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The stories we hear in childhood that stick with us the longest are the ones in which we are able to place ourselves in the middle of the action. Who doesn’t remember a time when he or she felt confused and small in the midst of incomprehensible “adult” conflicts, as Scout did in “To Kill a Mockingbird”? And who doesn’t resonate with the ache in Wilbur’s heart as he says goodbye to his dear friend in “Charlotte’s Web”?

Stories can be extremely powerful, and it’s no coincidence that so much of God’s word for us takes the form of story, as well. We find ourselves in the stories of Scripture — mustering up courage to face our Goliaths with young David, figuring out what it might cost to allow God to use us along with Esther and even, sometimes, waiting … and waiting … and waiting with Abraham to see the fulfillment of God’s promises in our lives.

When we see ourselves in the stories of Scripture, we are encouraged that we, too, can experience the Lord’s willingness to meet us in both the crises and the every-day moments of life. The best part about this hope, though, is that it is more than mere emotion; ultimately, the stories of Scripture transform us because they are Truth. They are God’s revelation of Himself to His people, and as exciting as it is to find aspects of ourselves in Biblical stories, even better are the times when we discover Christ’s story of surrender and redemption living in and through us.

The theme for Reunion this summer was “Stories to Tell,” and as alumni gathered in Wilmore to reconnect with friends and classmates, I couldn’t help but think about how important it is to keep our stories alive. As Moses gathered the nation of Israel in preparation for their entrance into the Promised Land, he begged them to remember what they had been through: “Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them” (Deut. 4:9).

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And so, whether it is through the Ambassador, over coffee at a Reunion event or in conversations with students, we tell stories of our heritage as Asburians and our inheritance as followers of Jesus. As the old hymn says, “We’ve a story to tell to the nations,” and we give God all the glory for the great things that He has done.

Dr. Sandra C. Gray
President
“Mail Call!”

Inside the Asbury University Campus Post Office.

A small envelope in a mail box can hold a lot of emotion. Of course, at Asbury University’s Campus Post Office, or CPO, the most interesting mail doesn’t always come in envelopes. For example, there was the student who mailed himself to his girlfriend by taping her address to his shirt and waiting patiently behind the door for her to check her box.

And there was the fellow who proposed via CPO. He mailed the ring to her in a box, and when she opened it and turned around, he was waiting on one knee for her response.
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2012 Reunion Review
Alumni who returned to Asbury University in June came with stories and left with even more of them after reconnecting at Reunion 2012.

Throughout the event, alumni representing 60-plus years of institutional memory met to catch up over meals, services in Hughes Auditorium and fellowship on campus.

On Friday morning, Dr. Ronald E. Smith ’77, executive director of the Francis Asbury Society in Wilmore, Ky., spoke in a Chapel service about seeing God face to face. Friday evening, British actor David Payne presented “An Evening with C.S. Lewis,” a one-man show that brought to life some of the celebrated author’s memories of faith and love.

On Saturday morning, Rev. Roger Wolcott ’62 spoke at a Missions Chapel before alumni split up to learn the latest news at “open house” gatherings hosted by each academic department. A reception for coach Cecil Zweifel — long-time baseball coach, early athletic director and the University’s winningest soccer coach — reunited alumni spanning more than three decades. Saturday evening, a variety show of music, stories and little-known facts from Asbury’s history also featured this year’s A Award winners (see page 6).

On Sunday, a hymn sing led into a memorial service for alumni who died in the past year and banner-year alumni who have passed since their last class reunion five years ago. Dr. Mary John Shepherd ’72 Dye closed out the weekend by celebrating the faith of the past and challenging alumni to nurture a fresh faith for the future in a worship service in Hughes.

Asbury has more than 22,000 living alumni around the world, and even though technology has enabled many classmates to keep in touch across time and distance, the opportunity to share stories face to face helps deepen relationships.

“One of my former roommates, a hall-mate and I traipsed around campus on Saturday afternoon taking pictures and revisiting various spots including Third Crawford, where we all lived for two or three years,” said Kami Rice ’97. “Most of our former rooms weren’t housing Reunion guests, so we did an impromptu photo shoot in our old rooms while recounting many fond memories.”
“For the past 10 years I’ve lived in Nashville, close enough to make it back to Wilmore every couple years. But it’s different to be back on campus with people who shared life with me there.”
— Kami Rice, ’97

Alumni will have another opportunity to share memories during Homecoming 2012. Scheduled for Oct. 26-28, alumni, parents and families are welcomed back to Wilmore for a weekend of concerts and athletics (including a special reunion for men’s soccer). For more information, please visit: asbury.edu/alumni.

Right: Asburians honored coach Cecil Zweifel (left) and his wife, Johnetta, at a reception in their honor.

Dr. Wallace Swanson ’52
“One of the tribes had gotten the polio virus, and after two weeks of walking through the jungle to a gathering hosted by the Christian tribe, they got sick. All the tribes had their shaman, and the shaman would make enemies sick by bewitching them. When this group got to the gathering and became ill and paralyzed, they concluded that the Christian tribe had tricked them into coming so they could spear them in their paralysis. But instead, they began to feed them, care for them, bathe them and they were totally mystified. They had never seen anything like this before. At the end of the polio epidemic, there were no more killings. They had been exposed to an outside world where they were loved and cared for, instead of being killed on sight. To see a tribe like that transformed, and the medical personnel having had a small part in that, this is my most memorable moment in mission life.”

In 1961, Dr. Wallace Swanson ’52 and his wife, Charlotte Dillon ’51 Swanson, answered the Lord’s call to serve in Ecuador as full-time medical missionaries with HCJB/World Radio Mission. In the next 32 years, Swanson ministered through rural mobile clinics, as well as HCJB’s hospitals in Quito and Shell, often serving not only as a physician but also as an administrator and medical director. After retiring in 1993, the couple continued to minister in Ecuador by teaching a Bible study called Camino de la Luz, or “Pathway of Light,” which was developed by Charlotte and has continued to minister in the years since her death in 2001. The Indian tribe he refers to above is the Aucas, the same tribe featured in Elisabeth Elliot’s “Through the Gates of Splendor.”

Paul ’67 and Rebecca Kunkle ’67 Petrie
Rebecca: “Just as surely as a changed lifestyle was Father’s great gift to me years ago, so my paralysis is His instrument and gift today. Today I can’t grab my broom and busy myself; but, the blessed years have tempered me and I can wait each day with expectation to see the kindness, and tasks, that He has planned. My focus and my joy shall not be on myself but on pleasing Him.”

Paul: “I met Rebecca (Becky Kunkle then) in 1964. We were in our first year of university. At the time I wasn’t looking for a wife, but we each knew that He had a purpose for our lives. Our commitment on our wedding day was first to Him, of course. But secondly, Rebecca and I committed ourselves to the other’s highest good at our own expense. Those were the words we used, and they represented our deepest understanding of relationship at the time.”

After graduation, Paul ’67 and Rebecca Kunkle ’67 Petrie embarked on a series of ministry opportunities that included founding a drug rehabilitation and teenage center in Kentucky, creating a structure for development in the Democratic Republic of Zaire, founding a Europe Teen Challenge Center in Germany and planting a church in the United States. In 1985, the family moved to Belgium, beginning a European ministry that has grown to include prayer breakfasts in capitals throughout Europe. In 2001, Rebecca blacked out, fell down the stairs in her home and fractured her neck at the second vertebrae. Surviving by a series of miracles, she wrote a book, “Falling into His Grace: The Power of a Life Laid Down,” and today ministers from a wheelchair.
Clayon C. Carpenter ’62
“I owe Asbury a lot — for one thing, I met my wife there. In April of 1960, I asked her for a date under the big oak tree that was in front of what was then the library. Just a few years ago, the Alumni office at Asbury called and asked me if I wanted a piece of it, since they were going to have to take the tree down. I said, ‘Sure,’ thinking it would be a small piece of the tree. It’s actually about six inches thick and two or three feet wide... Through the years, there have certainly been some challenging times, particularly in the health of my family. But as I’ve gotten older, I’ve seen more and more that God has a plan, and I really just need to stay close enough to touch the hem of His garment.”

Donald “D.T.” Slouffman ’97
“I remember checking in on the first day on campus. One of our class sponsors was a fellow named Chris Heuertz ’94, and the name he’d picked for our class was the Peacemakers — the verse was Matt 5:9. It’s always been with me. It set the tone, and I think it’s one of those cases that once you identify with something, you try to become it. What does it mean to be that blessed peacemaker? I’ve aspired to live out that role, and it’s been an integral part of my vocation, where there’s a lot of stress and a lot of people are antagonistic and cutthroat. I’ve become a peacemaker in trying to figure out ways everyone can succeed in a stressful environment so we can have an amazing show.”

Clayon C. Carpenter ’62 serves as a compliance consultant for the pharmaceutical industry. After graduating from Asbury with a degree in biology and chemistry, Carpenter went to Ohio University for graduate work. During the next two decades, he gained experience in pharmaceutical research, management and market development at several different laboratories and companies, including one he co-founded, as well as earning an MBA at Bristol University. With a brief break to serve as Senior Vice President, Manufacturing Quality, for a pharmaceutical company, Carpenter has worked as a compliance consultant since 2000. Carpenter lives in South Carolina with his wife, Esther Waddle ‘63 Carpenter.

Donald “D.T.” Slouffman ’97 has credits that include more than 1,000 hours of television programming as a producer, director or writer. D.T.’s non-fiction programs have aired on TLC, the Discovery Channel, Lifetime, Style Network, HGTV and Court TV. Moreover, his sports television pieces have appeared on ABC, NBC, CBS, ESPN, TNT, TBS and USA. He has received three Emmy Awards and four additional nominations for his work as a field producer and an animation designer. He is currently the owner and producer of 21 Productions USA, which is based in New York. He and his wife, Heidi, have one daughter.
In the ’40s & ’50s
In 1940, Asbury was fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Enrollment for men fluctuated widely during the ’40s due to the impact of World War II. However, by 1947, enrollment had passed 1,000 for the first time. In

Class of 1957

In the ’60s
Like many schools in the United States, Asbury saw significant changes in the 1960s. Complete racial integration was approved in 1962 and within the decade the Fine Arts building, Science building, Trustees Hall East and the Z.T. and Sarah Johnson Cafeteria were completed.

Class of 1952
Not Pictured: Hugh Frazer.

Class of 1942 & 1947
Don Long and Lois Williamson Aebersold

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1950, a three-day revival broke out after several days of special prayer. The '50s were a decade of expansion for the physical plant of the College as ground was broken for a new student center (Doddrige-Holland), Johnson Hall East and West, Trustees Hall (Main) and an addition to the library (Kenyon).

The cafeteria was designed to look like a B-57 bomber with a main section and two swept-back wings. The Oriental Missionary Society (OMS) opened a student center in Wilmore (1966), as did the World Gospel Mission (WGM) under DeeVee and Marge Brown (1968).

Class of 1962


Class of 1967

Row 1: Donna Smith Ullman, Nancy Gere, Ginny Ridley Marks, Sheila Seamands Lovell, Jan Fraser Biddulph ‘64 (Class Sponsor), Coach Cecil C. Zweifel (Class Advisor), Johnetta Zweifel (Class Advisor), Barbara Robertson Babby, Kathleen Dickinson Phillips, Carol Sue Ray, Nancy Saunders Lawrence, Marilyn Riassetto Pyers Row 2: Roland “Ron” Lane, Frank Norris, David Law, Beverly VanDemark Jennings, John Maun, David Ricketts, Kevin Davies, Mary Stewart Puddington, Beverly Knox Butler, Cheryl Hall McIntyre, Kaye Little Langer, Morris Hintzman, Bill McIlrath Sr. Row 3: Jim Arey-Schalk, Carl Drennen, Dan Meyer, Russ Webster, George Starsmeare, Tony Holifield, Kim Gilson, Clark Blade, Hal Simpson, Terry Faris, Thomas Atkins.
In the ’70s
A Chapel gathering early in 1970 began what would become Asbury’s most widely reported revival. Throughout the spring, teams of students would periodically travel to locations around the United States, sharing what they’d experienced. The first Ichthus

Class of 1977

Row 1: Angie Coleman Stone, Betty Fleming Moon, Mary Penhorwood Feagin, Beth Feather, Lynndy Glover
Row 2: Becky Payne Guthrie, Linda Gaines Kemper, Cherith Brabon Rydbeck, Linda McDonald Six, Pam Pike, Patricia Blanchard Nelson

Not Pictured: David Ditto, Richard Roth, Ron Ball, Paul Brunstetter, Stan Ling.

In the ’80s
In 1981, the first campus broadcast studio was set up, using black and white equipment. In late 1982, Mary Asbury Hughes Wilson died. Born on campus in 1898, she was the last living connection to Asbury founder John Wesley Hughes. Dennis

Class of 1972

Row 1: Louann McIntosh, Bev Goff, Larry Gathers, Nancy Ewing, Mary John Shepherd Dye
Row 2: Becky Payne Guthrie, Linda Gaines Kemper, Cherith Brabon Rydbeck, Linda McDonald Six, Pam Pike, Patricia Blanchard Nelson

Not Pictured: David Ditto, Richard Roth, Ron Ball, Paul Brunstetter, Stan Ling.
Christian music festival was held in May of 1970. Kresge Hall opened in 1973, marking the completion of the largest capital project in the history of the school up to that time. In 1979, Asbury made the Guinness Book of Records for the world’s longest recorded volleyball game marathon.

Kinlaw began his second term as president of the University in 1986. In 1988, Dr. Bonnie Banker was named vice president of academic affairs and dean — the first woman to occupy that position at Asbury. Air conditioning was installed in Hughes in 1989.

Class of 1982

Row 1: Dorena Ritzler Smith, Carol Lehikoinen Stratton, Faye Fleming Henning
Row 2: Mark Thomson, Martin Barker, Steve Stratton, Jaime Greene, David Carlstedt.

Class of 1987

Row 1: Jeff Stryker, Rich McEwan, Pat Pahutsky Taylor, Kellie Rowe Bracken, Rob Bundy, Priscilla Martz Ross, Regina O’Nan, Lucy Simpson Harkness, Doug Harkness, Larry Boss, Jennifer Ball Wayson, Brian Small
Row 2: Paul Clements, Jeannette Munoz Keezel, Wendy Laxton Morris, Debra Katzer Chambliss, Carla Ockerman-Hunter ’84 (Class Sponsor), Michael Mozley ’84 (Class Sponsor), Sue Lauter ’71 (Class Advisor), Holly Hall Dieterlan, Jane Pykus, Patricia Carnes, Kathy Reeves Houp
In the ’90s
The 1990s was a decade of new programs (the Equine Program began on the Reynolds Farm property), new social standards (female students, faculty and staff were allowed to wear pants to all campus activities) and new leadership (David Gyertson).

In the 2000s
A decade that included disasters both natural (Hurricanes Katrina and Rita) and man-made (the attacks of September 11) saw Asbury responding to a changing world. Gen. Paul Rader was chosen to lead first as interim president and then president; Dr. Sandra

Class of 1997

Row 1: Scott Curell, Rebecca Norris Matyasovski, Natalie Lindgren, Cindy Long Absher, D.T. Slouffman, Heather McClain Wilson, Steve Wilson, Jeremy Thornton, Janice Stevens ’71 Thornton (Class Advisor) Row 2: Angela Schonauer, Kevin Dean, Jamie Tuttle, Randy Weeks, Michael Sparks, Clay Cockrell, Bill Pinto, Dawn Hively James.

Row 3: Sonya Kays Clark, Jessica Rilke Mast, Kami Rice, Cassandra Miller, Emily Stokes Pannell, Lisa Hutchins Cooley, Jennifer Hill Grimes, Wade Grimes, Cydil van Orman Waggoner, Nathan Waggoner, Nicole McQuade Mazzarella, Kristin Ross Lauterbach, Amy Lawrence Crouch, Dr. Phil Thornton ’68 (Class Advisor) Row 4: Jeff Knisley, Tim Vaughan, Doug Veal, Julie McDonald Martinez.

Class of 1992

Row 1: Jennifer Kennedy Gilcreast, Bonnie Hortin Routh, Judy Bush van de Venne, Barbara Adams Hamilton, Christy Biddulph Sparks, Jennifer Smith Frazier, Robyn Garrison Makombe, Jennifer Ray Pinto Row 2: Angela Schonauer, Kevin Dean, Jamie Tuttle, Randy Weeks, Michael Sparks, Clay Cockrell, Bill Pinto, Dawn Hively James.

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was elected president in 1993). Asbury moved from a quarter system to semesters and the student parking lot was paved for the first time in 1994. In 1996, Aldersgate Commons, an apartment-style residential complex for upperclassmen, was opened and named for Joseph and Margaret Thacker, Leon and Annette Fisher, Maysel Davis and William and Doris Eddy.

Class of 2002


Gray was elected unanimously to serve as president in 2007. An adult degree-completion program called ACHIEVE, later named Adult Professional Studies, began in 2005. By the end of the decade, the school added an Associate of Arts degree and a Masters of Social Work program.

Class of 2007

Row 1: Kim James, Karen Crowder, Jackie Nichols Peters, Christy Perkins, Lisa Hall, Shari Strang Row 2: Lisa Falin ’90 Harper (Class Advisor), David Williams, Taylor Vinson, Johnathan Jording, Matt Hogencamp, Benjamin Lewis, Thad Austin, Gabe Lawson.
IN PURSUIT OF A FORMULA FOR BEAUTY

Creative Thinking Modes for Art, Music & Math
“Origami describes the relationship between my God and myself. I am paper, and God is trying to fold me into something beautiful. I know He gets frustrated, and I resist Him, and I don’t always understand the intention of the designer, but I’m in the process of being made beautiful.”

— Dr. Duk Lee, Asbury University

Asbury University’s Duk Lee is almost always up for a challenge, whether the project is breaking into the 80s in his golf game, fine-tuning a new composition on the guitar or devising the most efficient way to create a bird out of a piece of paper. Sometimes, however, undergraduate math students can test even the most determined problem-solving mathematics professor.

“It’s a common story you’ll hear from math teachers in general: math is not a popular topic,” Lee said. “It is considered to be complex and complicated, and people don’t like it. When I teach a non-math major, and number-wise, that is the biggest proportion of my students, just motivating them to see that math is something worthy, useful and beautiful is very hard.

“To solve that problem, I have to look to music, art and sports to understand the mathematics in those areas and bring it into class.”

Cross-disciplinary thinking, particularly in the areas of math and music, is a familiar task for Lee and one that has roots dating back to his childhood in Korea. When he was about 8 years old, his family moved from the countryside, where he navigated hills steep enough to overwhelm the public buses on his way to and from elementary school, to the urban bustle of Seoul. Already, he was fond of music. By the time he was in middle school, he was singing in a church quartet and helping to lead worship for the youth group.
Still, in the absence of what he calls “any particular talent or direction,” he majored in chemical engineering in college and nurtured a hazy vision of teaching at some point in his future. Knowing he needed to improve his English skills, he enrolled at Arizona State University and was eventually offered a teaching assistantship and admission into the doctoral program.

As deeply immersed as he was in the world of mathematics, however, music was never far from his mind — particularly after he met another Korean grad student who worked as a music leader at a Korean church in Tempe. Shortly after they married, he accepted a position at Indiana Wesleyan University and, after his wife had completed her coursework in a doctoral program at the University of Chicago-Champaign, moved to Asbury in 2001.

Since then, music has become not only a side interest or hobby, but an area of mathematical exploration in its own right. Lee has been involved with the Kentucky Governor’s Scholar Program, a summer residential program for outstanding high-school seniors, for nearly 10 years. Last summer, Governor’s Scholar students from math, music and creative writing classes worked together to create music using concepts from fractal geometry.

“All of the high-school students were absolutely amazed by the beautiful music that was being created right before their eyes,” Lee said. “But the greatest outcome of them all is the realization that seemingly very different disciplines such as math, music and writing were able to collaborate for one common goal, making a fascinating piece of art.”

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For Lee, a simple, elegant mathematical formula and a well-composed piece of music each have a unique but complementary beauty, and the closer one comes to excellence in each field, the closer the fields themselves become.

“I want to perform music and math both at an excellent level to show how closely connected they are,” he says. “My wife is a music educator and very balanced in theory and practice. She’s the biggest critic of my music there is — which is a good thing and a bad thing. Sometimes it’s painful to hear that there is more to improve in my pieces. But we’re both just trying to approach excellence.”

More recently, Lee has been exploring origami as another intersection between mathematics, art and creativity. Though origami is an art of precision that can be described in terms of folds, angles, repetition and methodical planning, there is a transcendent element to the practice, as well. Lee has a few personal rules for his origami: No practice versions — the goal is always to finish a project to completion. Hold a vision of the end product in your mind. Be patient, even when it feels like the paper has an argumentative mind of its own. And treat each piece of paper as something precious for its potential to be transformed.

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The pursuit of the excellence, whether in math, music or origami, is a strong
compulsion for Lee and is, in many ways, its own reward. But the one thing that tops even a perfect formula, beautiful song or crisply folded piece of art is the opportunity to share the experience.

“The best part is the relationships with the students,” Lee said. “Like I said before, people don’t like mathematics, so sometimes they don’t like the math teacher. But when there is a relationship, we become more than just friends. Producing friendship, investing in human relationships, is the best part. Math is just the medium.”

To try your hand at an Asbury University-themed origami star box, remove the insert and instructions from the center of the magazine. To attempt a more complex Duk Lee creation, visit the link on the back of the insert.

What Are Fractals?

One of Duk Lee’s mathematical interests is fractal geometry, a field with cross-disciplinary applications and, in some ways, just a short hop from theology.

“Perhaps fractal geometry demonstrates that infinity and emptiness are not far from each other,” he said. “For example, I am a finite being — how can I invite an infinite God to live in me? Yet, He does.”

Fractals are complex, never-ending patterns that are created by repeating a simple process or shape. One of the key characteristics of fractals is that they are self-similar (the whole has the same shape as one or more of the parts).

An example of the type of fractal Lee references is called the Menger sponge. To create this fractal, begin with a cube. Divide each face of the cube into nine squares, creating 27 smaller cubes. Remove the smaller cube from the center of each face, and remove the smaller cube from the very center of the larger cube. Continue to subdivide the cubes and remove the centers. As the fractal develops, the total surface area approaches infinity, while the volume of the cube approaches nil.
Both by inclination and by life experience, Leadership and Ministry student Ruksha De Mel is passionate about helping people. She works as a certified nursing assistant and volunteer chaplain in a neuro transitional facility for patients with brain and spinal cord injuries. Having experienced emotional trauma herself — her husband was killed in a tragic accident in their native Sri Lanka before she immigrated to the United States — her goal is to facilitate not only physical healing, but emotional and spiritual healing, as well.

“I felt my calling was to be a chaplain,” De Mel said. “However, I was not able to be a chaplain as I was not adequately equipped. Because I am working full time, and I still wanted to continue my education, I felt the APS program at Asbury was the right program for me.”

Through the Adult Professional Studies program, De Mel will finish her bachelor’s degree with evening classes at Asbury’s Orlando, Fla., campus. By the time she has finished, she will have studied theology, specific books and themes in the Old and New Testaments and strategies for ministering to a wide diversity of people.

“Though I had a great passion to serve the Lord, I truly did not have the knowledge of Scripture and leadership itself needed to fulfill my calling,” De Mel said. “I have been in the APS program for only six months, but the knowledge I have acquired is tremendous. And I certainly believe this degree will help to better equip my ministry.”
When Michael Robinson graduated from Asbury’s Adult Professional Studies program in 2009 with a bachelor’s degree in Leadership and Ministry, he knew two things: he wanted to continue his studies, and he felt called to plant a church.

Since then, Robinson’s work with Total Grace Baptist Church has sent ripples through the northeastern side of Lexington, Ky., as the church he and his wife planted has grown from 30 members to 1,300. Robinson is working on his Masters of Biblical Studies degree at Asbury Theological Seminary, and as they celebrated the third anniversary of the church’s founding this summer, the impact on their local community through church services, child-care, after-school and food programs only stands to grow.

“Being at Asbury University helped me get a deeper passion for the academic approach to ministry,” Robinson said. “I became interested particularly in the Greek and Hebrew.”

Robinson’s passion is studying Biblical languages, and he is invested in training other church leaders in the Bible study techniques he’s learned. One of the members of his staff has also graduated from Asbury, and two more are preparing to enroll.

“The things that really worked for me with the University’s APS program were going one night a week and the group setting,” he said. “There aren’t many people who went through that class with me that I don’t keep in touch with. I made deep friendships with people from a vast array of denominations.”
Living Letters

The Spirit of the Living God Written on Human Hearts

In 2007, Asbury University developed the Cornerstone Project, an exploration of the key elements of spiritual vitality at Asbury University. In 2012-13, the Ambassador will examine the Cornerstone values chosen for the project — Scripture, Mission, Stewardship and Holiness — with an eye toward exploring the way in which each one has shaped Asbury’s past, lives in its present and guides its future. This article looks at what many consider to be the primary value, Scripture. The next issue of the Ambassador — The Fall Issue — will focus on the Mission cornerstone.
The monk, huddled in his monastery tower overlooking the German countryside, stared at the text from the first chapter of Romans: “For in the gospel the righteousness of God is fulfilled….”

He had read this verse before, and with the same turmoil in his heart. Martin Luther — doctor of theology, professor, priest and vicar — was haunted by his need for the righteousness of God. He was also utterly frustrated in his inability to achieve it, despite hours of confession.

On this day, however, a new understanding sparked as he suddenly focused on the second portion of the verse: “… a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: ‘The righteous will live by faith’” (Romans 1:16).

“All at once I felt that I had been born again and entered into paradise itself through open gates,” he later wrote. “Immediately I saw the whole of Scripture in a different light.”

More than 200 years later, another anxious priest found himself in a similar position. Luther’s journey to saving faith illuminated the path for John Wesley, a young minister who, with his brother, would go on to ignite a movement that changed the face of Christianity in England and the American colonies:

“In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther’s preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for my salvation: and an assurance was given me, that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.”

Wesley’s Aldersgate experience unearthed a spring of faith, grounded and informed by his life-long study of the Scriptures, that eventually flowed across the ocean to pool in an unlikely place: the gentle hollows and fertile soil of a sleepy train depot in Central Kentucky.

Learning the alphabet of faith

Asbury University’s founder, John Wesley Hughes, shared more than a name with the founder of the Methodist movement. Wesley, a self-proclaimed homo unius libri, or “man of one book,” looked to Scripture to provide the immovable reference point from which to align other forces, such as tradition, reason and experience, which guide a life of faith. In similar fashion, Hughes’ intent for the college he founded was unswervingly focused on promoting scriptural holiness of mind, body and spirit. At Asbury, Scripture forms the literal foundation stones for the very buildings in which students live and learn and the figurative building blocks upon which they establish a framework for understanding the world and each other. Throughout 122 years of operation, Asbury University has remained committed to growing in the understanding and application of Scripture.

The question, then, is not “What?!” but “How?” How does Asbury create an environment in which its students are formed not only by the words of God but also by the Word of God, the Son who is the fullest expression of God’s...
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love? How can Asbury help them become “a letter from Christ . . . written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts” (2 Cor. 3:3)?

The answer is two-fold: Asbury’s commitment to the primacy of Scripture has included both an institutional component as well as individual efforts from the scores of Christian leaders who have studied and worked at Asbury.

From an institutional point of view, the bonfire from which most other scriptural flames are lit is Chapel. Mandatory since 1894, Chapel’s ultimate goal is the spiritual formation of individuals and the community as a whole. According to a statement drafted by the Chapel Committee in 2001, “The method may vary, but the substance of the message must be solidly grounded in the Holy Scriptures.”

“Chapel has been the heartbeat and continues to be the heartbeat of Asbury,” said Stuart Smith ’77, senior advancement director and campus chaplain from 1997 to 2008. “It’s where everyone gathers together at one place, at one time for one reason: spiritual formation. And in that setting, God’s word is supreme.”

One student-run Chapel, in particular, stands out in Smith’s memory as a case-in-point of the centrality of Scripture. The service consisted of about 10 students simply taking turns at the podium, reading different Bible passages — no testimonies, no commentary and very little singing. Just Scripture.

“God showed up, as He has so many times,” Smith said. “Students began to just get up and go to the altar. I don’t know what the student leaders that day expected, but they just felt compelled to share Scripture with their classmates in Chapel.”

Throughout Asbury’s history, it has been in Chapel that students have been exposed to some of the most noted expository teachers of the Holiness and evangelical movements. It has been in Chapel that President Sandra Gray encouraged the Asbury community to join her in reading through the entire Bible in the 2009-10 academic year. And it has been in Chapel that the proclaimed Word has fanned into flames the banked coals of revival.

After students leave Hughes Auditorium, however, life in the Word becomes a community project. If Scripture is like a seed planted in students’ hearts, then relationships — with each other, faculty, staff and alumni — form the soil in which it grows.

“I had an appreciation for Scripture before I became a believer because I had seen it transform people I know, but it wasn’t until an upperclassman began to invest in me that I began to see how it applied to my life and made a difference,” said Joe Brockinton ’74, an alumnus who served in various administrative roles from 1991 to 2006. “I began to see faculty and staff or coaches that I knew applying Scripture to their lives. When they would talk about a decision they’d made, they’d talk about how the Scriptures informed that decision.”

Drawing on his experiences as a student when he later became a staff member, Brockinton invested in students through a discipleship group most of the years he worked at Asbury. Scripture was a focal point.

“We always talked about the importance of the word of God,” he said. “I often used the Navigators model — it goes through five levels of hearing the word, reading, studying, memorizing and meditating, which is what really makes a difference.”

Alex Keyser ’08, head coach for Asbury’s swimming and diving program, has found discipleship to be the name of the game in athletics, as well. Both as a student and as a coach, relationships were the context in which faith came to life.

“What I have found is that if a coach seeks out relationships with his or her athletes and works to build trust and a strong bond,
the athletes will perform just as well, if not better, for that transformational coach than for a transactional coach,” Keyser said. “I enjoy sitting down with my team, sharing the struggles I went through as a college student and showing the power the Lord has had through other people and his Word as he worked and shaped my heart.”

Being the Word
While at Asbury, students are prayed for, watched over, invested in and saturated with Scripture. Does this create an “incubator” of Christian values and culture that is unlike the life most college students experience? Probably. Is that intentional? Definitely. The truth is that for today’s students to successfully navigate their worlds, a solid scriptural foundation is essential.

“Our students are shaped by Scripture as it has been received and interpreted since the time of the apostles who wrote it, down through the tradition of apostolic teaching to today,” said Dr. Neil Anderson ’88, professor of Biblical and Theological Studies. “But Asbury students would be ill-equipped to meet the challenges to their faith that the world poses, let alone help transform that world as adult believers, if all they could do was cite Scripture. They need to be able to articulate clearly and decisively not only what they believe, but why they believe what they believe.”

Asbury alumni around the world are doing just that: internalizing and communicating Scripture. Dr. Bart Bruehler ’95, assistant professor of New Testament at Indiana Wesleyan University and author of A Public and Political Christ, met his wife, Anne Silber ’98 Bruehler, at Asbury. Scripture informed their ministry experiences, even as the experiences shed light on ways to interpret the Bible.

“We lived in a long-term homeless recovery program, managing a large house that hosted a wide variety of residents and guests,” he said. “Later, we moved into a community filled with resettled refugees where open homes and hospitality was a way of life. These experiences made me more aware of how places affect our relationships and ministry. As I worked closely through the gospel of Luke during my doctoral program, I noticed that Luke dropped almost all the references to Jesus doing things in private and liked to put Jesus in big crowds or cities. That was the fertile soil for years of research.”

While many students throughout Asbury’s history have gone on to faithful and distinguished service to the Church, many also leave Asbury to engage a world with radically different values and to engage people who are unlikely ever to enter a church or Bible study. In this sense, Asbury alumni may be the only Scripture some people will ever read.

This past January, Asbury alum Josh Taber ’07 played a role in putting one of the Bible’s most beloved verses, John 3:16, in front of an audience of millions. As an executive assistant and project manager at Coldwater Media in Colorado, he produced a 30-second ad for an NFL playoff game that featured a dozen children telling nearly 35 million people just how much God loves them.

“’There was an outpouring of positive comments across Twitter and Facebook,” Taber said. “There were accounts of rooms becoming silent, kids wanting to see the ad over and over and accounts that some even dedicated their lives to Christ after watching it.”

Taber and Bruehler are just two of thousands of Asburians in many different fields, all serving as “living letters” and translating God’s Scriptures to a hungry world. In true Wesleyan fashion, the world is their parish; in the spirit of the prophet-king David, Scripture is a lamp to their feet and a light to their path. And in a living example of the apostle Paul’s instructions to his friend Timothy, Asburians of all ages have answered the call and challenge of Scripture: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourselves to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching” (1 Tim. 4:12-13).
The 2011-12 school year was one of the most successful in recent history for Asbury University athletics, capped off by the school’s first trip to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Tournaments in baseball and men’s tennis.

The baseball team had perhaps the most notable postseason run. Under the leadership of coach Bob Silvanik, the all-time leader in wins at Asbury, the Eagles started the season 0-17 and finished the regular season 11-36 overall and 9-7 in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC).

The men’s tennis team also made its first trip to the NAIA tournament since the format was changed from an individual competition to a team competition in 2000. The Eagles claimed their first KIAC regular-season and tournament championships since 1998 along the way.

Overall, Asbury athletics claimed four KIAC regular-season and three KIAC tournament championships.

• The women’s basketball team captured its first KIAC title with a 9-2 league mark, taking a share of the regular-season championship with Indiana Southeast.

• The women’s soccer team captured its sixth-straight KIAC regular-season title and fifth tournament title in the past six years.

• The men’s soccer team claimed a share of the KIAC regular-season title for the third-straight year and won the KIAC Tournament for the third time in the past five years.

• Volleyball won a school-record 42 matches, a total no other program in the country matched. The Eagles, under coach JP Rader ’83, claimed a share of the KIAC regular-season title with a 14-1 record, the third time in the past four years they have won a share or the conference outright.
The Dynamic Word of God

You are our living letters, shining the light of Christ into a dark world.

With each passing year I become more convinced that Asbury University is fulfilling a unique role in higher education today. Our programs are guided by the classical tradition of orthodox Christian thought. Central to this endeavor is a clear affirmation of the Scriptures as God’s infallible and authoritative word.

As Hebrews 4:12 teaches, the Word of God is living, breathing and sharp. What an encouragement the Bible is not static. We can read the same passages for decades and continue to uncover new truths as our circumstances change and as we mature in our faith. The Lord also uses Scripture to train us in righteousness so we can be fully equipped for every good work God has planned for us (2 Timothy 3:16).

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As you think about the importance of the Bible and how God uses it to grow us in our faith and to provide direction for our lives, I hope you are encouraged that it is on the foundation of Scripture that Asbury seeks to provide an excellent integrated educational experience. The men and women the Lord directs to Asbury not only receive training in a particular field of study, but they are taught how they can use their God-given gifts to step into the plans He has for them to make an impact for His Kingdom.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership. Programs like The Cornerstone Project are just one of many that Asbury uses to enrich each student’s experience through the integration of faith, learning and living. This type of Christ-centered education would not be possible without the support of our alumni, parents and friends.

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R. Gregory Swanson, JD ’78
Vice President for Institutional Advancement & General Counsel
Faith and Science
Dr. Anthony Futerman, a research scientist and professor of biochemistry at an Israeli educational institution, challenged listeners in May to be willing to “go where the evidence leads” on commonly encountered points of tension between faith and science. A careful thinker in both fields, Futerman detailed his experiences in reconciling his scientific observations with a conviction of the validity of the New Testament.

Web Site Scores
In June, Asbury University’s athletic Web site (asburyeagles.com) was named the top In-House Web site by sports information directors with the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics).

A Walk in the Park
The construction phase of a five-year campus project called the Jewell Walk began this summer. The plan involves replacing Jewell Street, an internal campus road, with a pedestrian plaza featuring benches, shade trees and landscaping. The walkway will connect Hughes Plaza with the Miller Center for Communication Arts, passing Johnson Hall, Trustees Hall, McCreless Fine Arts Center and the Hamann-Ray Science Center. The effort has been funded in large part through Reunion Class Gifts.

Giants of History
Dr. Robert Neff, professor of history at Asbury from 1970-2007 — and class advisor to the Colonel Class of 1978 — passed away in April. A man of scholarship and biblical conviction, he is remembered by many for the weekly prayer meetings he and his wife, Marilyn, hosted in their home. Dr. Joseph Thacker ’50, who taught at Asbury from 1952-85 — teaching history, geography, political science, sociology, economics and physical education — passed away in May. From 1968-83 he was chair of the Social Science Division and for 36 years a mainstay in Jym Jam, the showcase of the Asbury tumbling team. His public service and commitment to community was evident through his service as mayor of Wilmore in the early ’70s and leadership at the Wilmore United Methodist Church and Wilmore Camp Meetings. He authored the book “Asbury College: Vision and Miracle” helping us all remember the highlights of our history.

Radio Heard ‘Round the World
Asbury University conferred an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree on Dr. Billy Kim, pastor emeritus of Suwon Central Baptist Church in Suwon, Korea, in recognition of his accomplishments in worldwide evangelism in April. Kim serves as the chairman of the Far East Broadcast Company, a media ministry with 11 Christian radio stations in Korea. Through his work with FEBC, as well as Youth for Christ, the Baptist World Alliance and various educational institutions, millions of people around the world have been introduced to the Christian faith. Dr. Kim visited Wilmore in April and brought with him the Korean Children’s Choir.

Ichthus Rocks On
Making connections was on the playlist at Ichthus 2012 as Asbury staff members and students shared about the University’s programs and campus activities at a tent near the festival’s main stage. At the tent, attendees could speak with admissions representatives, create a souvenir snapshot using an 8-foot-by-10-foot photo frame and sign one of two graffiti walls. Asbury also gave 40 $4,000 scholarships to youth workers to award to rising seniors and presented three students with scholarships from the main stage.
Collegian Wows Designers
A new design conceived and implemented by students won national recognition for The Collegian, Asbury University’s student newspaper, at this year’s Society for News Design competition. Asbury placed in three categories and took home two honorable mentions.

Commencement 2012
More than 350 students graduated with associate’s, bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Commencement ceremonies in May. The graduating class included more than 60 students receiving Masters of Social Work and Master of Arts in Education degrees. Also, nearly 30 undergraduates with a variety of majors completed their bachelor’s degrees through the Adult Professional Studies program.

New Deans
Asbury welcomed Dr. Sherry Powers ’77 as Dean of the School of Education in July. She comes to Asbury from Western Kentucky University, where she served as Director of the School of Teacher Education and Associate Dean. Dr. Verna Lowe has accepted a new position as Dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies. Previously, she served as Dean of the School of Education, where she led the school to adopt a clinical-based method for teacher preparation.

Excellence in Teaching
Dr. Daniel Strait, professor of English, received the 2012 Frances White Ewbank Excellence in Teaching Award in recognition of his integration of faith and literature in the classroom. The award is given in honor of Dr. Frances White Ewbank, an English literature professor at Asbury University in the 1950s, and includes a $1,000 prize supported by alumni donations.

Golden Opportunities
A group of nearly 80 Asburians, including faculty, staff, students and alumni, traveled to London in July and August in connection with the 2012 Summer Olympics. Some students helped to broadcast the Games; others covered the event for media outlets. Asbury has been sending students to the Olympics since 1984.

Leadercast
Asbury partnered with Asbury Theological Seminary in May to host a simulcast of the Chick-fil-A Leadercast, a leadership event broadcast from Atlanta, Ga. Now in its 12th year, the Leadercast features motivational messages from spiritual, athletic, business and academic fields.

Faith and Family Nights
Asbury hosted two Faith and Family Night events with the Lexington (Ky.) Legends professional baseball team. During each game, Asbury students, faculty, staff and alumni were involved in pre-game activities, the national anthem and between-inning entertainment.
Philip Stine ’64 is author of “Four Hundred Years on the Best Seller List” published April 25, 2012, by the American Bible Society.

David ’69 and Autumn Creeks ’70 Perry finished running a marathon in all 50 states. David is a hospital administrator in Milledgeville, Ga., and Autumn is a nurse at the Medical Center in Macon. Autumn has been going on medical missions to Nepal since 2004. They reside in Milledgeville.

Gene Ezell ’70 has had his 16th book published “Teaching Today’s Health” (a college textbook) published by Benjamin Cummings Publishing. He is in his 38th year of teaching at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and his 23rd year of coaching women’s soccer, currently at Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Ga. Gene is also involved in songwriting and has seven songs recorded by various Contemporary Christian and Southern Gospel artists.

R. David Reynolds ’70 retired from the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church, June 9, 2012. He and his family have moved to his hometown of Marion, Ill.

Steve Wood ’73 is semi-retired from pastoral ministry and continues songwriting. His composition “Sunday Brought the Cure” won the East Coast Songwriters Contest in June 2012 in the Contemporary Christian/Spiritual category.

Phil Cooley ’77, Lieutenant Colonel, retired from the Air Force Dec. 1, 2010 after 24 years of service. His wife, Kathy Carnes ’81 Cooley has been an essential part of his service. Kathy, along with their children Ryan, who attended Asbury, and Stephen ’10 and daughter Suzanne participated in the ceremony. Kathy’s brother, Gordon Carnes ’77, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve and his wife Ruby, were special guests. Phil has taken a Civil Service position at the Headquarters of Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo., where he is working with the next generation of GPS satellites. The Cooley’s reside at 21967 Landrum Place, Calhan, CO 80808.

Wayne Nichols ’82 is currently serving the Dixon/Dixie United Methodist Churches in the Kentucky Annual Conference. His new address is 7036 Wheeler Road, Corydon, KY 42406.

Mark A. Maddix ’87 was elected President of the North American Professors of Christian Education (NAPCE) association. NAPCE consists of professors of Christian education in Universities and Seminaries in North America. He also co-edited the new book, “Best Practices of Online Education: A guide to Christian Higher Education.”

Robert Randall Neff ’87 and Sylvia Ann Boykin ’91 were married Nov. 12, 2011 in Macon, Ga., at Park Memorial United Methodist Church. Twenty-one Asbury graduates and former students were in attendance. The bride and groom were married by former faculty member of 37 years, Dr. Robert Neff, father of the groom. Robbie and Sylvia’s new address is 310 East Oak Street, Nicholasville, KY 40356. E-mail: sylviaboykin@mindspring.com and rob.neff@yahoo.com.
released by Information Age Publishing. The book helps professors and administrators develop, generate and teach online classes and programs.

David Paul ’06 and Ashley Dalton ’05 Grigg, along with big sister Morgan, are proud to announce the arrival of Grayson Paul Charles, born Sept. 16, 2011 in Birmingham, Ala.


Kimberly Shue ’92 Karnes and her husband celebrated the birth of their first child, Lydia Loraine, on June 8, 2011 in Jeffersonville, Ind.


Steven O. Evans ’94 received his Ph.D. in Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation from the University of Kentucky on May 6, 2012 and was also made a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Steve Beshear.

Neil ’97 and Shauna Stewart ’00 Noah proudly announce the arrival of Alexander born Nov. 21, 2011 in Lexington, Ky. Proud grandparents are Mel ’68 and Fran Browning ’68 Noah.


Erin McMurray ’00 Avera and husband William moved with their children, Cooper and Paige, to Germany in late fall 2011. William is a Captain in the U.S. Army and Erin is currently volunteering and chasing her two kids around Europe.

Ruthie Boldt ’01 Howard and her husband, Steven, welcomed the arrival of their first child, August Joel (“A.J.”) on May 16, 2012. The Howards live in Cerulean, Ky.

Jennifer Watson ’01 is teaching at Rosslyn Academy, an international Christian school in Nairobi, Kenya.

David and Martha Blackburn ’01 Williams announce the arrival of Avery Corinne, born Dec. 26, 2011 in St. Louis, Mo. Proud grandparents are Roger ’67 and Marilyn Bolerjack ’71 Backburn.

Eric ’02 and Elizabeth Augustyn ’06 Bentley announce the arrival of Elijah James Bentley on May 13, 2012 in Lexington, Ky.

Jonathan ’01 and Heidi Bond ’02 Wyman welcomed Sarah Elizabeth on April 7, 2011 in Manchester, N.H. Sarah joins big sister Emily.


Mark Siverling ’03 and wife Candice, welcomed their first child, Ella Grace, into the world, Nov. 1, 2011.

Hakem Dermish ’04 moved from NBC in Washington D.C. to Connecticut as a new sports anchor for ESPN.


Joel Kilty ’04 and Renee Davis Kilty announce the birth of Harrison Lee on July 29, 2011 in Lexington, Ky.

Jonny ’05 and Siobhan Keeley ’04 Adkins were married Oct. 8, 2011 at Estes Chapel in Wilmore, Ky.


Gregory Weidman ’05 wrote the script for an episode of “NCIS: LA” that aired on Jan. 10, 2012 on CBS.

Ben ’06 and Emily Martin ’06 Andrews announce the birth of Cooper Scott on March 6, 2012. Proud grandparents are Larry ’75 and Debra Brunning ’77 Andrews.

Noel and Diana Shipe ’06 Ball announce the birth of Roisin Erin on May 4, 2012 in Lexington, Ky.

Benjamin Lewis ’07 received his M.A. in Greek and Latin from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. on May 12, 2012 and is pursuing his Ph.D. studies in Greek and Latin at CUA. He received a teaching fellowship in the First Year Experience, to teach “HUM 101: Classics in Conversation” to freshmen at CUA in the fall.

Lisa Hall ’07 is the Assistant Cathedral Organist at Christ Church in Lexington, Ky.

Adam Hammerlee ’08 graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, May 20, 2012. Adam is the son of Bill Hammerlee ’80 and Valerie Murphy ’80 Hammerlee.

Will Sears ’09 received the Indiana Dental Association Outstanding Staff Award for 2012. Will is Director of Communications at the Indiana Dental Association.

Lauren Foldy ’10 married Mark Reyes on May 11, 2012. Both Lauren & Mark are students at Asbury Theological Seminary where Lauren is on staff in the advancement office. Mark works in Online Programs at Asbury University.

Andrew Crisologo ’10 and Christy Humason ’10 were married Dec. 30, 2011 at Vineyard Community Church in Lexington, Ky. Andrew is the son of Peter Crisologo ’79 and Valeria Shannon ’81 Crisologo. Andrew and Christy live in Des Moines, Iowa where he is studying podiatric medicine and surgery at Des Moines University.

Emma Sleeth ’10 first wrote “It’s Easy Being Green” as a student at Asbury in 2008. The book has been re-released. Her mother, former Asbury English Professor Nancy Sleeth, also has a new book, “Almost Amish: One Woman’s Quest for a Slower, Simpler, More Sustainable Life.”

Vaughn Little, M.A. ’12 was selected as 2012’s Man of the Year by the University of Kentucky’s African American Studies Program, Fayette County’s Fatherhood Initiative and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity’s Lexington Graduate Chapter.

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Cornelia Hampton ’33 Nay, Education, 2/19/2012, Goshen, Ky.


Julius Brasher ’37, Ministry, 5/11/2012, Attalla, Ala.


Mary Harkness ’38 Birge, Nursing, 3/29/2012, Burdett, N.Y.

Gladys Moore ’38 Keith, Education, 2/28/2012, Franklin, Ind.

Emily Evans ’39, Missions, 2/23/2012, Wilmore, Ky.

John Ausband ’40, Medicine, 5/13/2012, Beaufort, S.C.

Martha Lester ’40 Smither, 5/23/2012, Lexington, Ky.

Louise Dodson ’42 Sprow, Homemaker, 2/9/2012, Louisville, Ky.

Ruth Berry ’44 Cox, Public Service, 1/25/2012, Washington, N.C.

Mary Stevens ’44 Martin, Education, 5/18/2012, Street, Md.

John Armentrout ’46, Ministry, 12/15/2011, Lebanon, Ohio


Daniel Cary ’48, Ministry, 2/14/2012, Theodosia, Mo.

Ray Glenn ’48, Ministry, 1/30/2012, Tacoma, Wash.

James Young ’48, Education, 4/12/2012, South Hadley, Mass.


Rose Wagoner ’49 Harrison, 3/10/2012, Lakeland, Fla.

Joseph Ruggles ’49, Education, 4/7/2012, Beaver, Ohio

Edwin Wilson ’49, Ministry, 10/2/2011, Cincinnati, Ohio

Joseph Thacker ’50, Education, 5/18/2012, Bristol, Tenn.


Paul Sickler ’51, Education, 2/11/2012, Cathedral City, Calif.


Gloria Donaldson ’54 Foster, Education, 6/11/2012, Quitman, Ga.

Kirby Poston ’54, Business, 2/13/2012, Pamplico, S.C.


Doris Dollar ’58 Brackman, 5/11/2012, Lakeland, Fla.


Patricia Johns ’65 Roberts, Education, 3/30/2012, Columbus, Ga.


Alonzo Graff ’67, Ministry, 4/22/2012, Conneaut, Ohio


Jean Okesson ’72 Haglund, Nursing, 2/17/2012, Jamestown, N.Y.


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Byron Aftonomos, 7/31/2011, Omaha, Neb.

Thomas Bonar, 2/12/2012, Lewistown, Mont.

Myrl Brashear, 3/29/2012, Bowling Green, Ky.

William Dawson, 3/26/2012, Portsmouth, Ohio

Stephen Earhart, 2/8/2012, Palm Coast, Fla.

Jack Hancock, Business, 2/27/2012, Greenville, S.C.

Warren Holbert, 1/15/2012, Macon, Ga.

Lucile Leffel, 8/29/2011, Baltimore, Md.

James Lovell, 2/16/2012, Wilmore, Ky.


Dorothy Meiser, 12/15/2011, Sebring, Ohio


Martha McGaughey Roberts, 7/12/2011, Louisville, Ky.


Ron Sharp, 4/14/2012, Lexington, Ky.

James Sheehan, 2/17/2012, Danville, Ky.

Betty Shipps, 5/9/2012, Maret, N.J.

Mary Smith, 9/15/2011, Marietta, Ga.


friends
TRIVIA TIME
A bit of Asbury history, gathered from alums at Reunion 2012.
See how you fare!

1. The Class of 1942 (the Green Dragons) was named in honor of …
   a. a tavern in Boston
   b. an inn in Tolkien’s “The Hobbit”
   c. a military battalion in World War II
   d. a farmers market in Pennsylvania

2. Which of these hymns has been chosen as a class hymn five times?
   a. “Jesus Loves Me”
   b. “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”
   c. “Lead On, O King Eternal”
   d. “In Christ Alone”

3. Asbury alumna Rosalind Rinker ’45 wrote which of the following books cited by Christianity Today as the most influential book in evangelicalism?
   a. “Prayer: Conversing with God”
   b. “Through the Gates of Splendor”
   c. “The Power of a Praying Wife”
   d. “Lady in Waiting”

4. Above is the only time a car has been discovered inside Hughes Auditorium.
   a. True
   b. False

5. When the men of Johnson Main redecorated Glide-Crawford one night in 1984, which theme did they use (hint: it’s pictured)?
   a. Retreat (log cabin, stuffed bear and campfire)
   b. Beach (sand, umbrellas, beach balls and towels)
   c. Park (leaves, bicycles, a swing set and benches)
   d. Night in the city (streetlights, theatre marquee and café).

6. Which professor (pictured above) served as an amateur stargazer for the Naval Research Observatory?
   a. Dr. J. Paul Ray
   b. Dr. Bruce Branan
   c. Dr. Cecil Hamann
   d. Dr. Lawrence Olsen

7. Asbury students have worked at the Olympic Games in which of the following cities?
   a. London, Calgary, Salt Lake
   b. Atlanta, Sydney, Vancouver
   c. Beijing, Athens, Torino
   d. All of the Above

8. An underground steam tunnel spanning the campus from the cafeteria to Jewell Street served as an emergency exit for the Administration Building during the cold war.
   a. True
   b. False

9. When the hymnals in Hughes Auditorium mysteriously went missing in 1982, they eventually were located …
   a. in the bell tower
   b. at the reservoir
   c. in the cafeteria
   d. behind the organ

10. To celebrate Asbury’s 100th birthday in 1990, students gathered on the golf course to …
    a. eat
    b. sing
    c. watch fireworks
    d. All of the Above

Answer Key:
1. b; 2. c; 3. a; 4. b; 5. c; 6. a; 7. d; 8. b; 9. d; 10. d
THE KOREAN CHILDREN’S CHOIR —

In April, Asbury University hosted Dr. Billy Kim, pastor emeritus of the 15,000-member Central Baptist Church in Suwon, Korea, and the Korean Children’s Choir. During a Chapel performance, students were delighted to receive hugs and blessings from the 40 children as they sang throughout Hughes Auditorium. The children also performed at a community-wide evening event. In honor of Dr. Kim’s influential role in global evangelism for nearly 40 years, and in a surprise ceremony in front of the Asbury student body during a Chapel service in Hughes Auditorium, the University bestowed on him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree (story page 26).
From its earliest days, Asbury University has encouraged and nurtured a missionary spirit among its students. At Asbury, however, “missions” not only refers to a short-term immersion in a different culture or country, but also to the heart’s orientation toward reaching out with the love of Christ to see His kingdom take shape in the world around us.

The Ambassador will explore “Mission” — with its many facets — in an ongoing series about Asbury University’s Cornerstone values in the Fall 2012 issue.