



The Asbury Update

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C. S. Lewis, Kind Of

Dear Church Family,

During the difficult years of World War II, C.S. Lewis wrote a satirical religious book called *The Screwtape Letters*. The story takes the form of letters from a senior demon named Screwtape to his nephew, Wormwood, a less experienced demon. **Screwtape offers Wormwood advice on how to create the downfall or destruction of humanity. Here are some of Screwtape’s suggestions:**

Encourage humans not to think...not to reason...not to question.

Encourage their minds to run – make them fearful and worried - make them have sleepless nights as they obsess over their future.

Get them to blame each other – to have hostility towards each other. Have them start with strangers and then work towards family members.

Keep them busy; don’t let them enjoy the simple pleasures and beauties all around them.

Get them to ignore the fragileness of life, and the special gift that it is.

Get them to ignore God and to deny their dependence on God.



When the book came out, some church leaders missed the satire and got upset, thinking that Lewis **was supporting Screwtape’s advice. Lewis had meant just the opposite. To have healthy, meaningful lives, he was saying that we needed:**

To think...reason...question.

To be at peace and get plenty of rest, not be consumed by worry or fear.

To treat one another with great love, compassion, and mercy

To appreciate and receive the benefits of life’s beauty and simple pleasures

To realize that life is short and think about what is really important

To realize that God is our Source and Salvation

There are some words making the rounds on the Internet that are said to be written by C.S. Lewis that he did not write. But he **kind of did. I think you’ll see what I mean:**

Screwtape: **“I will cause anxiety, fear, and panic. I will shut down businesses, schools, places of worship, and sports events. I will cause economic turmoil.”**

God: **“I will bring together neighbors, restore the family unit, I will bring dinner back to the kitchen table. I will help people slow down their lives and appreciate what really matters. I will teach my children to rely on me and not the world. I will teach my children to trust me and not their money and material resources.”**

During this stressful time, don’t let Screwtape screw you up. Do just the opposite of whatever he says.

Love Always,
Billy



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Having a Birthday? Call the office at 233-4351 or e-mail us at church@asburymemorial.org.

April

1st Bill Anderson

Jean Butcher

Dan Nelson

Caroline Smith

2nd Bob Francischetti

Marsha Hargreaves

Les Sears

3rd Linda Burton

Kathy Waters

Willa Wright

4th Kim Malphrus

6th Sherry Giddens

Charlie Ribbens

7th Valerie Branham

Mickey Dodge

8th Beth Tyson

9th Hai Dang

McKenzie Jenkins

Pam Parker-Kress

11th Richard Allen

Chris Beaver

Mark Bruemmer

Suzanne Eapen

Melissa Gratias

Preston Hodges

Marie Winters

13th Ellie Gonye

Bobby Soletto

Chris Steiner

15th Lindsey Rogers

Fran Zeigler

18th Randy Canady

Buddy Whitlock

20th Mark Pohl

21st Judith Kessler

22nd Jenifer Hall

23rd Tim Barnes

Steve Case

Anita Clay

Todd Foster

Beverly Thomp-

son

26th Barbara Plank

27th Nancy Austin

Kimberly Smith

28th Jameson Stafford

Evans Wright

29th Chelsea Bradt

Kim Limehouse

30th Andra Bowers



April

2nd Mickey & Bill Dodge

4th Nate & Beth Tyson

10th Richard & Lynne Allen

10th Randy Canady & Ray Ellis

16th Geoff & Susan Harrison

18th Nick & Ruthie Deffley

19th Sandy McCloud & Bob Sprout

20th Allie Barnes & Bo Culjan

22nd Steve & Kim Johnson

22nd Bill & Kathy Oakley

27th Joe & Peggy Ziegler

Thank you!

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended the 3rd Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Fundraiser! It was a great time with all, and we were able to raise additional money for our Mission Trip this summer. We are so thankful to have such an amazing, and amazingly supportive, church family! Blessings to you all!

~Asbury's Angells

Asbury Memorial Youth Group



Greetings, Asburians!

We offer you some new options for staying connected. As our ability to interact in person grows more restricted, we need to remember that we are not alone: that we are still a vibrant faith community and God is present in the messiness of our lives to love us, lead us and witness our daily strife and pleasures.

Here are some ways to stay connected and some comforting resources:

Daily Noontide Devotions Monday-Friday

Each weekday at 12pm noon, a short, live devotion and prayer will be held via Zoom.us at

<https://zoom.us/j/121907484>

There are also links on the Church Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/asburymemorialumcsavannah/>

and the Church's webpage: www.asburymemorial.org

Sign up for Zoom at www.zoom.us and tune in on weekdays for live devotions together. Children of God of all ages welcomed.

Encouraging Words

Dial 912-358-0842 to hear a recorded message of encouragement and grace. These messages will change frequently and are available 24-7 whenever you need a little pick-me-up. No Facebook account or computer needed!

Worship on Sundays

We will continue to tune into worship on Sundays at 11:15am.

Just go to www.asburymemorial.org and click on the worship link.

And for the children and the child in all of us, check out the beautiful Godly Play stories posted through the church website or through the Asbury Memorial YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsUjjriKobiASeidLeU6AFA>

Who knows what lies in store for us from week to week? Tune in and see...

Online Devotionals

From our own Methodist tradition is the Upper Room which can be seen online

here: <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>

And the Daily Devotional from the United Church of Christ is found here: https://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional

And for a 5 minute self-compassion focused yoga exercise for gentle body movement see the following YouTube video. Thanks to Vira Salzman, the director of the county suicide prevention center for this

find: <https://youtu.be/o4BqtJOLX6s>

Wishing you many avenues to find deep connections to your spirituality and community until we gather in person again.



Dear All,

Thank you for being on this journey with us! Laura managed to squeeze out every measure of love and positivity to her last moments surrounded by her kids.

if you weren't able to make it to her Celebration of Life service, it is posted on YouTube. Here are the links below. Part 1 includes eulogies from Frazier, Haigh, and Carlton, as well as long-standing friend Ginny Dalby. Part 2 includes a wonderful slide show, Rev Billy Hester's remarks, and some magic at the end you won't want to miss.

Part 1: <https://youtu.be/ISnhB2cQdRE>

Part 2: <https://youtu.be/5sXX31e06qQ>

Please keep the kids in your prayers. Frazier and her wife Emily are back on the West Coast. Haigh is finishing up at Ga Tech. Carlton is staying with his dad as he prepares for his next great adventure before returning to Brevard College in the Fall.

God bless you all. Know that every thought, word, and action done in support of Laura and her family made a difference in their lives— and hopefully in yours too.

Margaret Clay



Remember Your Offerings



Thanks for Your Support!

Are you missing being with one another for Sunday worship and having that lovely opportunity to place your contribution in the offering plate? Well, have we got options for you! We have multiple ways for you to continue your support of Asbury Memorial and have listed them below. Thank you for your gifts!

Mail:

Mail your contribution by check to:
Asbury Memorial Church
1008 East Henry Street
Savannah, GA 31401



Website:

Log on to our website:
www.AsburyMemorial.org

Click on



Complete the form as directed.
You can set it up to be a recurring donation!



Mobile App:

From your smartphone:
Download the free *GivePlus* app from the App Store or Google Play
Open the *GivePlus* app and follow the simple directions
You can setup an account or just give as a guest
Make a one-time gift or set it up to be recurring

Text Giving:

From your mobile phone:
Send your contribution amount to 912-307-3206
Donate anytime, anywhere
Use easy debit/credit card registration
Make a one-time gift or set it up to be recurring



Church Office:

Call the church office at 912.233.4351

Both our Finance Chair and Stewardship Chair would also want to remind you,
"It is NEVER too late to make and pay a pledge!"

WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Jamie Gifford in the death of his mother, Jan Blich Tomlinson.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Robert Smith and Neal Saye in the death of Robert's stepmother, Vanessa "Nessy" Smith.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Bill and Kathy Oakley in the death of Bill's mother, Marion Oakley.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to David Grice and John Naylor in the death of David's cousin, James Thomas Crosby.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Tim Burkett and Lance Wilhelm in the death of Tim's sister-in-law, Jeannie Wynne Burkett.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Marie Winters in the death of her cousin, Joyce Crosby.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Bill, Jamie, Kristen, Madeline in the death of Bill's father, William "Bill" Kelso.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to John & Wendy Mason in the death of John's father, Sewell Mason.*



MEMORIALS

***A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund in memory of Melvin Wiley by
Phil & Suzanne Devlin***

***A Gift has been given to the Youth Ministry in memory of Laura Angell by
Gordon Baker & Tom Lewis
Ruth Lynah Whitlow
Mary Dula & Ron Dingman
D. Morgan Derst
Ed Jones
Neil & Tina Austing***

HONORARIUMS

***A Gift has been given to the Missions
Committee in honor of Margaret
Cook Levy's birthday by
Frances Anne Vaught
Judith Case
Brenda & Martin Horowitz
Carol McCarthy
Barbara DeHaven
Linda & Everett Huntoon***



2020 Budget Offering

February 23rd—\$8,700.31
March 1st—\$10,151.69
March 8th—\$11,589.00
March 15th—\$12,211.17
March 22nd—\$1,480.00
March 29th—\$TBA

2020 Weekly Budget Need
\$13,830.00

2020 YTD Budget Need
\$165,960.00

2020 YTD Received
\$139,117.24

PRAYER REQUESTS



Asburians

Dona Baker, Andra Bowers, Jean Butcher, Anita Clay, Wendy Ciccodicola, Carrie Collins, Linda Combs, Shane Conner, Margaret Cook Levy, Vicki Cronk, Gretchen Dodd, Mickey Dodge, Sam Durham, Ellie Gonye, Betty Haldeman, Chase Harrison, Geoff Harrison, Cynthia Herold, Roy Hill, John Hohnerlein, Harriet Jandrlich, Sanford Jones, Barbara King, Monica Lekuch, Jack Lewis, Cynthia Linthicum, Scott McCoy, Ginger Miles, Brenda Mills, Grady Mills, Frances Monson, Virginia Moryadas, Eric Mullins, Marie Parker, Medicus Roberts, Colleen Robinette, Barbara Ruggere, Nancy Saltsman, Roberta Smith, Geri Spears, Maria Spears, Cabell Stewart, Carolyn Stuber, Linda Tippins, Pete Vasta, Kathy Waters, Kenn Waters, Diane Williamson, Marie Winters, Joe Zeigler

Family Members & Friends

Steve Amerson, Joanne Anderson, Dewy Ambos, Lisa Brown, Karen Browning, Sid Case, Linda Cowart, James Thomas Crosby, Larry Daniels, Peter DeCordova, Josh DeLong, Nolan Donaldson, Janice Dorminey, Sara Driggers, Sterling Saltsman Eyer, Pamela Fralin, Dan Goff, Larry Grice, Catherine Price Guiton, Matt Hearn, Priscilla Hearn, Elsie Hilliard, Annette Jenkins, Lynette Jones, Susan Karlson, John Leopard, Kenny Lewis, Kim Lewis, Sherry Kennedy, Stephanie Marich, Ronny Martin, Tom Marze, Paul Ostermann, Zach Ostermann, Don Purdy, Grayson Romanowski, Millicent Scoggin, Jan Newton Smith, Frank Stanton, Emery Stanyek, Don Stubbs, Rev. Eric Titus, Jerome Williams

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Flowers in the Sanctuary

Supplying the flower arrangements for the worship service is a wonderful way to commemorate a date that is important to you or a loved one. Please check the Flower Chart in the narthex and sign up. The cost is \$60. For more information call the church office at 233-4351.

Special Funds

One way to honor or to remember a loved one is with a memorial or an honorarium to some of our different funds such as the Trustee Fund, General Fund, Piano/Organ Fund, the Children's Fund, Youth Fund or one of our Mission Funds.

Newsletter Information

If you have an announcement for "The Asbury Update," please send it to the church office in writing by the 15th of each month. Contact Claudette DeLong, Office Manager at 233-4351 or email to church@asburymemorial.org
Office hours are 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday thru Thursday.

Mission Statement:

Asbury Memorial is a place where all people can develop their spirituality, use their talents, and grow in faith as we seek to love, serve, and celebrate God, each other, and our community.