

A voice, carried by the wind, called out to me. I knew it was God whispering to me. And I heard him say what I knew within me was the next right thing for me to do...

Imagine that is you.
Imagine God is
whispering in your ear
and asking you to join
him in His Kingdom
work – proclaiming



good news of great joy to the world... giving sight to the blind... healing the lame and seeing them walk... befriending the immigrant in your community... leading a mission team to drill water wells and teach VBS to children in Africa... teaching others truth and helping to equip them for their task in the Kingdom... organizing a social network of elderly friends for companionship and fun and learning... mentoring a child or teenager by inviting them in to your life and becoming part of theirs...

What would you add to the list of possible things God might ask you to do?
Now, which one IS God asking you to do?

The truth is this – if you are still here, God wants to use you to help bring to fullness the purpose of His Kingdom. If you are not dead to this world you are still alive - in Christ - and called to do great things. As a follower of Jesus, one who believes in and trusts him, you are the recipient of God's greatest gift – the Holy Spirit. It is the same Spirit that empowered the disciples at Pentecost; the same Spirit that made it possible for fishermen to be preachers and tax-collectors to teach other disciples; the same Spirit that worked through Peter and John when they went up to the Temple and saw a man who was lame crying out – “*Silver and gold I do not have,*” Peter said, “*But what I have I give to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, rise up and walk.*” And he did.

The Spirit of God in you, longs to take you to new places and wants to use you to do amazing things. Yes. You. You are a follower of Jesus Christ who was meant to serve God's purpose in the world. Listen. Go. Rejoice.

Blessings,

***Growing, Leading,
Serving...***

**Saturday, March 5th
9:00 am**

*Confirmation Classes begin
(for 5th & 6th graders)*

**Ash Wednesday, March 9th
7:00 pm**

Service of Ashes

Sunday, March 13th

*Daylight Saving Time Begins!
(set your clock **ahead** one
hour **SATURDAY NIGHT**)*

**Saturday, March 26th
9:00 am**

*Manna Bags for the
Homeless Ministry*

**Sunday, March 27th
Noon**

*Missions Dinner &
Dessert Auction*

Our Church Office hours are:

**Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 3:30 pm**

**Friday
9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

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Thanks Received...

I would like to say Thank You to my Asbury church family. The support my family has received is truly wonderful. The well-wishes and prayers during the birth of our son Jackson were much appreciated. The Lord has truly blessed my family with a wonderful extended family at Asbury. THANK YOU & God Bless The French Family.

Congratulations to Pam & Mike Sweny on the birth of their 8th grandchild! **Kaleb Dean Hamilton** was born on February 15, 2011 at 2:12 am to Kevin & Jennifer Hamilton, and was welcomed by big sister Morgan. Kaleb weighed in at 7 lbs, 9 oz, and was 20 inches long.

The Gathering Place



Several churches in our area have partnered with Interfaith CarePartners to offer "The Gathering Place," a respite for families and caregivers. It provides a safe, loving, spirit-led ministry for senior adults living with memory loss. Caregivers can participate with their loved ones, or be a part of a support group while their loved one participates in various activities offered there.

If you would like more information about The Gathering Place, pick up a brochure in the Main Hall, or call Clear Lake United Methodist Church at 281-488-5110, or Interfaith CarePartners at 713-682-5995.

The Gathering PLACE
...respite for families & caregivers

UMARMY



On Sunday March 27th our **BIG House** and **UMARMY Mission** teams are sponsoring a Dinner & Dessert auction to raise the balance of their funds for their summer Mission Trips. The dinner will be here at Asbury after the 11:00 am Worship Service.

The **BIG House** Mission trip is June 16th - 19th and the **UMARMY** Mission trip is July 17th - 23rd.

Thank you for supporting our Youth Missions!



Due to the constant changes in our monthly calendar, we are not including it in the mailings. The calendar is available for you at the desk in the Main Hall. The calendar is updated every two weeks so that you may keep up with our events.

GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY & HONOR

THE MCFARLAND SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN MEMORY OF:

- **PRESTON GAITLIN**
by: Anonymous donor
- **IRENE PRICE** (*Mike Sommerfield's aunt*)
by: Anonymous donor
- **MRS. SCOTT** (*mother of Beverly Rainwater*)
by: Clyde & Lorene Singleton

For more information about memorial gifts or honorariums, please contact the church office at 281-484-4814.

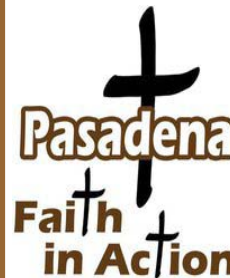
Manna Bag Mission

Saturday, March 26
9:00 am - 11:00 am

Meet at Asbury to help deliver Manna Bags to the Homeless.

The mission doesn't take but an hour or so, and just think of the difference you will make in a person's day.

It doesn't take much time to help someone in need.



Faith in Action ...is an opportunity to join with people from other churches in our community (not just Methodist Churches) in an effort to make a difference in the lives of the people of Pasadena who need a helping hand with simple repairs and maintenance of their homes. **This year the Pasadena Faith In Action**

workday is Saturday, April 16, 2011.

More information and sign-up can be found in the Main Hall. Thank you for considering serving those in need!



The United Methodist Men are taking orders for Easter Crosses. The crosses are to be displayed in your yard BEFORE Easter. On Easter morning, simply turn the cross around in to display the words "HE IS RISEN". The hand-made crosses sell for \$10 each. A display and order form are located in the Main Hall.

We seek to honor our covenant through our prayers, our presence, our giving, and our serving...

PRAYERS . . .

In the Hospital:

Lonnie Calhoun (SE Memorial)
Tiny York (rehab at Bayshore)

Health Concerns (Members):

Ross Bissonnet
Ronny Bolch
Mildred Chesney
Ona Mae Cook
Bettie Ellisor
Juanita Evans
Willis Evans
Joe Godail
Eli Johnson
Maxine Mize
Connie Temple
Brad Waller

Health & Other Concerns (Friends):

Bill Alford
Lionel Ayala
Kenneth Becker
Kenneth Bolch
Bobbie Boyer
Peggy Burt
Larry Caudill
Susan Choate
Janet Cordova
Renee Corley & family
JoAnn Dee
Jenni Eckels

Lisa Edmondson
Maxine Edwards
Norma Jean Ethredge
Mary Farrell
Preston Freeman
Hortencia Galvan
Carolyn Gatlin
Leonilla Gonzales
Johnnie Goodman
Caroline Green
Sue Grounds
Brenda Hairgrove
Robert Heath
Wesley Heil
Lee & Pauline Hendricks
Ronnie Hernandez
Earl Hester
Mitch, Brandi & Kendra Hoefar
Isaac Hurley
Aidan Immroth
Meredith Kelly
Marc Kichline
Yolanda Lerma
Jake McCoy
Jimmy Menefee
Debbie Militello
Jim & Betty Moore
Megan Morris
Elaine Peterson
Joni Phiegura
Jeanette & Kent Rose
Shirley Sallee
Colleen Scholellkopf

Michael Stamper
Matty Steen
Dale Taggart
Lillian Thompson
Sharon Wallace
Hailey Lynn Watson
Becky Welch
Miriam Williams
Martha & Vasullias Zoy
Our pastor, staff & church

Prayer requests will be printed for a period of 30 days unless an update is received in the church office.

Please pray for those serving our nation, especially:

Todd Archer, Adam Calcarone, Michael Chopcinski, Corey Ellis, John Ethredge, Jeremy Farr, Doug Goecke, Christopher Grantham, Derek Greer, Damon Gregory, Jessica Hamilton, Drew Hargus, Drake Inkster, Jeremy Jernigan, Jason Kelly, Todd Lockhart, Johnny Lozano, Carl Mann, Donald Meyer, Jesse Patterson IV, SFC Eric Quellhorst, Ronnie Randolph, Blake Sammons, Amy Southard, Jason Tisdale, Travis Waller, Andy Waller, Calvin Wallet, Jason Williams, national & world leaders.

PRESENCE . . .

Sunday, February 6, 2011

8:45 am Worship Service	84
Sunday Morning Groups	151
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Sunday, February 13, 2011

8:45 am Worship Service	94
Sunday Morning Groups	150
11:00 am Worship Service	154

Sunday, February 20, 2011

8:45 am Worship Service	91
Sunday Morning Groups	155
11:00 am Worship Service	152

SERVING . . .

Our Asbury Chancel Choir has adopted two community outreach groups in Pasadena. Heritage House is an assisted living facility on Young Street. The choir has visited several times to sing familiar hymns, Christmas carols, and share some of their anthems with the residents and staff.

The choir has also been contributing to Sarah's House in Pasadena. Sarah's House is a facility for homeless women and their children. This organization



helps the women get back into the working world in order to support themselves and their children. The choir has donated food, gifts, money, and supplies for everyday living. Heritage House and Sarah's House are opportunities for the choir to share God's love in the community in addition to our Sunday morning worship services.

Thank you to our Blankets & Blessings Group! 43 Blankets were delivered in February to VITAS Hospice! What an awesome Ministry!

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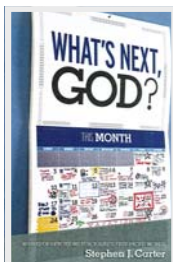
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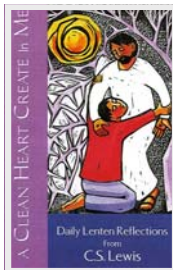
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Our next edition...Our Asbury newsletter is published monthly. Asbury's next Circuit Rider will be published Friday, March 25th. Please submit articles and/or information in the church office or via email at asbury@asbury-umc.com by Tuesday, March 22nd.

A Season of Self-Reflection



Ash Wednesday, which is March 9th, marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It is a period of 40 days (*the count does not include Sundays*) of self-reflection and examination. It is a time prior to Easter when we look at our human struggle and ask God to sanctify us and make us more holy.



As you consider your own spiritual journey we invite you to pick up a Lenten devotional* available at the church beginning Sunday, March 6th. The daily readings are a great way to engage in a closer relationship with God. There are two devotional books to choose from this year. "A Clean Heart Create In Me" by C. S. Lewis, and "What's Next, God?" by Stephen Carter. The daily readings from either book are a great way to engage in a closer relationship with God.

* We are asking for \$1 per devotional to offset the cost.



Save the date!

***PandaMania
Vacation Bible School
June 20 - 24, 2011
6:00 pm - 8:45 pm***

(more information coming soon!)

Save the date!

***South District Summer Camp
Monday - Friday, July 4 - 8, 2011***

Adult Counselors will be needed in order for us to send kids to camp. Please consider being a counselor.



***Remember to set your clocks
AHEAD one hour
on Saturday night, March 12th!
Daylight Saving Time begins!***