

A word from the Pastor

Grace and Peace from our gracious God!

Well, summer is finally here. While the actual date on the calendar will be June 20th, most people mark summer by the school calendar. As the school year draws to a close, the time is marked by transition. In the Nebhut household we have one graduating and moving away to work for the summer. Another one of our kids was just transferred to another city. We are experiencing major transitions!

What is true in our homes is also a reality in the church. The Wednesday night program has ended for the year, and summer camps and church activities are beginning for the months to come. The truth is that we are all creatures of habit. We like it when things remain the same. Change is difficult and sometimes down right hard. But change is what our God is all about! Jesus did not come into this world so everything could remain the same. Jesus came to literally shake things up and turn everything upside down. Think about what God desires to be different because of Jesus!

In our lives individually we are literally saved! Rescued from sin and destruction. God reached out of eternity and took hold of us and claimed us as His own. He has loved us from eternity and He is the one who acted! He did all which was necessary to make us His child today and forever. This was the first and greatest moment of transition in our lives. However, God did not save us so we could remain the same. He has called us to a life of transition in all things. Personally, all of us struggle with sinful attitudes and actions. God desires more for us than this! Transformation is not easy and it is often painful, but God has called us and He empowers us by His Spirit to leave behind what we have always been and become all He desires us to be. The goal is not difficult to grasp. Our Father desires us to be like Jesus in all things. This means a change in both attitudes and actions.

In our attitudes it means to stop loving ourselves and to begin to love God and others more than ourselves. It means for a husband and wife to lift each other up and sacrifice for what is best for the other. Parents are called to actually parent their children and not simply produce them. Children are to both witness and model what they learn from their parents in love and service to each other and all those around them.

As we come together as a congregation, this transition can be very challenging. If we are growing, we are changing. For all of us who have been in the church for most of our lives, we become comfortable with the way things have always been. Transformation into the image of Christ as the church means for us to move beyond our comfort zone and engage our world with our sacrifices for their salvation. This is love in action!

Throughout the summer we will have many opportunities to love sacrificially and be used by God to share His love with the world. The choice for each of us is fairly simple. We can retreat to our comfortable lives and attempt to keep all things the same, or we can engage the world. If we choose to retreat, I promise you, we will become frustrated. We will see things changing around us while we are seeking to maintain the status quo. There will be people we don't know and activities of which we are uninformed and church may feel like a place we don't belong. Or we can choose to engage. We can be the ones who make the effort to meet new people and we can attend the activities taking place. If we do this, we will not remain the same, in fact, we will be changed. We will begin to be transformed, but it will not be painful or fearful. In fact, it will be exciting and filled with absolute joy. We will experience God's presence and leading and we will witness what God can do with a few faithful children. He will use us tomorrow as He has used us in the past and we will see the kingdom of heaven opened to new believers and all of heaven will rejoice as the Gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, but just as importantly, as it is lived out through your life.

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

Serving Schedule:

Greeters May 28th

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

Ushers May 28th

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

Technology May 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.

Greeters June 4th

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

11:00 a.m. Marilyn Andjulis

Ushers June 4th

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

Technology June 4th

Media Computer Anthony M.

Sound Board 9:00 Tim B.

11:00 Mike W.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

11:00 Jaci B.

Attendance:

May 14th, 2017

9:00 76

11:00 85

Sunday School 47

May 21st, 2017

9:00 65

11:00 94

Sunday School 62

Prayer Requests

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND AND THOSE IN NURSING HOMES:

Lois Holt
Gertrude Merrit
(Parks)

Mona Rogge
Wanda Stahl
Clarence Stahl

Mary Jo Hill
Joy Bolding

PRAYERS FOR ASBURY FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Rev. Mark Anderson	Carrol Eustus	Kay Kingon	Dustin Orgen	Sarah Young
Tammy Armstrong	Mark Farquhar	Gerry Lam	Fred Pleasant	Kaleb Zengher
Edie Bacon	Dorothy & Syl Gaisbauer	Allen Laman	Molly Pruitt	Nolan
Ashton Ballard	Dallas Garrett	Bill Lamb, Sr.	Lisa Ramirez	Penny
J W Bowen	Amalia Gonzales	Freida Lane	Estella Ramos	Persecuted Christians in Northeast Africa
Brian Brokaw	Julie Graham	Ralph Lewis	Ervin Renacia	Family of Martin Hoke
Laura Buckingham	Sarah Griffin	Kennedy Linch	Harold & Janice Rhea	
David Burditt	Anita Guinn	Lydia Lopez	Gleychaliz Rivera	
John Craig Carrell	Joe Henager	Pat McPherson	Laura Sanchez	
Casey Cates	Minnie Henager	Paul Minton	Roger Smith	
Henry Clark	Gene & Jimmie Jeanette Hewitt	Amanda Moss	Diane Thomas	
Jim Cornell	Andy Hoefler	Deborah Moss	Ted Tuminowski	
Adele Cortez	Tom Horton	Florenio Najar	Sandra Vickers	
Judy DeWeese	Lacrisha Hurst	Jaynell Nash	Jim Watkins	
Libby Ellrich	Bill Johnson	Jerri Nickel	Francis Wilbanks	

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY & DEPLOYED: Military & their families

From the Mailbag

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers and thoughts as I have gone through all of the challenges that have been put before me. Prayer and friends are very powerful tools for recovering.

Thank you again!

Kay Kingon

Lectionary Readings

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 28TH: ACTS 1:6-14, PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35, 1 PETER 4:12-14, 5:6-11, JOHN 17:1-11

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH: ACTS 2:1-21, PSALM 104:24-34, 1 CORINTHIANS 12:2-13, JOHN 7:37-39

Announcements

Financial Update– Through May 21st:

2017 Year to Date Budget: \$147,121.17

2017 Year to Date Income: \$134,128.31

Ways of Giving

We have several ways of giving:

In the offering plate

On our webpage: www.asburyodessa.org

The giving kiosk in the narthex

Text giving to 432-231-0775

Automatic withdrawal (ACH)- Call Church office to set up

Laptop Computers Needed!!

Many of us have old computers laying around and we don't know what to do with them! There is a use for your old hardware.

K.S. Paul, who is a member of Asbury, is working directly with St. Paul Christian School in India. The school is in need of laptop computers and projectors for their classrooms.

While new equipment would be wonderful, if you have an old laptop laying around, it would be useful in the ministry to the children.

If you have an old laptop, you can bring it to the church office and we will work to get it to India where the children can use it.

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In Case You Missed It...

Evelyn Burditt accepted a donation to the Well Hand of Grace in honor of Mother's Day on May 14th.



We honored six seniors on Sunday, May 21st! Congratulations to our graduates!



Crosses were awarded to Wayne Turnbull, Beth Haidacher, Ann Carrell (Pictured Above) and Don Hughes (Pictured Below). Thank you all for your service!



Asbury Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 28th, 2017:

Scout Honor Guard for Memorial Day
8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer
9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship
10:00 a.m. Life Lessons
10:00 a.m. Coffee With Pastor Russ
11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship
5:00 p.m. ASM

Monday, May 29th, 2017:

Memorial Day
Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30th, 2017:

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

Wednesday, May 31st, 2017:

Pastor Russ at New Mexico Annual Conference through June 2nd
7:15 p.m. Choir

Thursday, June 1st, 2017:

9:00 a.m. Stitches
12:30-3:30 p.m. WTX Twilight Vision, #110
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi

Friday, June 2nd, 2017:

Noon Scrapbook Group

Saturday, June 3rd, 2017:

Pastor Russ and Family on Vacation until June 10th

Sunday, June 4th, 2017:

Joe Sanders Preaching
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
5:00 p.m. ASM

Monday, June 5th, 2017:

1:00 p.m. Deadline for Newsletter Articles

Tuesday, June 6th, 2017:

Newsletter Day
1:30 p.m. Read & Review Book Club, Parlor
6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi
7:00 p.m. VSC, #121

Wednesday, June 7th, 2017:

7:15 p.m. Choir

Thursday, June 8th, 2017:

9:00 a.m. Stitches
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi

Friday, June 9th, 2017:

King's Kids Camp from 6/9-6/11 at Sacramento Methodist Assembly

Saturday, June 10th, 2017:

8:00-9:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast, F/H

Sunday, June 11th, 2017:

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