

The Asbury Connection

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Galatians 6:9-10

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. 10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

While Paul never "wearies" of telling people they cannot win salvation with their works he also never "wearies" of encouraging them to do all the good they can. Sometimes this balance is a struggle. For instance in dealing with the churches in Galatia, the overall church was experiencing a division between Jewish and non-Jewish believers. In Galatia, which was primarily a gentile area and the believers there were predominantly non-Jewish. However, some Jewish believers had shown up and were demanding that the non-Jewish believers be circumcised, undermining the ministry that Paul had begun.

As a Jew, apostle and missionary for the way of Jesus, Paul was in a very unique position to address the issue of circumcision of believers. The culmination of this debate is recorded in Acts 15. But through this process the local churches struggled and there was a lot of conflict between Jewish and Gentile believers. I don't think this issue, of circumcision and the role in the church, can be overstated. It hurt believers, damaged relationships, and the role of the church in the community suffered.

Anytime a member of the body of Christ feels compelled to pull away it hurts. C.S. Lewis likened this process to amputation or the removal of a vital organ, not only does it hurt but the body will never be the same again. Many are aware of the ongoing conflict within the United Methodist Church over the issue of sexuality. The most recent postponement of the General conference to 2024 has been met with anger, hurt and frustration. In March there was a call for the beginning of the Global Methodist Church on May 1st. There was a plan sent by the Council of Bishops to the Judicial Council for judgment. This plan was approved and many of our sisters and brothers are beginning the process.

The leadership of Asbury United Methodist Church is committed to allowing the process for such changes to the book of discipline to play out. To date the statements in the book of discipline regarding human sexuality remain unchanged. We have not changed our doctrine or our acceptance of these issues. We continue to look for ways to be in ministry with all of God's children and share in the mission of the church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

On Wednesday May 4, 2022 at 6 pm I will be in the fellowship hall to discuss with anyone the plan from the Council of Bishops. We here at Asbury continue to lift up our sisters and brothers around the globe in prayer during these difficult times. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Blessings and Peace, Jerry

May Birthdays

Bob Southerland 5/4 Lynn Reviere 5/8 Susan Holzschuh 5/8 Lisa Crum 5/8 Connor Landers 5/8 Jeanne Ripley 5/10 Megan Bible 5/12 Ivy Metroka 5/12 Hannah Fox 5/13 Carrie Montgomery 5/14 Allison Chudina 5/14 Maria Adon 5/15 Jack Bullen 5/16 Will Grant Taylor 5/16 Hannah Leonard 5/17 Kandice Baker 5/20 Binnie Brooks 5/23 Benjamin Hoeke 5/24 Hope Jones 5/25 Caroline Quarles 5/26 Tom Wright 5/27 Bob Leonard 5/30

UMW- President Sally Andrew

Welcome Spring,

The Asbury UMW had our April meeting on the 21st, ith David Andrew from the Greeneville-Greene County Firewood Ministry as our quest speaker. David explained how the wood ministry operated and gave us recent statistics for the number of homes and families that were assisted and the number of wood loads delivered this past year. We collected \$153 as a love offering for the wood ministry.

Binnie Brooks decorated the tables in a spring theme. She has graciously agreed to serve as our decorating chairman for all monthly meetings. Many thanks to Binnie. Also, Doris Allen has agreed to serve as our "Sunshine Lady." Since birthday and anniversary cards are being sent by the church, we decided that we would only send get well or other occasion cars from our UMW. If you know of one of our ladies who is ill or who might need a special occasion card, please contact Doris. We will try to have each member sign these cards during our regular meetings. Thank you Doris!

New calling committee list and benevolence team lists were distributed. These lists were prepared by Mrs. Judy and will be updated for our new year beginning in September. It was agreed to continue with bringing bag lunches rather covered dish meals for our meetings.

Senior Sunday is May 22nd, there has been no interest shown by our seniors, in participating in a senior banquet this year. Instead we are going to purchase some special items for each senior to place in a "goody Bag" provided by our church.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 19th, in the fellowship hall at 11:30. There will be an officers meeting at 10:30 in the library. I encourage everyone to be present as this will be our last meeting until September. We will not be meeting during the summer months. For our mission in May will are going to collect items for the Mountain View District Hands of Food Buckets for Liberia. A complete list of needed items is posted in the newsletter.

Blessings Sally Andrew Asbury UMW President



Church Maintenance Updates-Keith Cornwell

May Anniversaries

Bill & Judy Kennon 5/4
Rob & Holly McGaw 5/5
Steve & Marcia Parsons 5/7
Josh & Meredith Tillery 5/12
Byron & Suzanne Wagner 5/16
Brandon & Paige Hull 5/20
Jerry & Shelia Moore 5/23
John & Neva Kilday 5/26
Rob & Kim Brown 5/27

As the warmer weather approaches, Skyline will start on the exterior work of the sanctuary. Drain lines have been cleaned and cleared to help with the moisture in the foundation. New LED Lighting is in the works for the Fellowship Hall in the next few months.



The shrubbery and landscaping has been finished beside the chapel. This specific type of shrubbery will remain short to the ground to allow for better maintenance of the building and window cleaning.



We would like to say thank you to the Sisters By Grace Sunday School Class for the new benches in the prayer garden and the flower pots at the stairwell doors.





Congregational Care

Living at Home
Libby Bible
Carolyn Galloway
Bea Jennings
Jo Beth Lee
Louise Love
Felty & Jean Masengill
Buck & Betty Mathes

Living at Morning Pointe
Marjorie Davenport
Winifred Kuper

Pat Logan Barbara Serral

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.

Choir News from Cynthia Sams, Director

Asbury has been blessed with a very generous donation to establish a Music Scholarship for the Chancel Choir. The goal for this Scholarship is for members of the Congregation to contribute matching funds to enable this Ministry to be ongoing.

The Scholarship will be available for High School and College age students. Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass Voices are all needed. This will be a tremendous addition for the Music Ministry at Asbury. We also feel it will be a great opportunity for students.

A contract will be provided for all interested students with a pay scale. We are asking for your prayers and support for this project.

Blessings, Cynthia Sams

2022 Confirmands



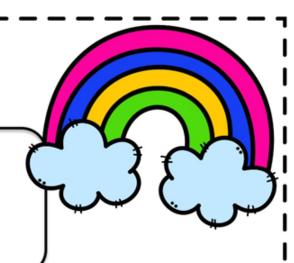
Maria Adon is the daughter of Sherry Gaskins and Marcelo Adon. Her favorite school subject is math at Greeneville High School where she is a sophomore. Maria is the younger sister to a brother and sister. Her favorite color is pink while her favorite food is pasta. If you asked Maria where she would want to be, you would get one of three answers; home, church, or the beach. When asked what her favorite Bible verse was she gave us Matthew 11:28 which also helps you to know a little bit about who Maria is. Knowing that her favorite Bible characters are Joseph and Ruth also lend you a view to who Maria is. Something everyone should know about Maria is she's outspoken even though she appears to be quiet.

Braxton Dabbs is the son of Kelly and Todd Dabbs. He is a sophomore at Greeneville High School where he loves science and enjoys volunteering in various ways in school and throughout his community. A couple fun facts about Braxton: his favorite color is beige, he loves any and every pasta, and has 3 brothers who he looks up to. He enjoys being at home, but also enjoys California and Atlanta, GA. Braxton's favorite verse in the Bible is Philippians 4:6. His favorite Bible characters are Moses and David. (You can ask him why he chose these two men to save space.) Something Braxton wants everyone to know is he likes making people laugh.



MAY

ACEC Monthly Newsletter 2022



Mother's Day Celebration

May 5@ 9am
In the church fellowship hall
Moms please come and enjoy pastries with your children!

Center Reminders

- Please bring sunscreen! Make sure it has not expired. Medication forms need to filled out, they are located in the drawer at the desk as you enter the front door.
 - Bring in extra change of clothes that is appropriate for the weather.
- When bringing morning snacks from home please do not bring sodas, candy, or coffee.
- Make sure to sign your child/children in and out each day! Adults are only all to write on the sign in sheets.

Happy Birthday To...

Anna Kate	5/01
Zayne	5/10
lvy	5/12
Kayden K	5/21
Lilly	5/22
Ellabelle	5/22

Dates To Remember

5/02-5/06 Teacher Appreciation Week 5/05 Mother's Day Celebration 5/30 Closed for Memorial Day

Be on the lookout for parent surveys!!!

FAITH FORWARD MAY

SUNDAY

Thank God

Pray at the

kitchen sink while washing

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or drying

dishes).

TUESDAY

MONDAY

for being **Thank God** Vour **PROVIDER!** က

WEDNESDAY

the table. under Pray

THURSDAY

for being your

FRIEND!

FRIDAY ဖ

SATURDAY

Tell God about our favorite

smell. Pray in the park. OF MARKET STATE

Pray in a grocer

> 12 Thank God for being

> > Ask your

mom or dad

Thank God for being

Pray on the

8 Gather around

playground.

stories, &

prayers.

s'mores,

the fire for

Pray by a river, or stream. lake, ocean 14

FATHER! your

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SAVIOR

pray for them.

20 Thank God for your close friends.

vho brings joy or someone nto your lif Thank God

Daniel! Read Daniel 6:10.

GUIDE

Jesus yet.

your family.

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pray from Learn to <mark>1</mark>8

> Thank God for being

> > someone

who doesn't

Turn these verses into a prayer for

Psalm 20:1-4.

Pray for

16

Read

15

Pray in your backyard. 28

Pray at a **Thank God** for being your COMFORTER **Thank God** for being

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cemetery.

REDEEMER!

I PRAYED TO THE LORD, AND HE **ANSWERED ME. HE FREED ME**

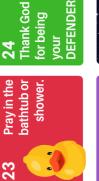
FROM ALL MY FEARS. PSALM 34:4

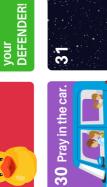
Pray while kayaking.

Pray while













2022 Holston Annual Conference Mission Offering Helping South Sudan

The Holston Annual Conference Mission offering will once again go to the support of South Sudan. This is the sixth year Holston has dedicated their mission offering to provide financial support for the people of South Sudan. Holston has a long history of supporting and taking part in the ongoing mission work in South Sudan. The offering taken at 2022 Annual conference will provide education and leadership development to Pastors, orphans, and others connected to the United Methodist Church in South Sudan. Congregations are encouraged to give finically to help support the ongoing need for the people of South Sudan for ongoing recovery and displacement trauma through education and leadership development.

Asbury has designated May 15 as Holston Conference Mission offering Sunday. If you wish to provide support for this mission offering, please notate in the memo line of your check or write on the envelope, "Holston Annual Conference Missions."

Mountain View District Hands-On Mission Project 2022 Food Buckets for Liberia

Contents

5 gallon bucket with lid
1 bag of sugar (4-5 lb)
1 bag of rice (2 lb) Not Instant
1 bag dried beans (2 lb)
1 powdered milk (9-10 oz) Can be pouches
1 old fashion style oatmeal (18 oz or less)
1 cooking oil (48oz or less)
2 12 oz cans can meat (ham, spam, tuna) No chicken

Include \$5 for shipping

DO NOT SEAL LID

RETRUN TO CHURCH OFFICE BY MAY 25

ISAIAH 117 HOUSE MAY NEEDS

All Sizes
Pajamas
Socks
Underwear

Individual snacks
Bottled water



Wednesday Night Life

Wednesday Night Meals 5PM

May 4

Biscuits & Gravy Bacon Dessert

May 11

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs Baked Beans Chips Dessert

May 18

Baked Potato & Salad Bar with all the Fixins'
Dessert

Under 3 is free 3-11 is \$3 12 and up is \$6 Family Max \$30

Please go to website to RSVP for the meal by Tuesday each week. https://asburylife.org/connect Or call the church office.

If you or your group would like to do a fundraiser meal please contact Mrs. Judy!









Holy week brought Asbury Family members together in the kitchen. Mrs. Judy recruited volunteers to help prepare the hot chicken salad, cranberry salad, and coconut cake. As an Asbury tradition hot chicken salad has been served on Holy Wednesday for numerous years. We were able to capture a few of the ladies helping.



FAMILY MINISTRIES COUNCIL MEETING MAY 15 2 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL

YOU WILL BE RECEIVING AN EMAIL IF YOU ARE ON THIS COMMITTEE

Asbury Family Ministires

Mother's Day Tea

May 7

2-4 pm

Dixie Kelly, speaker

Tickets avilable until May 2

\$5.00



ASBURY KIDMINOur volunteers make learning fun!



















MAY HAPPENINGS WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES SUNDAYS IN MAY HWC 330-500 POPTARTS & PRAYERS 9-940 **MEAL 500-600** FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAYS MAY 1 & 22 **KIDMIN KLUB 6-7** CHILDREN'S CHURCH MAY 8, 15, 29 YEAR END TRIP **BIBLE BOWL PIRATES VOYAGE MAY 18** 6:30 PM MAY 15 **LEAVE CHURCH AT 4:00 PM ACOLYTES AALA & CAROLINA** WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS END **TATUM & BLAKLEY** MAY 18 AARUSH & SHADE **WATCH FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES** MAY 22 NO ACOLYTES MAY 29 JANIYAH & KHLOE

PALM SUNDAY

















EASTER CELEBRATION 2022



















Natasha DeBord Director of Student Ministries



During the month of April, we spent time learning how Jesus was a Trailblazer. Jesus broke new trails for us just by existing! Lesson one we focused on Judas and Peter betraying Jesus and how Jesus didn't give up on them and will never give up on us. Lesson two invited us to understand what Jesus went through as he was mocked, whipped, beaten, tortured, and crucified showing us Jesus understands our pain. Lesson three Jesus was hanging on the cross choosing to extend love and grace to the man crucified beside him. Jesus shows us what unconditional love is and how he keeps to his promises of nothing separating us from his love. Lesson four focused on Jesus being alive! Lesson five focused on trusting Jesus. Thomas doubted Jesus was alive and asked to touch Jesus's wounds so he would know it was, in fact, Jesus before him. And the final lesson we learned Jesus has given us all a mission; to follow the trails Jesus has broken for us and to help break trails for others to help them meet Jesus too.

There was also a lot of fun that went on in April! We celebrated with Easter themed games and Easter Baskets. Losers got a bag of black jellybeans of which they did not receive well. (I personally love them, so I didn't see the problem!) We will finish off April with a service project helping get Camp Bays Mountain ready for the camp season. Look for photos and a recap of that adventure on our Facebook, website (youth's page), and in the next newsletter.

We are always looking for people to help support our youth group. This support can come in many forms! The most important need for our group right now is Youth Counselors (volunteers). Without Youth Counselors willing to spend some time with us, we are unable to take mission trips, fun outings, or outings in general. If you do not feel called to work directly with the youth as a counselor, that's ok! You can also support us with your prayers (for special events, daily activities, or if you want to pray for our youth by name, I can get you a list), through monetary donations (donations help cut costs of trips such as Resurrection, Fall Retreat, mission work, etc. for our students, they do also fundraise to help offset costs), and by feeding the group (we have snacks on Wednesdays and a meal on Sundays before our lesson). If you believe you can help in another way, please reach out to me! I would love to talk about your ideas.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Youth 5:00-7:00	2	3	4 Youth 3:00-7:00	5	6	7
Theis Day	9	10	11 Youth 3:00-7:00	12	13	14
5	16	17	18 Youth 3:00-7:00 Counsel meeting 4:00-4:45	19	20	Youth 12:00-3:00
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Events

1st- Taco Bell Olympics -Senior Meeting 3:30-4:30

4th-May the 4th be with You

8th-Mother's Day NO YOUTH

11th-Youth

15th-NO YOUTH

18th-Youth
-Youth Counsel
Meeting: 4:00

21st-Iris Festival

22nd-Senior Sunday -Iris Festival

25th-NO YOUTH

27th-Graduation

29th-NO YOUTH

























2022 Leadership

Church council:

Chairperson Bill Brown
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

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Lay Leader

Lay Member to AC Shelby Sullivan

Lay Member to

AC-Alternate Abigail Brown

Children's Council

Rep Lynette Hill 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 Lori Duckworth

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 Lori Duckworth Stewardship Chair Bob Leonard

Lay Leader TBD

Leadership Team

Chairperson Bill Brown
Lay Member to AC Shelby Sullivan

At-Large

Year 3 Brian Allen Year 3 Maynard Austin

Year 2 Vicky Cole

Year 2 Lennie Lawson

Year 1 Buddy Yonz

Year 1 Chuck Whitfield

Leadership Development/Nominating:

Year 3 Phyllis Stansfield

Year 3 Bettye Ann Bewley

Year 3 Dawn Wright

Year 2 Judy Reviere

Year 2 John Cash

Year 2 Art Masker Year 1 Kay Freer

Year 1 Tee Earl

Year 1 Marcia Parsons

Chairperson Rev. Jerry Jones

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Year 3 Lori Duckworth-Chair

Year 3 Cindy Bowman

Year 3 Sandra Fox

Year 2 Marjorie Bullen

Year 2 Rebecca Taylor

Year 2 Jim Seip

Year 1 Doris Allen

Year 1 Art Masker

Year 1 Don Stansfield

Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones

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Year 3 Phyllis Bible

Year 3 Pat Bradford

Year 2 John Loven

Year 2 Tom Cole-Chair

Year 2 Tom Smith-Chair

Year 1 Frank Holzschuh

Year 1 John Cash

Year 1 Rachel Hensley

Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones

Ex-Officio Ex-Officio Keith Cornwell

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Year 3 Dusty Click

Year 3 Abby Lawson –Board Chair

Year 2 Diane Gibson

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

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Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones

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Adult Ministries

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Benevolence Team

Chairperson: Vicky Cole

Boy Scouts Representative: Art Masker Camping Advocates: Emily & Scott Whitaker Children in Poverty Chairperson: Tee Earl

Evangelism Chairperson:

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:

Wood Cutting Ministry: David Andrew



2022

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	7
BA-Chapel Service BA-Sunday School 10A- Traditional –ST 11A-Cont. Service-FH 5:30P-Youth	5:30 Yoga 6P-Parenting Class 7P-Troop 94		8A-Van Dreal study group 10A-Benevolence 3:30P-Homework Club 5P-Wed Night Life	ACEC Mothers Day		Mothers Day Tea
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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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)

1st Floor Education Building

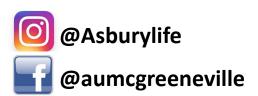
9A—D&H Brown (mixed gender, 50-70s) 9A—Sisters by Grace (females, mixed age)

2nd Floor Education Building

9A—Choir (mixed gender, mixed age)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

3:30PM—HOMEWORK CLUB
5:00PM—WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL
6:00PM—CHOIR PRACTICE, KIDS KLUB, YOUTH



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