

The Asbury Journal

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From the Cluttered Desk...

Call me a tree hugger for that is what I am. I have always loved trees. In fact nearly every parsonage we have lived in I have left behind a tree or two in the yard. One of the things I looked forward to on our California vacation was the opportunity to hug a Giant Redwood. I was not disappointed. I hugged trees that were over two thousand years old — and if you are interested, I have pictures! All that tree hugging reminded me of a little parable about the tree brace.

"Why are you putting that big stick next to that little tree?" the little boy asked.

"Someone ran over the curb with their car and knocked it down. So I'm bracing it to make it grow straight." said the father.

"Gosh, if it's that weak," said the boy, *"how can it ever grow to be a beautiful tree?"*

"Watch and see," said the father. *"If it is guided and fed long enough it can become a tall, strong and beautiful shade tree for it is the right kind of tree."*

Human beings are like trees in many ways. In the early years of growth with proper support and good care they may grow in ways that God intends and may come to the fullness of strength and beauty. Blows that would otherwise destroy them are withstood because of the protective care and the nourishment that is furnished at home, at school, and especially at church. When we are given the right kind care of support we are able to withstand trials that destroy lives which are denied these blessings.

Sound thinking people accept the responsibility of supporting those institutions which inspire, direct, and correct daily living and supply sources for human health and happiness. I was blessed to have people (family, teachers, and church folks) who provided me with the care and support I needed to become the person I am today. I pray that I may have the same positive effect on others. Hey, you never know which one of those little seeds may become a giant tree someday.

...Pastor Steve



*Flowers
for
September*

5th—Wanda Kemp

12th—Tim & Irish Russell

19th—Al Lindler

26th—Rho Oliva

REMINDER:

*Information Deadline
for October issue of
The Asbury Journal:
Noon—Friday,
September 24th!*

Assisting With Worship in September:

Trustee.....Julie Kelly
S.S. Greeters.....Genesis Class
Nursery/Preschool.....Staffed

Financial Workers:

5th: Liz Matthews and
Reid Owens
12th: Ed Owens and
Sandy Sanders
19th: Stuart Greer and
Rick Wall
26th: Reba Avant and
Al Lindsey

Asbury News...

JOY CLUB

Don't forget our meeting on September 16, 2010 at 11:00 AM in the Social Hall.

We also have our annual trip to Myrtle Beach planned for Thursday, November 18th for the Palace Theatre to see *Christmas on Ice*. The cost is \$60.00 which includes your ticket to the show and the bus fee. Dinner reservations have been made at Chesapeake Seafood House and the cost will be \$16.50 which includes an appetizer, entrée, dessert, and tea or coffee. For more information, please contact Mary Eames at 647-1322 or 917-4308.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Scholarships of \$750 each were awarded in August by the Asbury Men's Fellowship to Casey Clark at Columbia College, Lauren Smith at Clemson University, Jeremy Amick at the University of South Carolina, and Riley McGill at Midlands Technical College. Since January of 2006, we have awarded 28 scholarships totaling \$23,750.

The annual Asbury Men's Fellowship chicken barbeque dinner is scheduled for Saturday, September 25th from 12 noon until 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Tickets are available in the church office.



Epworth News...

You are invited to an Appreciation Celebration for all volunteers, donors and friends of Epworth on Sunday, Sept. 26th from 3:00-4:30 PM on the Epworth campus in front of the dining hall. There will be a brief recognition service, light refreshments and tours for those interested.

Don't forget—we will take our Epworth Work Day Offering on Sunday, September 12th.

Asbury Youth

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:

WYF—6:30—7:30 PM on

September 1st, 8th, 15th, & 29th—*NOTE TIME CHANGE*

Wednesday, Sept. 22nd—Cook for Wednesday Night Supper: 4:00—7:00 PM

MYF—5:00—7:00 PM on

September 5th, 12th, & 26th—NO MYF on September 19th

The Youth would like to thank Amanda, Charles, Chris, Christine & Paul. The Youth enjoyed a great day at the lake due to their generous hospitality!

IN
OUR
PRAYERS



Alexa Bailey (*Charles Burroughs' niece*), **Carolyn Beckham**, **Myrtle Bently** (*Judy Axson's sister*), **Dorothy and Jack Bittner**, **Sterne Bolte**, **Julian & Doris Bowen**, **Abby Bradley** (*friend of Mary Eames*), **Family of William Jennings Burgin** (*brother of Jim Burgin*), **Katherine Scaggs Bush** (*friend of Ann & Walter Hunter*), **Bill and Ann Cauthen**, **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*), **Joel David** (*son of DaMaris Rorie*), **Joanne Dent**, **Vivian Drake**, **Jim Fuller and Mary Jane Fuller** (*Kathy Brown's parents*), **Jeanne Kennedy** (*Elly Hinson's niece*), **Al Lindler**, **Marcus Family Adoption from China**, **Carl and Liz Matthews**, **Charles McAlister and Pat McAlister**, **Beth Nance** (*Lindsay Sorrell's mother*), **Georgie Nelson** (*Elly Hinson's sister*), **Carroll Ann Norris** (*friend of Strom & Beverly Johnston*), **Lorine Norton**, **Dr. Fred Shealey, Jr. and Susan Shealey** (*son-in-law/daughter of Teresa Toombs*), **Jean Slider**, **Family of Rev. Mike Smith**, **Judy Smoak** (*co-worker of Angie Duffie*), **Perri Smoak** (*sister-in-law of Robin Newton*), **Mary Stewart** (*grandmother of Tarah & Derrick Eames*), **James Voss** (*Brenda Podewil's father*), **Emily Wall** (*granddaughter of Rick & Pat Wall*), **Rudy Walters**, **Family of Anne Watson**, **Miles Weaver**, **Harriett Wilkinson** (*Glen Adams' business partner*), **Rev. Red Williams**, **David Wythe** (*friend of Sarah Kimbrough*)

Continuing Care:

Mary Jones—Country Wood Nursing Center
Debbie Amick—Heritage Healthcare, 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

**In order to keep our Prayer List current, please review and let the church office know if anyone needs to be removed or added.
The church office number is 776-7237. Thank you!**

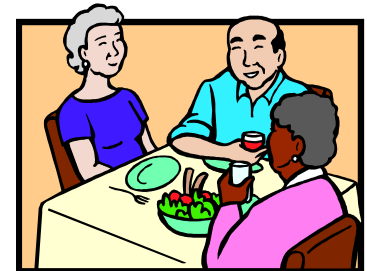
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS RESUME...

September 8th at **6:00 PM.**

The time change is to accommodate working families. The pork and macaroni menu is scheduled for the 8th.

PLEASE call the church office for:

- (1) Permanent Reservations
- (2) Volunteers to: cook, serve or
- (3) Clean up (specify night)



THE DEADLINE TO MAKE CHANGES IN RESERVATIONS IS NOON ON TUESDAYS (except in case of an emergency).



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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."

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

The church office will be closed on
Monday, September 6th,
in observance of Labor Day.
The staff of Asbury wishes each and
every one
a safe and happy holiday.



In case of an emergency,
please call Pastor Steve
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