

NEWS, EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

January Donations

Asbury Food Cupboard: soup, shampoo

Canton Calvary Mission: mac & cheese

Asbury Baby Box: socks

Today: Communion

Jan 6: UMW is cancelled

Jan 11: Ad council 7pm

Jan 17: Human Relations Day Special Sunday

(855) 831-8804: This number is the Text-em-all number that we receive our messages from. Please make sure this number is in your contacts so that you can receive our texts and messages.

We would like to thank all of you for the wonderful cards, well wishes and gifts for our marriage and during this Season of Advent and Christmas. God Bless you!

Love Pastor Mike and Julie

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Pastor's Moment The Trivial Christian

Christian adventurer Tim Hansel said, "The great tragedy of today's convenient world is that you can live a trivial life and get away with it." Let's be honest: "Trivial Christian life" ought to be an oxymoron!

What does your un-churched friend see when he looks at the way you live out your faith? There's a Christian cliché that says, "Your life may be the only Bible your friend ever reads." Like a lot of clichés, there's truth at its core. What does your un-churched friend see when he looks at the way you live out your faith? Does he see someone who dutifully goes to church every Sunday, but who never extends the compassion of Christ into the lives of others? Or does he see someone whose faith is "a risky, surprise-filled venture, lived tiptoe at the edge of expectation?"

Lee Strobel "Inside the Mind of Un-churched Harry and Mary"

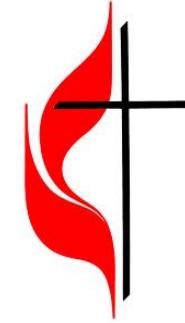
Twenty-five years ago, I came across this article. It was at a time in my life when I was living life in a rut. I went to church every week, did volunteer work, taught a Sunday School class, sang in the choir. On the outside I looked like someone living the Christian Life with vigor. Inside however, I was just going through the motions. Reading the article, something inside my spirit clicked. I was reminded of 2 Timothy. The words hit me right between the eyes.

"They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!"

2 Timothy 3:5

By the Grace of God, a wakeup call came that day. The words stung. I was convicted by the Spirit to do something about the "Trivial Christian Life" I had fallen prey to. The Lord calls us to have a Faith that is alive, vibrant and passionate. May we live our lives in "a risky, surprise-filled venture, lived tiptoe at the edge of expectation."

In the Powerful Name of Jesus,
Pastor Mike



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Pastor Mike Bradford

January 3, 2021

*Asbury's mission is
to serve God, to make disciples,
and bring faith into the community.*

Order of Worship

Sunday, January 3, 2021

*Those who are able, please stand.

Greeting & Announcements

Please remember to maintain social distance and wear your face mask. Thank you

Prelude *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Hymn *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Call to Worship *Ecclesiastes 3:1-13*

Leader: There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,

Congregation: A time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,

Leader: A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,

Congregation: A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,

Leader: A time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,

Congregation: A time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Leader: What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race.

Congregation: He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart...

Pastor: Yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil--This is the gift of God.

Children's Moment

Children will remain in their seats for today's video clip (You can find the Children's Video on our Website)

Sharing of Praises & Concerns

There will be no microphone. Please stand up to address the congregation so that all may hear better. Thank you

Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Pastoral Prayer

Today's Video

Today's Message

Matthew 6:9-13, Matthew 6:5-6, Luke 18:9-14

"This, then, is how you should pray..."

Communion (insert)

Sending Forth/Sending the Light

Hymn *Standing in the Need of Prayer*

Benediction

Prayer Requests

ASBURY,
Keith & Melanie B, Larry & Sandy D, Shelva G,
Gordon & Penny L, Greg & Nancy M family,
Nancy M family, Joni N, Jami O, Theresa P, Lee R,
Karlene R family, Donna S, Stan T.

*ASBURY FRIENDS

Chris B family, Doyle C, Lisa C, Peggy J,
Philip S, Miranda and Isaiah,
and our nation and our world.

Asbury extends sympathy to the family of Fred Harper

HOMEBOUND & SKILLED CARE RESIDENTS

Barbara B, Chet B, Chuck F, Florence H,
Della J, Joan S, Anna T.

REMEMBER OUR TROOPS

Austin B, Ana R, Jacob R, Kyle R, Lloyd R,
Brian R, Joe S.

This week let us pray with thanksgiving. Thank You Lord for our families. Thank You Lord for our church family. Thank You Lord for our jobs. Thank You Lord for our sustenance. Thank You Lord for Your healing. Thank You Lord for the sunshine, rain and snow. Thank You Lord for everything. Amen

*Attendance for December 27, 2020
Worship 27*

2021 ASBURY FINANCE UPDATE

Needed each week -- \$1,617

Collected last week -- \$2,579

