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ASBURY UPDATE

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3 Ashelyn Carden Carol Chambers Brenda Steiner	11 Ruthie Deffley James Mullins	20 Wanda Daniels Sullivan Jump	26 Liz Stephens
5 Frank Ramsey	13 JoAnne Lanier Jonas Shackley	21 Holli Perry	27 Kristin Karam Barbara King Micki McNamara Gail Thomas
6 Bonnie Kaar	14 Maggi Nicoletta	22 Colin Stewart	28 Kim Johnson Dave Thompson
7 Sandra Barrett	15 Annette Madsen	23 Suzanne Devlin Savannah Karam Sierra Karam	30 Christy Crisp Lynn Lord
8 Carole Warfield	16 David Swanger		

December *Anniversaries*

1st Jim & Marsha Hargreaves	9th Neal Saye & Robert Smith	9th Karl & Liz Stephens	12th Bob Walls & Carol Rabey	14th Cathy & Eddie Solomons
15th Grace Darling & Ben Newton	15th Kathleen & Lew Leopard	19th Kay & Philip Barrett	19th Kathy & Preston Hodges	20th Jim & Lynn Drake
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DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1 7:00pm SMART Recovery	2	3 5:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	4 6:30pm St. Andrews Choir Concert 7:00pm Men's Group	5	6
7 9:30am WO Service 11:15am AMC Service 1:00pm W.O.K.E @WO	8 12:30pm Wisdom Seekers 7:00pm SMART Recovery	9 6:30pm Congregational Meeting via ZOOM	10 12:00pm Elderberry Luncheon 5:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	11 7:00pm Men's Group	12	13
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Christmas Eve Services at Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak

Asbury Memorial Church
6:30pm

Wesley Oak Church
5:00pm

INTRODUCING “CHURCH TALK!”

A NEW WAY TO CONNECT AT ASBURY MEMORIAL

Rev. August Alderman is launching a new and meaningful opportunity for connection at Asbury Memorial Church: “Church Talk!”

Once a month, August will invite a small group of four to five church members to gather in person for dessert, conversation, and community. Each month will feature a different mix of participants, creating space for fresh voices, shared stories and deeper relationships within our congregation.

The very first “Church Talk!” is scheduled for January 29, 2026, from 6:30–7:30 PM.

If an invitation arrives in your inbox soon, consider this your heads-up! We hope you’ll say yes.

These gatherings are meant to be relaxed, meaningful, and rooted in the life we share as a church family.

Possible conversation prompts include:

- “What are you excited about in our church lately?”
- “Have you discovered your spiritual gifts at Asbury?”
- How have you used those gifts?”
- “What is one thing you’d like me to pray about for our church?”
- “What was a meaningful moment for you in church this past month?”

Rev. August shares his gratitude for the trust you place in him as your associate pastor and looks forward to these new conversations –moments to listen, learn, and grow together.

Stay tuned... you might be part of the next Church Talk!





please join us for our annual

Christmas Party

December 14th

5:30 pm

Holliday Hall
Asbury Memorial Church

ASBURY MEMORIAL &
WESLEY OAK ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
5:30 PM

Holliday Hall at Asbury Memorial

1008 E Henry St Savannah, ga

The season of joy is upon us, and we're delighted to invite the Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak family to our Annual Church Christmas Party—a beloved tradition that brings our whole community together in celebration, laughter, and holiday cheer.

Join us on this special evening as the Social Hall is transformed into a warm and welcoming space filled with twinkling lights, good food, and wonderful company. The festivities begin at 5:30 PM, and we encourage everyone to bring a favorite dish to share for our potluck supper. Whether it's a family recipe, a seasonal treat, or something simple and comforting, your contribution will help make our shared table abundant and joyful.

And this year, we're expecting very special guests from the North Pole! Children and adults alike will delight in their appearance, adding a little extra magic to an evening already brimming with the spirit of Christmas. This gathering is one of the highlights of our year—a chance to slow down, enjoy fellowship, and celebrate the love that binds our two congregations together. Come for the food, the fun, and the fellowship... and stay for the surprises!

We can't wait to celebrate the season with you. Mark your calendar, bring a dish to pass, and join us for a night of Christmas joy!

JUST UPDATE

ASBURY MEMORIAL WELL-REPRESENTED AT
JUST CLERGY CAUCUS



Asbury Memorial was well-represented at the JUST Clergy Caucus on November 18, 2025, held at the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum. Among the 35 clergy in attendance were Rev. August Alderman, Rev. Billy Hester, and Rev. Claire Marich, who joined colleagues from across Savannah to reflect on the powerful legacy of our local civil rights heroes and sheroes.

The gathering offered a meaningful opportunity to deepen our understanding of Savannah's justice history while

strengthening relationships with other faith leaders committed to building a more just and compassionate community.

Looking ahead, all members of the JUST network will be invited to continue this important learning in the new year. A series of events planned for January, February, and March will provide further opportunities to engage with our shared justice story.

Stay tuned for details as they become available.



Linda Takes the Stage: Georgia's Shining Star at Ms. Senior World

Ms. Senior World™ Pageant brings women aged 50-79 together to boost confidence, have fun, make new friends, and allows mature women an outlet to share platform issues that are important to them with the other delegates and with the world. It is a fabulous way to show the world the value senior women bring to their communities and their states. These senior ladies are very active serving others and Ms. Senior World affords them a venue to share in a fabulous event where they are the center of attention. It is a wonderful way to educate and empower the delegates and the audience by showing



Linda Socks
Ms. Senior World
4th Runner Up

Linda's platform was "Seniors Shine in Strength and Self-love" where she has been volunteering for over four years, teaching 150 classes annually in addition to speaking for non-profit organizations on health and wellness. She holds an ACE certification in Personal Training, a Fitour group fitness certification, and taught classes not only in the states she lived in, but in Mexico. Linda also was General Manager for Anytime Fitness gyms in Savannah, Pooler, and Berwick. She competed in the Annapolis Maryland NGA bodybuilding championship, placing first place in Masters and 5th place



the World what they can accomplish. Ms. Senior World™ is the premiere pageant for Senior women. and is held in Biloxi, MS annually.

Linda, Ms. Georgia Senior World 70's, 2025 placed 4th runner up for 2026 in the Ms. Senior World pageant. Contestants participated from all over the country in addition to Italy and Finland. Contestants are judged by personal interview with five judges, on stage modeling active wear and walk the runway wear, evening gown and community service. The top five delegates answer an on-stage question unknown to the contestants. This is Linda's first attempt at a National Level pageant.



in short in 2011. Fitness has always been her passion and part-time gig, but her career was in Sales and Marketing.

We are so proud of you, Linda! Love, your Asbury Memorial family!

PLEDGE 2026

Stewardship Season: It's Not Too Late to Make Your 2026 Pledge

As we enter this season of gratitude and generosity, Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak invite you to consider the impact your stewardship pledge can make for the year ahead. Our congregations are places of welcome, creativity, compassion, and justice—and it's through your support that our ministries continue to thrive.

From worship that inspires, to outreach that uplifts our neighbors, to programs that nurture children, families, and seekers of all kinds, the work we do together is a reflection of our shared commitment to God's inclusive love. And as we begin shaping the 2026 budget, your pledge plays a vital role in helping us plan faithfully and boldly for the future.

A pledge—of any amount—helps us:

- Sustain and grow our ministries
- Support our dedicated staff
- Strengthen missions that serve our wider community
- Invest in the spiritual life and well-being of both campuses

If you haven't yet submitted your pledge, it's not too late. Every gift, every intention, and every act of generosity helps build the foundation for another year of vibrant ministry at Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak.

Together, we can ensure that our churches continue to shine as centers of hope, welcome, and transformative love. Thank you for being part of this journey—your faithfulness makes all the difference.



STEWARDSHIP:
The careful & responsible
management of something
entrusted to one's
care.



THE ANCHOR

**A SYMBOL OF HOPE,
STEADFASTNESS,
CALM & COMPOSURE,
STRENGTH & STABILITY**

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

12

MONTH

09

DAY

25

YEAR

6:30 PM

VIA ZOOM

ASBURY MEMORIAL & WESLEY OAK CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

A TIME TO REFLECT, CELEBRATE,
AND LOOK AHEAD

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can"

~John Wesley

Asbury Memorial Church and Wesley Oak Church invite our congregational family to gather for our Annual Church Meeting on Monday, December 9th at 6:30 PM, held virtually via Zoom.

This yearly gathering is an essential moment in the life of our churches—a chance to honor the vibrant ministries of the past year, share updates from our congregations, and look forward with hope and purpose. Together, we will:

- Celebrate the mission and ministries that shaped this past year
- Receive updates from church leadership
- Review plans and priorities for the year ahead
- Discern, as a welcoming and inclusive community, how God is leading us forward

Meeting Details

- Date: Monday, December 9
- Time: 6:30 PM
- Location: Zoom
- Zoom link will be emailed as the meeting date approaches.

At Asbury Memorial and Wesley Oak, every voice matters. We encourage all members and friends to join us as we reflect on where we've been and envision the work God is calling us to in the coming year. We look forward to being "together" with you on December 9th.

Holiday Foods Your Pets Can Safely Enjoy

The holiday season brings lots of festive meals, and curious pets hoping for a taste! While many traditional dishes aren't safe for dogs and cats, there are a few pet-friendly foods you can share in moderation.



Plain turkey (no skin, bones, or seasoning)

A small piece of cooked, unseasoned turkey is a protein-packed treat.



Cooked Vegetables

Carrots, green beans, peas, and pumpkin (plain, not pie filling) are gentle on pets' stomachs.



Plain mashed sweet potatoes

Rich in fiber and nutrients—just keep them free of butter, sugar, and spices.



Apple slices

A sweet, crunchy snack (remove seeds and core).

A Few Reminders:

Avoid giving pets chocolate, grapes/raisins, onions, garlic, sugary desserts, seasoned foods, and anything containing xylitol. When in doubt, stick to simple, unseasoned ingredients.

Keeping a few safe options on hand lets your furry family members celebrate with you (without any post-holiday vet visits!)

Angell Tree at Asbury Memorial

Benefiting kids through P.A.C.K.

**Take a tag off of the tree in Holliday
Hall and bring in the items by
Dec. 21st**

**The Angells Youth Group thanks you
for your help!**



welcome



Jim & Kay Booth



Tab & Tammy Brawner



Stea & Katharina Duane



Dale Ellis

Welcome to Our Newest Members!



Stephen Finney
– Joined Online from Florida



Edward & Laura Hoffman

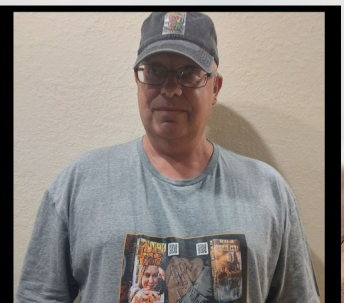


David & Sarah Holloway



Penny Langley

You Are Loved!



Benjamin Rose
– Joined Online from Florida



Dmitri Smith



McKinley Thomas



Sandra White



Mimi Witherington



Wilson Pounder & Charmaine Lovell
– Joined Online from England

**CELEBRATING 50
YEARS OF STEPHEN
MINISTRY: A LEGACY
OF COMPASSION
AND CARE**

This year marks a significant milestone in the life of the Church: the 50th anniversary of Stephen Ministry, a ministry that has transformed congregations and countless lives through one-on-one Christian caregiving. Since its founding in 1975 by Dr. Kenneth Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist, Stephen Ministry has grown into one of the most impactful lay-driven pastoral care programs in the world.

What began with a simple, Spirit-led idea—equipping congregation members to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting—has now trained more than 600,000 Stephen Ministers in over 13,000 congregations across more than 30 denominations. Five decades later, the heart of the ministry remains the same: “Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2).

A Ministry Built on Listening, Presence, and Hope

Stephen Ministers are not counselors or problem-solvers—they are compassionate listeners who walk alongside people facing life’s challenges: illness, grief, divorce, job loss, caregiving stress, life transitions, and more. Through weekly visits and ongoing support, Stephen Ministers offer a steady, prayerful presence rooted in the belief that Christ is the true healer.

Their ministry is confidential, relational, and deeply personal. For many care receivers, a Stephen Minister becomes a lifeline—someone who hears their story, honors their pain, and reminds them they are not alone.

50th ANNIVERSARY

Training Ordinary People for Extraordinary Care

One of the hallmarks of Stephen Ministry is its thorough and spiritually grounded training. Participants complete more than 50 hours of preparation in topics like active listening, maintaining boundaries, prayer, grief care, spiritual support, and understanding the process of healing. Ongoing supervision and continuing education allow Stephen Ministers to grow in wisdom, resilience, and effectiveness.

This model has empowered generations of laypeople to discover gifts they never knew they had and to serve in ways that are both meaningful and transformative.

Half a Century of Impact

As Stephen Ministry celebrates its 50th year, its influence can be seen in the stories shared by both care receivers and caregivers—stories of renewed hope, restored dignity, healing, and grace. Congregations that support Stephen Ministry often find that the entire community is strengthened: pastors receive additional support in caregiving, lay members discover their capacity for ministry, and those who are hurting feel genuinely cared for.

Looking Ahead

The work of Stephen Ministry has never been more needed. In a world marked by isolation, stress, and uncertainty, the ministry’s core values—compassion, confidentiality, presence, and faithfulness—serve as a reminder of the Church’s calling to be a place of comfort and hope.

As we commemorate this 50-year milestone, we celebrate all who have served as Stephen Ministers and all who have been blessed by this ministry’s care. And we look forward with gratitude and expectation, trusting that God will continue to use Stephen Ministry to bring healing and Christ-centered support to those in need for many years to come.

Wesley Oak

SONG SERVICE

"Let Heaven and Nature Sing!"

December 7, 2025

9:30 am

Wesley Oak Church
3124 E Victory Dr, Savannah, GA 31404



PACK SMART, PACK LIGHT

Pack Smart, Pack Light
Choose versatile clothing that can mix and match. Roll your clothes to save space and reduce wrinkles. Leave room in your suitcase for any gifts you may bring home.

KEEP ESSENTIALS EASY TO REACH

Place important items (ID, tickets, prescriptions, charger, and a small snack) in your carry-on or front pocket of your bag. This saves time and avoids digging through luggage..

SIMPLE HOLIDAY PACKING & TRAVEL TIPS

A little preparation can go a long way in reducing stress and helping you enjoy your holiday journey as much as the destination. Here are a few simple tips to keep your holiday travels smooth and stress-free:.

Make a Master List

Write down everything you need before you start packing—clothes, chargers, gifts, medications, snacks, and travel documents. Checking items off as you go prevents last-minute panic.

Stay Patient & Be Kind

Holiday travel can be hectic for everyone—travelers and workers alike. A little patience, a smile, and grace go a long way toward making the journey brighter.



PREPARE FOR WEATHER CHANGES

Holiday weather can be unpredictable. Pack a lightweight layer, umbrella, or compact jacket just in case. If traveling by car, keep a blanket and emergency kit on hand.

WRAP GIFTS AFTER YOU ARRIVE

If you're flying, avoid wrapping presents ahead of time, as security may need to inspect them. Instead, bring gift bags or wait to wrap them once you reach your destination.

Join us again!

Anticipation Celebration & Burning Bowl Ceremony

Thursday, January 1st, 2026

3:00pm

Asbury Memorial Church
1008 E. Henry Street

Asbury Memorial Church has had a tradition of coming together on or around New Year's Day to release things from the past year and to imagine the accomplishments of a new year.

We look forward to you joining us on Thursday, January 1, 2026 to continue this tradition!

*** All are welcome! ***

We will begin with a Burning Bowl Ceremony where everyone is invited to symbolically and literally let go of old, unwanted beliefs, habits, and fears to start the new year fresh.

Then each participant will be led through a guided exercise called an Anticipation Celebration. The Anticipation Celebration is a mostly silent activity, where your facilitators will guide you as you reflect on your goals and write a love letter to yourself. This letter can touch on all areas of your life, enhancing your dreams about who you are and what you want to realize in the coming year.

These letters are then sealed, collected and mailed to you around Thanksgiving. There is great power in the intention process. Our thoughts create our reality. So it is always a wonderful surprise to read these letters we have written to our future selves.

Please join us. All are welcome!

What to have with you: paper, writing instruments, something to bear down on, a stamped envelope and a curious and open mind open to all the possibilities this next year holds. We look forward to you joining us and continuing the tradition!

Thursday, January 1st

1 - 4pm

Asbury Memorial Church

1008 E. Henry Street, Savannah, GA



3RD SPACE OPEN MIC

DEC. 19TH

6PM

SENTIENT BEAN
13 E. PARK AVE
SAVANNAH, GA



Spoken Word ~ Music ~ Comedy

**December can be overwhelming and isolating. This is
a place to be yourself and connect.**

Contact Rev. August at 912-233-4351

IRIS DAYOUB

ARTIST JURIED INTO THE LUMINOSITY 2025 JURIED VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL OPEN EXHIBITION

Time with Iris

AMC: First, congratulations on having one of your brilliant pieces selected for "Luminosity" 2025 Juried Virtual International Open Exhibition! Tell us a bit more about hearing the exciting news.

Iris: Receiving the letter letting me know that my painting, Poppies and Pears, had been juried into the exhibition was a surprise and the source of great joy that still lingers.

The letter:

Southeastern Pastel Society is pleased to announce that Juror of Entries, Mark Ivan Cole, has completed the selection of images for "Luminosity" 2025 Juried Virtual International Open Exhibition.

Congratulations on your acceptance! We are pleased to inform you that the following work has been accepted for inclusion in the exhibition: Poppies and Pears.

We received 566 paintings from 192 artists. A total of 229 paintings were selected from an impressive body of work and will be included in the show.

AMC: Please tell us a bit more about your selected piece – why poppies?

Iris: An art collector contacted me last spring to paint three large paintings of poppies. One of them is 56" tall!



Many well-known artists recommend painting a series, so in addition to the commissioned work, I just kept going and haven't stopped yet.

The title of the exhibition, "Luminosity," inspired me to enter the painting "Pears and Poppies" because I think the colors of the painting are so luminous. I love mixing purples with reds and oranges.

AMC: Have you been a life-long experienced painter?

Iris: I just started painting about 9 years ago. I thought my hobby during retirement would be photography. So I signed up for a photography class at Armstrong, then noticed that a drawing class was available also. I loved the class, and my professor was so encouraging

that I kept going by taking a watercolor, and then an acrylic painting class. I like drawing with pencils and charcoal, so moving to pastels which are so tactile was a natural progression.

AMC: What do you hope people will experience when they view your artwork in the exhibition?

Iris: Most of us feel better when surrounded by beauty. Through the healing power of beauty, we are more creative in our problem-solving, more loving in our relationships, and more accepting of our differences. When I paint, my goal is to create something beautiful. When I first started painting, my only focus was on beauty. But as time has passed, I find myself attempting to create a

mood that enhances the viewer's outlook on life, that inspires hope, that offers courage, and that stimulates energy and confidence.

AMC: How does your faith influence your art?

Iris: I was created in the image of the Great Creator; therefore I am a creator also. I hope that my art reveals in some small way the love of God for all her creation.

AMC: What encouragement would you offer to others in our church community who are exploring their own creative gifts?

Iris: We are all creators. For anyone exploring their own creative gifts, I would recommend finding a group where you can experiment and learn from each other.

Joining the Landings Art Association and the Savannah Art Association put me in touch with other artists who shared their expertise and offered critiques. I find it fun and productive to create with other creators!

Here is the link to the entire "Luminosity" Exhibition:

<https://showsubmit.com/gallery/sps-luminosity-2025>

You can also see more of my work and sign up for my newsletter here:

www.irismackdayoub.com



NEW YEAR'S TIPS FOR A CHRIST-CENTERED YEAR

As we welcome a new year, we're reminded that God is always doing a "new thing" in our lives (Isaiah 43:19). The start of a new year is a beautiful opportunity to pause, reflect, and invite God to guide our steps. Here are a few simple, faith-filled ways to begin the year with purpose and peace.

1. Choose a "Theme Scripture" for the Year

Instead of resolutions, pick one verse that speaks to your heart—something that encourages, strengthens, or challenges you. Let it shape your mindset and decisions throughout the year.

2. Set Small, Spirit-Led Goals

Pray over your goals and ask God to align your plans with His will. Small, consistent steps—whether in prayer, service, or personal growth—can lead to meaningful transformation.

3. Refresh Your Home (and Heart)

Just as we tidy our homes, it's also a great time to declutter spiritually. Release old worries, forgive where needed, and make room for God's peace to dwell more fully in your life.

4. Prioritize Rest and Renewal

God calls us to Sabbath rest. Create simple habits that honor the body and spirit He gave you—quiet time with the Lord, healthy rhythms, and intentional moments of stillness.

5. Lean Into Joy and Community

God designed us for fellowship. Make time for the activities and people who bring joy and encouragement. Look for ways to serve and connect within your church family.

6. Practice Daily Gratitude to God

Recognize God's blessings—big and small. A quick prayer of thanks each morning or evening can help you see His hand at work in your everyday life.

7. Embrace Progress, Not Perfection

We don't enter the new year alone. God meets us with grace, guidance, and renewed strength. Trust Him in the process, celebrate growth, and remember Philippians 1:6—"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion."

Sisters in faith

Christmas Social

DECEMBER 18TH 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
HOLLIDAY HALL - ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH

Join us for our Advent Services
and Christmas Services

**2nd Sunday of Advent -
Dec 7th**

**9:30 am Wesley Oak
11:15 am Asbury
Memorial**

**3rd Sunday of Advent -
Dec 14th**

**9:30 am Wesley Oak
11:15 am Asbury
Memorial**

**4th Sunday of Advent -
Dec 21st**

**9:30 am Wesley Oak
11:15 am Asbury
Memorial**

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Wesley Oak

**6:30 pm Asbury
Memorial**

Holiday Humor



WHY DID THE WISE MEN SMELL LIKE SMOKE?
BECAUSE THEY CAME FROM AFAR!

WHAT DO YOU CALL A KID WHO DOESN'T BELIEVE IN SANTA?
A REBEL WITHOUT A CLAUS.

WHAT'S THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT IN THE BIBLE?
A BROKEN DRUM—YOU JUST CAN'T BEAT IT!

HOW DID MARY AND JOSEPH KNOW JESUS' BIRTH WEIGHT?
THEY HAD - A WEIGH IN IN THE MANGER.

WHAT DO YOU CALL A SHEEP WHO SINGS CHRISTMAS HYMNS?
A BAA-PTIST.

WHAT DID ADAM SAY TO HIS WIFE ON CHRISTMAS?
IT'S CHRISTMAS, EVE!

WHAT'S A SHEEP'S FAVORITE CHRISTMAS HYMN?
"FLEECE NAVIDAD!"

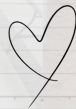
WHAT DID ONE SNOWMAN SAY TO THE OTHER SNOWMAN?
DO YOU SMELL CARROTS??

HOW MUCH DID SANTA PAY FOR HIS SLEIGH?
NOTHING. IT WAS ON THE HOUSE!

WHAT WAS SANTA'S FAVOURITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL?
CHEMIS-TREE!

Thank you!

Thank you for your support of
the food drive hosted by our
Youth Group! Rev. August is
working with church leaders
in our community to continue
tackling food insecurity.
Stay tuned for more info soon!



Thank You

**A HUGE THANK-YOU TO OUR
HOSPITALITY TEAM!
WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR OUR
AMAZING HOSPITALITY TEAM AND ALL
THE HARD WORK THEY PUT INTO
HOSTING AND SERVING OUR FALL
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS. YOUR
WARMTH, CARE, AND DEDICATION MADE
EACH GATHERING FEEL LIKE HOME.
THANK YOU FOR BLESSING OUR
CHURCH FAMILY SO BEAUTIFULLY!**

Memorials

A gift has been given
in memory of
Gordon Baker
by
Jean Foster

A gift has been given
in memory of
Wayne Bland
by
The Bland Family

The gift of a chair name
plate has been given
in memory of
Gloria Moses

MEMORIES

Prayer Requests

Congregants of Asbury Memorial & Wesley Oak

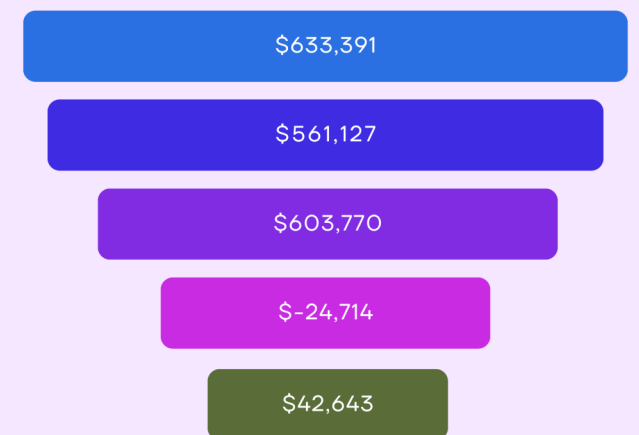
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Randy Canady, Sheri Coffey,
Deb Gibson, Don Haverkamp,
Bubba Hughes, Carolyn Ingram,
Marilyn Leigh, Pamela Lewanda,
Marion Manigo, Virginia Moryadas,
Frank Ramsey, Jim Schlimmer,
Pat Stewart, Becca Terrett,
Dave Thompson, Kenn Waters,
Shirley White, Debbie Wright

Family Members and Friends

Layla Fuller, Phil Barrett

2025 Financial Health

General Budget as of October 2025



When Shadows Fall

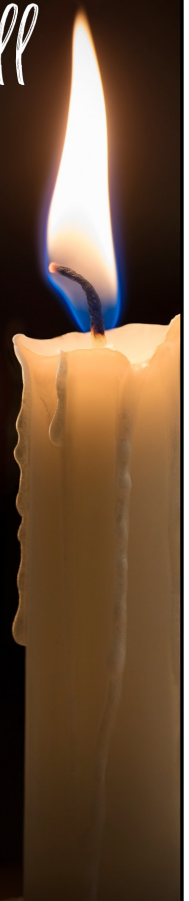
The members of Asbury Memorial
& Wesley Oak extend our love and
sympathy to:

Margaret Cook Levy in the passing
of her friend
Rufus Smalls

Asbury friends and family in the
passing of our own Curtis Veal

Nico & Kiki Meraz in the passing of
their father and previous Asburian,
Jeff Meraz

Julie Gonye in the passing of her
mother and Asburian, Ellie Gonye





Tax Tips

FROM MICHAEL DAYOUB, CFP



If you itemize deductions, you should consider a tax law change effective for the 2026 tax year. Only your charitable contributions that exceed 0.5% of your adjusted gross income are eligible as a Schedule A deduction. If that's you, then you might consider accelerating some of your giving into 2025 to maximize your tax benefit. For other tax-smart donation strategies, check out the video link on our website for the replay of our tax-smart giving and estate planning seminar we held at Asbury earlier this year.



Celebrating Our Amazing Choir!

What a joy to celebrate our amazing Asbury choir! These photos are from our post-God on Broadway gathering, honoring all the heart, talent, and countless hours they poured into this year's series.

Every Sunday in October was filled with energy, beauty, and Spirit because of their dedication. We are deeply grateful for each one of you!





- **MONDAYS**
- **7:00P - 8:30P**
- **WESLEY OAK CHURCH**
- **3124 E. VICTORY DRIVE, SAVANNAH, GA 31404**
- **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



SUPPORT FOR A BALANCED LIFE

Wesley Oak Church is proud to host SMART Recovery meetings every Monday evening from 7:00-8:30 p.m. SMART Recovery is a program designed to help individuals overcome harmful habits and addictions through practical tools based on cognitive and motivational psychology and addiction research.

Unlike traditional 12-step programs, SMART takes a science-based approach that emphasizes self-reliance, self-resilience, and self-empowerment. Participants are encouraged to become the experts on their own recovery journeys, choosing strategies and supports that fit their needs. Topics may include relationships, substance use, gambling, eating, spending, and other behaviors that can impact well-being.

There is no requirement to commit to a lifetime of meetings. Instead, participants decide when and how long they wish to be involved, making SMART a flexible and welcoming community. The program also recognizes that individuals may benefit from participating in more than one support group, and it values collaboration rather than exclusivity.

Men's Group

Building Connection and Conversation

Our Men's Group meets every Thursday at 7:00 PM via Zoom for conversation, support, and spiritual growth. Anyone is welcome to join—any time, from anywhere. No experience or sign-up needed, just drop in and connect!

Meets Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Zoom.



Asbury Memorial Church

GODLY PLAY

Wesley Oak Campus
9:30am
ages 4 yrs - 5th grade

EVERY SUNDAY
AT ASBURY MEMORIAL & WESLEY OAK

Asbury Memorial Campus
11:15am
ages 4 yrs - 5th grade

ASBURY MEMORIAL'S

Heavenly Honey

You can purchase Asbury Memorial's Heavenly Honey ALL YEAR LONG! Stop by the church office to purchase yours today!



Wisdom Seekers

Wisdom Seekers - December Gathering

The Wisdom Seekers group will meet once in December, on Monday, December 8th. All are welcome to join us for thoughtful conversation, shared reflection, and meaningful connection as we enter the Advent season. We hope to see you there!

- **December 8th**
- **12:30pm**
- **Location - TBD**

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WESLEY OAK KNOWLEDGE EXPLORERS

SUNDAYS AT 1:00 PM | JOY COTTAGE

ARE YOU CRAVING DEEPER CONVERSATIONS ABOUT FAITH, LIFE, AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH? WOKE IS A WELCOMING GROUP OF SEEKERS AND THINKERS WHO GATHER EVERY SUNDAY TO EXPLORE BIG IDEAS AND ASK MEANINGFUL QUESTIONS. TOGETHER, WE DIG INTO THOUGHT-PROVOKING TOPICS THAT HELP US GROW—BOTH SPIRITUALLY AND PERSONALLY. BRING YOUR QUESTIONS, YOUR CURIOSITY, AND YOUR OPEN HEART.

LET'S GROW TOGETHER.

Wesley Oak

DECEMBER LINEUP



ENJOY LIVE THEATRE WITH FELLOW ASBURIANS!

Several Asbury folks recently attended the Savannah Rep production of Tiny Little Things—and had a wonderful time together (see photo). We're excited to start this activity back up and would love for more friends to join us!

If you enjoy live theatre and would like to be part of future outings—open to anyone, not just Asbury members—please connect with Heidi Hoffmann or Tom Lewis. They'll add you to the interest list so you'll receive announcements about upcoming performances.

Theatre outings will resume in January 2026, and we'd be delighted to have you join the fun!



—Submitted by Tom Lewis

WE HAVE MULTIPLE WAYS FOR YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT OF ASBURY MEMORIAL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS!



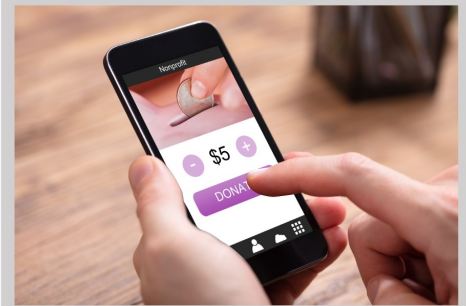
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1008 East Henry Street
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Return Service Requested

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 \$70.

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 Properties Fund, General Fund, Piano/Organ Fund, Family and Children's Ministries Fund, Youth Ministry Fund, Laura Angell Scholarship Fund, Pet Memorial Fund or one of our Mission Funds.

Newsletter Information

If you have an announcement for "The Asbury Update," please email Chris Kincade at ckincade@asburymemorial.org.

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.