

# Financial Statistics...

Presence and Participation	1/31	2/07	2/14	2/21	2/28	2010 Goal
Asbury Alive (9:00 a.m.)	81	102	162	104	***	125
Traditional Service (11:00 a.m.)	85	85	91	103	***	150
Sunday School	87	108	118	108	***	125
Youth Attendance	10	8	6	12	***	

\*\*\* - To be reported in next month's Journal

Our Gifts	1/31	2/07	2/14	2/21	2/28	2010	
Received Budget	\$4,942.00	\$6,950.00	\$5,800.00	\$4,976.00	***	WEEKLY TARGET \$7,769.00	
Received Budget YTD	\$27,446.72	\$34,396.72	\$40,196.72	\$45,172.72	***	YTD TARGET \$62,152.00	YEAR TARGET \$403,988.00
Rec'd Capital Improvement Fund	\$100.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	***	RECEIVED YTD \$250.00	
Rec'd on Apportionments 2010 Goal: \$49,302.00	\$400.00	\$210.00	\$30.00	\$100.00	***	REC. YTD \$1175.00	PAID YTD \$0.00

## ASSETS OF ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOUNDATION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009:

	<u>Shares/units</u>	<u>Basis</u>	<u>FMV *</u>
BB&T Corp	100	gift	2,437.00
First Financial Holdings Inc.	600	gift	7,800.00
Ingersoll-Rand Co. Ltd.	34	gift	1,215.16
Restricted Endowment fund	1520.310488	151,878.59	143,173.55
WABCO Holdings Inc.	50	gift	1,289.50
CASH			692.17
TOTAL INVESTMENTS			156,707.38

- Value for Restricted Endowment Fund was furnished by Roger Gramling of SC United Methodist Foundation.
- In Stock are year end values.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR FOUNDATION.

# More News around Asbury...

## JOY CLUB TRIP

The JOY Club is planning a trip to see many historic sites in and around St. Stephen and Pineville, SC on April 17th. There are still seats available. The cost is \$45.00 which includes your lunch. Please get your reservation and money in to Mary Eames or Reba Avant **ASAP**.

## COOK-OUT FOR KIDS AT EPWORTH

The "Cook-Out for Kids" will be held on the Epworth Campus on Saturday, April 17th from 11:00 AM—4:00 PM. Tickets for the barbeque chicken and barbeque pork plates at \$7.00. Boston Butts sell for \$25.00. If anyone wants to purchase tickets, donate baked goods or volunteer, please contact Laurie Brandes at Epworth. Thanks!

## EASTER LILIES

Forty-five (45) Easter Lilies have been ordered by the Worship Committee. If you would like to purchase a lily in honor of or in memory of someone, please call the church office no later than **Monday, March 29th**. Order forms will **also** be placed in your bulletin for your convenience. The lilies will be placed in the church on March 25th and you may take them home after the Easter Service on April 4th. The cost will be \$12.50 each.

## ATTENTION: ASBURY LADIES!

Just a reminder that the Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 20th at 6:00 PM. **ELVIS** will be the entertainment!!! The cost will be \$9.00 for anyone 12 and up and children will be \$4.00. Please call the church office at 776-7237 to make reservations. Money will be taken at the door.

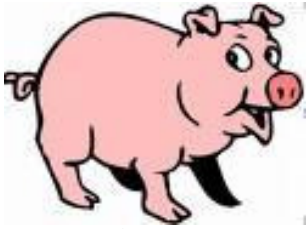
Thanks, Dell Morgan, UMW President

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the church sanctuary in memory or in honor of someone during the remainder of 2010, please call Mary Ann Ayers at 787-9746 or the church office at 776-7237. Thanks!

## *Schedule for Remaining Lenten Services*

DATE	HOST CHURCH	PREACHER
Feb. 28	Epworth	Mike Guffee: Shandon
March 7	Shandon	Leatha Brown: Bluff Road
March 14	Bluff Road	Megan Gray: Epworth
March 21	Lebanon	Ed McWilliams: Asbury



# United Methodist Men's Annual Barbeque

1005 Asbury Drive  
Columbia, SC 29209  
(803) 776-7237



EAT IN or TAKE OUT

## BARBEQUE PORK DINNER

sponsored by the United Methodist Men

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010**

12:00 NOON TIL 5:00 PM

Barbeque pork

Hash & Rice, Cole Slaw, Bread



**PRICES:**  
**\$8.00—Adults**  
**\$4.00—Children**

The United Methodist Women of Asbury will sponsor a bake sale.



### *In Our Prayers ..*

Alexa Bailey (Charles Burroughs' niece), Sherry Bailey, Jack Ballentine (brother-in-law of Dorothy Clark), Bob Beasley (Pat Wall's brother), Carolyn Beckham, Myrtle Bently (Judy Axson's sister), Dorothy and Jack Bittner, Sterne Bolte, Julian & Doris Bowen, Abby Bradley (friend of Mary Eames), Aline Coggins (DeAnn Willard's grandmother), Virginia & Courtney Collar, Alma Collum (Debbie Jordan's mother), Mark Cox (son-in-law of Rodney and Mary Ann Derrick), Rebecca Crowe (Ann Cauthen's granddaughter), Jim Fuller and Mary Jane Fuller (Kathy Brown's parents), Elly Hinson, Eddie Johnson (Sally Johnson's son), Jeanne Kennedy (Elly Hinson's niece), James Kimbrough (Steve Kimbrough's father), Ron Laird (Carla's husband), Carl and Liz Matthews, Charles McAlister and Pat McAlister, Van McAlister, Mary Meeks, Beth Nance (Lindsay Sorrell's mother), Georgie Nelson (Elly Hinson's sister), Lorene Norton, Silas Pearman, Jenny Rolling (Carolyn Tippins' sister), Mary Gail Salley (friend of Dorothy Clark and Ann Coggins), Dr. Fred Shealey, Jr. and Susan Shealey (son-in-law/daughter of Teresa Toombs), Dr. Charles and Grace Sloan, Rev. Mike and Audrey Smith, Hazel Soles (friend of John McGill), Family of Pride Turner, James Voss (Brenda Podewil's father), Bryant Watts, Harriett Wilkinson (Glen Adams' business partner)

#### *Continuing Care:*

Anne Watson—Agape—Leaphart  
Mary Jones—Country Wood Nursing Ctr.  
Debbie Amick—Heritage Healthcare Ridgeway, Ridgeway, SC  
Hilda Turbeville—Oakleaf Village, Lexington, SC  
Bill Cauthen, NHC Park Lane

#### *Retirement Home:*

Nell Heriot—Methodist Oaks  
Lois Elkins—Indigo Pines

#### *Military Service:*

Andrew Phillips  
Ted Podewil

#### **REMINDER:**

**Prayer Box: Narthex, Social Hall, Outside Church Office**

# Natural Church Development (N.C.D.) update...

## EMPHASIS IN 2010: Passionate Spirituality

Passionate spirituality is the energy source that fuels every church, providing the energy and momentum to move forward toward mission. Where passionate spirituality is in short supply, other quality characteristics and ministry areas will feel the impact as the fuel supply runs short. Lay people and ministry leaders alike will begin to feel drained, burned out, and used up. Fortunately, passionate spirituality is a renewable energy form—more like solar or wind energy than like gas. It never runs out. It continues reproducing itself when we tap into the source and stay connected to it.

Passionate spirituality goes beyond our personal devotional times to our encounters with God in moments of daily life, and the various ways we experience and engage with his presence. The outpouring of passionate spirituality is an integration of our inner life with God into every aspect of our outward lives as well, resulting in stories of changed lives and transformation.

What does health look like in passionate spirituality? Natural Church Development defines passionate spirituality as follows:

*Effective ministry flows out of a passionate spirituality. Spiritual intimacy leads to a strong conviction that God will act in powerful ways. A godly vision can only be accomplished through an optimistic faith that views obstacles as opportunities and turns defeats into victories.*

Below are the four main areas of passionate spirituality. The more-in-depth diagnostic questions that follow cover these four areas in more depth, guiding a church through an in-depth process of thinking through how the minimum factor area plays out in their church. Churches who have done NCD Insights will notice that these four areas correspond to their survey results, and they will already have identified where to look more deeply.

### **Experiencing God**

- Love for God
- Transform our experience with God

### **Passion for church**

- Devotion to the church
- Commitment to the future of the church

### **Passion for devotions**

- Modeling by pastors and leaders
- Teaching and awareness
- Practice and accountability

### **Spiritual interconnectedness**

- Motivation and life change
- Personal and corporate sharing

Let us look more deeply into the area of Experiencing God. Let us ponder how we view and even more importantly, how would we respond to the following four (4) questions:

- Relationships that aren't growing are dying. What are we doing to help people grow in their relationship with Christ?
- How does our corporate worship experience impact individual believers at Asbury?
- Are our members practicing personal spiritual disciplines such as reading the Bible and praying?
- What do we believe are some of the blockages our people struggle with as they incorporate spiritual disciplines into their lives?