

Asbury Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 13th, 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, November 14th, 2016:

5:00 p.m. Ascent Student Ministries
 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Power Flex
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 15th, 2016:

10:00 a.m.-Noon MOPS
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi
 7:00 p.m. VSC, #121

Wednesday, November 16th, 2016:

9:00-11:00 a.m. War Room Bible Study
 4:30 p.m. Melody Makers
 5:30 p.m. Supper
 6:15 p.m. Activities
 7:15 p.m. Choir

Thursday, November 17th, 2016:

9:00 a.m. Stitchers
 6:00 p.m. Power Flex
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Saturday, November 19th, 2016:

7:00 a.m. ASM 30 Hour Famine

Sunday, November 20th, 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
 1:00 p.m. 30 Hour Famine Ends
 3:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens
 5:00 p.m. Ascent Student Ministries

Monday, November 21st, 2016:

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Deadline for Newsletter Articles
 6:00 p.m. Power Flex
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 22nd, 2016:

Newsletter Day
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi
 7:00 p.m. VSC, #121

Wednesday, November 23rd, 2016:

NO Activities Today- Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 24th, 2016:

Office Closed
 Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 25th, 2016:

Office Closed

Sunday, November 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
 2:00 p.m. Parlor Heralds Concert
 5:00 p.m. Ascent Student Ministries



THE JOURNAL

Asbury - "Where Hearts are Warmed for Christ"

November 8th, 2016

A word from the Pastor

God's grace and peace,

I put forth to you the following poem to think about!

Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else. Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work.

Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "Someone Else can work with that group."

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most liberal givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do.

Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help

in your local church this year, remember -- they can't depend on Someone Else anymore. Many hands make little work!

Prayer: Father let me be someone you can count on and not someone else. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

I share this poem with you because I have come to realize in the last few weeks that we have come to a "Tipping Point" in the ministry of Asbury. We are at the point where the future of our congregation is hanging in the balance. We have so many new families and especially new children coming into our midst, and it is more than the normal crew of volunteers can handle. If the number of dedicated volunteers does not expand and grow, we are about at our limit. If this happens, we stop growing and thus we fail to accomplish the mission God has entrusted to us.

Our prayer has been for God to send us the hurting, the lost, those who need to truly know God's love in Christ and who need a church home. Well, He is sending them! What we do now will set the tone for the future of the Gospel ministry at Asbury. There is nothing more important, no greater miracle, than to see the lost reborn in faith. We have witnessed and celebrated God saving dozens of His children in the last year alone. With this great growth comes the need for more of everything to support it! We need more finances, more volunteers, and more leaders to step up and help our church move into the future.

Therefore, as your Pastor, I appeal to you in the name of your Savior Jesus Christ to recommit yourself to Christ and His ministry in our midst. Everyone can do something regardless of financial status or age. We need everyone to work together and make the most of every opportunity God gives to us. Please help us accomplish God's work and grow the Kingdom of God! There is no greater calling in life.

In Christ,
 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

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Serving Schedule:

Greeters November 13th

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

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

Ushers November 13th

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

Technology November 13th

Media Computer Mike D.

Sound Board 9:00 John B.

11:00 Anthony M.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

Greeters November 20th

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

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

Ushers November 20th

D. Andjulis, D. Hughes, M. Lippman

Technology November 20th

Media Computer Mike D.

Sound Board 9:00 Tim B.

11:00 Mike W.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

11:00 Jaci B.

Attendance:

October 30th, 2016

11:00 135

Sunday School 35

November 6th, 2016

9:00 54

11:00 105

Sunday School 65

Prayer Requests

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND AND THOSE IN NURSING HOMES:

Lois Holt	Mona Rogge	Mary Jo Hill
Gertrude Merrit (Parks)	Wanda Stahl	Joy Bolding
Trula Palmer	Clarence Stahl	Neva Bird

PRAYERS FOR ASBURY FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Sue Angle	Melba Hayden	Jenica Maroney	Bill & Joy Slack
Christie Applegate	Sherrell Hendricks	Paul Minton	Roger Smith
Ronald Bennett	Gene & Jimmie	Noah Moss	Kimberly Stepp
Marilyn Brown	Jeanette Hewitt	Jim Nickel	Sandra Vickers
Paul Brown	Mary Hodges	Catherine Paul	Bryan & Tara Vinson
Whitney Campbell	Kay Kingon	Sandi Phillips	B.J. Westmoreland
Corey Carrell	Helen Lewis	Lisa Ramirez	David Weyant
Shelli Childers	Donna Lind	Prisilia Ramirez	Glendya Williams
Adele Cortez	Keith Little	Scarlett Robinson	Kaleb Zengher
Mike Curry	Imiah Lively	Steve Ruyle	Methodist Outreach in Zambia
Mark Farquhar	Frank Love	Don & Barbara Shinn	
Anita Guinn	Nancy Lovett		

Sympathy: To family and friends of Jacob Camacho.

Sympathy: To Mike Waldrip and family at the death of his mother, Louise Waldrip, on October 25th, 2016.

Hospital: Terry Hockman



Pictured (Left to Right): John Conlin, Luis Venegas, Pastor Russ

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY & DEPLOYED:

Military & their families

A cross was presented to Luis Venegas this past Sunday to honor him for his services as he has enlisted in the Navy. Our thoughts and prayers are with Luis as he embarks on this journey!

Lectionary Readings

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH: ISAIAH 65:17-25, ISAIAH 12, PSALM 118, 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13, LUKE 21:5-19

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH: JEREMIAH 23:1-6, LUKE 1:68-79, COLOSSIANS 1:11-20, LUKE 23:33-43

Urgent - Please Read

Do you see the blessings of God?! All you have to do is look around and you will see the faces of so many new people, we are all having difficulty learning the new names. God is working in the midst of our church. With such rapid growth, it is inevitable to experience growing pains. We are stretched thin in every area! We are in need of more helpers to minister to the children. We are in need of van drivers for our upcoming and new van ministry. The kitchen crew on Wednesday nights could use some extra hands. Sunday School and Nursery are in urgent need of volunteers. Every area of the Gospel Ministry of Asbury needs more! What great challenges to have facing us!

If we were not growing, we would not need more of anything, but the fact that God is blessing what is taking place in our church means we need everyone to join in and support the blessings we are experiencing.

While more volunteers are needed to serve, there is also another pressing need. Financially, we are cutting every corner we can without hindering the ministry but we are falling short. If the giving is not increased, we are facing approximately a \$15,000+ deficit by the end of the year. We cannot stop the ministry! We cannot pull back! We cannot fail to accomplish what God has placed before us! To do so would be to turn our backs on God! He has entrusted our church with a unique opportunity to reach the hurting and save the lost. I implore you to dig deeper and give to God what is needed to continue ministering to the people God is bringing to us.

If we all do a little more, together we can make up the difference and continue to celebrate the enormous blessings of God!

Pastor Russ

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What is the 30 Hour Famine?

Students Around the World Loving God and Fighting Hunger

Kids Go hungry to Help Hungry Kids

Our youth will grow closer to Christ and each other as they fast together for 30 hours and raise funds to fight hunger. What's more, as we do the *30 Hours of Famine* Event, we are challenging our students to be part of something bigger than themselves: To take action for God's kingdom, to help save the lives of hungry kids, and to permanently change the way our students see the world.

Join in supporting our youth as they host *30 Hours of Famine* on November 19th - 20th at our church.

Announcements

Floral Arrangements

If you have ordered flowers this year, please check the flower calendar to make sure that you have been credited for payment. The last column says that it's for "office use only." That's where you will find a "pd" indicating payment. Envelopes are provided, on the kiosk, for your payment. If there is a discrepancy, please contact the office. Remember, this is special giving and not part of your pledge. As the year comes to an end and the office closes out the financial books, the flower fund is just one of many that has to be reconciled. Thank you for your donations that bring living arrangements reminding us of God's creation!

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 20th, beginning at 3:00 p.m., we will decorate the church for Advent and Christmas! We will need folks who can climb ladders, hang wreaths, string garland, and put Christmas trees in place. All hands are welcome and needed!

Staff Appreciation Month

God has blessed Asbury to have a church staff who have not only shared the vision but who have worked tirelessly to minister in Christ's name to all who come into our midst here at Asbury. I want to commend the Staff of Asbury to you the month of November and ask for your assistance in expressing to all who have blessed us how thankful we are to have them here in ministry with us. It is our tradition to receive special offering through the month of November and then to divide the offering between the staff members as a way to express our gratitude. Please give generously to say thank you to those who give so much more to bless the Kingdom's work in our midst. Designated offerings may be placed in the offering plate during any church service or brought to the church office.

Pastor Russ