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TRANSITION OF PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

The following information should help you understand the process involved when there is a transition in the pastoral leadership. This will be presented in the format of a time line (events that have already occurred and those yet to come.)

- January 11th: Big Ed notifies S/PPRC in writing of his intention to end his relationship as pastor of Asbury as of the end of this Conference Year (June 30th). His decision was predicated on his and Anne's desires to return to Florida to be nearer family.
- January 12th: Congregation is notified of the above referenced action in a letter signed by the pastor and the chairperson of the S/PPRC, Mary Gail Chamblee.
- January 25th: Church Profile Sheet filled out by S/PPRC indicating the condition of the church (strengths and weaknesses) and a preference for the type of pastoral leadership needed for the future. The Church Profile sheet was delivered to the District Office on January 26th.
- February 4th: The Columbia District Superintendent, Reverend McClendon will meet with Asbury's S/PPRC to discuss the information submitted on the Church Profile Sheet and other matters deemed to be important for consideration as determined by the S/PPRC.
- February—March: Those involved in the decision making process develop a list of "open" churches (churches desiring a change of leadership or which will have an opening). There will be another list compiled of pastors desiring to be moved and/or those that the Cabinet (Bishop and the 12 District Superintendents) determine are needed to fill particular pulpits. **The intent is to match a church's specific needs with the demonstrated strengths/skills of a particular pastor.**
- March 15th—19th: Initial Cabinet Appointment-making
- March 22nd—26th: District Superintendent consultation/notification of proposed apportionment to churches and pastors (where a change will occur).
- March 26th: Reconsideration Letter due from church or pastor (if appropriate or justified.)
- April 5th—7th: Cabinet makes adjustments in appointments (if appropriate and justified).
- Week of April 18th and following: Introductory Visit date is established in which prospective new pastor visits the church to meet the S/PPRC (vice versa) and see the parsonage.
- June 13th: Appointments fixed and celebrated at the Annual Conference in Florence
- June 30th: Moving Date
- July 4th: First Sunday of the new pastor



*Flowers
for
February:*

7th—Doris & Julian
Bowen
14th—Norma & Phil
Loman
21st—Dennis & Melissa
Axson
28th—Corrine & Jack
Thomas

REMINDER:

*Information Deadline
for March issue of The
Asbury Journal:
Noon—Monday,
February 22nd!*

Assisting With Worship in February:

Trustee.....Dennis Axson
S.S. Greeters.....We 3 Class
Nursery/Preschool...Staffed

Financial Workers:

7th: Liz Matthews and
Reid Owens
14th: Bill Beckham and
Sandy Sanders
21st: Stuart Greer
and Rick Wall
28th: Reba Avant
and Al Lindsey

News Around Asbury...

ASBURY AT THE CROSSROADS:

TWO QUESTIONS: (1) Do You See Asbury as a Maintenance or Mission Church?

(2) What is Your Heart's Desire for Asbury: Maintenance or Mission Church?

1. In measuring the **effectiveness**, the maintenance congregation asks, "How many pastoral visits are being made? The mission congregation asks, "How many disciples are being made?"
2. When contemplating some form of **change**, the maintenance congregation says, "If this proves upsetting to any of our members, we won't do it." The mission congregation says, "If this will help us reach someone on the outside, we will take the risk and do it."
3. When thinking about **change**, the majority of members in a maintenance congregation ask, "How will this affect me?" The majority of members in the mission congregation ask, "Will this increase our ability to reach those outside?"
4. When thinking of its **vision for ministry**, the maintenance congregation says, "We have to be faithful to our past." The mission congregation says, "We have to be faithful to our future."
5. The maintenance congregation seeks to avoid conflict at any cost (but rarely succeeds). The mission congregation understands that **conflict is the price of progress**, and is willing to pay the price. It understands that it cannot take everyone with it. This causes some grief, but it does not keep it from doing what needs to be done.
6. The maintenance congregation is concerned with their congregation, its organizations and structure, its constitutions and committees. The mission congregation is concerned with the culture, with understanding how secular people think and what makes them tick. It tries to determine their needs and their points of **accessibility to the Gospel**.
7. The **leadership style** in the maintenance congregation is primarily **managerial**, where leaders try to keep everything in order and running smoothly. The leadership style in a mission congregation is primarily **transformational**, casting a vision of what can be, and marching off the map in order to bring the vision into reality.
8. When thinking about **growth**, the maintenance congregation asks, "**How many Methodists** live within a twenty-minute drive of this church?" The mission congregation asks, "**How many unchurched people** live within a twenty-miles drive of this church?"
9. The maintenance congregation looks at the community and asks, "**How can we get these people to support our congregation?**" The mission congregation asks, "**How can the Church support these people?**"
10. The maintenance congregation thinks about **how to save their congregation**. The mission congregation thinks about **how to reach the world**.

Bottom Line: To provide the quantity and quality of programs that will renew Asbury and grow Asbury and ensure the future of Asbury, we the leadership and membership, need to respond as a mission oriented people. We need more financial support and we need more involvement and we need more participation.

UNDERSTANDING APPORTIONMENTS

This will be the first in a series of articles that are intended to help us understand our church's relationship to the "larger" United Methodist Church (District—SC Conference and the General Church). Specifically, I want to help us understand better our financial support of the "larger" United Methodist Church through the payment of **Apportionments**. Asbury is a "Connectional Church". This means that Asbury Memorial (the church and you, its people) are connected to all other United Methodist churches: local—statewide—throughout the country and the world. Also, we are connected to all the Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Programs that comprise the "General" Church.

In South Carolina, there are **1020 churches**. **Each of these churches** are asked to pay its share of the Budget that has been compiled for the SC Annual Conference. In subsequent articles, I will capsule the major components of the Budget and where these monies will be spent. As alluded to above, monies are allocated for certain expenditures at the District level, the statewide, and SC's share of supporting the "General" Church. The 2010 Budget for the SC Annual Conference is **\$16,948,274.00**. This Budget was presented to and approved by the delegates, lay and ministers, at the 2009 Annual Conference. **As previously communicated to you, Asbury Memorial has been asked to pay its share, computed to be \$49,302.00 for 2010.**

In the next article, I will endeavor to explain how the Apportionment Askings was computed for our church.

Asbury Youth

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE:

WYF—6:15—7:15 pm on Feb. 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

MYF—5:00—7:00 PM on Feb. 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th

REVOLUTION

Twelve hundred youth from all over S.C. gathered at the Columbia Convention Center January 22nd—24th for the first annual Revolution.

Revolution is replacing Springmaid retreats. The youth were divided into two groups or sessions since there was not adequate space for all twelve hundred youth to meet in one room. Each group met on Friday evening, Saturday morning and evening and Sunday morning. On Sunday morning, our own Bishop Taylor served the youth communion. The youth were challenged to grow spiritually and take this experience back to their local church to continue their growth closer to Christ.

There are so many thank yous to give out I hope I have not forgotten anyone. First, thank you to our Asbury family for allowing us to host youth and youth leaders from Pacolet, Simpsonville, and Spartanburg churches. Everyone said the accommodations were great. Second, thanks to Cal Dent, Stewart Greer, Chubby Jordan and Ray Wilson for the delicious breakfast they served on Saturday morning. Thirdly, thanks to everyone who gave baked goods, snacks and candy for the kids to enjoy. Although we have beautiful showers in the Bauknight building they were not enough to accommodate more than thirty youth and leaders. So last but certainly not least, a big thank you goes out to Ashlee Priester and Hampton Hills Athletic Club for allowing some of our youth to take showers on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



The Youth will sponsor The Souper Bowl of Caring again this year. Donations will be received on February 7th after each service with proceeds going to Harvest Hope. Please be part of this movement that begins in our own backyard and reaches across the nation.

Financial Statistics ...

Our Presence and Participation	1/3	1/10	1/17	1/24	1/31	2010 Goal
Asbury Alive (9:00 a.m.)	72	110	112	131	***	125
Traditional Service (11:00 a.m.)	103	96	89	84	***	150
Sunday School	101	105	111	94	***	125
Youth Attendance	12	14	16	44	***	

Our Gifts	1/3	1/10	1/17	1/24	1/31	2010	
Received Budget	\$9,239.00	\$5,910.00	\$4,424.00	\$2,931.72	***	WEEKLY TARGET \$7,769.00	
Received Budget YTD	\$9,239.00	\$15,149.00	\$19,573.00	\$22,091.62	***	YTD TARGET \$31,076.00	YEAR TARGET \$403,988.00
Rec'd Capital Improve. Fund	-0-	-0-	-0-	\$150.00	***	RECEIVED YTD \$150.00	
Rec'd on Apportionments 2010 Goal: \$49,302.00	\$310.00	\$25.00	-0-	\$100.00	***	REC. YTD \$435.00	PAID YTD \$0.00

*** To Be Reported in Next Issue of the Asbury Journal



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Mission: "We Gather to Worship and Learn. We Go Out to Serve and Share."

Vision: "Together as people of God, we will be a beacon of God's love for our members and the community through sharing the word of Jesus and doing His work."

Asbury Pre-school & Kindergarten News

Registration for fall 2010-2011 is now in full swing. We register children until we are at capacity, which is 100. We accept children from two through four for our amazing pre-school program and fives for our fantastic Kindergarten. Registration packets are available in the church office or in the Preschool and Kindergarten area. If you or someone you know is interested in our program--pick up a packet for them. We'd love to have them come visit, also. Thanks to Glenn Adams, we now have current information on the church website.....**CHECK IT OUT!!**

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