

THE *Sunday* BRIEF

ASBURY CHURCH

JANUARY 21ST 2024

ASBURY'S CALLING -Sunday, January 21st at 4pm

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.
Pastor Rick and the Board will be presenting state
of the Church and God's calling for us at Asbury.
Please plan to Attend!

TODAY!

An All-Church Meeting in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for some volunteers for Sunday mornings -- 8, 9 and 10:30am. These are only 20-minute time slots and include Greeters and people to work the Welcome Centers. If you are interested in volunteering or have additional questions, please contact Kate in the Church Office (316-942-1491 or kate.green@asburychurch.org).

It's 2024! Let's start something new!

Beginning the last Sunday of the month -- **January 28th**, we will be celebrating Souper Sunday! Join us for a free bowl of soup and a time of fellowship in Base Camp following the 10:30am worship service. This will be a monthly event. If you would like to get involved or you have a favorite soup recipe you would like share, please contact Kate (316-942-1491/ kate.green@asburychurch.org) in the Church Office.

Bring a friend...all are welcome!

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LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

On the Menu this Month:

Chili & Potato Soup

**Sunday, January 28th following
the 10:30am Worship Service**

NUMBERED OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024 PICK THEM UP TODAY!

Please note, the numbered offering envelopes for 2024 are now available at a table in the Foyer. If you want to take a box, please write your name and envelope number on the provided sheet. If you have any questions, contact Wendy in the Church Office (wendy.homan@asburychurch.org or 316-942-1491).

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY HAS BEGUN

Our next study of scripture has begun, but there is still time to join. Thursdays at 9:30am -- Epic of Eden Bible Study. This is a 12-week study and will end on April 18th.

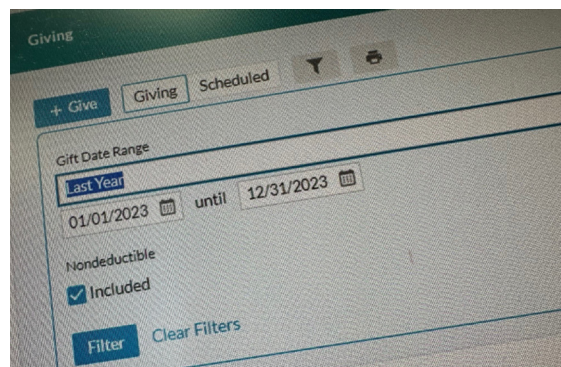
Description: "Dr. Sandra Richter clearly and powerfully communicates a history of God's redeeming grace, weaving together a story that runs from the Eden of the Garden to the garden of the New Jerusalem. Through text and video teaching, Dr. Richter uses this 12-week study to bring a new dimension to the history of the ancient Near East, orienting a study group in time, geography, culture, redemption, and relevance to today — all without diminishing her reader's faith or dumbing down the scripture.

The Video Study Guide will be purchased from Seedbed.com. The cost is \$22.95 (+tax and shipping). The Study Guide is from Seedbed (seedbed.com) "The Epic of Eden: Understanding the Old Testament" is a 12 week study - The teacher is Dr. Sandra Richter. (NOTE: "The Epic of Eden" is a series of studies.).

Please don't hesitate to call Sheri Smith (316-304-6555) if you have any questions or need additional information.

YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE NOW

Your year-end giving statements are available online through your Realm account. If you have questions or would like for us to mail you a copy of your statement, contact Wendy in the Church Office (wendy.homan@asburychurch.org or 316-942-1491).



**FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ABOUT ALL
THESE ITEMS AND MORE:**

**Check out the Asbury Web
Site, Download the
Realm Connect App
or visit our Facebook Page.**

The Cupboard

Food Co-op
New Covenant Life Support Center

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

**Canned Pasta
Fruit Cups
Chewy Granola
Bars**

**Also need:
Cold Weather
Gear: blankets,
gloves, scarves**

How to Safely & Securely Give to Asbury

- SCAN THE QR CODE
- ON THE WEB: <https://asburychurch.org/giving>
- THROUGH THE REALM CONNECT APP: Download the App to give safely and easily to the Church from your phone!
- TEXT-2-GIVE: Text "AsburyICT" to 73256 to give from your phone (You will receive a text with a link. Follow the directions.)
- MAIL: 2801 W. 15TH ST., WICHITA, KS 67203
- IN-PERSON ON SUNDAYS: Giving Plates located inside Sanctuary doors



SCAN ME

DECEMBER FINANCIALS

General Giving:

\$82,646.29

General Budget:

\$43,978.11

Mission Giving:

\$21,007.76

Total: \$103,654.05

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT ASBURY -- JOIN IN!!!



ASBURY HAPPY HOUR KICKS OFF! There are a few changes to our Wednesday evening programs. There will NOT be a meal, but we encourage everyone to come from 5:30-6:30pm for Asbury Happy Hour -- a time of fellowship and refreshments in Base Camp. The Asbury Happy Hour is free, however our featured Specialty Drink is \$2.50. **With each purchase of a Featured Drink, you will be entered to win a monthly prize giveaway. This month's prize is a \$25 Starbucks Gift Card!** Following the Asbury Happy Hour, stay tuned for adult classes and kids activities.

- **1/24/2024 -- Mexican Chips and Salsa Night**

Featured Drink – Jarritos Mexican Sodas

- **1/31/2024 -- Mediterranean Night**

Featured Drink – Limoncello Rose

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT ASBURY SCHEDULE

- 5:30-6:30pm: Asbury Happy Hour
- 5:45-6:30pm: Asbury Prayer Time
- 6-7:30pm: Kids Club
- 6-7pm: Asbury Youth
- 6pm: Women's Group (1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month)
- 6:30-7:30pm: Adult Classes



SPRING ADULT CLASS OFFERINGS:

- **Women's LifeGroup (6pm) Prayer Room/Library:** The Women's LifeGroup led by Roberta Beckmann will meet this week, January 17th at 6pm. This group meets the first and third Wednesday of the month in the Prayer Room/Library. If you have any questions or are interested in this group, contact Roberta at rjabeckmann@att.net.
- **Isaiah Part 2 (Wednesdays 10am OR 6:30pm) / Room D106:**
In the first section of Isaiah this past fall, we read many prophecies that were literally fulfilled in Isaiah's time for mid-east nations along with many prophecies for the future. This class will read of the grace of God, Christ's suffering and the glory to follow. V. McGee states, "Isaiah has been called the fifth gospel. Christ's virgin birth, His character, life, death, resurrection, second coming and Millennial kingdom are all presented in Isaiah clearly and definitively." The class is led by Linda Stephen. Study book is Insights on the book of Isaiah by Stringfellow, \$10. Join us by contacting Mary Jo (maryjo.fraipont@asburychurch.org or 316-942-1491) or email Linda at ljstephen@gmail.com.
- **"How to study the Bible" Class (6:30pm) / The Atrium:** Led by Worship Pastor, Nathan Snyder. Sign-Up Sheet in the Foyer.
- **Basic Financial Planning and Investment Principles (6:30pm) / Room B107:** Led by Russell Hall. Maximizing Employer Provided Retirement Plans/Benefits; Savings and Investment Strategies; Use and Misuse of Insurance; Healthy Usage of Credit; Basic Tax Planning Strategies. A portion of each session will be devoted to Q & A. As always, the overarching goal of financial success is the joy of participating in and supporting the Ministries of The Lord's Kingdom. There will be a small fee of \$15 per individual or couple to cover work-book, handouts, etc. Sign-Up Sheet in the Foyer. Sign Up Sheet for are in the Foyer.

PRAYER WORKSHOP COMING IN FEBRUARY: ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Heartland GMC Prayer Team is hosting an area wide prayer workshop Friday, February 16th from 5 to 8pm and February 17th from 9am to noon. This will be a time of fellowship, learning about prayer, and practicing prayer. There is a charge of \$20 per person that will include a catered dinner on Friday that is due upon arrival. RSVP to hunter.david.player@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, February 14th. **All are welcome!**

LET'S PRAY

PRAYER GUIDE

- **Sunday January 21th:** Lord God, from the beginning of time, You have called Your people out from wherever they lived to not only follow You, but to serve others in Your Name. In our day, You are calling us to do the same: to serve others in love in every way through the power of Jesus, the Lord and Savior of the world. Help us to be as brave as the saints we look up to. For the glory of Jesus' Name, Amen.
- **Monday January 22nd:** Prayerfully read or listen to Luke 19:1-5. According to these verses, how did Jesus and Zaccheus "connect?" Would you say this meeting between Jesus and Zaccheus was a "coincidence?" Did Jesus orchestrate it? Did Zaccheus? How did this meeting take place, exactly? Looking back...how did you and the Lord "connect" in the beginning?
- **Tuesday January 23rd:** Prayerfully read or listen to Luke 19:1-10. After Jesus and Zaccheus meet, what happened? What is the evidence that Jesus changed Zaccheus' life? Was there evidence in right away that Jesus had come into your life, or was it more like a sunrise or flower blooming – did it take some time before the evidence was revealed?
- **Wednesday January 24th:** FASTING DAY! Pray and fast as you are able (in whatever way is appropriate for you, keeping in mind a Biblical Fast is fasting from some/all foods). Prayerfully read or listen to Hebrews 5:13-6:1a. What do you think it means to "be taken forward to maturity" or "press on to maturity" in Christ? If you can, look up the word "maturity" in the Greek. What does the author want the readers of this letter to do? Can you describe a "mature Christian?"
- **Thursday January 25th:** Prayerfully read or listen to Mark 10:42-45. What comparison is Jesus making in these verses? What contrast is He making for His followers? Who are we to be like, and whom are we to not be like? In what ways are Christians today tempted to follow the wrong types of people? Spend some time praying about this, for yourself and Asbury's leaders.
- **Friday January 26th:** Prayerfully read or listen to Mark 10:45. The verb "serve" in Greek means "caring for the needs of others in a practical way." What is the difference between a true believer doing this, and an unbeliever doing the exact same work? See also John 15:1-11.
- **Saturday January 27th:** Take time to look over all the passages of Scripture we have studied and prayed over this week, as well as the things you have learned. Be still, and listen to what the Lord would tell you, personally, today.

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Scan the QR Code **OR** stop by the Welcome Center in the Foyer to fill out a Connect Card!

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We are glad you are here!