ONE GENERATION WILL COMMEND YOUR WORKS TO ANOTHER; THEY WILL TELL OF YOUR MIGHTY ACTS. –PSALM 145:4
Making Disciples of All Nations

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In II Kings, we learn the story of Elisha and the widow. The widow has nothing but a little oil, empty jars and her faith. I share this story to encourage us to be empty vessels ready to be filled.

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Jesus taught His disciples that they had to be missionaries at home, in Jerusalem, before going to their neighbors in Judea. Only then would they be prepared to minister to people in Samaria and all parts of the world.

Our call is to go into all the world, believing He will provide, just as He did for the widow and the disciples. If we are willing, the Lord can do something fresh and unexpected, something that we would never dream of or imagine in our lives.

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According to the scriptural precept, “doing with what we have” is a key to fulfilling the Great Commission. To the extent that we are faithful in “using what we have,” the Lord will make the world His own and bless His people.

It is important to be spirit-filled before we go out into the world and make disciples in His name. Our college is in an excellent position to prepare for the Great Commission Congress later this year and to encourage our students as they return from various missions assignments.

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The 2008 Great Commission Congress offering will feed 500 children attending the Good Samaritan School led by Dr. Ananthi Jebasingh in New Delta, India. As many as 500 children at this Christ-centered school are hungry and lack enough nutrition to energize their education. A nutritional meal for one school day costs approximately 12 cents. If Asbury raises $9,150, we can provide a meal for 500 children for half of a school year.

A new cross-cultural requirement encourages our students to broaden their horizons in ministry and service around the world. In Summer 2008 Asbury College students visited Columbia, India, Romania, South Africa, Thailand, South Korea, Kenya, Peru, Nepal, China and numerous other nations. We have 20,000 alumni living and serving in all 50 states and 80 foreign nations. Many are pastors and missionaries who have dedicated their lives to ministering to people around the world. Other alumni work in education, media, business, government, medicine and many other vocations. Their job titles and locations may differ, but Asburians’ goals are the same—to make disciples of all nations.

As individuals, what can we offer the world? How can we fulfill the Great Commission in our communities, industries and homes? For many, overseas mission work is not our calling. Others of us are overwhelmed with the needs of the world and do not feel we have anything useful to offer another culture.

Paul Borthwick taught at the College’s 100th anniversary of the Great Commission Congress. He shared his thoughts about what it means to be a Christian living out the Great Commission in daily life.

Missions Isn’t Always Across the Ocean

Historically, the Christian church has always thought of missions as being over there. It’s across a culture so it’s across an ocean usually.

You no longer have to visit another country to reach the nations. The reality is that the global world is upon us in the form of immigration and global connections. I want to encourage people to be thinking about how their lives connect with God’s purposes around the world. We just need to be aware of the fact that this world is changing and it’s not just about going across an ocean.

If you think God is calling you to a cross-cultural setting overseas, then get involved with a cross-cultural setting in the United States before going overseas. It used to be that you had to cross the ocean to see if you could work well in Ethiopia, now you can find Ethiopians in almost every major city.

Give What You Have

We are like the widows in IL Kings 4. When the woman’s sons are going to be sold in to slavery, she wants help. She is like a lot of us when it comes to missions. Most of us would say that the needs are so great that none of us have anything to offer. And Elisha says, “What do you have in your house?” In other words, he’s challenging her to recognize that she does have resources even though she sees herself as poor and inadequate. What is it that you have to offer? God can take the little we have and multiply it and do miraculous things with us.

You can hear Dr. Borthwick’s sermons on www.com or the podcasts on asbury.edu/chapelpodcasts.

Paul and his wife, Christie, serve on the staff of Development Associates International, a training group dedicated to the character and ministry development of leaders in the under-resourced world. He also teaches at Gordon College, serves as an Urbana Missions Associate with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, and has authored several books, including A Mind for Missions.

– Dr. Paul Borthwick
Several months ago I was invited by the C.S. Lewis Foundation to serve as the instructor for one of their weeklong Summer Seminars-in-Residence at The Kilns. The C.S. Lewis Foundation purchased the property in 1984 and with the help of many volunteers has restored it to its 1930s appearance. Through its Scholars-in-Residence Program, which runs from September to June, the Foundation opens The Kilns to artists and academicians who are looking for a unique opportunity for lodging, study and fellowship within an intentionally Christian, scholarly community. In addition to these two programs, the foundation provides tours of the house and grounds to visitors throughout the year.

There were 14 in our seminar, all from America, but representing many different walks of life. There was one pastor, who, along with his wife, had been given this trip to honor the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination and their service to their church. We also had two writers, one missionary, one businessman, two high school teachers, one horse trainer, one future candidate for the priesthood, one real estate developer and two retirees. We ate in Lewis’s dining room, met for classes in the library, spent time together in the garden and common room, and each night slept in the various bedrooms scattered throughout The Kilns. I was given Lewis’s own room to stay.

Each day after breakfast, I taught on one of Lewis’s works. Knowing that I could not cover them all, I focused on The Screwtape Letters, Mere Christianity, The Chronicles of Narnia, The Four Loves and Letters to Malcolm. I began our first session by telling our group there were two things Lewis would not have tolerated: disagreements that took the form of personal attacks and the idea that Christians should never disagree. I suggested that we could best honor Lewis’s memory by having the kind of lively “hammer and tongs” discussions he would have enjoyed himself. And we did.

In The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, the first of the Chronicles of Narnia, we meet four children who must leave London because of the air-raids during World War II. We are told they were sent to the house “of an old Professor who lived in the heart of the country, ten miles from the nearest railway station and two miles from the nearest...”

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Following in Footsteps
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The college, its grounds, chapel, and dining hall remain much as they would have been during Lewis's day (and, one might add, the two centuries before). Addison's Walk, the wooded path adjacent to the college, also remains unchanged. It was here that Lewis strolled long into the night of September 19, 1931, as he talked about Christianity with his friends Hugo Dyson and J.R.R. Tolkien, a discussion which led to his conversion.

One night we went to Oxford's Odeon Theater to see the film adaptation of Prince Caspian, which had opened in Britain a few weeks earlier. During the opening credits, our group led the applause when C.S. Lewis's name came on the screen. Going to sleep in the house where he had written all seven of The Chronicles of Narnia felt extra special that night.

Lewis's parish church, Holy Trinity, is just a short walk from the house. He could have chosen to worship at the magnificent cathedral at Christ Church College—where he could have listened to a highly-trained choir and heard the bishop of Oxford speak—but Lewis was opposed to "church shopping." He favored what he called the "parochial system," and so attended the small Anglican church nearest to where he lived. His simple grave lies in the shade of the trees in the churchyard.

What was it like to live and teach for a week in the shadow of C.S. Lewis, to walk where he walked, to eat where he ate, to worship where he worshiped, and, in my case especially, to sleep where he slept? Staying at The Kilns was a dream come true for me, and the whole experience was somewhat dreamlike. From time to time I had to remind myself I was really there. Paradoxically, it was also very real. There is still a genuine sense of Lewis in each of the rooms and in the lovely garden.

There is a much-quoted phrase from chapter 44 of the book of Ecclesiasticus, which begins, "Let us now praise famous men." Our seminar at The Kilns met not so much to praise Lewis as to express our gratitude and to share some of what we had learned from him. I came away with a renewed appreciation for all I had gained from Lewis's works over the years.

Living in the house where Lewis once lived, one cannot help but be reminded that we are here for only a brief time. With this in mind, one personal highlight for me was to have Anna Ballard '04, an Asbury graduate and my former student, attend the seminar. Knowing that there will be Asbury students, like Anna, in whose ongoing work I—in some small part—may still contribute to means a great deal to me as a professor.

- Devin Brown, Ph.D. 
Professor of English
When God’s People Pray

Paul ’67 and Rebecca Kunkle ’67 Petrie were called to ministry on the same night at the same altar during a missions conference their freshman year. They have lived much of their married life in Europe ministering together. In 2001, their life changed forever after Rebecca was paralyzed following an accident. An entry from their blog reads: “In a moment, she was reduced from a vibrant, active woman to a woman totally dependent on the care of others. The choice before her: bitterness and despair, or an embrace of life. She daily chooses life.” Paul Petrie said, “We have also been ‘one’—in every way, but very definitely in mission. We learned anew to live out our mission together.”

The Scriptures make it clear that God is on the throne as ruler of all. In every situation He works for the benefit of the world He loves and for the extension of the Kingdom, the reign of His Son.

It is vital for us to look for the things that God is doing, and for the people He was engaging. This was Jesus’ mode of operation. He did what the father did and said. So we began with prayer.

In the mid 1990s a group of believers in Brussels, Belgium, began praying together monthly for the developing European Institutions in what had become the “Capital of Europe.” The European Union (EU) is the political and economic community of 27 member states.

With almost 500 million citizens, the EU generates an estimated 31 percent of the world’s gross domestic product. Twenty-one EU countries are members of NATO, and EU citizens directly elect their Parliament every five years. Our prayer was that God’s people and His ways would influence their processes.

In 1996, our Brussels prayer group became connected with the U.S. National Prayer Breakfast in D.C. This was a providential connection, leading to a long-term relationship between the Brussels group and the National Prayer Breakfast.

That year the “working group,” which had developed from the prayer group, initiated a gathering of believing political and diplomatic leaders in Brussels to introduce the possibility of a “Prayer Breakfast.” Of the 92 invited, 89 came (rather a miracle at 7:30 on a Saturday morning on a continent where people rarely pray or eat breakfast). The result of this meeting was the decision to do the first European Prayer Breakfast and see where God would lead.

The invitations sent to political leaders and diplomats invited them to “gather around the Person of Jesus.” In Europe the term Christian has many different definitions, so we chose to identify ourselves as committed followers of Jesus. That raised some eyebrows, as you can imagine, but it also allowed us to define the content of our relationship with Him.

Georgina Dufour, who had been a Cabinet Minister under French President Mitterrand, came and shared her powerful testimony of encountering and surrendering to Jesus. That first European Prayer Breakfast experienced a remarkable Presence.

When we concluded, everyone stayed seated, some in tears. (Can you imagine a NATO General weeping? It happened!) The response of those gathered was that we must continue these events.

In 2007, the EBP celebrated its 10th anniversary, meeting in the Members’ Dining Room of the European Parliament. The gathering was moderated by the President of the Parliament, and the speaker was the Dutch Prime Minister, both of whom are deeply committed believers.

Members of the European Parliament attended, plus a number of Ambassadors, national Parliamentarians, Cabinet Ministers and European Royals. In total, nearly 20 European nations had representatives from their governments at the European Prayer Breakfast. Through the years, speakers have included Presidents, Prime Ministers and Cabinet Ministers.

A number of Parliamentary Prayer Groups and “Prayer Breakfasts” have been initiated in other national capitals. This relationship has started a strong and growing link between true believers in various European governments. A network of committed followers of Jesus is growing across the continent. And, more importantly, many small, committed, groups of political leaders meet regularly for prayer.

– Paul Petrie ’67
Obedience and Faith

Dr. Jim Owens '79 calls his involvement with the Olympics a spiritual pilgrimage. Through his relationship with the games, Owens says he has seen God’s hand work in miraculous ways.

When Owens was a student at Asbury College in the 1970s, he and a few friends watched the Olympics on TV and remembers thinking, “Someday, I’ll go to the Olympics.”

The dream came true in 1980 when Owens worked with a radio station for the 1980 Olympics. Owens said, “I learned more from that week of cross-cultural immersion in the Olympic media production than I had the entire semester in graduate school. I thought, I have to find some way to stay involved in this and if I end up teaching, I want to make sure to involve my students.”

The next year, Owens started teaching at Asbury College. He was able to take a handful of unpaid student interns to the 1984 and 1988 games. “I thought that was as good as it gets…until 1996.”

In 1996, Asbury College was approached by the Atlanta Olympic Committee. Some years earlier the Olympic committee had formed a broadcast training program to train college students and would provide them with an opportunity to work at the Olympic games in professional paid positions. Part of the idea was to help students launch their careers in communications, but the program was floundering and the committee sought out a school that had previously worked with them. They called Asbury College, asked them to be involved and to bring 50 students to the Games.

Owens took this news to the administration to ask for permission to take students to the Games. The president, Dr. David Gyertson, agreed, with conditions. He told Owens that if another school couldn’t afford the equipment to train following God's plan for our lives isn't always easy, but can yield a greater impact than we ever imagined.

Senior Matt Giblin was one of the 50 Asbury College students who helped broadcast the games in Beijing.
their students, Asbury College should loan our equipment for free to any school. “God has blessed us with some resources that other schools may not have,” Gyterson said. Owens admits he was reluctant because the media communications department had worked so hard to acquire the equipment.

When the Olympic committee called and offered Owens $10,000 to rent the trailer from Asbury College for another college, he was tempted to accept the money. Owens knew the department could use the $10,000. Remembering his commitment to the president, he offered the trailer for free. The committee was so impressed that they used Asbury College’s trailer as a backup unit for the games, outfitting it with $150,000 worth of equipment that the College eventually got to keep. “I don’t know why we are still surprised when Biblical principles work,” said Owens. “And the College also took 173 students to the games instead of the original 50.”

Owens came back from Atlanta believing the 1996 Games had been a once in a lifetime experience. Yet the Asbury College’s president prayed that Atlanta would only be the tip of the iceberg. And it was. In 2002, the College was asked to administer the Olympic broadcasting training program, teaching 600 students and 72 Asbury students in Salt Lake City. In 2004, Owens taught 1,000 foreign students and 55 Asbury students in Athens. Then in 2005, the Olympic committee asked for a long-term contract with Asbury College. That next year, Owens taught 700 students in Torino, Italy.

The Olympic games in August were incredible. Owens trained 1,600 university students in Beijing and Hong Kong and also trained professional staff for the first time for a combined total of roughly 2,000 trainees. Owens quipped that he taught more international students there than he has Asbury College students in his entire 27-year tenure with the College.

This year 50 Asbury College students along with six faculty and staff participated in the games. “Asbury College is the only school that has been invited to help broadcast more than one Olympics, and we have been to seven.”

Through this exposure, Asbury College students and faculty have shared communication insights, answered questions about their faith and given accounts of God’s glory at the largest broadcast event in the world.

Kristen Byler ’08 Fischetti worked at the USA vs. Spain basketball game.

Ben Greenhoe ’08 holding a boom microphone at the team handball venue.

Jeremy Rauch ’08 at opening ceremonies.

Obedience and Faith Continued
A lit torch represents the Olympics to audiences around the world, and it is carried from country to country unifying all people. During the summer Olympics, 50 Asbury College media communications majors were encouraged to be “torchbearers” as well.

In a country where it was illegal to share their faith, Asbury College media communications students found a way to show the love of Christ.

Senior Lizzy Tyler of Columbia, S.C., and senior Kendra White from Wilmore, were two of the students who went to Beijing, China in August to help broadcast the games.

For Lizzy, being a light for the Lord was keeping a positive attitude in a stressful environment. “I would smile and be helpful to the broadcasters. I was a really hard worker and could do my job well. Also, lifestyle differences will come up in a media situation. You are really expected to live like everyone else and when you don’t, that stands out. I showed a different lifestyle.”

She and Kendra also went to a Chinese foster home, New Day Foster Care Home, to film a promotional video for the organization. “We got to witness firsthand the incredible love that is poured into these kids everyday. It was really exciting to use the media skills we’ve learned at Asbury to help a great cause. It was a reminder not to put God in a box. Our skills could really help organizations carry out a vision, giving them something tangible.”

Living in a foreign nation and daily interacting with people from so many nations also made Lizzy more confident that she could live internationally. “I have the skills it takes to live in another country. I wouldn’t have considered that before.”

Kendra also wanted to make a big impact for God in China, but wasn’t sure how that would happen. Then the Lord opened some unexpected doors.

“It didn’t have to actually find a way to show God; I couldn’t hide who I was. It’s like the passage that says, ‘a city on a hill cannot be hidden.’ I couldn’t hide who God made me,” White said.

Anyone who knows Kendra knows her for her bubbly, animated personality and 100-watt smile, but like Lizzy, she found work situations stressful and difficult at times. “Coming from a community of grace to a place where it was not extended was shocking and challenging. You have to have a tender heart, but tough skin. I got my strength from God in a situation that otherwise would have crushed me.”

Her behavior and positive outlook did not go unnoticed by her co-workers. “They would ask, ‘Why are you happy? Are you still happy?’” Kendra explains why her co-workers were so interested. “People are drawn to light. It’s more noticeable in areas of darkness. Asbury College is such a place of light, but it can’t stay here, we have to go into places of darkness.”

While she was initially disappointed with her hour commute on the bus to
her media venue, God used the time to help Kendra get to
know people and sow seeds. She and her Chinese friend, Nancy,
had several conversations. During one of those talks, Nancy
asked Kendra to tell her some American legends. “I didn’t really
know any legends so I told her about Daniel Boone and the
tooth fairy, but then I realized that I did know stories from the
Bible.” Nancy also shared one of her favorite legends of how
the Earth was created. The description, which was eerily similar
to Genesis, gave Kendra the opportunity to share that Nancy’s
belief was based on a Bible she had never read.

“This experience and others revolutionized my idea of
witnessing,” Kendra said. “It’s being what God calls you to
be, allowing the fruit of the spirit to be seen by others.”

After this experience, Kendra knows she has chosen the right
major and career path. “If I want to be a missionary, I need
to stay in my field. I’m realizing the influence media has on
China. Our films are so widely accepted. The government
regulates books, sermons, and music, but they don’t regulate
films as much.”

Andy Peters ’08 films outside the “Bird’s Nest.”

Austin Brooks ’09 performed various tasks at the national stadium in Beijing.
As many of you know, Dr. Eli Stanley Jones 1907 was an amazing man most often known for his missionary work. It is easy to be awed by his 60 years of work in India, something still bearing fruit even today. The Christian Ashram movement he founded still brings thousands to deeper, more meaningful relationships with God. Beyond what he did, perhaps two of the most amazing things about him are how his life naturally seemed to be about fulfilling the Great Commission, and that God was shaping him from the beginning to fulfill that imperative.

Before we go any further, let’s be clear on what the Great Commission is with this passage from Matthew 28:18-20: “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”

Despite the weight of this passage, you will be hard pressed to find it in Jones’ autobiographical writings. It’s as though his thoughts were naturally centered on how to achieve it, not whether he should; as though his focus was on fulfilling it, not discussing it. Only later in life did he realize how deeply it was woven into him from the beginning. In 1911 at the age of 17, Dr. Jones experienced a “conversion” (which today we might call “being saved”) at a revival in Baltimore. He writes in his autobiography, A Song of Ascents, that after the revival’s third day, he went to the altar and, “...had scarcely bent my knees when Heaven broke into my spirit. I was enveloped by assurance, by acceptance, by reconciliation. I grabbed the man next to me ... and said, ‘I’ve got it.’ ‘Got it?’ What did I mean? ... I had Him – Jesus – and He had me. ... As I rose from my knees, I felt I wanted to put my arms around the world and share this with everybody. Little did I dream at that moment that I would spend the rest of my life literally trying to put my arms around the world to share this with everybody.” From the moment of his commitment to Christ, he had already started thinking about spreading the Good News.

His path to India wasn’t a straight line, though, or even a clear one. At the time of his conversion he was studying law, working in a law library to save money for college and thinking seriously about going into the ministry. Soon, though, his family lost everything and became nearly destitute. To support them, Jones went to work selling commercial insurance in the poorer sections of town; even then he was able to save enough for a year of college. He remarked later that these events taught him toughness, sympathy and were facets of God’s training for his life as a missionary.

During this time in Baltimore, he also started his steps toward the ministry. At one of his first attempts at preaching, he went to the pulpit, started his sermon, became distracted, forgot what he was to say and headed back to his seat. On the way to his chair, God prompted him to tell the congregation what He had done for him. Instead of sitting down, Jones walked down in front of the pulpit and did just that. He realized right then that his job was not as much to stand up and preach as to be a living witness for Christ, and that played heavily in his decision to become a missionary.

He also heard Dr. H.C. Morrison, then president of Asbury College, preach during a revival in Baltimore. Jones saw him as one of the last of the old “southern orators” and said that if Asbury could make him preach like that, he should go there. With his savings from his library and insurance sales work, he left for Kentucky. Even then Asbury College had a focus on world evangelism so, as part of the story, it is open ended.”

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Another pivotal moment for Jones came during a prayer meeting with four other students in an Asbury College dorm room. The Holy Spirit swept through and filled them all. What started with them moved through the campus and on through the town. There were people all over, filling the auditorium, in the halls, even kneeling outside in the grass and he was there ministering to the crowds. Before it was over, every student had professed conversion. He believed that experience drew him closer to the Holy Spirit than ever and it would work through him in ways it couldn’t before. What struck him later was that he had no intention of becoming a missionary, but after his incredible experience with the Holy Spirit, the stage was set.

Jones was later asked by a student group to make a presentation on Africa. On the way to give the presentation he became troubled and ducked into a classroom to pray and tell God that, when that meeting was over, he wanted missionary to come from it. Little did he know that he would be that new missionary.

Graduation day soon came followed by a letter from Asbury’s president saying that the school thought he should go into evangelical work in America. At the same time he got a letter from the Methodist Mission Board saying that he should go to India. Not knowing which way to go, he knelt down with the letters, prayed for an answer, and God told him, “India.”

He said that, “every stage of being is a stage of becoming. It is open ended.” That could be seen as the essence of his unyielding efforts to fulfill the Great Commission. He knew that no matter how many people he introduced to Christ, there would always be more who needed to hear the gospel; but, the more who heard the Good News, the closer to Christ he felt. As he helped folks become Christians, he moved farther along his perpetual spiritual pilgrimage and left a legacy that inspired countless others.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones
Naturally Commissioned

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E. Stanley Jones, 1907

– Frank Good
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Reaching People all Over the Globe

College celebrates record-breaking enrollment for the second year
Asbury College's fall enrollment including undergraduate, graduate, Asbury Academy and ACHIEVE students is 1,516, a nine percent increase over last year's enrollment.

“We are truly honored by the number of students on our campus and feel this is God's blessing as we continue to move forward,” President Dr. Sandra Gray said. “We are thankful for the hard work of our faculty and staff during this time of growth and excitement.”

The College credits the growth to a 27.5 percent increase in the ACHIEVE program and a 33 percent increase in the graduate programs in education and social work. The College also boasts a strong undergraduate retention rate and six percent increase in undergraduate enrollment.

Of the 1,516 students, 1,300 are traditional undergraduates and 120 are ACHIEVE adult students for a total of 1,420. The College welcomed 96 graduate students, including students in the new master of social work program.

Welcoming the Class of 2012
The Zealous Class of 2012 is 333 strong. The Zealous Class was named by class sponsors Sarah Matthews and Micah Buckel and is advised by Dr. Ken and Linda Pickerill.
Hughes Auditorium sept. 8-12. The College’s annual fall revival in rev. Mark Van Valin spoke at Asbury Fall revival, sept. 8-12 college campuses around the u.s. Forbes.com recently ranked Asbury universities forbes top colleges and regionally, Asbury College ranked the 213rd spot of 569 schools ranked. Asbury College claimed College Affordability and Productivity, a national magazine, named them one of the top five percent of private colleges in the state. During Asbury Political Awareness Week, the College announces new hires, promotions Asbury College welcomed several new full-time faculty, including: • Sharon Bryson ’71, M.S.S.W., assistant professor of social work • James Carpenter, Ph.D., associate professor of biology • Steve Clements ’83, Ph.D., associate professor of political science • Mike Cuckler ’88, D.Miss., assistant professor of behavioral science • Janet Dean, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology • Linda Powell France, M.A.Ed., assistant professor of education • Brian Hull, M.R.E., assistant professor of youth ministries • Brian Kinney, M.B.A., assistant professor of finance and management • Nick Placido, Psy.D., assistant professor of social work • Lynn Shmidt, D.Miss., associate professor of missions • Margaret Park Smith, M.E.A., assistant professor of art • Emily Walsh ’96, M.B.A., assistant professor of accounting. Other new appointments include Lisa Folin Harper ’90, director of admissions; Ron Anderson, director of financial aid and assistant director of athletics; and Glenn Hamilton ’91, assistant vice president for operations. ACADEMICS Graduate education first in the state to add Teacher as Leader Asbury College’s Graduate Education Program is pleased to announce a new program in educational leadership known as “Teacher as Leader.” Asbury College is the first program in the state to receive approval to prepare “teachers as leaders.” This new program in “Teacher as Leader” qualifies credentialed teachers to complete requirements for a master of arts in education degree in developing skills to serve as leaders for today’s schools striving for excellence. Media communications graduates win awards Brock Smith, a 2008 Asbury College graduate, won a student Emmy at the 44th Annual Ohio Valley Regional Emmy Awards. 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The new Early Start Program is a reduced load option providing greater schedule flexibility for jobs, family, field education or other commitments.

Institutional

Political Awareness Week
During Asbury College’s Political Awareness Week, Dr. Michael Lindsay spoke in chapel on “Re defining Power.” Dr. Lindsay also took part in a panel discussion Wednesday evening concerning “Christian Influence in Public Life.” Dr. Lindsay is a sociology faculty member at Rice University. In his recently published book, Faith in the Halls of Power: How Evangelicals Joined the American Elite, Dr. Lindsay interviewed hundreds of leaders in senior positions in business, entertainment, sports, public service and the arts to learn how they integrate their religious and ethical convictions with their leadership roles.

Asbury College among Forbes top colleges and universities
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Fall Revival, Sept. 8-12
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ATHLETICS
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Athletics welcomes new students
Asbury welcomed 125 newly recruited student-athletes this year. That brings the total number of athletes to 265, or roughly 18 percent of the student body. Included in that number are 25 new softball players.

Asbury hires tennis coaches
Asbury College announced Jared Miller as the new men's tennis coach and Mary Clayton Dunn as the women's coach. Miller and Dunn are both students at Asbury Theological Seminary.

Miranda Wiley, a 5'5” junior forward on the women's soccer team from Ontario, Canada scored two goals during the week of Sept. 8-14. Both goals were game winners, one against Berea and the other against Bryan College. Wiley is already the career leader in goals scored with 37.

Men's basketball goes to prison
On Oct. 7, Asbury College Head Coach Will Shouse '02 took a lesser-traveled road to prepare his team for the season, taking them to North Point Training Center, a medium security all male prison in Burpin, Ky. Asbury played against a team of entirely inmates, but basketball wasn't the main reason for going. "Basketball was second to us, we were there to witness and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ," said Shouse.

Behavioral Sciences
Steve Dawson, M.S.W., presented "Encouraging Children's Healing Opportunities in the Context of Grief" at 2008 International Conference Creating a Culture of Care.

Bible-Theology & Philosophy


Communication Arts
Steve Hills, Ph.D., taught a week-long expository preaching workshop at Asia Theological Seminary in Manila, Philippines.

Peter Kern, M.Div., published "Chapter 17: Public Relations in the New Media Environment" in Understanding Evangelical Media, as well as "Cultural Diversity" in Choice Magazine.

Jim Owens ’79, Ph.D., published several articles in TVL: Television Broadcast on Olympic broadcasting. He also presented "Education and the Olympics," for university and college administrators and faculty from seven universities and colleges in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Douglas Smart, M.A.Ed., was the director for "The Alabama Music Hall of Fame Awards," a PBS program.


FACULTY
For more information contact the M.S.W. office at (859) 858-3511, ext. 2266 or via the web at asbury.edu/graduate/msw.

Florida campus
The first class at the Asbury College Orlando site began on Sept. 30. The leadership and ministry cohort of the Asbury College ACHIEVE program is also the first to engage in distance learning. New Orlando employees include Craig Wagner, associate director; Ed Gore ’76, assistant director, and Cindy Bisch, staff assistant. For more information on ACHIEVE, visit the program’s Web site asbury.edu/achieve.

Handel’s Messiah, Dec. 14
The music department will perform Handel’s Messiah on Dec. 14 in Hughes Auditorium at 3 p.m. Under the direction of Dr. Ronald Holz, the choirs participating include the chorale, women’s choir, men’s glee club, orchestra and student soloists. The event is free and open to all.

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Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Athletics
Harold Rainwater ’69, M.S., is president of Equestrian Ministries International and Southeast U.S. Regional Director of Christian Camp Housemanship International.

History

Burman Reynolds ’70, Ph.D., published “The Prehistory of the Crusades: Toward a Developmental Taxonomy,” in History Compass. He presented “Potter Pregerinatica Life Pilgrimage and Place Pilgrimage in the Seventh and Eight Centuries” at the 46th International Congress on Medieval Studies.

Music
Ron Holz, Ph.D., helped organize and presided over the Greater American Brass Band Festival at Centre College.

1940
We regret the error in the 1943 and 1948 class photos from reasons. A copy of the correct photo and listing will be mailed to each member of those classes.

Dr. James Shepherd ’43 and his son Rev. Mark Shephard ’94 were both honored by Bishop James R. King at this summer’s Kentucky Annual Conference. James has served as a pastor of the United Methodist Church for 65 years and Mark has served for 25 years.

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Jean Beaugertert ’80 Brown has been named president and general manager of WFIR, 94.1 FM, and WBRK, 91.3 FM. She most recently was chief development officer for Seymans in Washington, D.C.

Don and Hope Ury ’83 Owney are in their 20th year of ministry in Brazil, South America.

Michael Hylton ’84 recently earned his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Missouri, St. Louis. He is a principal of an alternative high school for at-risk students and lives in St. Pius, MD.

Barbara Baum ’87 was promoted to Battalion Chief in the Charlotte, N.C. Fire Department in 2007.

Dr. Gilbert Roller, class advisor ’88, recorded 25 hymns he authored. The collection “Ta Meryy All” is available by contacting Dr. Roller at 127 25 hymns he arranged. The collection “Tis Mercy

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John and Humairah Tufail ’90 Dale announce the arrival of their sixth son, Joseph Daniel, on July 3, 2008.

Joe Kinon ’90 is an FBI (Emotional Behavior Disorders) special education teacher at Stamping Ground Elementary in Scott County.

Todd ’90 and Jennifer Anderson ’91 Grant are now serving with the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church and World Impact as urban church planters in Watts, CA. They have four children: Joshua, Grace, Faith and Jonah.

The ’91 and Richard Smith were married on July 12, 2008.

Craig and Sarah Wood ’92 Bellow announce the arrival of Colton Craig on May 27, 2008.

Jennifer Kennedy ’92 Gilcrest and husband, Keith, announce the birth of Connie Williams on July 7, 2007. Connie joined siblings Brianne, Rowan, and Emma. Email: gilcrestc@hotmail.com

Michael and Cindy Wallenstrom ’95 Bish announce the arrival of Carolyn Erin on Jun. 15, 2007. Email: chuckb979@browneye.com

Michelle Parks ’95 teaches English as a second language at the English Language Institute at the University of Texas – Austin.

David ’95 and Kitty Springer announce the arrival of Daniel Isaac on June 7, 2008. David pastors the Church at the Globe in Nashville, TN. Web site: churchattheglobe.com

Allen and Angie Frasier-Cannon ’96 celebrate their 10-year wedding anniversary this year. They have four children: Bailey, Noah, Jordan, and Madison. Angie is launching a new department serving special needs families at the YMCA of Southern Indiana.

Clifton Mitchell ’96 was named associate pastor of Amadore’s First Church of the Nazarene in Anadarko, OK. He is currently leading a new church plant in Norman, OK.


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Matthew ’03 and Aubrey Wentz were married July 18, 2008. They live in Illinois where they both work at Willow Creek Community Church. Matthew is a technical director and Aubrey is a producer and worship leader at the McHenry County Regional.

Nathaniel and Ivy Fisher ’05 Choseman were married on Sept. 27, 2008.

Taylor and Madison Rhoads ’08 were married on Aug. 9, 2008 in Nicholasville, KY.

Christopher Ryan Phillips ’02 was promoted to Captain in the US Navy on June 6, 2008. He is a flight surgeon for Carrier Air Wing 3 in Virginia Beach, VA.

R.J. Whitaker ’02 received his master of divinity degree from Evangelical Theological Seminary in Myerstown, PA, on May 10, 2008. He and wife, Rachel Anderson ’02, are preparing to serve as church planting missionaries in Spain with European Christian Mission Internatioanl. E-mail: hsydor44@hotmail.com.

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Todd ’03 and Nicole Hayden ’03 Montgomery welcomed Sophia Grace into the world on June 2, 2008.

Chastie Shoemaker ’03 was commissioned as a probationary member of the Kentucky Annual Conference of the UMC on June 2, 2008.

John and Joy Sirmon ’03 Watkins celebrated their first anniversary on July 14, 2008 and moved to Cookeville, TN, with their daughters, Pence and Haliegh.

Christopher R. Worley ’03 was promoted to lieutenant in the U.S. Navy on June 6, 2008. He graduated with a degree in osteopathic medicine from Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg, VA on June 7, 2008. He is completing his residency in family practice at the Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, FL. He and Sara J. Beutler ’03 Worley announced the arrival of Mason Alexander on March 20, 2008.

Virginia Craig ’04 and Stafford Guerra announced the arrival of Gregory Reed on May 24, 2008.

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November 21 | Jazz Ensemble Concert, Grille
November 27 | Happy Thanksgiving

December 5-6 | Asbury Swimming/Diving Invitational
December 6 | Wilmore Old Fashioned Christmas
December 14 | Messiah, Hughes
December 21-28 | Offices Closed: Merry Christmas

2009

January 1 | Happy New Year
January 12 | Classes Resume
January 16-17 | Sophomore Musical: Anything Goes
January 22-24 | Alumni Board Meeting
January 22-24 | Opera: Too Many Sopranos, Akers
January 26-30 | Holiness Emphasis Week, Hughes
January 29-31 | Winter Preview Weekend

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