



ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HEARTS THAT LOVE AND HANDS THAT SERVE AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST



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CIRCUIT RIDER

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Asbury Has Left The Building

With the arrival of Hurricane Harvey the members of Asbury reached out to help. They stepped up to help other members, our day school staff, neighbors in our community, and many more across Texas.



While the rain was still falling, Asbury was out in the community offering aid. Some members waded in the water to bring others to safety. Still more members volunteered to work on damaged homes and organize donations. Here at the church donations of food, clothing, water, and other necessities filled the hallways. Flood buckets were put together and given to those cleaning out their homes. Asbury truly is the hearts and hands of Jesus, showing everyone the love of God.

However, despite the blue skies, the recovery effort is far from complete. It will take some time to complete all the home repairs. Many families are in need of new belongings and clothing. So if you are looking for a way to help, there are still a variety of ongoing needs, including:



- Making a donation to Asbury's Hurricane Relief Fund or to UMCOR
- Talking with Andrea about signing up to help with the recovery effort through our District
- Donating items needed to fill Flood Buckets. A detailed list is on the Missions Table in the Main Hall. Please bring all donations to Asbury.

5-gallon bucket with lid	Sponges	Liquid Laundry Detergent
Scrub Brush	Insect Repellent	Liquid Household Cleaner
Dish Soap	Cleaning Wipes	5 N-95 Respiratory Masks
Clothes Line & Pins	Gloves	Heavy-Duty Trash Bags
- Pray for those affected and the ongoing recovery effort



Our Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 3:30pm Friday 8:30 am - Noon

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A Letter From The Pastor



A childhood favorite of mine was Brother Dave Gardner, a comedian and storyteller, and country philosopher. In the midst of silliness or a really funny story, there would sometimes be a little nugget of wisdom. One of those, buried in a really good story, was this:

"People are always talking about wanting to do something again. Don't you know you can never do anything again? You can do something similar!"

Heraclitus, the ancient Greek philosopher said it this way, "No one ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and they're not the same person."

And that brings me to my being with you here at Asbury. As I was thinking and praying about coming, it was tempting to think in terms of doing it "again," as though that would be possible. I mean, I loved being here before, and "again" would not be a bad thing at all for me. But the reality is that you're not the same church, and I'm not the same pastor; we're dealing with an altogether new thing here!

I've only been here two days but I knew right away that you-all are a stronger church. Under the leadership of Pastor Lindsay, you have grown in lots and lots of ways. I hope you can see that and feel that you've grown.

Of course, the river has changed, too! The neighborhood has changed, Pasadena has changed, and that's not to mention the changes that Harvey has wrought! Much of what we will be for months ahead will be a response to the enormous need all around us. Who could have foreseen that, even a couple of weeks ago?

You see, we are not called to be who we were in some remembered golden age of the past. We're not called to be who we were two years ago or even two weeks ago. We are always called to be who God needs us to be right here, in this place, at this time. We can never do anything "again." All we can do is be faithful today. It is enough.

Mark Your Calendars

Remaining September Events

Sept 24 – Kids' Bible Sunday
Sept 24 – Blankets & Blessings
Sept 24 – UM Men
Every Wed – Faith & Family Nights
Every Mon & Thurs – Aerobics

Upcoming October Events

Oct 7 – UMW Fall Bazaar
Oct 8 – Pumpkin Patch Opens
Oct 21, 22 – Encounter Garage Sale
Oct 22 – Wings Over Asbury
Oct 27 – Movie in the Patch
Oct 28 – Trunk-or-Treat

Cancelled



Work Day on
September 16th

*Wings Over
Asbury* *Sunday,
Oct. 22nd
2-5 pm*



Join us for an afternoon of fun as the planes fly overhead. There will be food trucks and games.

*Church Bazaar &
Vendor Market*

October 7th, 9-3

Bake Sale Donations Needed

We would appreciate any baked goods for the UMW sale. You do not need to be a UMW member to help. We need only homemade goodies. They can be pies, candies, cookies or cakes. There is a sign-up sheet in the main hall. Please drop off your treats on Saturday, October 7th by 8:30 am. Thank you!

Rescheduled

Kids' Bible Sunday
September 24th



OCTOBER 8TH - 31ST

Volunteers

We need you to help with this annual fall outreach project. Sign-up for a shift in the main hall. With your help this year's patch is sure to be a success.

Thank you!

Movie in the Patch

October 27th, 6:30 pm
Bring a blanket and join us for a family-friendly film.

Trunk-Or-Treat

October 28th, 5-7 pm
Come to Asbury for Halloween fun.
There will be games and fellowship and plenty of treats.



Encounter Newsfeed

Awesome, Amazing, Wonderful Info about Asbury's 6th-12th Grade Encounter Student Minis-

Summer '17 Recap

We have had some amazing adventures this summer with all of our awesome Jr. and Sr. High Encounter Students. We

participated in the UM ARMY and BIG House mission trips, where numerous students experienced God in real and tangible ways (some for the first time). During our Wednesday night activities, we had a blast getting to know each other better. These included: a game of Water Balloon Volleyball, a Goosechase Scavenger Hunt, Nacho Night, Games



Night, two Movie Nights, a Live Action Clue Game, and the icing on the cake was our Watermelon Olympics. Also, we volunteered for VBS and hosted our very first BIG HOUSE team right here at Asbury!! During our 7-week Dive-In-Devos series we learned about putting on the armor of God. We then wrapped up our summer with a wonderful Potluck. During the dinner we held a Parent and Volunteer Meeting and ended with a Back-to-School Prayer Station Journey. Whew, what a whirlwind of a summer! This summer has been such a blessing



RETURNING THIS FALL

ENCOUNTER Wednesday Nights is BACK during Faith & Family Nights.



Join us Wednesday Nights from 6:30-7:30PM as we dig deeper into God's word and study how it applies to us. We'll learn more about what it means to be a true Disciple of Jesus and grow in our relationships with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. I know that God has amazing things in store this year. If you are in 6th-12th grade, we sure hope that you will join us!



GARAGE SALE

SEEKING DONATIONS

On October 20th and 21st Encounter will be hosting a Garage Sale to raise funds to support the THRIVE Capital Campaign!

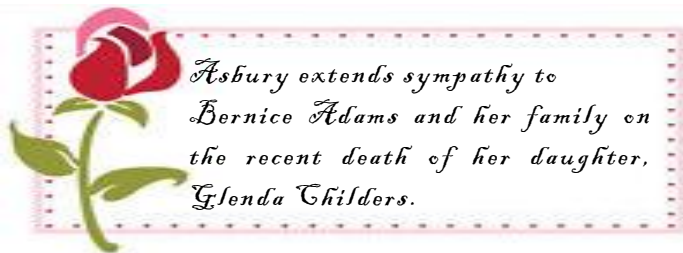
We will begin accepting donations **the last week of September** in the youth room. All items will be accepted, but we are especially seeking donations of:

* Gently used children's toys

* Working Electronics



We welcome our newest member
Denise Bewley.



Dear Asbury Family,

I just wanted to say thank you for all you have done for our family. I have never felt so close to any church family like I have with this church family. It has meant so much to me to watch my kids grow in the knowledge of Christ's love as I have grown in confidence and love. Your open arms and hearts have given us the confidence to mine on to new adventures. We love you all and look forward to our visits during the holidays and for VBS next year. Thank you for everything and May God continue to bless every family here.

The Rushings,
Carrie, Chance
Marshal, Hayden, & Amos

Hello Church,

As many of you already know, I am now at home with our new baby girl! Thank you, again, for welcoming David to Asbury, while I'm on maternity leave. I look forward to joining you again in the fall.



Elizabeth Ann Kirkpatrick
September 1, 2017
7lb, 3oz, and 20"

Blessings,

Lindsay

Pastor Lindsay

Prayer Concerns:

Marge Colello
Joe Martinez
Harold Hargus
Mick Rooney

Sue Freeman
Trudy Harvey
Marvin King

Please pray for our members and friends affected by the hurricane and facing other health concerns. As well, remember in your prayers, all those currently serving in the Military.

A weekly updated list of prayer concerns can be found in the Main Hall on the table to the right by the sanctuary doors.

General Fund Snapshot

2017 Budget	\$517,126.00
<u>Received thru 8/27/2017</u>	<u>\$281,546.60</u>
Still Needed:	\$235,579.40

THRIVE Campaign Snapshot

Pledges Made	\$642,000.00
<u>Received thru 8/27/2017</u>	<u>\$103,621.59</u>

*Remember to write THRIVE on the memo

Welcome Center Volunteers:

September — Brian & Heidi Schneider
October 1st — Al & Sue Yanda

Thank you for offering your time.

PRESENCE . . .

Sunday, August 6, 2017

8:45 am Worship Service	88
11:00 am Worship Service	107

Sunday, August 13, 2017

8:45 am Worship Service	67
11:00 am Worship Service	111

Sunday, August 20, 2017

8:45 am Worship Service	79
11:00 am Worship Service	121

Sunday, August 27, 2017

No worship services held.

Sunday, , 2017

8:45 am Worship Service	84
11:00 am Worship Service	94

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHTS

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING FROM 6:30 – 7:30

j.a.m.
Preschoolers learn about life with their best friend, Jesus.

KidsLife
Kinder-3rd graders study the Bible as they come to know God.

New: Club 45
4th & 5th graders growing closer to God with friends, fun, and faith!



Adult Bible Study
With Pastor David
On the book of Mark



Encounter
6-12th graders focusing on seeking God in everything, everywhere, everyday!

Wednesday
Choir & Bell
Practices

And
Nursery also
available