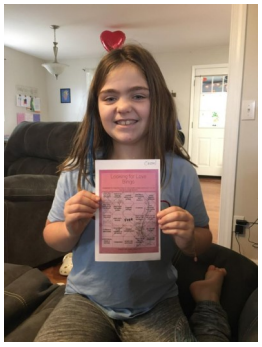
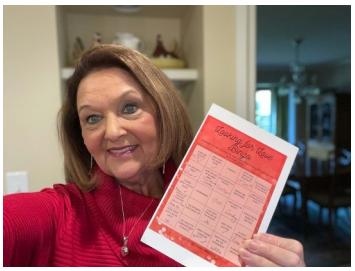
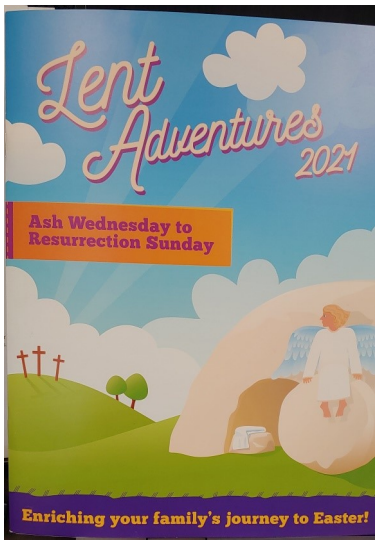




Kim Brown, Director of Children Ministries



I hope families are taking time each day to journey through Lent Adventures! Remember to send pictures of your families doing the activities!

Scavenger Easter Egg Hunt

Due to Covid restrictions, our Easter egg hunt will look different this year. More information will be shared later in March with all instructions and directions for the Scavenger Egg Hunt.

Have a child interested in attending Church camp this summer?

Please get in touch with Mrs. Kim for detailed information about camps at Camp Bays Mountain or Camp Wesley Woods. Scholarship help is available for your camper.

FAITH FORWARD MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Tell God three things you like about Him.	2 Be still for a few minutes and simply enjoy God.	3 What do you suppose God put you on earth to do? Ask Him to give you some hints.	4 Tell God what's your favorite game to play.	5 Tell God what you like about March.	6 Tell God about the best and worst parts of your week.
7 What do you see God doing in your family? Talk to Him about that.	8 Tell God three things you like about your family.	9 What do you worry about the most? Tell God about it.	10 Tell God about the most embarrassing thing that ever happened to you.	11 Tell God about your favorite cereal.	12 Thank God for the people that you love.	13 Tell God who you want to be when you grow up.
14 What do you think God is doing in your life? Talk to Him about that.	15 Tell God three things you like about being you.	16 Is something weighing heavy on your heart? Tell it to Jesus.	17 Tell God what you would do if you had a time machine for a day.	18 Tell God the three most interesting things about you.	19 Tell God about the best gift that you ever received.	20 Pray for someone whose name starts with the letter H.
21 Tell God about your favorite Bible hero.	22 Tell God three things you like about the Bible.	23 What are some things that you're struggling with? Ask Jesus to help you with them.	24 Thank God for the gift of life, and tell Him five reasons you're glad to be alive.	25 Who is the meanest person you know? Pray a blessing over them.	26 Tell God about your favorite treat or snack.	27 Thank God for your family and pray for each family member by name.
28 Instead of saying a prayer SING a prayer. Maybe a hymn or a praise song?	29 Tell God three things you like about your church.	30 Is there anything you need to admit to God and ask for His forgiveness?	31 Call your grandparents and ask how you could pray for them.			

Sometimes, all it takes is one prayer to change everything.

Natasha DeBord, Director of Student Ministries

On February 16th the youth served up pancakes and celebrated Shrove Tuesday. They even took the time to get fancy with the colors and designs in the pancakes! We had a great time and really appreciate all who helped to support the ministry of our group.

This month the youth will be meeting March 24th from 5:00-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be playing games, worshiping, and even have the opportunity to hear from a guest speaker. We look forward to being together again.

Looking ahead a little, we plan to start meeting regularly again in the month of April. During the month we will be focusing on prayer as a group. If you know of any youth that would like to be part of our group please reach out to Natasha for more information.

Thank you for supporting our ministry!

-AUMC Youth

MARCH

ACEC Monthly Newsletter

We are now posting contagious illnesses on a whiteboard at the front desk. We will also be posting contagious illnesses at the classroom where the illness is.

STAFF SHOUT OUTS

Parents, If you see a staff member doing something awesome or just going above and beyond, get a sticky note and let them know on our staff shout out board.

Dates to Remember

3/01-03/05 Spirit Week

Birthdays

Lincoln 3/09
Cayden G. 3/11
Beau 3/14
Caroline H. 3/28

Essential Workers Grant

The essential workers grant is scheduled to end March 31, 2021. We will resume ACH withdrawals on April 9, 2021.

Wednesday Night

Wednesday Night Meal Delivery has resumed.
If you would like to add someone to the weekly list please contact the church office.

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

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 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	Tom Cole/ Tom Smith
Staff-Parish Chairperson	George Tvardy
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	Pat Bradford
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	Jessica McAfee
Year 3	Don Stansfield
Year 3	Abby Lawson –Board Chair
Year 2	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

March 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	5	6
	6P-SPRC Meeting		6P-Church Council Meeting			Virtual Prom Closet
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service		3P-Benevolence 5:30P-Trustee Meeting	8A-Van Dreal Bible Study			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service		3P-Benevolence				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service		3P-Benevolence	8A-Van Dreal Bible Study			2P-Puzzle Pieces
28	29	30	31			
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service						

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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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