

*Growing, Leading,  
Serving...*

**Monday, August 29th  
6:30 pm**

*Disciple I Sessions begin*

**Monday, Sept 5th**

*Church Office Closed*

**Wednesday, Sept 7th**

**4:30 pm**

*Beginners Handbell  
Class begins*

**Sunday, Sept 11th**

**4:00 pm**

*Disciple II Sessions begin*

**5:00 pm**

*Financial Peace University  
(13 wks)*

**Sunday, Sept 18th**

**Noon**

*UMARMY Celebration*

*Luncheon*

**5:00 pm**

*Connections 101  
(for new and prospective  
members)*

**Wednesday Sept 18th**

**11:30 am**

*Young @ Heart Potluck  
Luncheon*

## Financial Peace

I would be lying to you if I said I wasn't disappointed that no one in our church has signed up for the latest Financial Peace University class. I am. But it's not because I believe this class is the end-all-be-all of classes. It's not because I see it as a way to increase the money given toward the budget of the church. The reason I am disappointed is that I know how helpful this class can be.

The word "peace" is the key to understanding why I want others to take this class. Jan and I took it last year and it has made all the difference. We have become more proactive in our finances. We're not yet where we need to be, but we know that we're heading in the right direction and we know how we're going to get there. That perspective and that sense of knowing is extremely empowering to our family. We are no longer anxious wondering how we might make things work – we now have a peace where our finances are concerned.

I am most pleased that we are now passing these financial principles on to our children. For example, our son, Andrew has just gone off to college at Texas A&M. As you can imagine, that's not an inexpensive place to go. He has the mindset of not wanting to have debt to pay off when he finishes school. That's a great attitude to have.

He has also lived up to that ideal by agreeing that he doesn't need a car while he is in college. A&M has plenty of transportation to get around campus and around town. His friends can bring him home and he can pay for their gas, or we can go pick him up. It's not as convenient for him, but he's willing to make the sacrifice now in order to live more peacefully later. The money we save by selling his car is going to help us pay for his schooling and hopefully keep him from incurring any debt.

I tell you all of this not to hold us up as the best example, – we are far from that or we would not have had to take the class. I tell you this because I know how many people worry about money. I know we all make decisions we really don't need to make and later regret. I know that developing a plan for your money brings you peace, and I know peace is what God longs for us to have.

**Have you taken the class?**

**Will you consider doing so this fall?**

Blessings,



*Our Church Office hours are:*

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

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

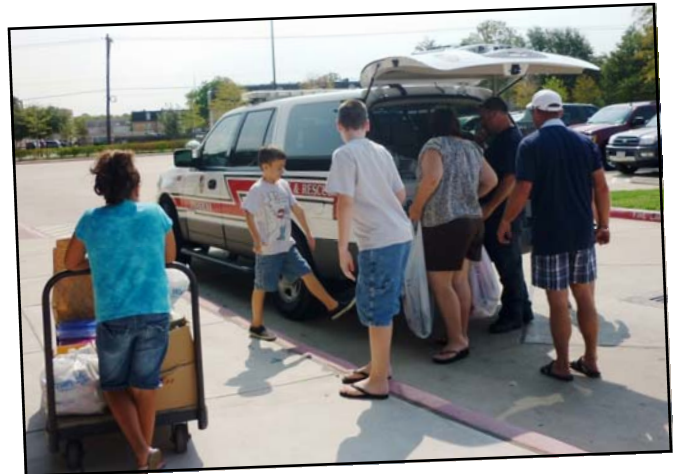
*Phone: 281-484-4814  
Fax: 281-998-3438*

*Welcome New Member!!*



Kayleigh Eaves joined Asbury on Sunday, July 31st. Kayleigh was part of our summer UMARMY Mission Team, along with her parents Tim & Anne Eaves, and brothers Brett and Bryan. She is pictured above with her parents and brother Bryan.

# Stuff The Bus Ministry



We have a new addition to our Prayer Room a beautiful cabinet for the blankets for our Blankets & Blessings group. A very special thank you goes to Diane Cotton for donating the cabinet and a special thank you to Scott & Cindy Evans for refinishing and delivering the cabinet to its new home. God is Great!  
Blessings, Pam Sweny

## *Thank You*

Blankets & Blessings:

Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket. I know it was made by the hands of love. Even though I don't know the person, I can see all the warm feelings every time I would place it on Bobby. You made Bobby and me very loved. May God bless you, Billie & the family of Bobby Halladay

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To our church family,  
Thank you for your support of our "Stuff the Bus" drive. The staff from Richey Elementary, Jackson Intermediate, and Pasadena High Schools were very appreciative for the supplies, which will allow students to start the new school year on an upbeat note.

Thank You, The Homebuilders class

*(See pictures in the next column of the delivery of the*

# Get Connected...



## United Methodist Women...

The United Methodist Women of Asbury is all about **giving to missions**. We give to missions around the world; in the United States, in our local community, and in our local church. All of this money given is funded by our individual pledges and by our fund raisers: the bake sales, the sale of our RADA knives & cutlery, and our largest fundraiser, our annual bazaar.

Like many other groups in our church, the UMW recognizes the need to help people around the world and in our local community.

In the past 10 months, the UMW has given \$4,413.00 to these missions projects. The largest gift amounts have been to our Conference Board of Missions in the amount of \$1,905, \$800 to the Methodist Children's Home, \$500 to Pasadena Community Ministry, and \$1,000 to the Asbury Vacation Bible School. In 2010, the UMW gave \$1,500 to our church budget, and \$1,500 to the Education Department of Asbury to purchase televisions for our classrooms.

This is why we want to encourage you, the members of Asbury, to support our **Annual Bazaar on Saturday, October 1st**. All the money earned from the sale of our crafts and baked goods goes toward our many mission projects. We invite you to come to the bazaar and take the opportunity to purchase some lovely items for your home, or to give as gifts, and to eat some delicious homemade foods, and at the same time support the missions of our church. **Thank You.**



Have you enjoyed hearing the handbell ringers at the worship services? Well, we are starting a **Beginner Handbell Group** in September. It will be open to adults, ages high school and older. This is a class that will teach you how to hold and ring the bells, how to read the music with regards to notes and rhythms, and how to make beautiful music as a group. We will be meeting on Wednesdays, from 4:30 - 5:15 pm.

This is a class about the basics of playing handbells. We need a minimum of 8 players to fill the class. Please call the church office (281-484-4814, or Kay Lunsford for more information and to sign up for the group.



Financial Peace is being offered this fall at Asbury. It's a 13-week class that offers individuals and families learn more about Biblical perspectives on money and finances, and it will help you get out of debt, save more money, and give more responsibly.

Classes begin on Sunday, September 11th, and will go through December 11th. Each session will be from 5 - 7 pm, and the total cost per family is \$100.00. Start your own GREAT RECOVERY now and change your life, your family tree, your community, and our nation! Sign up in the Main Hall outside the sanctuary, or contact Jan Lindstrom (281-991-3786) or Anne Eaves (281-991-0719) for more information.

## Connections 101

*Ready to join Asbury? A class for those considering membership.*

Discover more about the mission and vision God has given to Asbury UMC as well as the basics of Christianity and Methodism. Call the church office or speak to Pastor Mike to sign up. *The next class is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th at 5:00 pm in Classroom #2 in the Education Hall.*



*A few more good men and women are needed in our choir. If you enjoy singing, we invite you to join the Chancel Choir and worship God in song. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.*



## Disciple II Bible Study

It's not too late to sign up for **Disciple II study**. This study concentrates on four

books: Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts, with eight lessons for each book. The sessions are scheduled for Sunday evenings from 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm. To sign up, contact the church office at (281-484-4814).

# Get Involved...

## Pasadena Community Ministry

**Pasadena Community Ministry** is an organization created to help those in need of food, clothing, and money on a short term basis. We have a box in the Education Hall for donations of food, clothes, and other necessities people might need.

**Supplies needed regularly are toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, toilet paper, bar soap, boxes of detergent, liquid dishwashing soap, diapers size 3,4,5,& 6, infant clothes, socks & underwear for children.**

You may bring items at any time. We have volunteers who will take them to PCM. Thank you for your support!



**Manna Bags**...Join our efforts to help the homeless. We are putting together Manna Bags, filled with food and comfort items to be given to homeless people in the Houston-Pasadena area. **Our Cross Talk Youth will be delivering Manna Bags on Saturday, September 10th.**

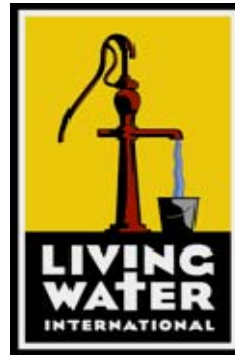
More information and a complete list of items needed may be found in the Main Hall just outside the sanctuary.



**Rebuilding Together Houston** is a non-profit organization working to preserve affordable home ownership and revitalize neighborhoods by providing home repair and renovation services free of charge to those in need. Asbury is putting together a team of volunteers to be a part of this Ministry. They will be working on homes here in Pasadena on Saturdays, October 15th, 22nd and 29th. **If you would like to be a part of this team, sign up in the Main Hall or contact Mike Sweny at 281-478-4486.**

<http://www.rebuildingtogetherhouston.org/>

**Office Volunteer** ...We are looking for a volunteer to be at the receptionist's desk on **Tuesday mornings from 9:00 am - Noon** to answer the phone and help where needed. If you are interested, please contact Barbara McFarland or Andrea Mann in the church office (281) 484-4814.



**Living Water International provides "Water" and the "Word."**

*Living Water International (LWI) is a Christian 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that operates in 25 under-developed countries drilling & restoring wells, teaching health & hygiene, and spreading the Gospel while making disciples.*

*We serve the thirsty with "a cup of water in Jesus' name."*

Asbury is putting together a 12-person mission team to go on a 1-week mission trip **June 30th- July 7th 2012** to drill a well and/or participate in health & hygiene and/or evangelism. (LWI handles arrangements for all air travel, transportation, food, and accommodations for 1 to 12 people per trip.) Help Asbury UMC sponsor the well that will be dug in Nicaragua by the Asbury mission team in 2012. **The well cost \$5,000. If 250 people gave \$20 we could fully sponsor the well! That's only \$5.00 a week for 4 weeks.**

Contact Asbury's Trip Coordinators: Brad or Laurel Waller at 713.417.7033 or 713.249.7430. [knldrgr@yahoo.com](mailto:knldrgr@yahoo.com) or [laurelwaller@gmail.com](mailto:laurelwaller@gmail.com)

Visit LWI at: [www.water.cc](http://www.water.cc)

**Coming in October!!**



**Asbury's annual Pumpkin Patch.... Pumpkins will be delivered around October 15th, and help will be needed to unload the truck, as well as help with sales of the pumpkins during the week. Sales from the pumpkins benefits our Missions fund. More information coming soon!**

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

**PRAYERS . . .**

***In the Hospital:***

Ona Mae Cook (Patient's Hosp)

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

Ross Bissonnet  
 Ronny Bolch  
 Lonnie Calhoun  
 Glenda Childers  
 Mary Elder  
 Bettie Ellisor  
 Juanita Evans  
 Willis Evans  
 Jenny Fincher  
 Olga Galvan  
 Joe Godail  
 Bruce Guinon  
 Eli Johnson  
 Gene Leonard  
 Evanel McGraw  
 Zalia Petersen  
 Connie Temple  
 Tiny York

Troy Crawford  
 Mable Crocker  
 JoAnn Dee  
 Jenni Eckels  
 Lisa Edmondson  
*Family of Norma Jean Ethredge*  
 Lynn Fortier  
 Jim Franklin  
 Hortencia Galvan  
 Leonilla Gonzales  
 Caroline Green  
 Sue Grounds  
 Brenda Hairgrove  
 Wesley Heil  
 Lee & Pauline Hendricks  
 Tom Higgins  
 Gilbert Hutchins  
 Aidan Immroth  
 Meredith Kelly  
 Marc Kichline  
 Yolanda Lerma  
 Ariel Martinez  
 Jose Martinez  
*Family of Benny Mathewson*  
 Wesley McCollum  
 Shane McCoy  
 James Moody  
 Dottie Morgan  
 Megan Morris  
 Evie Nielson  
 Debbie O'Connor  
 Dottie Palmer  
 Connie Peak  
 Frank Pugel

Erin Scott  
 Cathy Smith  
 Julie Spretz  
 Matty Steen  
 Dale Taggart  
 Lillian Thompson  
 Candy Walton  
 Marvin & Annie Watters  
 Miriam Williams  
 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, Donald Meyer, Mark Miller, Jesse Patterson IV, SFC Eric Quellhorst, Ronnie Randolph, Blake Sammons, Amy Southard, Jason Tisdale, Travis Waller, Andy Waller, Calvin Wallet, national & world leaders.

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

Renee Abendroff  
 Lynn Alsobrook  
 Vicki Baker  
 Edna Bebinger  
 Kenneth Becker  
 Kenneth Bolch  
 Bobbie Boyer  
 Peggy Burt  
 Susan Choate

**PRESENCE . . .**

**Sunday, July 31, 2011**

8:45 am Worship Service 81  
 11:00 am Worship Service 155

**Sunday, August 7, 2011**

8:45 am Worship Service 92  
 11:00 am Worship Service 153

**Sunday, August 14, 2011**

8:45 am Worship Service 91  
 11:00 am Worship Service 168

**Sunday, August 21, 2011**

8:45 am Worship Service 92  
 11:00 am Worship Service 123



**Missions  
 Celebration  
 Luncheon**  
 Sunday,  
 September 18th @ Noon



As a thank you for supporting their work with your donations and especially your prayers, Asbury's Missions Teams will host a Missions Celebration Luncheon on Sunday, September 18th, at noon here in the Sanctuary.

There will be testimonies and slideshows from these ministries, as well as good food, which will be provided by the Missions Teams. We hope to see you there!





***Coming Sermons:***

***8/28/2011***

***“Honor Code”***

***Matthew 5:33-37***

***9/4/2011***

***“Check Your Work”***

***Matthew 5:21-24***

***9/11/2011***

***“Love the Bullies”***

***Matthew 5:43-48***

***9/18/2011***

***“Don't Over Think”***

***Matthew 6:25-34***

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