



The Asbury Update

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Asbury Memorial Church
Rev. Billy Hester
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2022 SUMMER PREACHING SERIES

ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH – 11:15 AM SUNDAYS



JULY 10 – AUGUST ALDERMAN

- August is an Asbury Memorial/Wesley Oak Stephen Minister.
- He has been a guest preacher at our sister church, Wesley Oak.
- He has been doing hair since 2008.
- He is a student at Chicago Theological Seminary.
- He has been an Asburian since 2018.



JULY 17 – REV. DANNY BEAM

- Danny was ordained in 1981, Southern Baptist Convention.
- He is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Master Addictions Counselor.
- Currently, he is an embedded Military Family Life Counselor at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah.
- He is an Asburian since 2003 and is married to Barbara Jean Lackey.



JULY 24 – REV. HOLLAND MORGAN

- Holland has been an ordained minister since 1972.
- He has been a Hospice Chaplain/Bereavement Coordinator for 26 years.
- He has two daughters, Emily Morgan and Katie Covington, and two grandsons, Rhodes and Hudson Covington.
- He has been a church organist for 25 years, often playing at Asbury.
- He is a former Reconciling Ministries National Board member.



JULY 31 – REV. BOB TOWNSEND

- Bob, a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, graduated from Northwestern State College/University in Louisiana and received a Master of Divinity from St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri.
- He and wife Mickie have a son, Mike, and a daughter, Karen Murphree. They have five grandchildren, including Karen's son, Benjamin.
- After a 40-year career in ministry, he retired in 2008 and moved to Statesboro.



AUGUST 7 – REV. BOB CHVATAL

- Bob is of Czechoslovakian heritage and is a New York City native.
- He is a retired Presbyterian USA minister.
- He was a hospice chaplain and bereavement counselor for 25 years in Charlotte, NC, Tampa, FL, and Santa Fe, NM.
- He moved to Savannah in 2014, resides here with his husband, Ross Bolton, and has been at Asbury for 8 years.



AUGUST 14 – CHRIS KINCADE

- His greatest accomplishment — being Fitz's dad.
- He is the Youth Director for Asbury Memorial/Wesley Oak.
- He is a huge fan of musicals and writing.
- He is married to the most amazing wife, Bridgette Kincade.

AUGUST 23 – REV. BILLY RETURNS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

July

1st Alexis Gage

Harriett Munro

Walter Munro

Katherine Raffray

Jackie Stewart

2nd Jeff Tucker

3rd James Heilman

Barbara Ruggere

Tara Redd

4th Jan Corey

Steve Johnson

5th Cindy Herold

Will Telljohann

6th Dian Ribbens

7th Carolyn Bennett

Ashley Stroud

Tim Harris

John Hester

8th Betty Chokos

Mark Fordham

Molly Hester

Suzie Williams

9th Janet Redmond

10th Patty Lewis

11th Bay Luke

12th Austin Wright

13th David Alley

Billy Hester

14th JJ Collins

15th Tina Austing

Marcia Budarz

Nancy Cvetan

18th Nick Deffley

Richard Reeve

18th Ryan Richards

Jane Thimme

Jan Wright

19th Warren Heilman

Mary Francis Karls

Kenn Waters

20th Ann Anderson

21st Aaron Dalton

Carolyn Ingram

Pat Stewart

23rd Jacob Smith

24th Glendora Baldwin

Andrea Harrelson

25th Pat McIntosh

Morgan Faunce

26th John Giles

Ian Perry

Lucy Perry

Tammy Wells

27th Marie Parker

29th Charlene Branan

Bridgette Kincade

Barbara Wilkins

30th Dennis Murphy

Tim Steinhauser

30th "D" Connor

Jim Utsey



July

13th Brian Clyatt & Daryl Balzer
16th Adele & Ed Packert
16th Pam & Walter Kress
17th Bo & Ann Crowder
21st Craig & Mary Hull
21st Shirley & Paul Irvine
22nd Robert & Christy Crisp
22nd Jona Downs & Jeri Sasser
22nd Cliff Harley & Tommy Schafer
24th Jeff & Amy Tucker
25th Evans & Debbie Wright
31st Jim & Alice Burris

Many Thanks!

Many thanks to all of you for your love
and support in helping me celebrate
my 93rd birthday. It was very special.

Joan Byrd





ENTER the first GRADY MILLS



DESSERT BAKING CONTEST

July 10, 2022
(during Coffee Hour)



FIRST, SECOND, & THIRD
PLACE AWARDS FOR
TASTE & PRESENTATION

\$5 ENTRY FEE
(Benefits the Hospitality Team)

The contest is limited to 25 entries.
Those over 25 will be first on the list
for the next contest.

- Send your name, along with the name of your dessert to Ray Ellis at (rellis101@gmail.com) by July 8th (please indicate if your dessert contains nuts).
- On the morning of the event, bring your entry to Holliday Hall by 10:30 a.m.
- Do not submit desserts with frozen ingredients – the church does not have freezer facilities to keep them fresh.

Vacation Bible School
2022







**THE HARVEST IS IN AT WESLEY OAK'S GARDEN
- IT'S TIME FOR A CLEAN-UP!**

Join Us Saturday, July 9, 8:00 – 10:00 am

(Bring a rake or a garden hoe and a lawn chair to relax)

3124 EAST VICTORY DRIVE AT MECHANICS AVENUE, THUNDERBOLT



**Do you or someone you know
have an ear for sound?**

The tech team is looking to grow!

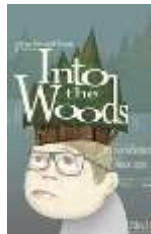
**They are looking for someone with sound and/or
video/live stream experience or someone with a
passion for technology and is eager to learn.**

**The position requires commitment and the ability
to focus and multi-task.**

**If interested, email Ray Ellis at
rellis101@gmail.com or call the church office.**

Beating Guns
06/04/2022





Asbury and Wesley Oak members and friends,

Asbury Memorial Theatre is making plans for future productions,
and we need your help.

We want to choose shows and venues that are great for you, so please
complete a short survey for us.

Just cut and paste the link below into your internet browser and it will open the
survey. Complete it and submit. The results will come automatically to us. We
will tabulate the results in late June and report our findings to
you later this year.

Also, we will have some exciting news about a play coming to Asbury Memorial
Church in September. So check the monthly newsletters and listen to the
announcements from the pulpit on Sundays this summer for more information.
And thanks so much for completing the survey.

Here's the link:

<https://forms.gle/URgtZqm8wmGr9P3v6>

Tom Lewis, AMT Board President

Is the Spirit calling you to help?



Looking for some folks to welcome and help a refugee family transition to live in our community.

The First Friends program is looking for church groups to help ease the shock of relocating to a new home.

Can Wesley Oak and Asbury find a core group of 8-10 people to commit to meeting weekly with our neighbors over the course of their first 6 months? And lead the congregation commitment to furnish their apartment?

Contact Rev. Claire Marich

cmarich@asburymemorial.org

630-338-5478



“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”

Romans 12:13



Have you missed that beautiful opportunity to place your contribution in the offering plate on Sunday mornings? 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!

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!”

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Asbury Memorial Church Blood Drive

**Thursday, August 11, 2022
2pm – 7pm**

1008 East Henry Street
Savannah, GA 31401
In the Holliday Hall!

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
and use Sponsor Code - Asbury

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Study Groups & Fellowship Groups

Asbury Memorial offers a wide variety of study and fellowship groups.

We are excited about the rich and varied opportunities for adult study and fellowship, some via Zoom. We hope that you will join in one or more of the programs.

Adult Ministries 10 o'Clock Hour & Wednesday Night Programs

10 o'Clock Hour will return in the fall.

Stay tuned, a Wednesday Night program is being developed as we go to press!

Wisdom Seekers

Mondays, 1:30—3 pm

The Wisdom Seekers are currently reading & discussing the book *Ladder to the Light: An Indigenous Elder's Meditations on Hope and Courage* by Steven Charleston. The current plan is to take 1 chapter per week, then meet for lunch once a month, take off Monday, July 4th and finish the book by Labor day. Any questions about the group or the book email Margaret Clay at

margaretclay@comcast.net.

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 8291 0310, Passcode: Asbury

Men's Group

The Thursday night Men' Group welcomes all men to check in for an evening and join our discussions. We look forward to new perspectives of our weekly topics.

This month we will continue with our new format - individual "check in" (sharing) and then discussion. The discussion will revolve around a topic which is determined by the week's guide (a group volunteer). Our topics may include a book you have read, a current event - preferably not political, a theological point, Scripture, or a God moment. The group also decided that we will not have a topic every week rather we will include, at least once a month, a plain fellowship Thursday – where we all try to talk at once. Join us on Zoom, Meeting ID: 844 3633 5506, Passcode: Asbury

Please join in!! Bill

Should you have questions please contact Bill Jahn at vijahn@gmail.com or Preston Hodges at prestonhodgesjr@gmail.com.

Course in Miracles

Facilitator: Rev. Marilyn Leigh

Thursdays, 4:00 to 5:30 pm

The Course in Miracles study group is dedicated to the study and practical application of A Course in Miracles to our daily lives. Our group allows the Course to guide us in becoming and expressing the Love that is the truth about us. It teaches the true meaning of forgiveness and challenges us to put God first in our lives. If you are interested, contact Rev. Marilyn Leigh at revleigh@yahoo.com.



Greetings, Asburians!

As our ability to interact in person may be limited, 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:

There are also links on the Church Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/asburymemorialsavannah/> and the Church's webpage: www.asburymemorial.org

Worship on Sundays

Join us on Sunday mornings at 11:15 AM for in-person worship with relaxed worship guidelines. RESERVATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE ARE NOT REQUIRED but we ask that you to register your attendance at the door. Online services may also be accessed from: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsUjjriKobIASeidLeU6AFA>

Online Devotionals

From our own Methodist tradition is the Upper Room which can be seen online here: <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>



MEMORIALS

*Gifts have been given to the Godly Play Ministry Fund in memory of Rev. Grady Mills by
Sally Jilek
Bill & Ann Anderson*

*Gifts have been given to the Choir Fund in memory of Pete Vasta by
Sally Jilek
Bonnie & Ben Torricelli*

*A Gift has been given to the JUST Fund by Judy Jones in memory of
Sanford Jones*

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Russell Engelmenn*

*A Gift has been given to the Emergency Fund by Catherine Gilbert & Sandy Golden
in memory of Neil Austing*

*A Gift has been given to the Properties Fund by Joan Byrd in memory of
Marie Winters
Ozella Walker
Judy Isriel*

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Sal & Karen Martoerelli
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Marty Coolidge
Christine B. Aiken
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PET MEMORIAL

*A Gift has been given to the Pet Memorial Fund by Ellie Covington
in memory of Maisey Hodges*

HONORARIUM

*A Gift has been given to the Properties Fund by Joan Byrd in honor of
Mary Alice Garvin's birthday &
Anita Clay's birthday*



**General Budget
As of May 2022**

YTD Budgeted GOAL	\$330,289
Actual Year-To-Date Expenses	\$293,505
Actual Year-To-Date Contributions	\$230,519

**Average Worship Attendance 261
(combined in person and online)**

Chair Name Plate

As we worship on Sundays, how meaningful it is to see the name of a loved one etched into a nameplate on one of our beautiful sanctuary chairs. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in a special way, complete an order form and turn it into the church office. Forms are available in the church narthex and the office. Please turn in a completed form to the office.

The cost is \$250.00. The funds are used for the upkeep and maintenance of the sanctuary.

(Two examples of nameplates for the chairs.)

Elizabeth Lariscy
A Southern Lady
By R. Ward Lariscy

In Loving Memory
of
Dix Elliott

PRAYER REQUESTS



Asburians

DiAnne Amerson, Ann Anderson, Valori Armstrong, Gordon Baker, Marcia Budarz, Fay Carroll, Anita Clay, Sheri Coffey, Gretchen Dodd, Helen Downing, Sam Durham, Katie Farmer, Bob Francischetti, Tyler Gage, Sherry Giddens, Ellie Gonye, Marlon Harman, Chase Harrison, Roy Hill, Virginia Holliday, Bill Jahn, Dale Karacostas, Judith Kessler, Ernie Lee, Rev. Marilyn Leigh, Kelly Limehouse, Jack Lewis, Cheryl Loose, Marion Manigo, Michael Matheny, Scott McCoy, Robert McEwen, Brenda Mills, Virginia Moryadas, James Mullins, Dan Nelson, Marie Parker, Pam Parker Kress, Barbara Plank, Scott Porch, Mary Prokop, Frank Ramsey, Lindsey Rogers, Roberta Smith, Tina Smith, Robert Smith, Tim Steinhauser, Cabell Stewart, Sharon Tarlano, Beverly Vasta, Kenn Waters, Diane Williamson

Family Members & Friends

Adam Alani, Dorothy Allen, Lisa Brown, Karen Browning, Cindy Burns, Max Clements, Jennifer Despres Corey, Linda Cowart, Sara Driggers, Dan Goff, Samantha Garcia, Twumwa Grant, Priscilla Hearn, Tom Hendrick, Lindsay Kessler, Walt Kress, Kim Lewis, Mary Jane Lundberg, Jennifer Payne, Fredia Peggs, Geral Pinault, Steve Ray, Brianna Reeves, Joanne Rowley, Neola Walker, Bonnie & Glynn Zimmerman

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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 Properties Fund, General Fund, Piano/Organ Fund, Family & 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 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.