

# the brief

ASBURY CHURCH • JANUARY 4TH, 2026

*Our passion is to follow in the footsteps of Jesus to mature in the Christian faith.*

## CAN I GET A WITNESS?

God is on the move and each week we want to testify to the work He is doing here at Asbury Church. As you know, it's all about the story. We want to share your story, so send a picture and story to Sarah (sarah.brooks@asburychurch.org) and it just might be featured here!

## IT'S A NEW YEAR...GET CONNECTED THROUGH REALM

Realm is Asbury's communication network. We will continue to use Realm to keep you updated on events, the pastor transition and budget information.

Have you been getting emails from us/Realm? If not, we can help you get connected. Or do you have questions about Realm, how it works, or update your profile? Contact Wendy or Sarah (316-942-1491) if you have specific questions or for an invitation to join Realm.

You may also visit the Asbury Realm web site at [www.onrealm.org/](http://www.onrealm.org/) AsburyUnitedMet83562.



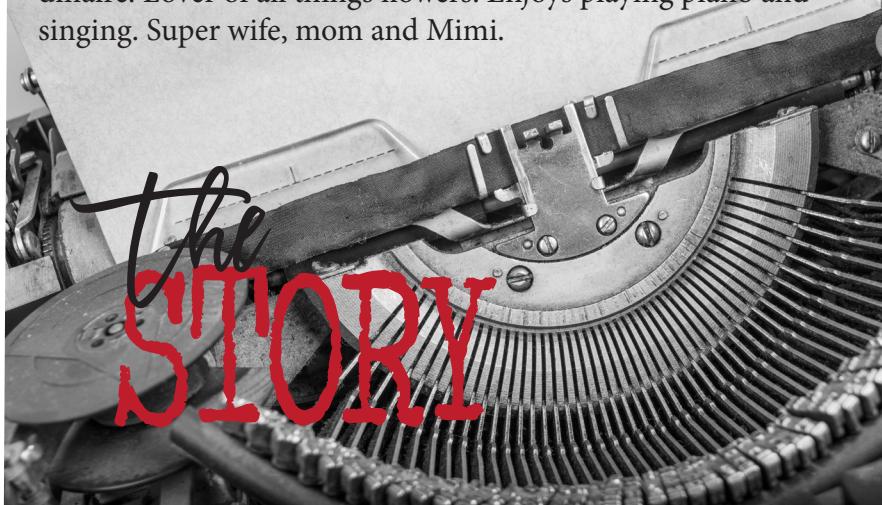
## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT CELEBRATION

Christmas Eve at Asbury Church was full of music, worship, communion and candlelight. It was a wonderful time together as we celebrated the birth of Jesus. Thank you to all who joined us and to those who volunteered to help for this special evening.



**The Story continues on Wednesday, January 7th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Join Pastor Rick for 4 weeks of great conversations with some very special people.**

- **January 7th – Shad Mehl:** Exercise specialist in cardiac rehab and adult fitness, farmer, coach, father, grandfather, lover of Jesus.
- **January 14th – Carrie Crow:** Youth Horizons, Co-Lead Mentor Team. Passionate for the care of children who are underserved in the community.
- **January 21st – Rev. Bill Cowell:** Pastor Rick's former pastor when a boy. A heart for the least, the last and the lost. Founder of Victory Village Christian Academy for girls.
- **January 28th - Mary Lou Just:** Landscaper/decorator extraordinaire. Lover of all things flowers. Enjoys playing piano and singing. Super wife, mom and Mimi.



# *grief* SUPPORT GROUP



A new Grief Support Group is beginning Tuesday, January 20th. The group will meet in the Library on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5pm. This group will be led by Roberta Beckmann RN, BA, MEd. You will discover how to have hope and peace as you walk through your journey of grief. All are welcome. Please feel free to share with anyone who might be interested.

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- **Fruit Cups: Apple Sauce, Peaches, Fruit Cocktail, Mandarin Oranges, Pears, Pineapple**
- **Sandwich Cookies**
- **Drink Mix Packets**

*Thank You!*

## REASONS TO STUDY THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Revelation is about JESUS! Revelation reveals God's plan for the future is to glorify His Son!! Revelation teaches us the victory and control of God, especially in these uncertain times. Amos 3:7 says God always tells His prophets first as seen in the est. 2000 out of 3000 already fulfilled prophecies. Only our Bible has verifiable fulfilled prophecies! Revelation is the ONLY book of the Bible that promises blessings for those that read and listen (Rev. 1:3). Revelation gives us an urgent concern for those that don't know Jesus as Savior. In Matt.24:42-44 and Luke 12:35-40, Jesus told us to "watch and be ready". If His prophecy is being fulfilled, wouldn't you want to know and "be ready"? Come to be blessed and decide for yourself! Book will be "Standing on the edge of Eternity" by G. Hamrick and costs \$9. There are two class times available -- Wednesdays 10-11:30am OR 6-7:30pm at Asbury, starting January 28th, 2026 for 12 wks. Sign up by emailing Linda (ljstephen@gmail.com) or Mary Jo Fraipont (maryjo.fraipont@asburychurch.org).

## TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Are you young at heart? Love to study the Bible and pray for one another? Love good food and fellowship? Join us every Tuesday morning at 9:30am for food & fellowship followed by prayer and Bible study at 10am in Fireside Room. The next class meets Tuesday, January 6th.

## 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



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## FIRST TIME VISITOR?

We are so glad you came to Asbury Today! We would love to get to know you better.

## NEED MORE INFO?

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



Scan the QR Code to fill out a Connect Card!



## WEEKLY EVENTS AT ASBURY CHURCH

### SUNDAYS

Worship Services: 8am & 10:30am  
*Live Streamed at [www.AsburyChurch.org](http://www.AsburyChurch.org)*  
Sunday School Hour: 9:15am  
Children's Church: 10:30am

### TUESDAYS

Tuesday Morning Senior Adult Bible Study: 10am in the Fireside Room.  
*This group has fellowship, food, worship and a wonderful lesson! You are invited!*

### WEDNESDAYS

Men's Breakfast: Village Inn (7020 W Central Ave) at 6:30am  
Beginning January 7th, 2026:  
Kingdom Kids: 6-7:30pm (Kids K-5th Grade)  
Asbury Youth: 6:30-7:30pm (Students 6th-12th Grade)  
The Story: 6:30-7:30pm (Every Wednesday in January)

### THURSDAYS

Women's Bible Study: 9:30am



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
Every Wednesday @ 6am  
Village Inn • 7020 W. Central Ave.  
Questions? Call the Church Office  
(316)942-1491.



Moms, you are invited to *The Mom Lounge* -- a quiet place of sanctuary for mothers to nurse -- or just relax and catch your breath. The Mom Lounge is located down B Hall in Room B110.

# THRESHOLD

*a prayer + worship gathering*

*"Standing ready at the threshold of His commission." Habakkuk 2:1*

Join us for prayer time on Tuesdays at 6pm in the Chapel resuming January 6th!



The current Prayer Guide along with last week's Guide, may also be found on the Asbury web site: [www.asburychurch.org/prayer](http://www.asburychurch.org/prayer).

# PRAYER GUIDE

**Sunday, January 4th:** Lord God, You alone are the Creator of all things. You are the Ancient of Days. The Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Another year is upon us and we have no idea what is to come, but You do. You know all things, Lord, and all things are in Your hands. You are making all things new! We are grateful You have redeemed, and are redeeming, even us. Help us to look ahead with hope and joy, because You are always with us. In the Name of the One Who died, rose again, and reigns forever, Amen.

**Monday, January 5th:** Prayerfully read or listen to Isaiah 43:18-19. This passage is part of a larger section in Isaiah where the prophet is encouraging the people of Israel. If you have time, read from Isaiah 40 to this passage. What is the general thrust of this portion of Isaiah? What is the Lord telling His people? Within all of this, what is important about 43:18-19? What "former things" do you think the people are to "forget" and not dwell on? In your life in particular, are there "former things" that the Lord would have you to "forget"? Why does He want you to do so?

**Tuesday, January 6th -- Epiphany:** Prayerfully read or listen to Isaiah 43:18-19. Why is it important to remember some things and to forget other ones? In your life, what are important things for you to remember each year? How do you mark those occasions? This passage, however, indicates that the people were doing this very thing – "remembering" – the wrong things! Are there things in your life that you might be "remembering" in all the wrong ways? How can you find ways to let them go, once and for all? How can this be the year you are FREE from them? How can being free from such things give you the ability to see what God is doing in your midst?

**Wednesday, January 7th:** Prayerfully read or listen to 2 Corinthians 5:17. Paul similarly talks about how the old is gone, and the new has come. In reflecting back on your life before Christ, and now looking at your life IN Christ – what of the "old life" has gone away? What is "new" that has come? Are there still parts of your "old" life that intrude on your "new" life? Why is that so? Spend some time in prayer and ask the Lord to help you discern what might be a couple of things you can do by the power of the Holy Spirit to move away/walk away from those old ways. Ask Him to show you very specifically what you need to do. Then ask Him to help you to be obedient and to follow through!

**Thursday, January 8th:** Prayerfully read or listen to Revelation 21:5. What is the amazing difference between the Lord saying, "I am making everything new," instead of "I am making new things?" When you consider the world, some of the events that have transpired even in the past few years, let alone in our lifetimes, how does this passage give you hope in Christ? Spend time today praying for our national leaders in light of this passage.

**Friday, January 9th:** Prayerfully read or listen to Lamentations 3:22-24. Asbury Church will have a lot of "new" in 2026! Thankfully, the Lord does not leave us alone to sort out our future. His faithfulness is great, and His compassions never fail. Take time today to give God thanks for all He has done for Asbury in the past, and pray fervently for our Board as they work through the process with our Conference Superintendent to bring on Asbury's next Senior Pastor.

**Saturday, January 10th:** Review each of these Scriptures, questions, and prayers that you have worked through this week. Which one, or which theme, resonated with you? Pray through these things again as the Spirit leads you!



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*We are glad you are here!*