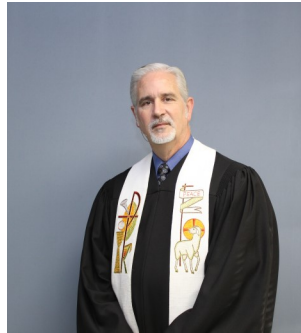


A word from the Pastor



Grace and Peace to You!

We have been home from camp for one week and as I reflect on what this year's camp experience was like, I can truly say we were all blessed. It is quite a different life in the mountains. There are no televisions, no computers, and NO cell phones. I saw kids playing outside and having more fun than they ever do sitting in front of video games. They made new friends, and they learned of God and grew in a more intense way than they ever have before. I also found myself enjoying the fact that my phone did not ring for five whole days! It was refreshing to slow down and simply live with God and those around me.

Coming back to Odessa, my calendar quickly fills up with all the things which are needful to do. I find myself wondering if all the busyness of the average day is really what God expects of us. Many of the things you and I both do, are the things we believe God expects us to do. They are needful tasks God has entrusted to us as His children. We work, take care of kids, volunteer in the church, attend worship, and many more important things which are all in and of themselves good. However, sometimes I wonder if we are so busy that we have lost the joy God desires for us to have in this life! Some people, like myself, are happier when we are busy and find it difficult to slow down or stop and enjoy the moment. Because of this, we can be so busy doing all the good things we should do that we fail to be all God desires for us to be. I realize it may be difficult to understand what I am attempting to convey, but we can be so busy serving God that we miss God!

I would like to propose a new acronym to you. The word BUSY can mean **B**ound **U**nder **S**atan's **Y**oke! It is a profound reality that the

devil loves extremely religious people. In fact, we see throughout history that the extremely religious have been used by Satan to accomplish some of his greatest evils in this world. It is often the extremely religious who are also BUSY in the church. Now don't get me wrong, God wants us to serve and volunteer our time and resources to minister to people and accomplish His mission in this world. What God does not want is for us to lose sight of who we are, and the joy of our own salvation because we are so BUSY we fail to appreciate it. The standard which has often been quoted is that 20% of the people give 80% of the money to the church and 20% of the people do 80% of the work as well. So to you 20% people I say, slow down! Spend a few hours with your phone off, away from your computer screen. Use the time to focus on who you are as a child of God. If you spend time in the Word, I promise, God will speak to you and you will have clarity and peace in your life. If you wear out, burn out, or lose sight of God, what will you have accomplished? To the 80% people in our midst let me encourage you by saying "We need You!" We need your time, gifts, and abilities to accomplish the ministry God has entrusted to Asbury. We need your ideas and your heart for others in a focused way in the ministry of our congregation.

God has brought us together in this place at this time to accomplish His will. If we are BUSY, God will not be glorified! If we are focused on Him, spending time with Him celebrating the freedom and forgiveness we have in Christ as we serve others, God can and will change the world through us!

Blessings on your Summer,
Pastor Russ

Our Mission

Connect - to God and neighbor

Equip - to disciple

Send - to serve

Our Vision

A vibrant faith community that reaches out with the love of Christ to every generation for the transformation of the world.

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Sunday Worship:

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Worship Services, Sanctuary

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages

Prayer Requests

Serving Schedule:

Greeters July 3rd

9:00 a.m. Sammie Rogers,
Mike Krueger

11:00 a.m. Marilyn Andjulis

Ushers July 3rd

D. Andjulis Captain, B. Jones,
G. Haynes, M. Krueger, M.
Nelson, K. Lind

Technology July 3rd

Media Computer Anthony M.

Sound Board 9:00 Tim. B.

11:00 Mike W.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

11:00 Jaci B.

Greeters July 10th

9:00 a.m. Sammie Rogers,
Mike Krueger

11:00 a.m. Mary Davidson,
Lois Lutes

Ushers July 10th

B. Johnson Captain, H. Lane,
M. Krueger

Technology July 10th

Media Computer Mike D.

Sound Board 9:00 John B.

11:00 Anthony M.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

11:00 Jaci B.

Attendance:

June 19th, 2016

9:00 63

11:00 31

Sunday School 50

June 26th, 2016

9:00 53

11:00 71

Sunday School 44

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND AND THOSE IN NURSING HOMES:

Lois Holt
Gertrude Merrit (Parks)
Trula Palmer

Mona Rogge
Wanda Stahl
Clarence Stahl

Prayers for Asbury Family and Friends:

Sue Angle	Ryan Conrad	Mary Hodges	Carol Maxwell	James Roye
Chris Aldrich	Jon Decker	Lois Holt	Bob McCoy	Shirley Rybolt
Debbie Atkinson	Geneva DeShazo	Bri Hurst	Drew Menasco	Jaci Shahan
Eric Baker	Jeanie DeShazo	Dotty Jones	Elijah Mendoza	Don & Barbara Shinn
Michael Ballard	Matthew DeShazo	Sandra Jordan	Nathan Mendoza	Michelle Simpson
Phyllis Blair	Marianne Dunn	Carolyn Kent	Mary Moore	John Smith
Jim Bolding	Chuck Ellison	Jim Ketcham	Barbara Moses	Cheryl Stark
Dan Brazeal	Libby Ellrich	Kay Kingon	Jerri Nickel	Megan Stewart
Vicki Bredemeyer	Veronica Farrow	Earl Kinne	EJ O'Donnell	Diane Thomas
Dr. Steve Brown	Missy Fowler	Betty Krueger	Lynn Patterson	Laura Turner
Brian Browning	Kathy Fillpot	Elissa Lamb	Lynn Phillips	Jim Ward
Norma Bustamante	Debbie Garrett	Keylee Latham	Molly Pruitt	Jake Westmoreland
Pat Campbell	Brantley Gover	Ralph Lewis	Toni Rainwater	David Weyant
Barbara Cates	Kassie Greene	Diane Livesey	Prisilia Ramirez	Phyllis White
Myrl Chapman	Anita Guinn	Frank Love	David Reedy	Mark Winters
Craig Cherry	Melba Hayden	Nancy Lovett	Noel Reedy	Grayson's Family
Shelli Childers	Sherrell Hendricks	Colleen Markey	Belinda Richey	
Carmella Ciulla	Deborah Hicks	Fred Martin	Reis Ritz	

Hospital: Debbie Garrett

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY & DEPLOYED:

Military & their families

From the Mailbag

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous support for Grassroots International's work promoting global justice and social change. Grassroots' partners are part of a globalization from below, coordinating as a movement to challenge water privatization, corporate monopolies in agriculture, and the patenting of natural resources. It is through your support that Grassroots is helping ensure that another world is possible,

In Gratitude,

Chung-Wha Hong

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you for your gift received by the General Board of Global Ministries through The Advance. We are pleased to share that 100% of your contribution will be going towards AIDS Orphanage in Thailand. Your gift is providing medicine, education, food and shelter for orphans with HIV in Thailand.

May God grant you a sense of hope and joy as you continue your support for mission.

Roland Fernandes

General Board of Global Ministries

Lectionary Readings

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 3RD: 2 KINGS 5:1-14, PSALM 30, GALATIANS 6:7-16, LUKE 10:1-11, 16-20

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 10TH: AMOS 7:7-17, PSALM 82, COLOSSIANS 1:1-14, LUKE 10:25-37

Asbury Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 3rd, 2016:

8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer
 9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship
 10:00 a.m. Life Lessons
 11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship
 6:00-9:00 p.m. Picnic, UTPB Park

Monday, July 4th, 2016:

OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

6:00 p.m. Power Flex
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 5th, 2016:

12:30 p.m. Read & Review Book Club
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi
 7:00 p.m. VSC, #121
 7:00 p.m. *The Shack*, 1423 Wedgewood

Wednesday, July 6th, 2016:

7:00 p.m. ASM @ Nebhut's

Thursday, July 7th, 2016:

9:00 a.m. Stitches
 12:30- 3:30 p.m. WTX Twilight Vision,
 6:00 p.m. Power Flex
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi

Saturday, July 9th, 2016:

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast, F/H

Sunday, July 10th, 2016:

8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer
 9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship
 10:00 a.m. Life Lessons
 11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship

Monday, July 11th, 2016:

4th & 5th graders at Promise Seeker's Camp, July 11th-15th
 1:00 p.m. Deadline for Newsletter Articles
 6:00 p.m. Power Flex
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 12th, 2016:

Newsletter Day
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi
 7:00 p.m. VSC, #121
 7:00 p.m. *The Shack*, 1423 Wedgewood

Wednesday, July 13th, 2016:

7:00 p.m. ASM @ Nebhut's

Thursday, July 14, 2016:

9:00 a.m. Stitches
 6:00 p.m. Power Flex
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi

Friday, July 15th, 2016:

6:30-9:30 p.m. Lay Servant Basic Course
 7:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. ASM Lock-In

Saturday, July 16th, 2015:

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Lay Servant Basic Course

Sunday, July 17th, 2016:

8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer
 9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship
 10:00 a.m. Life Lessons
 11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship
 ASM Paintball Event

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Announcements

Lay Servant Ministries

The Annual Conference is once again behind us and the opportunities God has provided lay before us. As many travel to new appointments and many more look to another year, remaining in the same charge, we are excited to offer to you an exciting opportunity for your laity. The Lay Servant Training courses are a unique way for our laity to take a first step in gaining insight into what God calls all His people to accomplish in the Kingdom. These courses have generally been offered in El Paso or Albuquerque, or if you are in the Northwest Texas Conference, in Lubbock. The distance from the Odessa and Midland area has made this difficult for many to attend the training. We are excited to share with you that Mr. Charles Cotten of Odessa has been elected as the chairman of the El Paso Sub-District Chair for Lay Servant Ministries.

Charles has long expressed a desire to have training opportunities available in our area of the state. We desire to make this possible. On July 15th and 16th we are offering the Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course. This is the foundational course upon which all others are built. We will be offering Advanced courses in the near future. The schedule will be from 6:30pm - 9:30pm on Friday, July 15th and 8:30am - 3:30pm on Saturday the 16th. These classes will be held at Asbury UMC, Odessa. The registration fee is \$35.00 per participant. This includes the participant book and meals on Friday night and Saturday. We ask that all who desire to participate to register by phone as soon as possible. To register contact Mr. Charles Cotten at 432-296-2975 or Asbury United Methodist at 432-366-4455. May God bless you and your laity as together we accomplish the work of the Kingdom.



Magnify the Lord- Asbury's 55/20 Celebration- Yard Signs

Yard signs for the anniversary celebration are available to order. They are \$20 each. We will only order as many signs as we have orders to fill. Sign up sheets are available in the narthex for those interested in ordering a yard sign!

Sunday Prayer Time

The Mission and Evangelism Committee would like to invite everyone to a prayer time every Sunday before both services in the sanctuary. The lights will be dimmed and the doors closed to provide a quiet time for prayer and devotion. The sanctuary will be available for this time until 10 minutes before each service. The doors will then be opened to allow everyone else to take their seat.

Opportunity for Service

Marion Reedy is in need of assistance. Some of the faithful communion stewards (those who prepare the bread and juice) are no longer able to serve. Marion is in need of additional volunteers for this special service to the church. Usually, if there are enough stewards, you only serve once a year. Please contact Marion at 432-366-4806 or the church office with questions or to participate. Thank you, Asbury, for your faithful service!

Dear Asbury UMC– Odessa,

Congratulations on being recognized as a church doing the important work of discipleship in your community as you receive the One Matters Discipleship Award! We are excited to share your turn-around story, and we hope it will be an inspiration for other churches across the connection. Please know that the One Matters Discipleship Award also entails a \$1,000 check to support your ongoing ministry around making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Grace and Peace,

Jeffrey M. Campbell

Director of Annual Conference Relationships

Pastor Russ Nebhut

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