

The Asbury Connection

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Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

As a former sailor, I have always enjoyed this part of the sermon on the mount. In the navy someone who was salty had experience. This comes from a time in service, my understanding is that way back the longer you were at sea the more of the salt air and brine you absorbed making you "salty." With this same nautical understanding, a regular 100-watt bulb in the open ocean at night can be seen more than 5 miles away. A ship running with its lights on will definitely be seen. We are both Salt and Light! How we use these determine our effectiveness.

So as we prepare for the coming Holidays, how is your salt? Joy and I have spent a lot of time in our relationship discussing the use of salt. She grew up with it, I would tell you it is the secret to her green beans which my mother and sister ask her to fix for family gatherings. I did not grow up with it. My family did not use it a lot. For me, a little salt went a long way. In this scripture text, I don't think Jesus is talking about the amount but whether it still has saltiness. For the Chemist, NaCl, "salt" is very stable and not prone to breaking down or losing its flavor. But if it gets exposed to moisture, it will break down, and leave behind what looks like salt but is no longer salty.

In order for us to maintain our saltiness, we have to take care. We can't just leave ourselves exposed to the burdens of the world. This means we have to take time to steep ourselves in the saltiness of the word. We have to take care of the light of the Holy Spirit that was placed within us at Baptism. As we allow the light to shine from us our saltiness is maintained. But if we try and dim or hide the light we are sure to lose our saltiness. As we move further into the year with all of its burdens and challenges I encourage you to stay salty my friends and share the light.

Blessings, Jerry

November Birthdays

Mike Quarles 11/1 Phyllis Stansfield 11/1 Andrew Duckworth 11/2 Lynnette Hill 11/4 David Butler 11/6 Janice Windham 11/6 Elizabeth Bible 11/8 Emily Bell 11/9 Winifred Kuper 11/9 Meredith Hull Tillery 11/10 Kelsey Kershaw 11/11 Lyndsey Bell 11/12 Sydney Bell 11/12 Byron Wagner 11/12 Tim Cross 11/14 Riley Creel 11/14 Laura Hull Jones 11/15 Bill Rymer 11/16 Lennie Lawson 11/17 Margaret Akins 11/18 Sandy Konieczny 11/18 Dustin DeBord 11/18 Christie Vaughn 11/18 Alex Biumi 11/19 Marlee Morris 11/19 Hunter Haun 11/21 Fred Smith 11/23 Maxi Douthat 11/24 Jordan Hite 11/25 Wes Quarles 11/26 Wendy Cross 11/26 Betty Fletcher 11/27 Bettye Hayes 11/29 Steve Shore 11/29

Cortney Johnson 11/29

Greetings Asbury Church Family,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well and staying safe. The purpose of this correspondence is to provide our congregation with an update on our year-to-date financial position. We are now three-quarters of the way through the year, and this is when we typically forecast the balance of the year. We use that forecast as a baseline to develop an operating budget for the upcoming year. But, as we all know, this by no means is a typical year making an already difficult task even more so.

For the nine months ending September 30th, total church revenues are approximately \$407,000. This year's revenue includes roughly \$56,000 in Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) funds we received in May. For those of you unfamiliar with PPP, it is a forgivable government loan. In short, if the money is used to fund payroll, you do not have to pay it back. While blessed to have received this money, we are still approximately \$20,000 behind budget. Without PPP funds, we would be \$76,000 short of budget.

There are several possible reasons our congregation is giving at lower levels. Your family's situation may have changed due to loss of employment or the need to help family members in need of financial assistance. With challenging times comes anxiety and fear that might drive reduced giving. Those reasons are understandable, and we hold you and your family up in our prayers. However, it might be that you and your family have gotten out of the habit of giving. For some, not being able to attend in person makes giving out of sight and out of mind.

If that last example describes your situation, we ask that you mindfully consider catching up on your giving over the course of the fourth quarter. We need a strong finish to ensure that we can continue all the vital ministries for our members and our community. It will also allow us to exit 2020 with a cash balance healthy enough to pay our bills going into 2021. Lastly, fourth-quarter giving will be an essential component in developing our 2021 budget and our staffing. We need to have a budget that we are confident we can meet.

Bob Leonard Rodney Bell
Stewardship Chair Finance Chair

Ways to Give

You can mail your tithes to the church 201 S. Main St. Greeneville, TN 37743. You can drop it off at our new mailbox at the office door under the awning. You can also give online at Asburylife.org/Giving

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We are now having social distancing in-person worship.
Our 10 AM Traditional Services are in the Sanctuary.
Our 11 AM Contemporary Services are outside in the rear parking lot.
(If weather is bad we will be inside)

From the UMW President Sally Andrew

As we see things progressing with the current numbers, we have decided to postpone all meetings and activates until January. Please stay in touch with your fellow UMW members via calls, emails, or text. Stay safe and pray daily.

Sending love and prayers for good health, Sally Andrew President

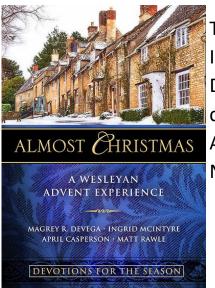


November Anniversaries

Fred & Ann Smith 11/2 Frank & Susan Holzschuh 11/5 Waverly & Miranda Smith 11/7 Ronnie & Nellie Metcalfe 11/10 Bill & Joy Nunnally 11/21 John & Susan Cash 11/24 Bob & Janice Windham 11/26

Thank you for your votes Asbury Family! Once again we won our division!





Thinking ahead to advent.

If anyone is interested in a

Devotional for the season please
contact the church office.

Advent will start on

November 29th.

Congregational Care

Living at Home

- Libby Bible
- Orland Britton
- Carolyn Galloway
- •Barbara Lawson
 - Louise Love
- •Felty & Jean Masengill
 - Buck Mathes
 - •Cheryl Smith

Living at Morning Pointe

- •Homer & Marjorie Davenport
 - •Winifred Kuper
 - •Kermit & Betty 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 Missions



ISAIAH 117 MONTHLY NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER

Lysol Spray Journals Fun pens/Gel pens Water Bottles Ladies Undergarments (All Sizes) Men's Underwear (All Sizes) Ladies Clothes-Lg, XL, 2X Men's Clothes-Med, Lg, XL, 2X

Feminine Hygiene Products

Hands on Mission for Conference

Our assistance is needed again in collecting Food Buckets for Holston Conference. To assist our Sister Churches in Liberia. If you would like to contribute to the Hands on Mission for the Conference, please see list below and bring completed bucket to the church office by November 30. Please include \$5 for shipping. If you would like to help but do not feel comfortable shopping, please call the church office. Thank you in advance for your support.

Place the following items in a 5 galloon bucket with a lid.

1-5lb bag Sugar 1-2lb bag Rice

1-2lb bag dried beans1-10 oz Powdered Milk1-18 oz Old Fashion Oat Meal1-48 oz Cooking Oil

2-12 oz cans of Meat (Tuna, Ham, Spam)

Greene County Community Thanksgiving



With everything changing in the world, community Thanksgiving is no exception. After many planning meetings, phone calls, and virtual meetings there is now a plan in place. The community Thanksgiving planners have partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank to provide an alternative. There will be no cooking or prepping meals this year. Instead Second Harvest will be providing 800 food packages. These packages will include a combination of canned and dry goods and some sort of fresh food or produce with some type of meat or diary. Exacts have not been decided as of yet. These boxes will be delivered to Cedar Hill Presbyterian Church on Friday, November 20 and will need to be delivered to families on Saturday, November 21. The same phone and online reservation system will be used this year like years past and people can come pick food packages on Saturday, socially distancing of course. Volunteers will be needed for loading and delivering. If you are interested in helping with one of these two opportunities, please get in touch with Mrs. Kim or more information can be found on the community Thanksgiving website, www.thanksgivingoutreach.org.



Family Ministries

Myers Pumpkin Patch





Operation Christmas Child Annual Packing Party November 18 at 6 pm

With everything changing in the world, our annual Shoebox packing party will be no different. If you would be willing to donate any of the needed items, please drop off at Church office prior to November 18. Listed below are items needed. Our goal this year is to pack 30 boxes. If you would prefer to help cover shipping, that is welcome as well. Shipping is \$9 per box. Please designate on your Memo line it is for Shoe Box Shipping. If you have questions, contact the church office.

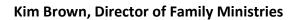
Anyone that has packed shoe boxes on their own may bring them to church office by November 19th and we will deliver them with the others.

Items: Comb or brush, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, small doll, mini balls, outfit, small stuffed animals, small blanket, colorful bandaids, pens, pencils, sharpners, sewing kits, journal, coloring book, crayons.

Something out of the Blue.....

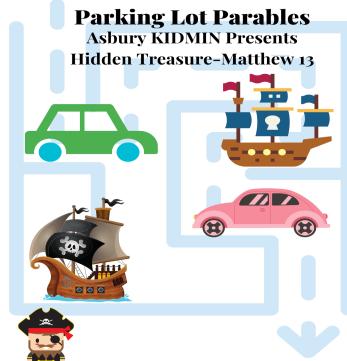
Asbury Family Ministries sent a small care package to our college students in October, just to let them know we are thinking of them. Each student received a pack of microwave popcorn and a little note saying' "Something out of the blue to let you know we are thinking of you!"



















Parking Lot ParablesThe Parable of the Popcorn **Based on Parable of the Sower** Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23

KIDMIN November Happenings

November 1 November 8 November 15 November 18 6 pm

November 22 6 pm

6 pm Parking Lot Parable 3rd Grade Bible Presentation 3rd Grade Bible Presentation **Shoebox Packing Party** Thanksgiving Family Event





Monthly Devotion Calendar November 2020 KIDMIN

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Faith Matthew 17:20	2 Child of God 1 John 10:30	3 God knows Matthew 10:30	4 God's Gift James 1:17	5 Worry Philippian 4:6	6 Patience Romans 5:3-4	7 Download the KIDS Bible App for your child
8 Prayer for your Pastor	9 Play Christian Music in the car this week	10 Believe 2 Corn 5:17	11 Forgiveness Colossians 3:13	12 Future Plans Jeremiah 29:11	13 Read Psalm 23 for bedtime story	14 Invite someone for dinner Hebrews 13:1
15 Do something for someone at church	16 Who is always there Matthew 28:20	17 Do not live in fear Isaiah 41:10	18 Reward Psalm 127:3	19 Dependence Proverbs 16:3	20 Trust Psalm 52:8	21 Eat at Chick-Fil-a Talk about why Sunday's are Important
22 Thankful Heart Psalm 116:17	23 Leading You Proverbs 4:11-12	24 Guardian Psalm 91:11	25 Protector Psalm 91:14	26 Always Pray 1 Thessalonians 5:17	27 Blessing Numbers 6:24-26	28 Have a Lazy Day Matthew 11:28-30
29 Explain Tithing 2 Cor 9:7	30					



Natasha DeBord, Director of Student Ministries

In October we enjoyed so many adventures together! From cleaning up our adopted road to meeting back in our youth room, attending Neon Church, and then time at the pumpkin patch!

November brings even more adventures. This month I encourage you to work on having a heart of thanksgiving. What does it mean to be thankful in difficult times? Who are we thankful for? How can we share our heart of thanksgiving with those around us?











November 2020

November Events

ıst- Marshmallows & a Movie

4th- NO YOUTH

8th- NO YOUTH

11th-Bible Study

15th-Bible Study

18th- Mini Mission

22nd- Bible Study

25th- Game Night

29th- NO YOUTH

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Youth 5:30-7:00	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	Youth 6:00-7:00	12	13	14
15 Youth 6:00-7:00	16	17	18 Youth 6:00-7:00	19	20	21
Youth 6:00-7:00	23	24	25 Youth 6:00-7:00	26	27 Nanksgivin	28 g Break
29	30					

Wednesday **Night**

2020 Leadership

We are currently doing delivery and pick up meals only. If you would like a meal call the office before noon on Tuesdays.

Nov. 4th

Breaded Chicken Mashed Potatoes

Peas Rolls Dessert

Nov. 11th

Chicken Dumplings

Slaw Cornbread **Dessert**

Nov. 19th

Turkey Dressing

Corn Roll

Dessert

Nov. 25th NO MEAL

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

Church council:

Lee Duckworth Chairperson Secretary Susan Bowers **Pastor** Rev. Jerry Jones

Director of

Family Ministries Kim Brown

Director of

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Director of

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Director of Contemporary

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Amanda Richey Senior Adult Rep Dinah Seip **UMW Rep** Sally Andrew ACEC Chairperson Abby Lawson

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Chairperson Rob Brown

Trustees

Chairperson Tom Cole / Tom Smith

Staff-Parish

George Tvardy Chairperson Finance Chairperson Rodney Bell

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Chairperson Rodney Bell

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Trustees Chairperson Tom Cole/Tom Smith

Staff-Parish

Chairperson George Tvardy Stewardship Chair **Bob Leonard**

Lay Leader

Leadership Team

Lee Duckworth Chairperson Lay Member to AC Shelby Sullivan

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Debby Hendrix Year 3 Year 3 Frank Holzschuh Year 3 Ben Brooks Phyllis Stansfield Year 2 Year 2 Bettye Ann Bewley Year 2 Dawn Wright Judy Reviere Year 1 John Cash Year 1 Art Masker

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Family Ministries:

Adult Ministries

Coordinator: Susan Holzschuh

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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

November

2020

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service 6P-Parking Lot Parables 5:30P-Youth						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service		3P-Benevolence 5:30P-Trustees	6Р-ҮОИТН			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service 6P-Youth		3P-Benevolence	6P-YOUTH 6P-Shoebox Packing Party			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service 6P-Youth Meeting 6P-KIDMIN Event		3P-Benevolence	6P-YOUTH			
29	30					
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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