

# Thank You

I'm not sure I say this to you all nearly enough. The truth is that I am extremely blessed to serve with you all at Asbury. I am grateful for your openness, your willing spirit, and your joy in serving. I am mostly grateful for your friendship.

It has been nearly 5 years since our family arrived in Pasadena. From day one we felt loved and accepted for who we are. I have never felt like your kindness was given to me or my family simply because I was the pastor, you genuinely wanted to know us and love us. I am so very thankful for that.

I also want to thank you for your part in my time of worship. I love being with you on Sunday mornings. The spirit of acceptance and a desire to embrace others is not limited to the pastor – I see it happening every Sunday morning. I feel so much joy when I come into the Sanctuary with you. I love both the traditional and contemporary services – they are different in style and structure, but the spirit of God that makes Asbury unique flows across all those lines. So many Sunday mornings I find myself transported into a wonderful spiritual dimension. You should know that is a special feeling for a pastor. It is easy to get caught up in all the little things related to making church happen, but you help me move beyond all that.

I just wanted you to know how much I love you. I wanted you to know how grateful our family is that God would send us to this place and let us experience His love and grace through you. I don't know that we can ever repay your love and kindness, but I know we'll continue to try.

Blessings,



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

**Saturday, February 12th**  
**6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**  
*1 Corinthians 13:13 Gala*

**Saturday, February 19th**  
**11:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
*Barbecue Fundraiser for  
Marc Kichline*

**Sunday, February 20th**  
**5:00 pm**  
*Connections 101*

**Saturday, February 26th**  
**8:30 am - 3:00 pm**  
*South District Leadership  
training*

**Ash Wednesday, March 9th**  
**7:00 pm**  
*Service of Ashes*

## *Our Church Office hours are:*

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

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

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*Pastor's blog:  
<http://mikeatasbury.wordpress.com>*

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**Pastor: Rev. Mike Lindstrom**

### **Thanks Received...**

Dear Ladies of Blankets and Blessings,  
On behalf of Lonnie, thank you all so much for the beautiful lap blanket that you made. We are both very touched and appreciate your talents and generosity so very much. He is enjoying the warmth and beauty of your work - keeping his long legs and feet warm. You are all such a blessing to so many. Thank you for making us a part of your love.  
In God's love,  
Shirley & Lonnie Calhoun

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Thank you for the beautiful blanket brought to me at Christmastime by the Carekeepers. It is a blessing to me to be remembered by my church family.  
Ona Mae Cook

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Thank you to Barbara McFarland for bringing me the beautiful blanket for Christmas. I am blessed to have a wonderful church family.  
Marion Miller

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Thank you to the Carekeepers group for delivering the beautiful blanket to me at Christmastime. I am blessed to have such a caring church family.  
Carrie Taylor

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Note: Our Asbury Carekeepers gave blankets made by our Blankets & Blessings Group to our shut-ins for Christmas, to let them know that Asbury is thinking of them.

***Our Blankets & Blessings Group makes lap blankets for terminally ill patients in hospice care.*** If you would like to be a part of this group, come join them on Sunday afternoons. Blankets & Blessings meets from 3:30 - 6:30 pm.



### **From the "Library Corner" -**

New books for 2011 have been added to the bookshelves located in the Community Room. The news books are from these categories: Education for Mission, Nurturing for Community, Social Action & Spiritual Growth. There is also a section on Christian Fiction for those interested. Books in this category include: "Deepening Love Affair," (A Saudi woman's Story of Triumph over Violence), "True Cost of Low Prices," and "Warrior Princess."

The Response Magazine, also available, has many excellent articles relating to pertinent issues, the latest being devoted to Addictions and Women. Books and magazines may be checked out at any time. There is a "check-out" box located on the shelf for you to record when you check out and

return books.

The books are funded by the United Methodist Women, but we always welcome books as gifts and memorials. We are hoping to have a nice-size library in the future.

The Reader's Club continues to meet the first Tuesday each month at Dixie McAdams' home. If you are interested in reading and enjoy fellowship with other readers, contact Lu Harrison or Dixie McAdams.

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

## **Memorials & Honorariums**

### **To the Piano Fund in Honor of:**

**Laura Palmer**

by Asbury United Methodist Women

### **To the Building Fund in Honor of:**

**Linda Alsbrook**

by Asbury United Methodist Women

### **To the 2010 Apportionments in Honor of:**

**Andrea Mann, Barbara McFarland,  
& Pat Sommerfield**

by Anonymous Donor

### **To the 2010 Apportionments in Honor of:**

**Asbury Staff & Volunteers**

by Anonymous Donor

### **To the Asbury Day School in Honor of:**

**Stephanie Kichline**

by Mary Ann Hurley

### **To the Scholarship Fund in Memory of:**

**Eurline Lyman**

by Marcus & Evelyn Weigelt

### **To the 2010 Apportionments in Memory of:**

**Linda Hoefar**

by the Fishermen's Class

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

## ***Baptism***



Johnny Gaw, son of Jackie Gaw was baptized Sunday December 26th during the 8:45 am worship service.

## ***Welcome New Members!***



Maria Hodges and children Taylor and Thomas joined Asbury on January 9, 2011 during the 11:00 am worship service. Maria is an active member of the Wesleyan Class and Blankets & Blessings. Taylor is involved in our Cross Talk Youth and Thomas is active in our Upper Elementary Class.

## ***Congratulations!***



Eli Whitley Johnson  
Born December 8, 2010  
7 lb, 12 oz  
19 1/2 in

Proud parents:  
Ana & Kevin Johnson  
Big brother:  
Kacey Johnson

Congratulations to new grandparents Cheryl & Wendell Sorenson! Maureen & Dan Knight became the proud parents of *Isaac James Knight*, born December 21, 2010. 8 lb, 10 oz and 20 inches long.

## ***Congratulations!***



Jackson Miles French  
Born January 7, 2011  
7 lb, 12 oz  
19 3/4 in

Proud parents:  
Jennifer & Brian French  
Big brothers:  
Stewart and Landon French

Tickets are now on sale in the Main Hall for the Marc Kichline Barbecue Benefit Luncheon, which will be held here at **Asbury on Saturday, February 19th from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.**

Marc is the husband of our Day School Director Stephanie Kichline. He suffered a massive stroke in October and is currently undergoing rehab at TIRR in Houston. 100% of the proceeds will go towards helping the Kichline family meet financial obligations.

The meal includes:  
Barbecue beef sandwich  
(pickles & onions)  
Chips  
Cookie

**COST: \$10.00**

**PICK UP ONLY**

Tickets are available through the church office, or you may call Michelle Glover at 713-306-7650, or Janet Caldwell at 281-487-2601. Donations are welcome.

**Come join us for a  
celebration of God's love!**

**1 Corinthians 13:13 Gala  
Saturday, February 12, 2011  
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**



**Enjoy an evening of fellowship, food, and family  
entertainment featuring Semi-Live music, door prizes.**

**Children are welcome  
Nursery will be provided for ages 0 - 2**

**There is no charge, however, a love offering will be  
accepted, benefiting the General Missions Fund  
of Asbury UMC Church.**

**If you would like to attend and are unable to drive,  
please contact Mike Sweny at 281-478-4486 or the  
church office at 281-484-4814 to arrange transportation.**

**You may sign up in the Main Hall to bring food (meat  
provided) and receive your ticket for door prizes.**

***Congratulations!***



Congratulations to Vince Colello & Tina Meerkatz, who were united in marriage on Saturday, January 22, 2011 in a private ceremony performed by Pastor Mike Lindstrom. Vince is the son of Marge Colello, and a long-time member of Asbury. Vince and Tina are members of the New Beginnings Sunday morning Small Group.



For those of you Young @ Heart  
(ages 55+)

An outing is being planned to visit the Bible Museum at Houston Baptist University on Saturday, February 19th. The cost of the event is \$13.00. See Dorothy Fink for more details.



Ash Wednesday is March 9th and we would like to give you an opportunity to honor God with your talent (arts, crafts, poetry, music, etc.) and how it relates to renewal of life.

If you are interested in participating please contact the church office at 281-484-4814, or by email at [asbury@asbury-umc.com](mailto:asbury@asbury-umc.com).

***Life in Christ is all about living life to the fullest.***

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

**PRAYERS . . .**

***In the Hospital:***

Eli Johnson (newborn son of Ana & Kevin)

***Health Concerns (Members):***

Ross Bissonnet  
 Ronny Bolch  
 Lonnie Calhoun  
 Mildred Chesney  
 Ona Mae Cook  
 Bettie Ellisor  
 Juanita Evans  
 Willis Evans  
 Joe Godail  
 Connie Temple

***Health & Other Concerns (Friends):***

Bill Alfrod  
 Lionel Ayala  
 Kenneth Becker  
 Kenneth Bolch  
 Peggy Burt  
 Larry Caudill  
 Susan Choate  
 Janet Cordova  
 Renee Corley & family  
 JoAnn Dee  
 Jenni Eckels  
 Lisa Edmundson  
 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  
 Isaac Hurley  
 Aidan Immroth  
 Meredith Kelly  
 Marc Kichline  
 Yolanda Lerma  
 Jake McCoy  
 Jimmy Menefee  
 Debbie Militello  
 Jim & Betty Moore  
 Megan Morris  
 Elaine Peterson  
*Family of Justin Pitchford*  
*Family of Irene Price*  
 Jeanette & Kent Rose  
 Colleen Scholellkopf  
*Family of Steven Spretz, Sr*  
 Matty Steen  
 Dale Taggart

Lillian Thompson  
 Sharon Wallace  
 Brad Waller  
 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, Jeremy Cauley, 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, January 2, 2011**

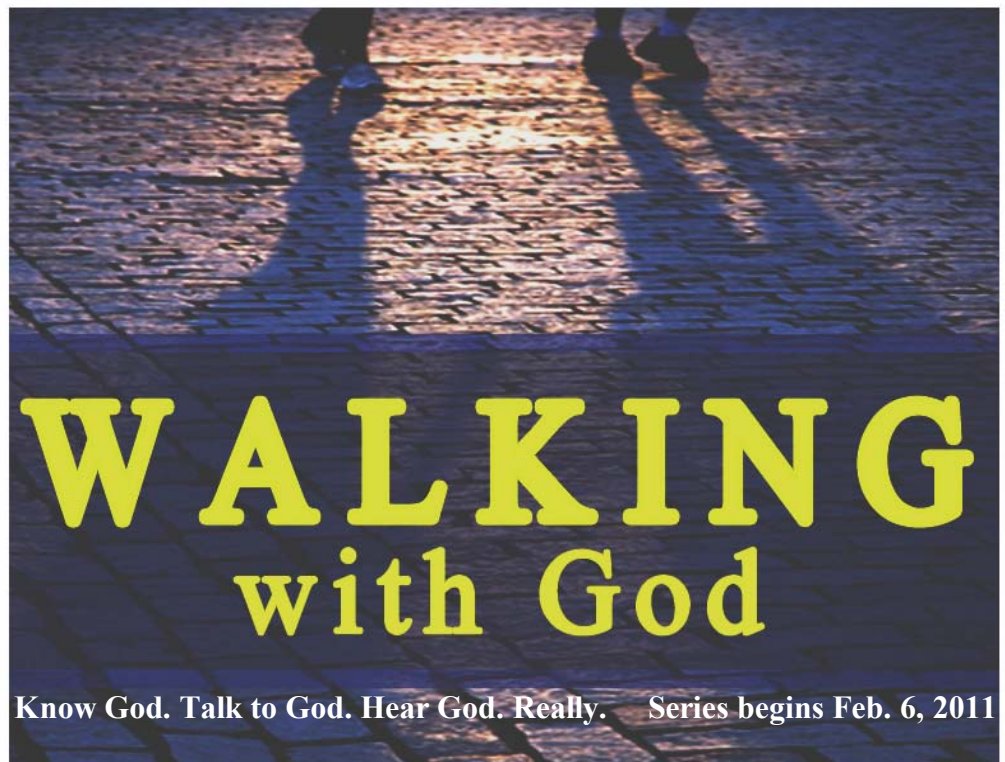
8:45 am Worship Service 91  
 Sunday Morning Groups 160  
 11:00 am Worship Service 168  
*No Sunday Evening Activities*

**Sunday, January 9, 2011**

8:45 am Worship Service 72  
 Sunday Morning Groups 153  
 11:00 am Worship Service 164  
 Sunday Evening Activities 72

**Sunday, January 16, 2011**

8:45 am Worship Service 96  
 Sunday Morning Groups 157  
 11:00 am Worship Service 174  
 Sunday Evening Activities 65



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