

NEWS, EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

August Donations:

Asbury Food Cupboard: Juices, liquid hand soap

Asbury Baby Box: onesies, sleepers

ASBURY CALENDAR

Sept 1: UMW at 7 pm—collecting diapers for the Stark County Diaper Bank

Sept 13: Ad Min Board at 7pm

Sept. 15: 9:30 am Retiree's breakfast will be at Dutch Valley.

The end of the year is approaching faster than we would like to admit. Please remind Sharon of the forms that you will be needing for Charge Conference.

OFFICE HOURS: 9 am – 12:30 pm. Tues-Thurs

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Pastor's Moment

Don't hang up when God calls!

In the movie, "Oh God", George Burns captured most of the questions many of us have had for a lifetime about the way we communicate with God. The movie, while a fantasy, was a poignant reminder of how uncomfortable it can be when God does intervene in our lives. Our ambivalence about our ability to communicate with God is found in the way we give lip service to our ability to commune with God through prayer, but raise serious questions about anyone who claims to have talked with God. It's no wonder that theologians wrote a few years ago that "God is dead!"

Have you had one of those phone calls from a friend you had not talked with for years, and luckily you didn't hang up when you failed to recognize the voice. That's my fear – that when God calls, I will not recognize the voice – that I will miss the message.

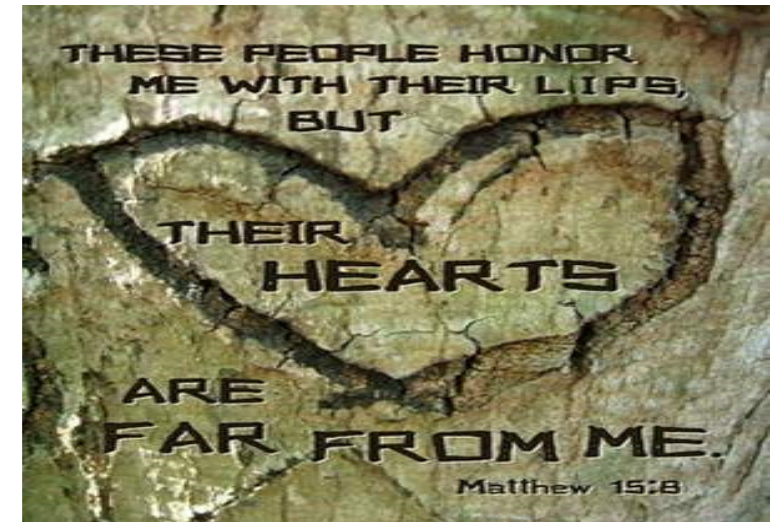
I believe that God is still alive, that God is still asking each of us to do or be something. I affirm that God is calling each of us in a variety of ways. To be: teachers, doctors, nurses, carpenters, pastors, architects, lawyers, cooks and more. I wonder if the problem with our praying is that we do all or most of the talking when we should be listening. Let's hope we don't hang up when God calls simply because we don't recognize God's voice.

By Leo B. Waynick, Jr.
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Pastor Mike Bradford

August 22, 2021

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, August 22, 2021

*Those who are able, please stand

Greeting & Announcements

Masks are optional for fully vaccinated people, Thank You

Prelude *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

*Hymn *O for a Thousand Tongues*

Call to Worship *Psalm 15:1-5*

Leader: Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?

Congregation: Who may live on your holy mountain?

Leader: The one whose walk is blameless,

Congregation: who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart

Leader: The one whose tongue utters no slander,

Congregation: who does no wrong to a neighbor and casts no slur on others;

Leader: The one who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the Lord;

Congregation: who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;

Leader: The one who lends money to the poor without interest;

Congregation: The one who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

Leader: Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

All: Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

Children's Moment

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

Doxology/Prayer

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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 *Change My Heart, O God*

Pastoral Prayer

Today's Video

Today's Message

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

"The Evils That Defile"

Sending Forth/Sending the Light

*Hymn *The Church's One Foundation*

Benediction

Prayer Requests

ASBURY,
Dennis A, Keith & Melanie B, Shelva G,
Heppe Family, Mark & Tracy L, Neading Family,
Bill & Debbie M, Grayson M, Charlotte & Lee R.

*ASBURY FRIENDS
Diane B, Sammy J, Sandy M, T J R, Doris S,
Cindy W, Brenda Y, Mia, Pepper,
our nation and our world,

HOMEBOUND & SKILLED CARE RESIDENTS
Barbara B, Phyllis C, Hallie F, Florence H,
Della J, Joan S, Stan T, Anna T.

REMEMBER OUR TROOPS

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

*Attendance for August 15, 2021
Worship 39*

2021 ASBURY FINANCE UPDATE

Needed each week -- \$1,617

Collected last week -- \$2,205

