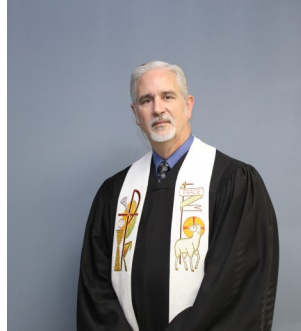


A word from the Pastor



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus!

It's Summer and it's HOT! The last couple of weeks have brought on the summer heat with a vengeance. As school ended, we entered into a very busy time in the life of Asbury. While it is a much different schedule than the school year, this summer has proven to offer unique opportunities to grow and be stretched. We have our last group of campers at Sacramento Assembly as I pen this article. Their faces were aglow and full of smiles as we prayed together in the van before they departed. We will hear of great adventures and new experiences when they return. Our youth have been busy with not only camp but all the other activities which have been scheduled, and Vacation Bible School is only a few weeks away. We will once again see our sanctuary transformed into a venue for fun, offering many exciting new experiences with God.

All of this is to simply let you know how great our God truly is! We are blessed people, and Asbury is experiencing some unique blessing from God at this point in our history. All of this will provide additional excitement as we approach our anniversary celebration in September.

There are a few important items of information I would like to share with you this month. First, our new District Superintendent is Eddie Rivera. He assumed the position at the end of June and has already made one visit to Asbury. Eddie is also our clergy delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference which begins this week. He was pleased to learn of all we are accomplishing here at Asbury. Secondly, if you haven't noticed, there are new faces in our congregation each week. God is blessing us with many new visitors which doesn't always happen

during the summer months. I want to encourage you to simply do what you have been doing. The one consistent comment I receive from visitors is that we are the friendliest church they have ever visited. By making visitors feel welcome, you open the way for God to touch their hearts. Thank you so much for being such a loving congregation. There are also new children among us which are cause for all of us to celebrate. Rhett and Bailey Lively have two very small children which they are fostering and hope to adopt. David and Kara Rawls just received a newborn baby girl they also are seeking to adopt. Everywhere we turn, God is providing blessings in our midst.

God is also providing some new opportunities to some of our younger members to grow in ways they could not have imagined just a few weeks ago. Asbury is now partnering with First Methodist in Iraan. The congregation there is very small and is no longer able to support a full time pastor. With no clergy, the people are basically left to fend for themselves when it comes to holding services. After some very focused discussions with the District Superintendent from San Angelo and the members of First Methodist, Iraan, I have agreed to work with some of our members to assist them. Charles Cotten will be traveling there once a month to lead worship and serve communion. There are some other young men in our church whom I am working with to prepare sermons to preach in Iraan as well. Our goal is to provide servants for two Sunday's a month, and the members of the church will cover two Sundays for themselves. I am seeking to give some of our young adult members the tools and experiences to become stronger future leaders of our church. I am also praying God would possibly call some of them

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 17th

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

11:00 a.m. Charles & Bonnie
Cotten, Terry Richey

Ushers July 17th

D. Andjulis, D. Hughes, M.
Lippman

Technology July 17th

Media Computer Mike D.

Sound Board 9:00 Tim B.

11:00 Mike W.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

11:00 Jaci B.

Greeters July 24th

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

11:00 a.m.

Ushers July 24th

H. Lane, Captain, M. Waldrip,
B. Johnson, D. Hughes, K.
Magness, J. Curry

Technology July 24th

Media Computer Carolyn K.

Sound Board 9:00 John B.

11:00 Anthony M.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

11:00 Jaci B.

Attendance:

July 3rd, 2016

9:00 53

11:00 81

Sunday School 47

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

Hospital: David Weyant

Rehab: Carolyn Kent, HealthSouth

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY & DEPLOYED:

Military & their families

Vacation Bible School

Come to the VBS Surf Shack! The date for Vacation Bible School this year is July 25th-29th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to attend! Pre-Registration is available at <http://cokesburyvbs.com/asburyodessa>.



HELP! Pictures Needed!

The History Committee for Asbury's 55th is in need of church pictures from the years 1996-2016. If you have hard copies, please loan them to Debbie Garret to scan. If you have them in a file, pick out the best and email them to dallaswg@grandecom.net ASAP. Please put **Asbury pictures** in the subject line.

Lectionary Readings

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 17TH: AMOS 8:1-12, PSALM 52, COLOSSIANS 1:15-28, LUKE 10:38-42

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 24TH: HOSEA 1:2-10, PSALM 85, COLOSSIANS 2:6-15, LUKE 11:1-13

Asbury Upcoming Events

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

Monday, July 18th, 2016:

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

Tuesday, July 19th, 2016:

6:00 p.m. CPS, #110
6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi
7:00 p.m. VSC, #121
7:00 p.m. *The Shack*, 1423 Wedgewood

Wednesday, July 20th, 2016:

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

Thursday, July 21st, 2016:

9:00 a.m. Stitchers
10:30 a.m. Parks Communion Service
12:30- 3:30 p.m. WTX Twilight Vision
6:00 p.m. Power Flex
6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi
7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting

Friday, July 22nd, 2016:

11:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m. TT Reading Program, #121
5:30-9:30 p.m. ASM Pool Party, Jones Home

Saturday, July 23rd, 2016:

8:00 a.m.-3:15 p.m. TT Reading Program, #121

Sunday, July 24th, 2016:

8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer
9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship
9:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. TT Reading Program, #121
10:00 a.m. Life Lessons
11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship

Monday, July 25th, 2016:

9:00 a.m.- Noon VBS
1:00 p.m. Deadline for Newsletter Articles
6:00 p.m. Power Flex
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 26th, 2016:

9:00 a.m.- Noon VBS
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 27th, 2016:

9:00 a.m.- Noon VBS
7:00 p.m. ASM @ Nebhut's

Thursday, July 28th, 2016:

9:00 a.m.- Noon VBS
6:00 p.m. Power Flex
6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi
7:00 p.m. VBS Program

Friday, July 29th, 2016:

9:00 a.m.- Noon VBS
11:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m. TT Reading Program, #121
7:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. ASM Lock-In

Saturday, July 30th, 2016:

8:00 a.m.-3:15 p.m. TT Reading Program, #121

Sunday, July 31st, 2016:

Fifth Sunday
9:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. TT Reading Program, #121
10:00 a.m. Life Lessons
10:45 a.m. Prayer
11:00 a.m. Worship
1:30 p.m. VBS Teardown



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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.

into full time service. This is just one more evidence of all God is seeking to accomplish in and through our congregation.

In closing, I would like to remind you of my personal "mantra." I find myself sharing it quite often with others. "Serving God ought to be fun! If it's not then we are doing it wrong!" Yes, there are stressful times! Yes, there are hard and sad times. But overall, serving God should fill our lives with joy. I want to say to each of you, "Thank You!" Thank you for allowing me to serve as your pastor. I'm having fun!

Blessings,

Pastor Russ

Blanton Outreach

Asbury Church will continue to sponsor Blanton Elementary School during the 2016-2017 school year. Our primary purpose is to pray daily for the staff and students. A suggested prayer is:

"Gracious God, I thank you for the opportunity to learn and to wonder. I lift up to you this day Blanton Elementary. I pray for the teachers, students, staff and families that this year might be rewarding for all. Heavenly Father, grant them wisdom and help them to know Your truth.

Protect them with your loving care and may Your joy permeate throughout the school year. In their learning and teaching may they grow in the knowledge of Your love and Grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

(Or pray your own prayer)

The other part of this project is for you to "adopt" a staff member to pray for, and/or send them a card or gift certificate, or make them some cookies or whatever on special holidays or their birthday. We will have the staff fill out a form with their birthday, anniversary, favorite candy, color, sports team etc. to give you some ideas for things you might like to do for them.

There are approximately 55 staff members, and we would like to have a sponsor for each one. We will have forms for you to pick up and fill out in the foyer. Please feel free to contact LaNelle (559-7824) or Mike Agee (559-4502) if you have any questions!

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