

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

**Sunday, February 5th**  
*Souper Bowl of Caring*

**Saturday, February 18th**  
**9:00 am**  
*Manna Bag delivery  
to homeless*

**Sunday, February 19th**  
*Living Water fundraiser*

**Sunday, February 19th**  
**5:00 pm**  
*Connections 101 Class*

**Wednesday, February 22nd**  
**7:00 am**  
*Service of Ashes  
(brief service, no Communion)*

**7:00 pm**  
*Service of Ashes  
(with Holy Communion)*

*Our Church Office hours are:*

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

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

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*Looking Toward Lent*

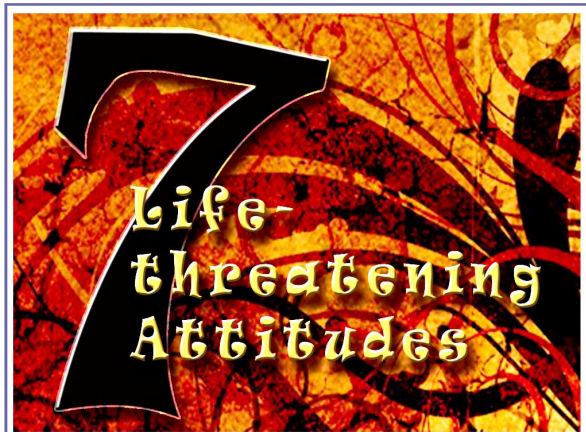
***I don't know what I'm doing, because I don't do what I  
want to do. Instead, I do the thing that I hate.***

(Romans 7:15)

The greatest struggle we face in life is not the enemy in the other person, but the enemy within ourselves. The above Scripture comes from the Apostle Paul who sought to live a holy life. And yet, even he realized that there were times when he did the things he did not want to do. He struggled against the confusion of knowing the right thing to do but still choosing to do the wrong thing.

The answer, as Paul writes a few sentences later, is in Jesus, the one who can deliver us from this body of death (Romans 7:24-25). It is the grace of God that saves us from our sinful selves, saves us from our own tendencies to do wrong in God's eyes.

The season of LENT begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on February 22nd. On that day we will begin our Lenten sermon series titled, "7 Life-threatening Attitudes". The topics are better known as "the 7 deadly sins". We'll begin to look at how easy it is for us to get drawn into those areas of sin, we'll talk about how to focus our minds and our spirits in a more Godly direction, and we will seek the peace and power of God's grace to deliver us from our own shortcomings.



Ash Wednesday will be a special worship service where you can come and confess your failures and receive forgiveness. You can come and begin a 40 day journey moving into the Kingdom of God and leaving behind the struggles of this world that rage inside you.

I hope you will come. I hope you will invite others. We'll take an honest look at our own unrighteousness and an even closer look at the grace of God which gives us the holiness of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

*Mike*

## Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful cards, kind words, prayers and hugs during the past two weeks when it became a fact that her days were few. Yes, my mother was 101 and I am so fortunate and blessed to have had her so many years of my life, but she will still be missed. She passed from this life on December 19th in time to have Christmas with Jesus in Heaven, and allow us to get back home for our usual family Christmas on Christmas Day. Thank you again, each and every one. This is an awesome church home and I love you all and wish you a Happy New Year.

Dixie McAdams

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To My Wonderful Church Family:

Danny and I would like to thank all of you for being so kind to us as we suffered the loss of my sister. You all made it easier to bear with your kind words, visits, cards, and phone calls. It meant so much to all of us when one of the blankets from our Blankets & Blessings group arrived and we could present that to her son to keep. Several friends were kind enough to even drive out of their way to come to the funeral. We love you all, and you will never know how much your friendship means to us. Thank you.

Danny and Mary Peterson and our whole family.

Congratulations to Lu Harrison on the birth of her 7th great grandchild! Finley Elizabeth Williams was born January 5, 2012, weighing in at 6 lbs, 1 oz. and lives in Baton Rouge, La. The proud parents are Camille Williams, Lu's granddaughter, and her husband Michael.

Also congratulations to Wallace & Joetta Ethredge on the birth of great granddaughter Emma Elizabeth Ethredge, born December 15, 2011. She weighed 7 lbs, 4 oz. The proud parents are Wallace & Joetta's grandson Capt. John Ethredge and his wife & Carrisa.

*We are always glad to make special announcements in the newsletter regarding the families of our members. Just let us know ahead of time and the information will be posted*



*Thank you to all who help provide meals for different occasions as the need arises. Please check the kitchen counter near the door to the sanctuary, or in the kitchen pantry (lower shelves) for your dishes left from these occasions.*

*There is no room to store the dishes, so we ask that you make arrangements to find your dishes and take them home. Thanks!*

## Thank You

To the Blankets & Blessings group...

Thank you so much for the beautiful comforter that was given to us through Vitas. It is beautiful and comforting. It will always be a treasure to us and bring us joy.

Thank you,  
Sibyl & Eddie Dykers

† † †

*"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:4*

To Blankets & Blessings,

Thank you so much for the beautiful crocheted blanket our mom received at the Vitas Hospice. It helped to brighten her day.

Imogene & Vera Nolley, daughters of Irma E. Nolley

† † †

Dear Ladies,

When I placed my Dad, Anthony (Tony) Slesinski, in Hospice in Memorial City, it was one of the most difficult things I had to do. Your beautiful blue "handmade with love" blanket was the most cheerful item in the room! It matched Dad's beautiful blue eyes which were closed to me forever on earth. You do God's work and will never know fully on this earth how you touch others. You touched us profoundly, and for this and your prayers which accompanied this creation, we are so grateful.

Love, Peace & Hope,  
Terry

*(from the same family)*

Dear Ladies in this most compassionate ministry,  
Thank you, thank you!

Your kindness meant more than you'd ever guess.  
Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.

Love, Peace & Hope,  
The Wykowski Family

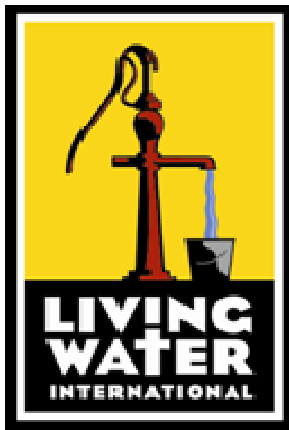
### Ready to join Asbury?

**Connections  
101**

*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**

**February 19th at 5:00 pm  
in Classroom #2 in the Education Hall.**



Our Living Water International Team is sponsoring a **Chopped beef / Baked Potato** fundraiser for **Sunday, February 19th**. The menu includes a loaded **chopped beef potato, roll, & dessert**. Tickets are on sale Sunday mornings in the Main Hall, or call the church office (281-484-4814.)

The ticket cost is \$8 if you buy your ticket before **February 19th**, and \$10 day of the fundraiser.

Pick up your lunch between 11am - 1 pm at the church on **February 19th**.

*Thank you for your support of our Living Water International Mission Team!*



### *Catch the Spirit!*

Once again you are invited to share your caring spirit with thousands of others by dropping **\$1 in a soup pot** as you leave worship on **Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th**. Every \$1 helps people in need in our community, through **Pasadena**

**Community Ministry's Food Pantry**. Our Cross Talk Youth will also be collecting canned goods for this Ministry. Asbury is proud to be part of this national event, which has helped generate over \$20 million to help hungry and hurting people since 1993.

*Thank you for supporting this church-wide opportunity to help others!*

*Please be aware that Communion Sunday will be celebrated on February 12th, the second Sunday of February and not on the first Sunday (Feb 5th) as we usually do. We apologize for any inconvenience this creates in your schedule and thank you for your flexibility.*



### *Welcome New Member!*



*Ron Epperson (center) joined Asbury on January 22, 2012 during the 8:45 am worship service. He is pictured with his sister and brother-in-law Linda & Ernie Alsobrook.*

*Welcome Ron! We are glad you are here!*



**Manna Bag Mission...**Join our efforts to help the homeless. We are continuing to put together Manna Bags, filled with food and comfort items to be given to the homeless in the Houston-Pasadena area.

**Our next Manna Bag delivery date is set for Saturday, February 18th.**

If you would like to participate in this Ministry, please sign up on the form in the Main Hall. We will meet at Asbury on Saturday morning, February 18th, and carpool to downtown Houston. The whole process takes less than 2 hours. We should be back at the church before noon.

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

### **UMARMY**



It's not too late to sign up for UMARMY !!! A College UMARMY Camp is set for May 20 - 26, 2012 in Tyler, Tx. Adults and those currently in college are welcome to attend. The High School Camp will be July 15 - 21st. All youth currently in 9th - 12th grade are welcome to attend. College assistants and adults are needed as well. Contact Pat Sommerfield (281-450-4804 or pbs5374@yahoo.com) if you or someone you know would like to go. Training is available for all adults wishing to attend.

## Memorials & Honorariums

### To the Living Water Ministry in Memory of:

**Elsie Lasley** (*Dixie McAdams' mother*)

by Rusty & Andrea Mann

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

**Elsie Lasley** (*Dixie McAdams' mother*)

by anonymous donor

**Frances Bush** (*Diane Cotton's mother*)

by anonymous donor

**Nita Jones** (*Pam Sweny's mother*)

by the Asbury United Methodist Women *and*  
by Marge Colello

**Mike Lemon** (*Jean Milburn's brother*)

by the Asbury United Methodist Women *and*  
by the Seeker's Small Group

**Alma Mabry, William Mabry, and Raymond Flynn**

by Marge Colello

### To the Memorial Fund in Memory of:

**Elsie Lasley** (*Dixie McAdams' mother*)

by Evadell Murdock

by Luanne Mire

by Lonnie & Shirley Calhoun

by Marge Colello *and*

by the Fishermen's Class

**Nita Jones** (*Pam Sweny's mother*)

by Alca Schoppe

**Ruth Elledge** (*Mary Peterson's sister*)

by the Asbury United Methodist Women *and*  
by the Charlie & Letha Bissonnet

**Carrie Taylor**

by The Mamie Caswell Family

by Dianne Smith

by Marla Rexrode *and*

by Edgar & Kay Barlow

### To the Blankets & Blessings Group in Memory of:

**Nita Jones** (*Pam Sweny's mother*)

by anonymous donor *and*

by Charlie & Letha Bissonnet

### To the Reader's Club in Memory of:

**Elsie Lasley** (*Dixie McAdams' mother*)

by Marion Bryant

### To the Mission Fund in Memory of:

**Nita Jones** (*Pam Sweny's mother*)

by the Susannah Wesley UMW Group

## Memorials & Honorariums

### To the Building Fund in Memory of:

**Juanita Parmer**

by Carroll Schillo

**Sam & Lucille McKenzie**

by Sheila Guettler

**Elsie Lasley**

by Clyde & Lorene Singleton *and*

by Charlie & Letha Bissonnet

### A Special Christmas Offering in Memory of:

**Murray Rogers** (*Ricci Haden's father*)

by Richard Haden & family

by Mary Haden *and*

by Jean Haden-Rogers

**Jim & Eurline Lyman**

by Randy & Susie Lyman

**Troy Epperson**

by Ron Epperson

**Charles Rife Sr**

by Ron Yingling

**Josephine Brewer & Wilma Maple**

by Leon Dee

**Elsie O'Neal**

by Mary Majumdar

**Gerald Murray**

by Steven & Katherine Eden

### To the Living Water Ministry in Honor of:

**Laurel Waller** by anonymous donor

### To the McFarland Scholarship Fund in Honor of:

**Asbury Office Staff** by Harry & Nancy Porter

### To the Building Fund in Honor of:

**Russ Morris** by Ken Morris

### To the Living Water Ministry:

by the Asbury United Methodist Women

### To the Pastor's Fund:

by the Asbury United Methodist Women

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

*We seek to honor our covenant through our Prayers, our Presence, our Gifts, our Serving, and our Witness...*

**PRAYERS . . .**

***In the Hospital:***

Michael Harrison (M.D. Anderson)  
Matthew McCarthy (Clear Lake)

***Continued prayers for:***

Letha Bissonnet  
Ross Bissonnet  
Ronny Bolch  
Lonnie Calhoun  
Ona Mae Cook  
Bettie Ellisor  
Juanita Evans  
Willis Evans  
Olga Galvan  
Bruce Guinon  
Eli Johnson  
Gene Leonard  
Adrian Molina  
Evanel McGraw  
Rita Piper  
Connie Temple  
Tiny York

***Also be in Prayer for:***

Bobbie Faye Ackers  
Lynn Alsobrook  
Vicki Baker  
Kenneth Becker  
*Family of Jay Bissonnet*  
Kenneth Bolch  
Bobbie Boyer  
Peggy Burt  
Donna Cameron  
Bennie Jo Cardwell  
Susan Choate

JoAnn Dee  
Page Bennett Dunkel  
Jenni Eckels  
Lisa Edmoundson  
Ken Epperson  
Lynn Fortier  
Jim Franklin  
Hortencia Galvan  
Clarence Glover  
Leonilla Gonzales  
Caroline Green  
Sue Grounds  
Albert Hasten  
Steve Haug  
Dede Hedrick  
Wesley Heil  
Lee & Pauline Hendricks  
Ryanna Henson  
Tom Higgins  
Chris Hillebrand  
*Family of Nita Jones*  
Meredith Kelly  
Marc Kichline  
Theresa Kirsch  
Melanie Lamar  
Yolanda Lerma  
Jose Martinez  
Wesley McCollum  
Dottie Morgan  
Megan Morris  
Jim Nothnagel  
Janie Ortega  
Dottie Palmer  
Connie Peak  
Bonnie Platt  
*Family of Donald Schaffer*

Erin Scott  
Cathy Smith  
Julie Spretz  
Matty Steen  
Sandy Stone  
Dale Taggart  
Lillian Thompson  
Joshua Vanचना  
Marvin & Annie Watters  
Eloyce Wigle  
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 Waller, national & world leaders.

**PRESENCE . . .**

**Sunday, January 1, 2012**

8:45 am Worship Service 72  
11:00 am Worship Service 89

**Sunday, January 8, 2012**

8:45 am Worship Service 98  
11:00 am Worship Service 164

**Sunday, January 15, 2012**

8:45 am Worship Service 105  
11:00 am Worship Service 157

**Sunday, January 22, 2012**

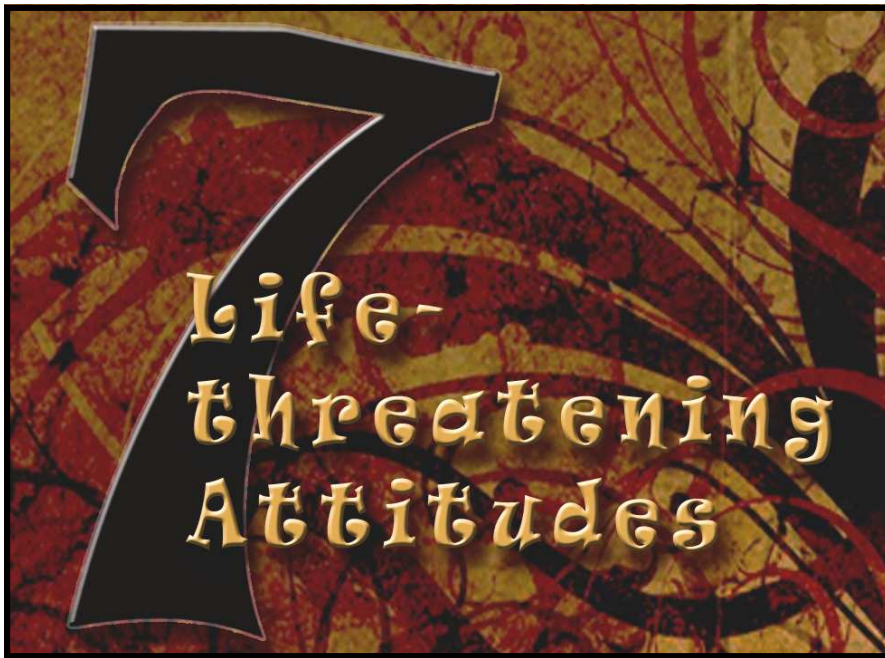
8:45 am Worship Service 92  
11:00 am Worship Service 178

***Upcoming Sunday Messages:***

February 12th "A Chance to Say 'I Do'" John 21: 1-19  
February 19th "The Hope of the World" 1 Timothy 4: 7b-16

Series: "7 Life-threatening Attitudes" **beginning Ash Wednesday:**

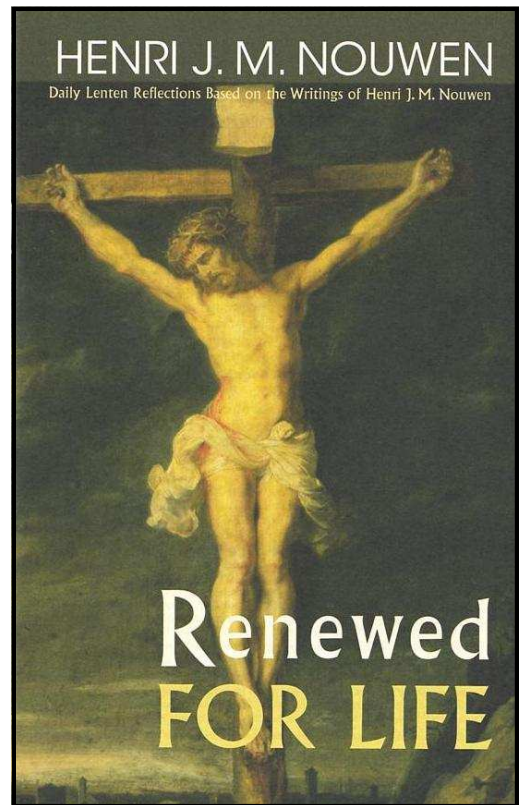
February 22nd Pride Luke 18: 9-14  
February 26th Greed 1 Timothy 6: 3-10  
March 4th Envy Matthew 20: 1-16  
March 11th Sloth Ecclesiastes 10: 18  
March 18th Anger Psalm 37: 8  
March 25th Gluttony Luke 16: 19-25  
April 1st Lust Matthew 5: 27-30



*Sermon Series beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and continues on the following 6 Sundays. Our Lenten Devotional, "Renewed For Life" will be available soon, on the table in the Main Hall. Contact the church office for more information.*

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