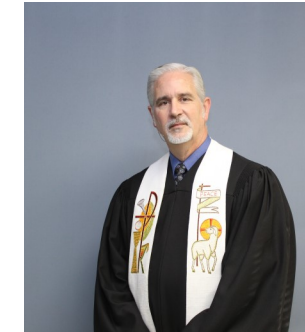




THE JOURNAL

Asbury - "Where Hearts are Warmed for Christ"

August 16th, 2016



A word from the Pastor

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

As you receive this newsletter, we are bringing to a close one of the busiest summers I have ever experienced. Some of our youth have been back to school for band, track, and football already. Private schools have already begun holding classes and public school begins on Monday. With the beginning of school, the end of summer has come and we begin the process of shifting gears and moving into our Fall programming. Everyone who attended the church picnic at UTPB on 4th of July weekend had such a great time we decided to do it again. We will officially bring summer to a close with another picnic at UTBP on the **Sunday** of Labor Day weekend.

As we move into the late Summer and Fall, our Wednesday programs will begin with the Children's Choir, Dinner, Bible Studies, Youth Groups, and Adult Choir meeting each week. Along with the regular activities, we will be celebrating our 55th Anniversary on September 25th with Rev. Will Cotton returning as our guest preacher. Please remember to make your reservations for the Anniversary Banquet which will be held on Saturday night, September 24th, at the Fun Dome.

We are consistently having more outside groups use our facilities each month. Your generosity as a congregation has opened the way for many different individuals to enter our building and experience the love of Christ. Thank you for being the people of God who simply love with no strings attached.

We have some new families joining the church the end of this month, and I am excited to tell you once more that it is your openness and warmth which makes all visitors feel at home which has impacted these new families. I hear it almost every day that Asbury is one of the most loving and receptive congregations they have ever been in. What a testimony to the love of Christ living in you and flowing through you. As these new families join, please make every effort to meet them and invite them to the numerous opportunities for fellowship.

We are about to begin a new sermon series which will focus our attention on Living for Christ. This series will offer each of us the opportunity to reexamine our daily lives in light of God's love and grace, and the priorities God has for each of us as He seeks to use us to be a blessing to others. I pray you will find these next five weeks to be a blessing.

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.

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 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!

City-Wide Back-to-School Prayer Gathering

The annual One Accord city-wide prayer gathering to pray for the beginning of school is Saturday, August 20th at 10:30 a.m. on the steps of the ECISD Administration Building for those who are interested in attending!

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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

Serving Schedule:

Greeters August 21st

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

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

Ushers August 21st

D. Andjulis, D. Hughes, M. Lippman

Technology August 21st

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 August 28th

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

11:00 a.m.

Ushers August 28th

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

Technology August 28th

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:

August 7th, 2016

9:00 57

11:00 91

Sunday School 49

August 14th, 2016

9:00 59

11:00 111

Sunday School 59

Prayer Requests

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 Melba Hayden Mary Jo Hill Jerri Nickel Don & Barbara Shinn

Shell Childers Mary Jo Hill Carolyn Kent Nancy Lovett Mike Waldrip

Anita Guinn

Hospital: David Weyant

Joy Bolding

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY & DEPLOYED:

Military & their families

Asbury's 55th Anniversary Celebration is getting closer! We are asking that you please have your reservations and payment for the banquet turned in no later than noon on August 31st. Copies of the letter and reservation tab can be found on the post table in the narthex.



CHURCH-WIDE PREPARATIONS for our 55th ANNIVERSARY and OPEN HOUSE!!

We are having guests over to our church home on September 24th-25th to celebrate our Anniversary. To prepare, we need to have a very detailed cleaning, inside and outside: scrubbing, dusting, vacuuming, window washing, floor cleaning, mopping, yard sprucing, bush and tree trimming, and sweeping. To accomplish this, each of our family needs to find something to clean and improve. Make sure your room is "set" for visitors. We hope to have a leader for every room (including your part of the hallway) in the church and, yes, even the bathrooms. If the first impression of your room is the need to de-clutter, that is a good place to start. Also, the hall bulletin boards will need a fresh face; hall walls and baseboards need cleaning, as well as doors and doorways. We want someone to sign up for each space and make sure it shows the best.

This is a very exciting time in our church home. Please make an effort to assist your church family with cleaning your space. Mom was correct, "A clean room makes people think you care!" Please join us on September 10th for a church-wide cleaning, or you may start today to make sure your room is the nicest. THANK YOU FOR CARING! Your Trustees.

Lectionary Readings

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST: JEREMIAH 1:4-10, PSALM 71:1-6, HEBREWS 12:18-29, LUKE 13:10-17

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH: JEREMIAH 2:4-13, PSALM 81:1, 10-16, HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16, LUKE 14:1, 7-14

Asbury Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 21st, 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
2:00 p.m. Foster Shower, Parlor

Monday, August 22nd, 2016:

First Day of School
6:00 p.m. Power Flex
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, August 23rd, 2016:

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

Wednesday, August 24th, 2016:

7:15 p.m. Choir
6:00 p.m. Power Flex
6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi

Thursday, August 25th, 2016:

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Scrapbooking Group, T/R
2:00-4:00 p.m. Meet and Greet with new D.S.
Rev. Eddie Rivera, First UMC Odessa

Friday, August 26th, 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
3:00-6:00 p.m. Baby Shower, F/H

Saturday, August 27th, 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
3:00-6:00 p.m. Baby Shower, F/H

Sunday, August 28th, 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
3:00-6:00 p.m. Baby Shower, F/H

Monday, August 29th, 2016:

1:00 p.m. Deadline for Newsletter Articles
6:00 p.m. Power Flex
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, August 30th, 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, August 31st, 2016:

9:00-11:00 a.m. "The Armor of God" Women's Bible Study
7:15 p.m. Choir

Thursday, September 1st, 2016:

9:00 a.m. Stitches
12:30-3:30 p.m. Vision Support Group, #110
6:00 p.m. Power Flex
6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi
7:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting

Sunday, September 4th, 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. Labor Day Picnic, UTPB Park

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A Matter of Balance

Vision of Hope Support Group leader Mike Bates is starting a new class called A Matter of Balance. Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. You will learn to view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home and exercise to increase strength and balance. This class is offered for anyone who is concerned about falls, who has fallen in the past, or anyone who is interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength. Classes will be held twice a week for four weeks for two hours each. A sign up sheet can be found in the narthex for anyone who is interested!

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.

Labor Day Picnic

Come join us on September 4th for a labor day picnic starting at 6:00 p.m. at the UTPB park!

Lay Servant Ministries School

There is a new opportunity for those who are interested in becoming a Lay Servant in our congregation! An upcoming Lay Servant Ministries School will be held on September 9th and 10th at St. Paul's UMC, 7000 Edgemere, El Paso, TX. Both basic and advanced classes are being offered. The registration deadline is stated as Monday, August 15th, but late registration is accepted as space permits. (This will add \$10 to fee for Express Mail of your book) To sign up or learn more about these courses, please contact Frances Gonzales at fgonza49@yahoo.com or at 915-240-1783.

"The Armor of God" Women's Bible Study

Dear Sisters in Christ! You are invited to join us for "The Armor of God," a Bible study by Priscilla Shirer, lasting 7 weeks. Priscilla explains taking on the Full Armor of God, having an action plan, and developing a prayer strategy to experience the Victory Christ has already won for you!! Please pray about attending and inviting other ladies to join us.

This Bible study begins on Wednesday, August 31st from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Atkins Community Room at Asbury UMC. The last day of this Bible study will be on October 12th. The Member Book is \$17 (\$13 + \$4 spiral binding). Nursery is available, just please let us know if needed. For more information, contact Abby McCullough at [432-559-3019](tel:432-559-3019), or Belinda Richey at [432-559-8763](tel:432-559-8763).