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**ASBURY**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
BIRMINGHAM

APRIL - JUNE 2026

# A LETTER FROM MIKE

What does Easter mean to you? For me, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ offers real hope—not just for the future, but for today. Easter celebrates the heart of our faith: that through Christ’s victory over death, God’s grace reaches into every corner of human experience. John Wesley taught that this same resurrection power works in us still—awakening us to God’s love, assuring us of our salvation, and transforming us day by day into the people God created us to be.

Easter also calls us outward. Because Christ is risen, we are sent to share that hope with a hurting world through acts of mercy, justice, and compassion. After His Resurrection, Jesus gives his disciples the Great Commission found in Matthew 28 telling them to go and teach and baptize others.

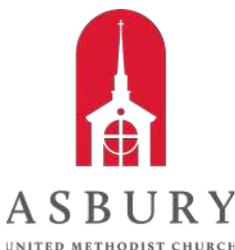
Our sermon series after Easter through May will be about the Great Commission and how we as Christians who embody the Way of Jesus carry out that mission today. “The Church Has Left The Building” will be our inspiring next step series after the power and majesty of Easter. This summer’s sermon series focuses on many passages from the Old Testament that you may have learned in Sunday school or at Vacation Bible School if you grew up in a church. From Noah and his ark to Daniel in the lion’s den, these memorable stories from scripture will help us reconnect with the God who does amazing things and stays true to His promises.

If you can believe it, this Asbury magazine is even better than our previous issues. Check out “Sparking Joy,” a VBS spotlight feature story on pages 10 & 11 and a summer spread on page 9 that makes me want to be a kid again. Asbury has also been focusing on developing intentional ministries for college students and young professionals and you’ll find several young adult events coming up this quarter—a get together at Back 40 on May 14, pickleball on Sunday evenings starting May 17, and a Barons Game on June 13. See pg. 13 for all offerings!

It’s an exciting season to worship, serve, and grow. Let’s continue to embody the way of Jesus together.

Blessings,

*We're glad you're here!*



## Is Asbury beginning to feel like home?

We invite you to stop by our Next Steps area right after Sunday worship. One of our pastors would love to meet and talk with you about getting connected or becoming a member and what it means to be part of this faith family as we worship, serve, and grow together.

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# SPECIAL EVENTS calendar

Events subject to change.  
Please confirm dates/times at [asburybham.org](http://asburybham.org).

## april

**01 MIDWEEK SABBATH**  
5:00 – 7:30 PM  
VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
Wednesday nights offer a variety of opportunities for adults to rest, grow, and learn. The evening starts with family dinner from 5:00 – 6:15 PM. See pg. 5 for all classes and offerings.

**APRIL BOOK CLUB**  
6:15 – 7:30 PM  
RM 129  
Join Jacquie Aune for the April Book Club. This month's book is *Twice* by Mitch Albom. This is the last book club until the fall.

**LIFE GROUPS**  
VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
Middle schoolers meet for games and worship in the Student Space before they break out into their Middle School Life Groups. High schoolers gather with their groups off campus at different times and locations to take a break from busy weeks, building community while engaging in Scripture together through reading and discussion.

**ASBURY KiDS**  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**  
6:00 – 7:30 PM  
RM 213 & 214  
All children are invited to know and experience God's love through choir, an engaging Bible lesson, and small groups.

**02 MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
NOON & 7:00 PM  
WILLIAMS CHAPEL  
On the night of the Last Supper, Jesus offered his life to his disciples. And then he washed their feet – leaving no doubt about his love for them. Christ's love is offered to you through Modern Worship and Holy Communion at noon & 7:00 PM in Williams Chapel. The 7:00 PM service will be livestreamed and the nursery will be available for ages infant–4.

**03 GOOD FRIDAY**  
7:00 PM | SANCTUARY  
Come. Pause to consider the sufferings, death, and burial of our Lord, and then go into the world knowing the resurrection awaits. Worship will be held in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM and will be live-streamed. The nursery is available for kids ages infant–4.

**05 EASTER SUNDAY**  
6:30, 8:30, 11:00 AM  
VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
We have much to celebrate: Christ's everlasting, redeeming love is given to us all – unconditionally. Worship with us!  
**FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT**  
9:45 – 10:45 AM  
GYM/OUTSIDE  
Asbury KiDS invites children and their families to hunt eggs, enjoy refreshments, and do Easter-themed crafts (toddlers–5th grade). Parents should remain with their children during this time.

**06 OFFICE CLOSED**  
AUMC  
Church office closed in observance of Easter Monday.

### EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sunrise Service (Prayer Mountain): 6:30 AM  
Traditional Worship\* (Sanctuary): 8:30 AM  
Traditional Worship\* (Sanctuary): 11:00 AM  
Modern Worship\* (Williams Chapel): 11:00 AM

\*These services will be livestreamed

**07** C.A.S.A. PICNIC  
WITH PARENTS  
**08** 12:00 – 1:00 PM | GYM  
C.A.S.A. parents are invited to a fun picnic! Please register through your child's teacher.

**08** HYMN SING-A-LONG  
6:00 – 6:45 PM  
SANCTUARY  
Join Amy Gonzalez and Martha LaCroix for a fun evening of singing beloved Methodist hymns. Share a delightful meal with Asbury friends in the gym before you sing. Meals must be registered for by noon on April 6.

**WANDERING  
WEDNESDAY**  
6:00 – 7:15 PM  
FREDDY'S

4th and 5th graders are invited to the last Wandering Wednesday of the year off campus at Freddy's. Registration required. Cost: \$5.

**11** CONFIRMATION  
SPRING RETREAT  
**12** APR. 11-12  
AUMC

We believe that confirmation is a significant step in the journey of faith. Students are invited to claim for themselves the names, "Christian" and "United Methodist." This is also a time when youth begin to need the larger community of faith even more. The climactic experience of the confirmation journey is the spring retreat right here on Asbury's campus. Registration deadline is April 5.

**15** LAST WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT ACTIVITIES  
BEFORE SUMMER  
5:00 – 7:30 PM  
Our final Midweek Sabbath of the spring will include Kids and students activities and bingo in the gym!  
**BINGO (ADULTS & YOUTH)**  
6:00 – 7:00 PM | GYM  
**ASBURY KIDS  
SPRING MUSICAL  
REHEARSAL**  
6:00 – 7:30 PM  
**LIFE GROUPS  
VARIOUS TIMES  
& LOCATIONS**

**16** HEART CONNECTION  
LUNCH BUNCH  
11:00 AM  
VECCHIA PIZZERIA &  
GELATO  
Asbury's senior ministry, Heart Connection, is headed to Vecchia Pizzeria & Gelato at the Preserve for Lunch Bunch! RSVP by April 10.

**17** REST, RENEW,  
RECHARGE DAY  
RETREAT  
9:30 AM – 2:00 PM  
CAMP HARGIS  
Step away from the busyness of life to breathe, refresh your soul, and connect with God. All are welcome.

**18** ASBURY SERVES  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
BIRMINGHAM  
In collaboration with our churchwide sermon series, The Church Has Left the Building, we are serving our city and mission partners like Grace Klein, Urban Ministry, Shepherds Fold, and ELI Thrive. Need to stay close to home? Head to Asbury's campus to donate blood with Life-South! Register by scanning the QR code on pg. 20.

**19** MEN'S BREAKFAST  
7:30 – 8:30 AM | GYM  
Men are invited to a fellowship breakfast in the Asbury gym.

**ASBURY KIDS  
SPRING MUSICAL**  
5:00 – 6:30 PM  
WILLIAMS CHAPEL  
Asbury Kids presents their spring musical, *A Not So Terrible Parable*, a mysterious whodunit about the Good Samaritan!

**20** ANCHOR VOLUNTEER  
APPRECIATION  
LUNCHEON  
11:00 AM | WILLIAMS CHAPEL  
Anchor volunteers, you are so loved and appreciated! We'll be honoring our incredible volunteers with a luncheon.

**24** C.A.S.A. CLOSED  
AUMC  
C.A.S.A. will be closed along with Shelby County schools.

**26** SENIOR  
RECOGNITION  
& BANQUET  
11:00 AM WORSHIP  
12:30 PM | GYM  
This special worship service and banquet is all about celebrating our graduating seniors and the incredible journey they've taken. We'll share a meal, hear a heartfelt message, present gifts, and spend time in prayer and blessing over each senior. We'll close with a group photo, a keepsake to mark this milestone and the memories we've made together.

## 03 CONNECTION CLASS: WORSHIP

9:45 – 10:45 AM  
SANCTUARY NARTHEX  
Led by Rev. Mike Holly and Rev. Robert Mercer, this session explores worship styles.

## SURPRISE SUNDAY

9:45 – 10:45 AM  
RMS 212, 214, 215  
Asbury KiDS Surprise Sundays have a special surprise theme for the day during the Sunday school hour.

## 08 HEART CONNECTION OUTING

9:30 AM  
ALRIDGE GARDENS & DALE'S SOUTHERN KITCHEN

Asbury's senior ministry, Heart Connection, is headed to Aldridge Gardens and then to Dale's Southern Kitchen for lunch.

## 10 CONNECTION CLASS: SERVE

9:45 – 10:45 AM  
SANCTUARY NARTHEX  
Led by Rev. Maggie Dunaway, Angie Gongwer, and Brooke Wolde. This Connection session focuses on Jesus's call to serve, Asbury's mission efforts, and volunteer opportunities.

## DINING DIVAS

12:30 PM  
JIM 'N NICK'S BBQ  
Heart Connection's Dining Divas are headed to Jim 'N Nick's for Sunday lunch!

## 11 C.A.S.A. K4 GRADUATION

12:00 – 1:00 PM  
SANCTUARY  
C.A.S.A K4 students are graduating! Congratulations!

## 13 FINALS & FLAPJACKS

6:00 – 7:30 PM  
STUDENT WING

Finals week got you feeling fried? We've got just the thing: hot, fluffy flapjacks for a break from the study grind. Come refuel, relax, and remember—syrup makes everything better!

## 14 C.A.S.A. KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

12:00 – 1:00 PM  
SANCTUARY  
C.A.S.A kindergarten students are graduating! Congratulations!

## YOUNG ADULTS EVENT

6:00 – 8:00 PM  
BACK FORTY  
Young adults are invited to Back Forty Beer Company for fellowship and fun. See you there!

## 15 CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL & FAMILY DINNER

6:00 – 8:00 PM  
GYM  
Confirmands will rehearse for Confirmation Sunday, and families are invited to a dinner afterwards.

## 17 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

11:00 AM  
SANCTUARY  
United Methodists use the term "confirmation" to mark the first time a baptized Christian publicly "confirms" their intention to live the vows of the baptismal and membership covenant and so becomes a professing member of the local congregation and The United Methodist Church. This Sunday confirmands will complete their year-long confirmation journey.

## 17 COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

9:45 – 10:45 AM  
RM 131  
This group resumes for the summer. All college-age young adults are welcome.

## CONNECTION CLASS: GROW

9:45 – 10:45 AM  
SANCTUARY NARTHEX  
Led by Rev. Michael Bowman, this session covers Asbury's vision and values across age groups, the importance of small groups, and connection.

## YOUNG ADULTS PICKLEBALL

5:00 – 7:00 PM  
HEARDMONT PARK  
Young adults, come play some pickleball at Heardmont Park on Sunday nights!

## 20 C.A.S.A. LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

8:00 AM – 1:30 PM  
AUMC  
Last day of school! C.A.S.A will be closed May 21 – June 1.

## 25 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

AUMC  
Church closed in observance of Memorial Day.

## 26 ANCHOR CLOSED

MAY 26–28  
AUMC  
Anchor Community Respite Ministry will be closed.

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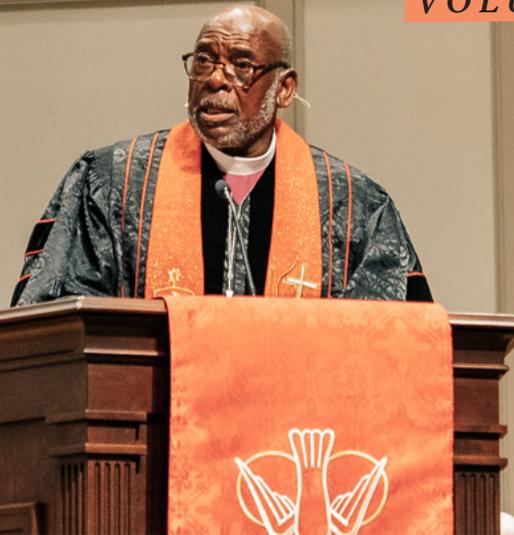
## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Annual Conference can't happen without our generous Asbury volunteers' time and talents. Please help us welcome pastors and United Methodists from all over North Alabama – sign up for a shift!



## 28-30 NORTH ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE MAY 28-30 | AUMC

Asbury is honored to once again host the North Alabama Annual Conference for the United Methodist Church under the theme "Leading on the E.D.G.E."



## june

### 03 RESET SUMMER KICKOFF

5:00 – 7:00 PM  
SOCCER FIELDS  
Summer's finally here, so let's make it a vibe. Calling all rising 6th graders! Make sure you join us on the soccer fields for yard games and a cookout. Welcome to RESET!

### 05 ASBURY KIDS FUNDAY FRIDAY

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
OAK MOUNTAIN  
For rising 2nd through rising 5th graders. We'll spend the day at Oak Mountain State Park doing all the outdoorsy things. Registration required. Cost: \$25 and participants will need to bring a packed lunch.

### 07 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

5:00 – 7:00 PM  
VALLEY POST  
You showed up. You made a difference. You matter! If you volunteered in 2025, join us as we celebrate your incredible impact on our faith community!

### 08 ASBURY KIDS MISSION MONDAY

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
BUNDLES OF HOPE  
For rising 2nd through rising 5th graders. We'll be serving at Bundles of Hope. Registration required and participants will need to pack a lunch.

### 08-11 STUDENTS MISSION TRIP JUNE 8-11 BIRMINGHAM

Students will have an opportunity to serve the B'ham community by partnering with OM Missions, Urban Ministry, and our very own Anchor at Asbury.

### 12 CROCHET WORKSHOP 10:00 – 11:30 AM RM 120

Join Asbury's Recreation Ministry to learn the basics of crochet in a hands-on setting. See pg. 9 for all camp offerings.

### 13 YOUNG ADULTS BARONS GAME 5:30 – 9:00 PM REGIONS FIELD

Take me out to the ballgame! Young adults, join us to cheer on the Birmingham Barons on June 13. Meet at Good People Brewing at 5:30 PM.

### 14 STUDENTS SLIP N' SLIDE KICKBALL

12:30 – 2:30  
STUDENT WING  
Get ready to get soaked, laugh a lot, and compete with friends, cause it's time for slip 'n slide kickball. Make sure you bring your A-game!

### 15 ASBURY KIDS MISSION MONDAY

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
THE RED BARN  
For rising 2nd through rising 5th graders. We'll be serving at The Red Barn in Leeds, AL. Registration required and participants will need to pack a lunch.

**SUMMER CONSERVATORY PIANO LESSONS BEGIN**  
VARIOUS TIMES  
MUSIC SUITE  
Lessons are offered for 6 weeks for ages 6 to adults.

### 16-18 STEM CAMP 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM RM 128

STEM camp is back from Asbury's Recreation ministry. See pg. 9 for all camp offerings.

### 17 SLIME LAB 12:30 – 2:30 RM 128

Get messy and make slime! See pg. 9 for all camp offerings.

**21** **VBS TRAINING & TRIBES PEP RALLY**  
4:30 PM – 7:00 PM  
STUDENT SPACE  
We'll cover everything students need to be awesome VBS volunteers AND run games, create team hype, and a few other surprises to get everyone pumped for TRIBES!

**22**  
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**25** **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: CAMP SPARK**  
9:00 AM – 12:10 PM  
RM 128  
It's time for VBS! This year, we're headed to Camp Spark to learn about how God sparks trust, joy, wisdom, and peace in our lives. Volunteers needed. Check out pg. 10 to read all about volunteering at VBS!

**LACROSSE CAMP**  
12:30 – 3:00 PM | GYM  
Grab your stick and get in the game at Lacrosse Camp by Asbury Recreation Ministry. See pg. 9 for all camp offerings.

**CHESS CAMP**  
12:30 – 3:00 PM  
WILLIAMS CHAPEL  
Make your move at Chess Camp offered by Asbury Recreation Ministry. See pg. 9 for all camp offerings.

**PRINCESS CAMP**  
12:30 – 3:00 PM  
RM 128  
Step into a world of sparkle and imagination at Asbury Recreation Ministry's Princess Camp! See pg. 9 for all camp offerings.

**23** **ANCHOR CLOSED**  
JUNE 23–25  
AUMC  
**25** Anchor Community Respite Ministry will be closed.

**26** **CROCHET WORKSHOP**  
10:00 – 11:30 AM  
RM 120  
Join Asbury's Recreation Ministry to learn the basics of crochet in a hands-on setting. See pg. 9 for all camp offerings.

**27** **HEART CONNECTION AT THE THEATER**  
1:30 PM | VST  
Heart Connection is headed to see the classic musical, *Bye Bye Birdie*, at Virginia Samford Theater!

**28** **VBS SUNDAY**  
11:00 AM  
SANCTUARY  
Come hear a song from our Camp Spark VBS and celebrate all the good things God sparked at VBS this summer!



# SUMMER WITH ASBURY KIDS

## MISSION *mondays*

June 8 & 15; July 13 & 20

9:00 AM–2:00 PM

\$15 per day | Rising 2nd–5th grade

Asbury KiDS is partnering with Bundles of Hope, Red Barn, Oak Mountain Missions, and Prodigal Pottery to do some hands-on service, learn about their mission, and hear how we can help others. Our mornings will be spent at service sites, we'll have lunch together, and end our day at Asbury. These days will be meaningful, relational, and super fun!

## FUNDAY *fridays*

June 5 & July 24

9:00 AM–2:00 PM

\$25 per day | Rising 2nd–5th grade

Join Asbury KiDS for a day of FUN and fellowship! Think super fun summer camps all packed into one day! On June 5 we're heading to Oak Mountain State Park and on July 24 we're off for fun at McWane Science Center. Drop off and pick up is at Asbury.

## VBS CAMP SPARK

June 22–25 | 9:00 AM – 12:10 PM

\$10 | Rising K5–5th grade

God sparks trust, joy, wisdom, and peace in our lives and this summer Asbury is becoming "Camp Spark" for four unforgettable days of fun! Asbury KiDS will explore Bible stories through science, crafts, games, drama, and snacks while supporting our mission partner, Water is Basic, which empowers women in South Sudan to restore clean water for families.



To see descriptions of all summer offerings and to register for activities and camps, scan the QR code.

## RECREATION MINISTRY CAMPS

### CROCHET

June 12, 26; July 17, 24, 10:00–11:30 AM  
Rising 4th+ Grade | Room 120 | \$15

### STEM

June 16–18, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM  
Rising 2nd–6th grade | Room 128 | \$75

### SLIME LAB

June 17, 12:30–3:00 PM  
Rising 2nd–6th grade | Room 128 | \$40

### CHESS

June 22–25, 12:30–3:00 PM  
Rising 2nd–6th grade | Williams Chapel | \$95

### LACROSSE

June 22–25, 12:30–3:00 PM  
Rising 2nd–6th grade | Gym | \$95

### PRINCESS

June 22–25, 12:30–3:00 PM  
Rising K5–3rd grade | Room 128 | \$95

### ART

July 8–10, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM  
Rising 2nd–6th grade | Room 128 | \$75

### ETIQUETTE

July 8–10, 12:30–3:00 PM  
Rising 2nd–6th grade | Room 128 | \$75

### SOCCER

July 14–16, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM  
Rising 2nd–6th grade | Gym | \$75

### SCIENCE

July 14–16, 12:30–3:00 PM  
Rising 2nd–6th grade | Room 128 | \$75

### BASKETBALL

July 21–23, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM  
Rising 2nd–6th grade | Gym | \$75

### MARTIAL ARTS

July 21–23, 12:30–2:30 PM  
Rising 2nd–6th grade | Gym | \$60



# sparkling joy

*By Liz Dial & Caroline Vincent*

Each summer, Asbury United Methodist Church comes alive with laughter, music, and discovery during Vacation Bible School. From June 22-25, 2026, Asbury will transform into Camp Spark, an imaginative four-day adventure during which around 400 children will explore how God sparks trust, joy, wisdom, and peace in our lives. Children will hear meaningful Bible stories that highlight how God's presence sparks goodness in the world and in our everyday lives. These stories, along with music, dancing, hands-on activities, and more will help kids connect with their faith and each other in fun and memorable ways.

Kids aren't the only ones leaving VBS inspired and renewed, though. Nothing would happen at Asbury without our incredible volunteers, least of all Vacation Bible School. Dozens of volunteers come together every year to transform the campus, lead activities, dance, sing, and pray throughout the VBS experience.

We spoke with veteran volunteer Angel McPhearson, whose love for Asbury and the people here shines in all she does, to learn about the impact VBS has on not only the children who participate, but also the adults and students that make it all happen. Thank you, Angel, for your time and willingness to share!



***How long have you been involved with Asbury? With VBS?***

Angel: I became a member in the fall of 1992 when Asbury was located on the other side of [Highway] 119. I got involved almost right away after meeting Sandy Jackson; she's still one of my closest Asbury friends to this day. I remember that my late husband, Greg, and I joined a couples Sunday school class that met in the kitchen and soon we also started helping with the assimilation committee (which welcomed new members with calls and home visits). I began helping with VBS about 19 years ago, shortly after I quit my full-time job after the birth of my third child to stay home with my kids.

***What is your role this year?***

Angel: My role has always been as a group leader and I really enjoy it as I get to experience all the fun rotations of VBS along with the kids.

***Did you grow up going to camp? If so, what was your favorite part or activity?***

Angel: I grew up Catholic but went to a Protestant camp in the summer at Camp Chula Vista called Christian Endeavor. It was a week-long camp and I loved making friends, doing activities like swimming and crafts, and the mountain high faith experiences I had there—especially at the Saturday night closing bonfire.

***What is your fondest memory associated with VBS either as a volunteer or an attendee?***

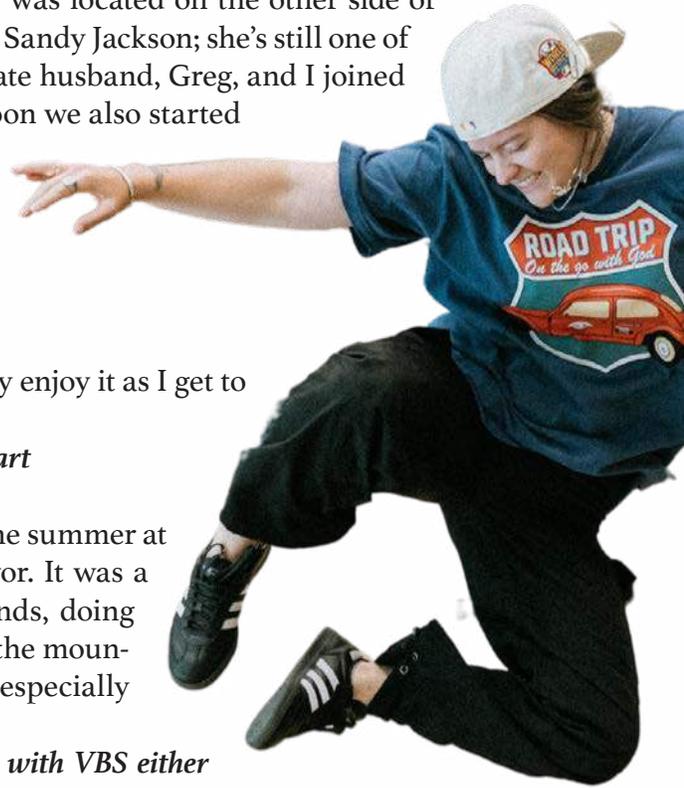
Angel: My favorite part of VBS was loading up a carload of kids in my van—neighbors, my kids, and my nieces and nephews—to attend VBS (first as participants and later as helpers/leaders). Most of them have grown up now and are no longer available to help out anymore but we have a lot of fond memories of serving at VBS together. My youngest son, Adam, who is 17, has been coming to VBS every summer since he was a baby and this could be his last year to serve since he will be headed to college in the fall. So it's a bitter-sweet one for me.

***What is your “spark” and how does it fuel your faith?***

Angel: That's a good question and I'm not sure I'd be the best person to answer that. But I do love serving people and encouraging them along the way. And my belief is that participating in VBS plants seeds inside of all of us that can grow deep roots and produce fruits of love, hope, and joy.

***Finally, what is your favorite s'mores add-on?***

Angel: I think toffee bits would be great in a s'mores!



*Vacation Bible School: Camp Spark will take place from June 22-25, 2026 at Asbury UMC. To register your child, sign up to volunteer, or simply find out more information, scan the QR code.*





# SUNDAYS

## WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 AM

Asbury offers Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30 and 11:00 AM and Modern Worship at 11:00 AM in Williams Chapel. Nursery care is available for infants through preschoolers. Children's Church is offered for kindergarten through second graders during 8:30 and 11:00 AM worship, except on first Sundays.

Worshiping online? 11:00 AM Traditional and Modern Worship services are live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook (@asburybham) every week.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45-10:45 AM

### INFANTS & PRESCHOOL

Located across from Williams Chapel. Nursery care and Bible lesson is available for infants through preschoolers.

### KIDS

Kindergarten through 5th grade kids meet in RM 214 for welcome, worship, and Bible lesson. Afterwards, they go to grade-specific classrooms for activities and small-group discussion.

### STUDENTS

945  
Sixth through eighth grade students meet in RM 115. Ninth through twelfth grade students meet downstairs in RM 102.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

RMS 104-106. Confirmation is a year-long faith journey, typically for sixth graders. Confirmands meet weekly during the 9:45 AM Sunday School hour in the RESET Student Space.

### COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULTS

Meets each Tuesday at 7:30 PM in Hoover. Contact Jeremiah Toole at jeremiah.toole@asburybham.org for more information.

### ADULTS

#### ADULT SINGLES

RM 129. Age: 55+. For those divorced, widowed, or blissfully unattached. Contact: Lee Ann Wagner at lindywag@gmail.com.

#### AGAPE

RM 126. Age: 50+. For adults with older children or who are empty nesters. Contact: Elan Feagin at epfeagin@gmail.com.

#### CHALLENGERS

RM 132. Age: 50+. This class is primarily adults embracing empty nest or retirement. Contact: Janet O'Neil at jhallnews@mac.com.

#### CROSSROADS

RM 128. Age: 40s and 50s. Couples and adults seeking a rich spiritual life are welcome! Contact: Angel McPhearson at mcphearsonangel@gmail.com.

#### FOUNDATIONS

RM 127. This class is for young adult couples looking to build their faith foundation together. Contact: Amy Courtney at amy.florine@gmail.com.

#### FRIENDSHIP

RM 142. Age: 70+. Married, single, or widowed seniors growing together. Contact: Myra Smith at nurse\_mas@charter.net.

#### JOURNEYMEN

RM 144. Age: 60+. For men, women, couples, singles, empty nesters, and grandparents. Contact: Bob Gilbert at rmgilbertjr@aol.com.

#### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

RM 120. Wives, grandmothers, empty nesters, and single women come together to study God's word. Contact: Ellen Thompson at thompson7835@bellsouth.net.

#### L.I.G.H.T.

RM 137. Age: 45+. Geared toward couples parenting teens to college-age kids. Contact: Melissa Franklin at mkaf0812@gmail.com.

#### REFLECTIONS

RM 136. This class is for those who love to read and is for all ages and stages in life. Contact: Robyn White at robyn.white@asburybham.org.

#### SEEKERS

RM 122. Diverse class of empty nesters and retirees. Contact: Mike Northrup at miken@amfirst.org.

#### YAMS

RM 133. Singles and couples with or without children. Contact: Kristin Bundren at kbundren@gmail.com.

#### YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

RM 138. This class is for individuals looking to build community and deepen their spiritual lives. Contact: Donald Clayton at donaldclayton@gmail.com.

# wednesdays

## APRIL 1

All Wednesday night activities as normal

## APRIL 8

### Special Activities:

Hymn Sing-Along | 6:00 – 6:45 PM | Sanctuary

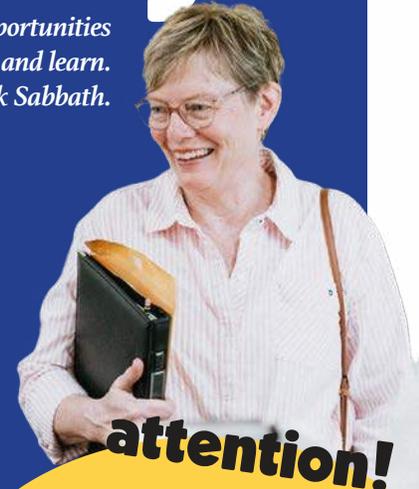
Wandering Wednesday (4th & 5th grade) | 6:00 – 7:15 PM | Freddy's

## APRIL 15

### Special Activities:

Bingo (Adults & Youth) | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Gym

*Wednesday nights offer a variety of opportunities for everyone to rest, grow, and learn. We call it Midweek Sabbath.*



**attention!**

Regular Wednesday night activities for all age groups will conclude **April 15th** for the summer and resume in the fall. Kids and Students have weekly summer activities planned, so be sure to check out pgs. 9 & 14 for those offerings!

# young adults

**COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL | 9:45 – 10:45 AM | SUNDAYS BEGINNING MAY 17 | RM 131**

This group resumes for the summer. All college-age young adults are welcome.

**PICKLEBALL | 5:00 – 7:00 PM | SUNDAY NIGHTS BEGINNING MAY 17 | HEARDMONT PARK**

**FUN & FELLOWSHIP OUTING | MAY 14 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM | BACK FORTY**

**BARONS GAME | JUNE 13 | 5:30 – 9:00 PM | REGIONS FIELD**

Meet at Good People Brewing Company at 5:30.



**new small group!**

## OUTREACH SMALL GROUP

**BEGINS APR. 14 | 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY | 10:30 AM**

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**mark your calendars!**

**SUMMER INSTITUTE RETURNS!**  
Sundays in July | 9:45 – 10:45 AM

# STUDENTS RESET

Asbury RESET exists to close the gap between life and faith by showing students how to-

GO SHARE THE GOSPEL  
GROW IN FAITH  
KNOW GOD

## RESET SUNDAY NIGHTS SUNDAY NIGHTS | STUDENT SPACE

Each week, students eat, play games, and grow together in faith. Whether that's a student-led worship night like UNITED, a game night, a service night, or even a surprise night, this is a great way for all teenagers to grow in community and faith together. Any off-campus excursions will be communicated prior to the event! **The last RESET Sunday Night before summer will be April 19 and will resume June 14.**

## LIFE GROUPS VARIOUS TIMES | VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Our students may be more digitally connected than ever, yet they can still feel lonely. Life Groups remind them of who they are, whose they are, and that they are not alone. God made us for real, life-giving relationships — and that's why RESET has Life Groups! **Life Groups will conclude for the summer on April 15.**

## WOW WEDNESDAYS WEDNESDAYS IN JUNE & JULY 5:00 – 7:00 PM | VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Each week, we'll try new activities together and reflect on our WOW moments. Our summer interns will lead a devotional during our time. Arrive in the Student Space. Any excursions will be communicated prior to the event.

## STUDENT MISSION TRIP JUNE 8–11 | BIRMINGHAM

Our local Birmingham mission trip is open to all middle and high school students during the 2025/2026 school year. We will serve the Birmingham community by partnering with Oak Mountain Missions, Urban Ministry, and our very own Anchor Ministry at Asbury. The cost includes all snacks during mission days, transportation, a t-shirt, and a fun day at Aqua Park at Oak Mountain State Park with meals provided. Total cost: \$100.

**T-shirt deadline: May 8.**

**Registration deadline: May 31.**

**Zoom Parent Info Meeting** May 6 | 6:00–7:00 PM  
**Mission Trip Team Meeting** May 17 following the 11 am services (lunch provided). This meeting includes both volunteers and students that are attending.



To learn more about RESET Student Ministry, contact Director Rev. Austin Lerner-Gay or scan the QR code.



# adults

## BIBLE STUDIES & GROUPS

### THE SEARCHERS

10:00 AM – NOON | RM 122

This men's Bible study meets each Thursday. Learn and know God more intimately through the study of His Holy Word. Facilitator: Larry Beaury.

### BY FAITH

6:00 – 7:00 PM | RM 126

This women's Bible study meets the first and third Monday of each month for fellowship and study. Facilitator: Elan Feagin.

### UMW NAOMI CIRCLE

9:30 – 11:30 AM | RM 128

United Methodist Women circle meets the first Tuesday of each month. Circle Leader: Lori Cheney.

### UMW MARTHA CIRCLE

5:00 PM | RM 133

United Methodist Women circle meets the second Tuesday of each month. Circle Leader: June Griffin.

### UMW ESTHER CIRCLE

9:30 – 11:00 AM | RM 120

United Methodist Women circle meets the third Monday of each month. Circle Leader: Joan Chandler.

### UMW CRAFT DAY

9:30 – 11:30 AM | RM 120

All three UMW circles meet the second Monday of each month for hands-on mission work.

### LADIES OF LIGHT

1:00 – 2:30 PM | RM 128 & 130

This women's Bible study meets every Wednesday. Study God's word and mirror His character to keep our lights burning for others. Facilitator: Kim Nolen.

### LOVING HANDS KNITTING

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | RM 120

This congregational care ministry meets every Friday to knit, crochet, and fellowship.

### LESSLEY BIBLE STUDY

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | RM 128

This women's Bible study meets every Wednesday. Overcome obstacles and focus on being your best self with God's help. Facilitator: Kim Lessley.

### ROOTED

7:00 – 8:00 AM | RM 136

This men's Bible study meets every Friday. Fellowship and study with scriptural roots that help us stay grounded. Facilitator: KC Nolen.

### MEAT & GREET

6:00 – 8:00 PM | SCOUT HUT

This casual, relaxed men's fellowship meets every Thursday. Bring meat to grill. Facilitator: Dave Driscoll.

### PICKUP BASKETBALL

6:30 – 8:00 PM | GYM

Guys (19+) are invited to play basketball on Monday nights in the gym.

### PICKLEBALL

2:30 – 4:30 PM | GYM

For all ages. Play is every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. Contact Nancy Hollaway at nhollaway54@gmail.com.

### CHAIR YOGA

9:00 – 10:15 AM | SANCTUARY

Increase balance, flexibility, & agility with this therapeutic class that meets each Monday. Bring your own mat. Cost: \$5.00 per class.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

VARIOUS TIMES & LOCATIONS

Community Groups are trusted spaces where people can bring their questions about God, the Bible, and their own lives. Some groups meet at Asbury, while others gather off-campus throughout the greater Birmingham area.

# heart connection

## UPCOMING OUTINGS

### HEART CONNECTION LUNCH BUNCH | APRIL 16 | 11:00 AM

Asbury's senior ministry, Heart Connection, is headed to Vecchia Pizzeria & Gelato at the Preserve for Lunch Bunch.

### ALDRIDGE GARDENS & DALE'S SOUTHERN KITCHEN | MAY 8 | 9:30 AM

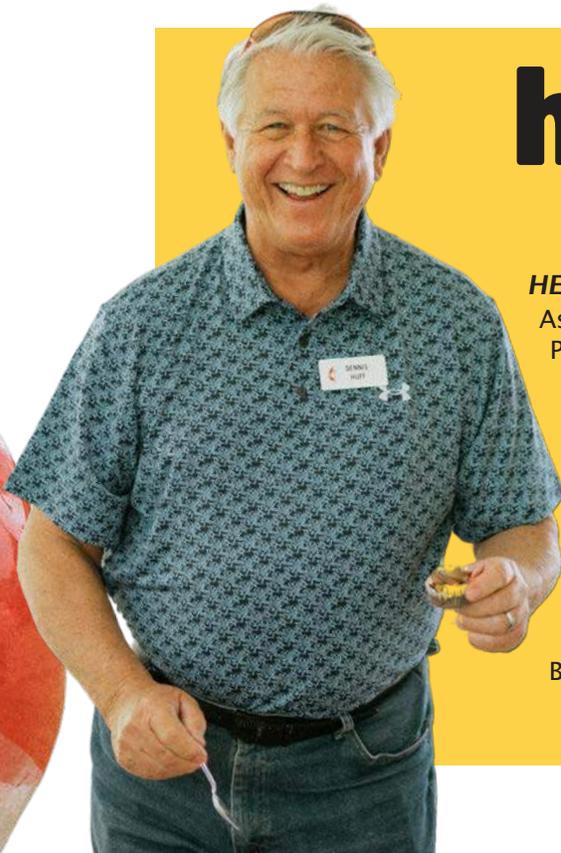
Heart Connection will visit Aldridge Gardens and then gather for lunch at Dale's Southern Kitchen.

### DINING DIVAS | MAY 10 | 12:30 PM

Heart Connection's Dining Divas are headed to Jim 'N Nick's for Sunday lunch!

### BYE BYE BIRDIE | JUNE 27 | 1:30 PM

Heart Connection will be seeing the classic musical, Bye Bye Birdie, at Virginia Samford Theater.



ANCHOR

COMMUNITY

RESPITE

MINISTRY



Anchor Community Respite Ministry provides fellowship and stimulation to people who are living with memory loss. Anchor operates every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Asbury UMC.

The memory-loss program gives care partners a break each week to run errands, visit with friends, and rest. Care partners can participate in a monthly support group (which meets the first and third Thursday of each month) to share ideas and concerns with other care partners, as well as learn more from memory loss professionals. Care partners are invited to call and schedule a tour of the Respite Care Center prior to enrollment.

**Volunteer opportunities:** You don't need any special skills to volunteer at Anchor, just a willingness to love and be a friend!



# SUPPORT GROUPS



Asbury offers several support groups for those dealing with grief, addiction, being a family member of someone struggling with substance abuse, being a caregiver, and more. Scan the QR code to learn about all of our offerings.



## UNITED COUNSELING

United Counseling provides faith-based professional counseling for adults, couples, and families.

In-person sessions available at Asbury by appointment only.

Multiple counselors are available.



## "HEALING HEARTS" SPOUSAL LOSS GRIEF SUPPORT

A 10-week support group for those who have recently lost a spouse. Meets each spring and fall.

Tuesdays, 12:30 - 2:00 PM  
Fall session begins in September.

Facilitator: Sunny Gilliam/  
Community Grief Support



## FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP (ADDICTION)

Is a loved one struggling with Substance Use Disorder? Free trained support and education is available.

Mondays, 6:30 - 8:00 PM  
Room 132

Facilitator: Tyler Harris  
Unbound Grace



## CAREGIVER SUPPORT

This ongoing group offers comfort and support for those caring for someone with memory loss due to dementia, Alzheimer's, or stroke.

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:00 PM  
Room 133

Facilitator: Rev. Maggie Dunaway



## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous is a global peer-led mutual aid fellowship dedicated to abstinence-based recovery from alcoholism through its spiritually-inclined twelve-step program.

Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays  
6:30 - 7:30 PM  
Room 120



*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

*Galatians 6:2*



*Dinner Theater 2026*

### **CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL**

7:00 – 8:30 PM | WEDNESDAYS | RM 143  
Experience the joy of singing and help the choir prepare for weekly performances in 11:00 AM Traditional Worship.

### **HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL**

6:00 – 7:00 PM | WEDNESDAYS | RM 141  
Do you read music? Try your hand at ringing handbells. The Handbell Choir plays occasionally in Traditional Worship.

### **ASBURY MUSIC CONSERVATORY VARIED TIMES | MUSIC SUITE**

Asbury offers voice and piano lessons for students of all ages. Summer term piano lessons begin June 15 for ages 6–adult.

Contact: Nancy Beard  
(nancy.beard@asburybham.org)

### **MODERN WORSHIP REHEARSAL**

8:30 AM | SUNDAYS | WILLIAMS CHAPEL  
Asbury's Modern Worship is open to anyone who is excited to serve. If you play an instrument, sing, or if you are interested in our live stream, there is a place for you! Rehearsals for those who are scheduled that week are at 8:30 AM before service at 11:00 AM.

Contact: Jeremiah Toole  
(jeremiah.toole@asburybham.org)

### **ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL**

10:10 AM | SUNDAYS | SANCTUARY  
The Asbury Orchestra rehearses each Sunday morning at 10:10 AM and plays in Traditional Worship.

Contact: Justin Ward  
(justin.p.ward@gmail.com)

# music ministry



To learn more about Asbury's Music Ministry or how to get involved, contact Music Director Nancy Beard (nancy.beard@asburybham.org) or scan the QR code.

# MISSIONS IN ACTION

When Asbury UMC was established in 1986, its founding members and clergy decided that on top of the 10% it gives to The United Methodist Church for ministries and outreach, Asbury would give 10% more to Birmingham and its community partners. Nearly 40 years later, Missions in Action, a church member-led committee at Asbury, identifies organizations that are serving as the hands and feet of Christ and allocates money you put in the offering plate each week in worship.

We urge you to learn more about the programs Asbury backs and choose one to support. Find out how you and your family can make a difference, whether by volunteering, making a financial contribution, or simply praying for the individuals affiliated with and impacted by each ministry.



## FOOD PANTRY

Asbury's Food Pantry is open every Wednesday from 2 to 3:30 PM and the first Saturday of each month from 12:30 to 2:00 PM to anyone facing food insecurity.

Asbury's Food Pantry is solely operated through generous monetary donations and funds allocated by the Missions in Action program. Food donations are provided by Asbury members and different community groups that have food drives. If you would like to make a donation, food pantry items (non-perishables) can be dropped off outside the pantry doors from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Saturday, or brought on Sunday mornings.

## NEW MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

### STREET OUTREACH GROUP

We will be working with Church of the Reconciler to support our unhoused friends in Birmingham. We will be kicking off by serving Easter Lunch (ham, yummy sides, and pies) and packing sack lunches for them 1-2 Sundays a month as they need them.

### OUTREACH SMALL GROUP

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To sign up for a specific mission event or for more information on Asbury Missions, contact Brooke Wolde ([brooke.wolde@asburybham.org](mailto:brooke.wolde@asburybham.org)) or scan the QR code.



# april

## THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

In collaboration with our sermon series “The Church Has Left the Building,” join us as we serve our city on Saturday, April 18th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. We’ll be serving all over Birmingham with our missions partners, Grace Klein Community, Shepherds Fold, Urban Ministry, ELI Thrive, and Life South. Register by scanning the QR code below!



# may

## BUNDLES OF HOPE

Unfortunately for so many mothers in our community, diapers aren’t covered by any government assistance program such as SNAP or WIC. Babies need 8-10 diapers a day, which can cost more than \$100 a month. Asbury is proud to support Bundles of Hope Diaper Bank, an organization that provides more than 200,000 diapers to struggling families each month. Throughout May, we’ll be collecting diapers, the greatest needs of which are sizes 4, 5, 6, and pull-ups, as most babies spend the majority of their time in these sizes. Bundles is not in need of N-1 size at this time. You can make your donation go 67% further by giving online, allowing Bundles of Hope to purchase diapers at a wholesale discount! Interested in serving? Join us at Bundles of Hope on May 1-2 for the 24 hour wrap-athon—spots are limited.

# june

## VBS MISSION: WATER IS BASIC

Water is Basic is an organization with one goal: clean water in South Sudan. By empowering and training local women-led repair teams, broken wells all over the country are being fixed to provide communities with that most basic and important need: water. Our VBS Mission will be raising \$10,000 for Water is Basic to empower South Sudanese women to build these well repair businesses.



Scan the QR code to check out Asbury’s 2026 Mission Book, detailing all our serve opportunities and highlighting our incredible missions partners!



# missions of the month