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President's Message:

Beings of Great Worth

Camp meeting is a special time of year for me. I love singing the old, familiar hymns and choruses, and there is something quite powerful about gathering every day to hear a message that is intentional and powerful in its simplicity: God loves you. He wants good things for you. Turn away from the things that would keep you from His goodness, and receive His gifts instead. On a personal note, it was at the Wesleyan camp in Kentucky where as a young girl, I first asked Jesus into my heart.

After coming to Asbury University, I discovered there is much common ground between camp meetings and the founding of Asbury University. Camp meetings began as an expression of the same Wesleyan-Holiness movement that nurtured the faith of John Wesley Hughes, Asbury's founder. Each year Asbury celebrates its theological roots with a Holiness Emphasis Week — which includes Chapel, evening services and a variety of other events — and hears again the significance of heart holiness, the transforming and sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.

This year's Holiness Emphasis Week speakers, Dr. Steve DeNeff and Dr. David Ward, expressed both the doctrine of holiness as well as practical applications in a compelling way. At the heart of holiness is a deep, trusting love for God that is based on the unconditional love God has shown each of us. Though at times I am tempted to question just how the pure and holy God of the Bible manages to put up with His foolish flock of sheep — myself included! — one must look no further than the incarnation of Christ to know that God does, indeed, consider human beings to be of great worth. What greater indication is there of our treasured status to Him than His willingness to feel our hurts, suffer our temptations, rejoice with our victories and participate in our growth through Jesus, the Word made flesh?

Once we experience the love God has for us, love for Him and others becomes a motivating force in our lives. We show our love for Him by cultivating the habits that will keep us sensitive to His voice and joyful in His presence: regular meditation on His Word; sitting in His presence,

waiting on Him, seeking His will and way; prayer and fasting, worship with other believers, confession. We show our love for Christ and others by advocating for the vulnerable in our society and serving all in the name of Jesus. We love because He first loved us. As Dr. DeNeff said, "Love is the only engine of holiness has."

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It is a great encouragement and joy to observe the Asbury community living out of God's love and express it toward Him and His world. A 24/7 Prayer Week initiative held during Holiness Emphasis Week involved so many people that there was someone praying for the University and its mission at every hour, night and day, of the week. Over spring break, Asbury students and faculty ministered all over the world, from a journalism conference in New York City, where students witnessed through excellence at their chosen craft, to a construction site in Honduras where students helped build a safe, dry brick house for a village midwife.

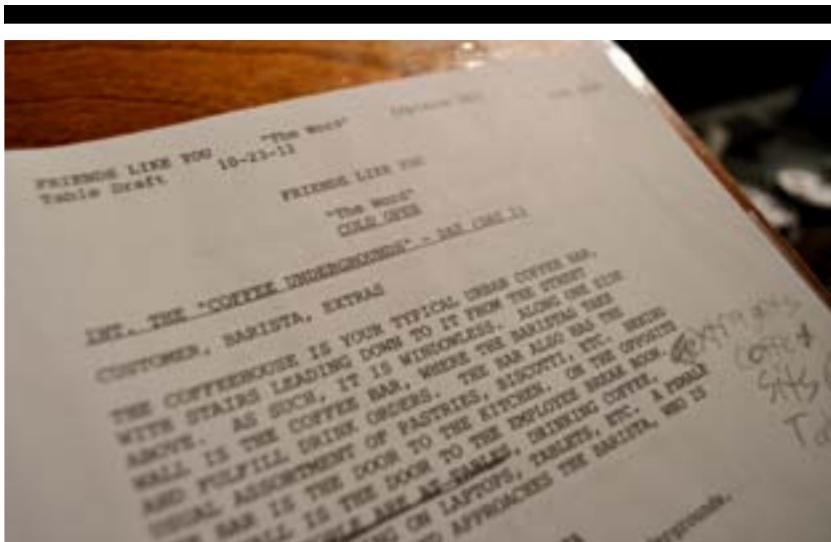
The holiness message, when understood, is one of the most liberating, celebratory messages of our faith and one of the most needed messages in our culture today. May the stories inside this *Ambassador* encourage you, as well, to shine brightly for Him. ■




Dr. Sandra C. Gray
President

script >>> to screen

A behind-the-scenes look at the making of the latest episode of
"Friends Like You," Asbury University's Sitcom



Photos by: Chealsea Allen '14 and Brownrygg Woolls '14

Asbury University's sitcom "Friends Like You"—taped before a live studio audience in the state-of-the-art Miller Center for Communication Arts— involves students in every phase of production, from writing the script to acting, operating cameras, calling shots in the director's booth and editing the footage.

One of only a few programs in the U.S. with a sitcom production course, the class is led by Professor Doug Smart, whose directing credits include television shows such as "Empty Nest," "The Golden Girls" and "The Lawrence Welk Show."

To better acquaint students with current TV production practices, the class is run as if the students were employees in a production company. Each student has a job to do, and learning is hands-on.

"Since we're making a semi-professional show, Professor Smart holds us to a professional standard while we're shooting," said Taylor Dekker '14. "It's not just a fun time; it's pretty serious."

Finished episodes are shown during Asbury's Homecoming and are broadcast on TV station WBNA in Louisville, Ky. ■





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Students operating cameras on the set received instructions from the production trailer via headphones.



Cast members Alex Heath ’15 and Rebeca Robles ’15 on the set.

ONE ON ONE

with Dr. Paul Vincent

"Literature adds to reality, it does not simply describe it. It enriches the necessary competencies that daily life requires and provides; and in this respect, it irrigates the deserts that our lives have already become." — C.S. Lewis

At Asbury University, English Professor Paul Vincent has been a guide for students to literary oases in the desert since 1976. He holds the Gardner Endowed Professorship for Promotion of Holiness and plans to retire at the end of the Spring 2013 semester. The *Ambassador* recently spoke with him about books, Asbury and the tie that binds the Asbury family together.

Q: Is there really such a thing as a Christian book?

A: There are lots of books that deal with life-transforming experiences. There are books that deal with moral education and moral development. There are a few books that deal with the invasion of our life by the supernatural.

I'm teaching "The Death of Ivan Ilyich" — a Leo Tolstoy story — which we teach because it's short, basically, but it deals with conversion of a man who finds that for his whole life he's been alienated, and he's been estranged from his true self and finally makes his way back to God. There are lots of stories like that. Even "The Scarlet Letter" deals with the inner life, guilt and Dimmesdale's restoration at the end, which I take to be a very genuine conversion. Literature in general deals with the human condition,



the nature and destiny of man. Paul Tillich said that even when it's dark and despairing and atheistic, it's still a witness to the Christian faith because it shows what life is like without grace. And T.S. Eliot once said that in reading a book and criticizing it there are really two

Q: If you could pick up anything to read — you have a Saturday morning with nothing else to do — what's the first thing you'd turn to?

A: Well, this would disappoint people. I have to say the first thing I would turn to would be a book of sermons.

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steps. First you have to decide: Is it a worthy literary production? So you bring all your literary critical concepts to bear on it. But then you have to ask the second question: Is this a worldview that is consistent with our deepest faith commitments?

I wouldn't hesitate to say a book that really counts as a masterwork — it's organically unified, it's complex, it has credible characters and also is informed by a Christian understanding — is a Christian book.

Q: What are some examples of these books?

A: I'm going to teach Walker Percy's "The Moviegoer" in a couple of weeks, and it's a great book. I would say Flannery O'Connor's "Wise Blood" would be a good example.

I have many books of holiness sermons that I enjoy.

Q: As you approach your retirement, what are some of the things you appreciate most about Asbury?

A: If you think of education as transfer of information — someone says something in the front of the room and they write it in their notebook — that's one thing, but when you get students to ask deeper questions about identity and responsibility and worldview — that's what a liberal arts school should do. It's not just learning the vocabulary of a discipline, but wrestling with the questions that come up. Students learn a work ethic. They may, in the course of time, write their first paper, which takes them hours, but eventually they learn they can put together a paper in a much shorter amount of time. Still, it involves work. They learn the tools, the skill set, of being an educated person and a professional.

At Asbury, we talk about the Asbury 'family.' It is a cliché, it is a marketing strategy, but it's also a very true thing. It's a ministry of the Holy Spirit within us and in our common life that really unites us together in love. I think it's the Holy Spirit that enables us to value each other. It's so easy to walk by people as objects in a common space instead of really recognizing the quality and value of people.



All of us in the Holiness tradition are not trying to make some claims for ourselves, that we're saintly or something, you know? There are times when you have a victorious kind of testimony, and other times, you're struggling with things. Sometimes the life of the Lord seems a very real thing in your spirit, and others times you cast around for evidence. The point is not to be using our doctrine as a stick to beat anyone with, but to love the Lord and do the best we can, and ask Him to do all He wants to do, all He died to do, in our lives. ■

Four⁺Forty under

Four of our “young alums” are putting their Asbury education to (different kinds of) work



“My calling was to help sick patients get better and to bring Jesus to them at the bedside. What I didn’t realize is that I have a strong business interest, too.”

— Jeremy Corbett ‘01

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Prescription for Business Success

In medicine, the key to nailing a tricky diagnosis or making the right call on treating acute trauma often is an ability to notice details others may overlook. Dr. Jeremy Corbett ‘01, is bringing this attention to detail to the patients he serves, but also to the business systems that serve them and impact the economic health of Kentucky.

Corbett serves as the Chief Medical Director for Kentucky Spirit Health Plan, a managed care organization that supports Kentucky’s Medicare program. Board certified in emergency medicine, Corbett is a Physician Partner with Central Emergency Physicians at Baptist Health Lexington.

“My calling was to help sick patients get better and to bring Jesus to them at the

bedside,” he said. “What I didn’t realize is that I have a strong business interest, too. To help more people get better, we’re going to have to get better care to more people at a better price. I think technology is going to get us there.”

For example, Corbett recently designed a program to cross-reference Kentucky Spirit’s members who are pregnant with the state’s electronic prescription reporting system. Doctors of members who fill a dangerous prescription are notified, and case managers reach out to women at risk of giving birth to addicted babies. Fewer addicted babies means lower hospital costs, and the opportunity for a mother to enter substance-abuse treatment can mean a transformed life. By making better use of information already on hand, both the system and patients benefit.

Corbett graduated from Asbury with a bachelor’s degree in psychology and attended medical school in his native Florida. When it was time to choose a residency program, however, he opted to return to central Kentucky and now serves as the vice president of Asbury’s Alumni Board.

“Rather than simply educating me, Asbury taught me how to learn; how to ask the right questions, and what to do when the answers I formulated didn’t solve the equation,” Corbett said.

“Wrapping these foundational keystones with a Christ-centered focus, Asbury propelled me to medical school and ultimately into healthcare leadership with a footing that few of my colleagues were provided with, or have yet attained.”

Jeremy Corbett, Laura Cunningham

David Turley and Anna Campell



On a Mission to Serve

A youth mission organization might seem like an odd choice for someone without a passion for high-school students or evangelistic mission trips. Nevertheless, Laura Cunningham '09 has found her job — coordinating logistics for YouthWorks' summer mission sites — to be a solid match.

"It fits so well with how God has created me to be," she said. "It's about service and walking alongside of people and being a part of them growing and changing. I wouldn't have guessed this would be a good fit for me, but it has been a great fit."

A Christian Ministries major at Asbury, Cunningham also holds a master's degree in spiritual formation and leadership. Throughout the year, she

lays the groundwork for a full summer of service ministry at nine locations throughout West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Much of her time is spent managing details — such as where the students will eat, shower and sleep — but the relationships are the context in which the ministry occurs.

"I have been learning a lot about what mission looks like, and how to do it well," Cunningham said. "It's more than coming and doing things for people. It requires a lot of humility and a willingness to learn where people really are. Everyone has a story, and everyone is valuable, and at YouthWorks those are things we lift up as we're leading others into service."

Currently, Cunningham lives in Pennsylvania with two roommates and loves

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— Laura Cunningham '09

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spending time with her nieces and nephews. She's curious about where her life's journey might take her next but has adopted a relaxed approach to the non-linear aspects of a life in ministry. In the meantime, she takes joy from building authentic relationships with the people she serves.

"Perhaps like many other Christians, I like to put things into a formula where I can do certain things to discern God's will and know what the outcome will be," Cunningham said. "I put a lot of unnecessary pressure on myself, and other students probably continue to do the same, to find where they are being called. I still don't have the answers to that. I believe God is continually preparing me for something, but there's freedom from the formula. I take one step at a time."



"I would love to see more Asburians in New York City. We need firm, grounded Christians to be in the secular professions influencing the birthplace of culture."

— David Turley '99

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Home is Where the Gospel Lives

One could say that David Turley '99 has a reverse commute: he lives with his wife, Suzi Chun-Turley, and son, Hudson, in Northern Manhattan and travels to New Jersey each day to work in the financial services industry.

But it is more than his commute that is upside-down, at least from the secular world's point of view. After graduation, Turley traveled extensively in Europe and the Middle East, interacting with people across social and cultural categories. He found a good career in putting together commercial real estate financing. But instead of following the upwardly mobile trajectory of education, travel and lucrative career, made it their mission to live ... missionally.

"My wife and I connect in different ways to urban issues, the plight of the urban poor and marginalized," Turley said. "The

way we've felt called to be involved in those issues is to be incarnational in terms of where we choose to live, and how and with whom we develop friendships, as a way of reaching across the racial and socio-economic barriers society throws up.

"We have chosen to live in Northern Manhattan in a largely Dominican community, first and second-generation, called Washington Heights. We have chosen to be part of a very racially and culturally diverse church that shares some of our same values about diversity and social justice.

"If one's community is only composed of people who look like me and are the same economic status as me and think like me, then something is lost. The gospel, in my opinion, is bigger than that. And the call is bigger than that. It's vitally important that churches look

across racial and socio-economic lines, as well. Christ came to the poor and outcast. If I'm not willing to go to the same, then I don't think that I'm truly following Him.

"The gospel compels us to love our neighbors. Like in the story of the Good Samaritan, loving your neighbors often includes picking them up and taking them home. There's a metaphor for personalizing the issues of poverty and marginalization in all those forms.

"I would love to see more Asburians in New York City. We need firm, grounded Christians to be in the secular professions influencing the birthplace of culture. Big cities are the primary place where culture gets developed and spreads, and it's hard to expect that a rural, Southern school will send hordes of people to the big city. But I'd sure like for it to."



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— Anna McFadden '05
Campbell

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Wisdom in the Word

In some ways, Anna McFadden '05 Campbell's daily life seems light-years removed from the nurturing green hills of Asbury's Central Kentucky campus. She advises a U.S. Congressman on issues pertaining to science, space, technology, education, energy, the environment, natural resources and trade. Previously, she served as a legislative affairs specialist for NASA and in a variety of positions at the U.S. Department of Energy. Hard decisions, high stakes and incomplete information are the norm in her current environment.

"I really enjoyed my time at Asbury, because I was surrounded by other believers and numerous opportunities to learn and grow in my faith," she said. "Washington, D.C., is a little different. While I love my church and my friends, I have had to make a more conscious effort to stay connected. Praying and

trusting in God on a daily basis for the next step is the most important thing one can do. If we can learn to live in the present and seek God's will daily, then opportunities to serve others will certainly present themselves."

Campbell balances the high-pressure aspects of her career with a delight in exploring the opportunities of the nation's capital and a firm sense of God's leading. She and her husband attend concerts, take in professional baseball games, visit museums and "parent" their dog and cat.

She is intrigued by imagining what the world would be like without crime, which, as she says, "affects nations, families, schools and property values, inhibits foreign direct investment and political stability, and it also contributes even further to our domestic economic problems."

She fondly remembers her introduction to Asbury University through the Archways program before her first semester began. And always, she tries to stay focused on the big picture.

"When it comes to the career that I've chosen, I suppose you could say that God has placed me here," she said. "Proverbs 16:9 says, 'A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.'

"My goal for this year is to delve into Scripture more so that I can be a better witness to the magnificence of God and to His great love for us. Scripture is God's living Word, so there is something empowering and supernatural about engaging in it."

"Not only do we learn more about God and ourselves when reading Scripture, but we also have more wisdom to share with others." ■

Start here.



Sally Schmachtenberger '13

- Grew up in Carroll County, Ohio
- Ran on Asbury's cross country team as a freshman
- Group of friends is called the "Magnificent Seven"

It's not every day that a prospective theater major realizes an undiscovered knack for accounting, but after one summer working for a theater, Sally Schmachtenberger '13 realized it wasn't the career for her.

Accounting, however, appealed to her analytical side. Schmachtenberger will have ample opportunity to continue to develop critical thinking skills after graduation, when she will begin a new position with an accounting firm that specializes in audit, review, tax and advisory services to non-profit organizations such as churches and higher-education institutions.

"Asbury has shown me how to balance that work ethic with leaving time to let people into my life and getting to know them. It's good to have passion and goals, but if that's all I have, it's not fulfilling."

The team-oriented environment would allow her to use not only the information she's studied in her business classes, but also the people skills she has honed through three years of fellowship and outreach on Asbury's tumbling team. Balance — whether in tumbling or reconciling data in a spreadsheet — has been the skill to master.

"I came in with the perspective of 'I am here to learn. I'm not paying good tuition money to earn Bs,'" she said. "But I also didn't want to leave college with a high GPA and no friends. Asbury has shown me how to balance that work ethic with leaving time to let people into my life and getting to know them. It's good to have passion and goals, but if that's all I have, it's not fulfilling."

"Through the tumbling team, I've been introduced to people in different majors and years I wouldn't have otherwise met," she said. "Learning the people skills — learning what I'm not willing to budge on and what I can tame down — has made my faith so much stronger."

Impact the world.

Richard Wright '89 could easily share his story in numbers. As controller of the international division of Yum! Restaurants International — the company that owns KFC, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell — he is responsible for ensuring \$3 billion worth of accurate financial reporting. He manages staff in 16 offices around the world.

While the numbers are undisputedly important, making spreadsheets balance is hardly the highlight of his day. Wright is intentional about eating breakfast and lunch with a different co-worker each day because he is also making investments of a different, more personal, sort.

"Everybody I manage wants to be known, heard, recognized. What I learned at Asbury was that communication and caring about people was much more important than anything else. I truly enjoy growing a network of relationships with people."

"The most fulfilling thing for me in business is when people I have hired, coached and moved into the business, are wildly successful. Of course, hitting profit targets and bonuses are rewarding, but what I like best is seeing people develop."

Wright's professional environment is one in which business and leadership trends change in days, not weeks or months, and the capacity to continue to learn on a daily basis is as important as an academic education. Asbury provided Wright a foundation for both the business skills and a grounded relationship with the Lord.

"The reason I've been successful at Yum! is because I have focused on people," he said. "That people focus came in large part from the example I saw at Asbury from professors and staff who invested in people's lives every day very unselfishly. They were truly an example of Christ." ■



Richard Wright '89

- Wife, Lori Lauter '87 Wright, is also an Asbury graduate
- Travels abroad nearly 200 days each year
- Predicted he would someday see Tiananmen Square and Red Square in person — and did!

ATLIFE

*Asbury athletics raises the bar
for training student-athletes*



At the end of any given home game for the Asbury University men's soccer team, the players are usually exhausted, a little achy, sweaty or nearly frozen, depending on the weather. The fans have clapped and cheered for nearly two hours and are eager to connect with their friends and classmates on the team. It is the perfect time for ... a testimony.

For the past several soccer seasons, the men of Asbury's soccer team have hosted Post 90, a series of testimonies and devotionals after

the game for the fans, opposing team and anyone else who would like to listen. Is it a traditional conclusion to a collegiate sporting event? No, but it is a good example of the philosophy that drives not just the soccer team, but the athletic department in general: sports at Asbury are a platform for touching people's lives in faith-building ways.

Success is bigger than the score

Of course, it is the student-athletes themselves that are impacted first by their participation in any of Asbury's 15 sports teams, and

that impact can often be summed up in two words: discipline and relationships.

From learning to balance their time between studying and practice, student-athletes put into action habits that pay off later in their marriages and careers. Mentoring between upper- and underclassmen, as well as between coaches and students, provides a relational context for building skills and character.

"When you're on a team and striving toward the same goals, the journey gives you relationships you'll never



POST 90

For the past few seasons, the men of Asbury's soccer team have hosted Post 90 (named such because it directly follows their 90-minute matches). Post 90 is a series of testimonies and devotionals shared on the field with the fans, opposing team and anyone else who would like to participate.



forget," said Athletics Director Mark Perdue. "Relationships are a major part of the athletic world. Coaches can mentor, guide and role model for their student-athletes by simply loving them and showing it in a spiritual way, just like Jesus did with His disciples."

Ironically, some of the most beneficial lessons for student-athletes to learn are those that feel the worst at the time. Losing a game or match — and learning to handle it well — can become a powerful opportunity to build resilience and perseverance.

"What do we learn from losing?" Perdue asked. "We learn to ask questions: did I leave it all on the field? Did I give it all? If I did, what do I need to do to get a fair competitive edge? Just like in class, if you make a C on a paper, and you really studied hard, you re-evaluate how you studied. You analyze yourself and the process and see what needs to change.

"Similarly, we should analyze ourselves spiritually each day to see where and why we fall short, and see what changes we need

to make," he said. "Sport is such a reflection of life. You can't separate the two."

Co-curricular, not extra-curricular

Ben Andrews '06 has seen Asbury's athletic program from the perspective of both player and coach of the men's soccer team, tracking the growth of sports ministry opportunities for nearly 10 years. At times, the discussions in his sports ministry class are intensely intellectual, with students wrestling to articulate a philosophy of competition and its implications for



+Mission

Combining mission work with softball has helped Amber Taylor '13 to reflect on her blessings and take a closer look at the spiritual needs in her own life. This inner reflection shows up as maturity, both on and off the field.

+Academics

With a 4.0 GPA and Academic All-America honors, Kelly Cole '14 sets a priority on her studies, being sure to make time for academics even when the volleyball team is traveling.

Christian faith. From his point of view, the mental and spiritual effort that students put into their growth and performance athletically fits right into Asbury's broader educational goals.

"Now that we take the potential impact of sports more seriously, we are opening doors we never had before," Andrews said. "I get kids who initially are coming to Asbury just for soccer, but at the end of four years, they're involved in small groups and Bible studies, and they get it. We're connecting sports and spirituality into one and seeing the effects of the seeds we're planting."

Play to win, and win to serve

Ministry for Asbury sports teams is as much a part of the team's schedule as practice and competition. Sometimes the service is local — a volleyball clinic, for example, in an urban elementary school in Lexington, Ky.

— but teams also have traveled to Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, the Republic of Korea and other places to share the love of Christ through sports ministry.

Many alumni have continued to use athletics as a platform after graduation. Tim Glenn '93, a member of the Asbury University Hall of Fame and the first basketball player at Asbury to score 1,000 points, is an assistant coach for the boys varsity basketball team at Scott County (Ky.) High School and coach of the JV boys team. He teaches health and physical education and in all of these contexts Glenn takes winning seriously. However, he recognizes there is more than one type of success, and that coaches can call important plays even after the game is over.

"In 2007 we won the state tournament, went back to the

+Community

Basketball forward Cam Richardson '15 mentors children not only to teach, but to live out his faith, as well.

locker room and were celebrating," he said. "Head Coach (Billy) Hicks stopped the entire team to have everybody sit down and think about what had just happened, bow their heads and thank God for the success that had been dealt to us. The season was over, but we asked the Lord how we could take the success back to the halls of Scott County and use it for good."

Despite running in track and field throughout high school, Tonya Maupin '94 Webb wasn't going to play a sport at Asbury, choosing to make academics her sole focus. But coach Rita Pritchett '69 saw her playing intramural volleyball and convinced her to try out. The rest is history — literally. Webb is the only female athlete with a retired jersey hanging in the Luce Center and holds career records for matches played (155) and solo blocks (241).

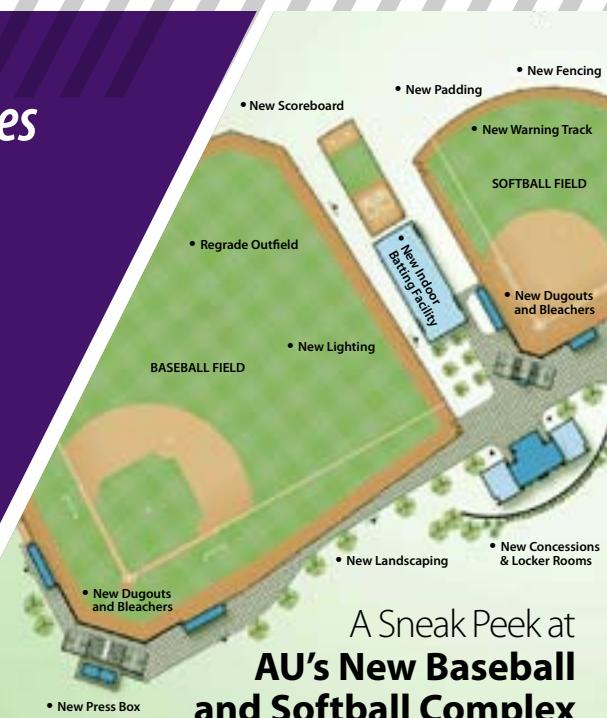
Asbury Athletics Guiding Principles

+ Athletic Excellence: We compete tenaciously and steward our time and talents as a way of showing love for God.

+ Academic Excellence: We challenge student-athletes to be excellent in their chosen career and prepare students to be lifelong learners and leaders.

+ Mentorship: The player-coach relationship creates opportunity for discipleship and deeper understanding of Jesus' example.

+ Outreach: We serve locally, nationally and globally as a natural expression of all that has been given to us.



A Sneak Peek at
**AU's New Baseball
and Softball Complex**

Under Pritchett, Webb learned about more than volleyball: Give your best in everything. Be disciplined, not only on the court but also in class. Be organized, and don't forget to have fun.

"When I started coaching, there was a lot of that in my coaching style also," Webb said, regarding her 11 years of coaching and teaching high-school physical education and health. "We may not have always had a winning record, but we learned a lot more than just winning. The things you take away are more important than the scoreboard."

Now Webb is a stay-at-home mother of two children, but the discipline she developed as an Asbury athlete has proven just as applicable to home life.

"We work a lot on discipline," Webb said. "With my son being adopted from Ukraine, we've experienced some sensory problems and ADHD, so self-control is a big thing. Even just cleaning up, picking up toys, eating healthy — when you look back, you see these are the things that weave their way through your life. Parenting is about being consistent in discipline, setting consequences and using grace — all things you can learn as an athlete. Above all, I want them to have fun and learn some of the things I learned."

From playing to coaching to parenting, the experiences and skills developed through the Asbury athletics programs are helping both current students and alumni live A-plus lives of powerful impact, on and off the court. ■

In early April, Asbury University broke ground on the Kirkland Complex, a renovation and construction project to the Zweifel Baseball and Softball Fields that will also serve as a launch pad for creative ministry opportunities.

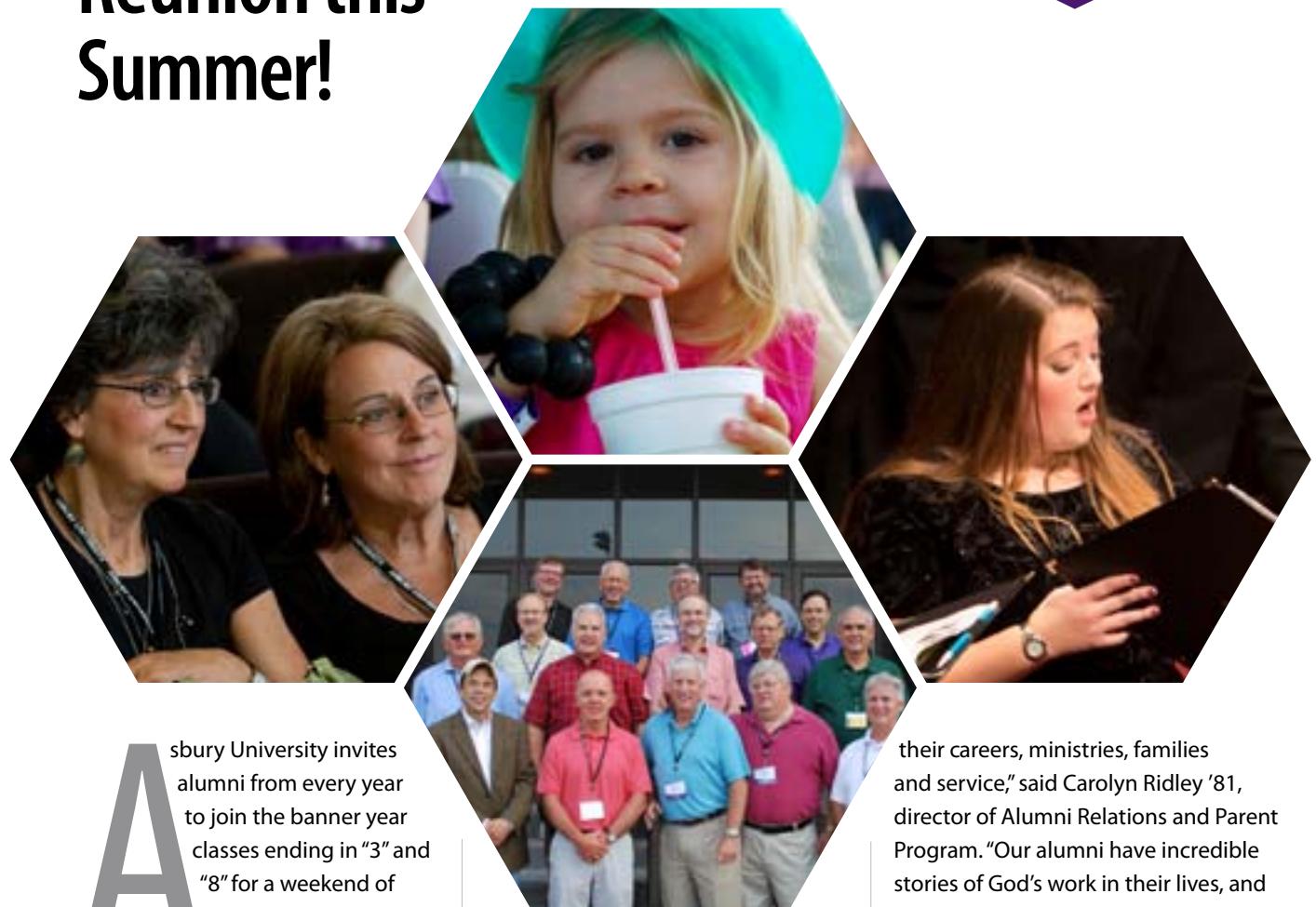
One of the most anticipated features of the new facilities is updated lighting that will allow Asbury to host home games after dark.

"Having a first-class facility that's lighted will have a big impact on our players' class and Chapel attendance," Coach Bob Silvanik said. "But even more important will be the opportunity to bring in teams for ministry around baseball. Baseball is the platform, but transformation is the purpose."

The project is made possible in part by an anonymous donation in honor of Dr. Jiles E. '50 and Eloise Gates '50 Kirkland, long-standing University supporters.

To make a donation or otherwise support the project, contact Institutional Advancement at (859) 858-3511, x2104.

Life is Full of Surprises— Share Some at Reunion this Summer!



Asbury University invites alumni from every year to join the banner year classes ending in "3" and "8" for a weekend of worship and fellowship on June 21-23 for Reunion 2013: Paths We've Taken.

The weekend is filled with events that allow alumni to reconnect with classmates and friends, interact with current and retired faculty, and worship together in Hughes Auditorium. Special programs include a presentation on Friday evening by illusionist Harris III that will illustrate the truth about deception in a powerful and

creative way. On Saturday evening, a program of music, testimonies, presentations of alumni awards and remarks by President Sandra C. Gray will celebrate the Lord's faithfulness to lead His people on their own unique journeys.

"The theme of 'Paths We've Taken' is a reflection of the many different ways in which Asbury alumni have experienced God's faithfulness and impacted the world through

their careers, ministries, families and service," said Carolyn Ridley '81, director of Alumni Relations and Parent Program. "Our alumni have incredible stories of God's work in their lives, and I'm excited to hear them." ■

SPECIAL FEATURE

This year is the SATB Choral Reunion, which is open to all alumni who participated in any choral ensemble while a student at Asbury. The group will sing on Sunday morning under the direction of Dr. Don Donaldson, Dr. Craig Hodges and Dr. Vicki Bell.



CHRISTIAN
MASTER
ILLUSIONIST
HARRIS
III

〈 REUNION 13 〉
FEATURED
GUEST

← *Paths We've Taken* →

Harris III has spent more than a decade communicating life-changing truths on how people are tricked and deceived. He reveals the deceptions that

detour us from the Truth. Please join us for his uplifting and inspiring performance — free of charge — during Reunion. (June 21, 7:30 p.m. at Hughes Auditorium)



To preview the Harris III event, visit:
asbury.edu/harrisIII



If pedigree could save a man, it would have saved him.

The young son of a priest and a woman educated far beyond the norm for her time, he was writing essays — in Latin — about sermons he heard in Westminster Abbey. He then won a scholarship to Christ Church College in Oxford, England, and while there established a community of several friends who met throughout the week for spiritual encouragement, accountability and inspiration. He followed his brother onto the mission field at the expense of his health, and through a prodigious capacity for verse and music, wrote hymns that still move people more than 275 years later.

It wasn't enough, though. Charles Wesley could preach and teach and bring others to the feet of Jesus, but it wasn't until one Pentecost Sunday in 1738 that he found the freedom he had sought his entire life.

"I found myself convinced, I know not how nor when; and immediately fell to intercession," he wrote in his journal. "I now found myself at peace with God, and rejoiced in hope of loving Christ."

The freedom, joy and spiritual energy experienced by Charles and, a few days later, his brother John, became hallmarks of a perspective on holiness that has spanned the centuries, taking on new decorations and vocabulary as trends come and go, but remaining largely unchanged. Now, as then, followers of Jesus

Whole Hearts

*Abiding in the True Vine,
Bearing Fruit for the World*

by Rebekah Daniel

In 2007, Asbury University developed the Cornerstone Project, an exploration of the key elements of spiritual vitality at Asbury. In 2012-13, the *Ambassador* is examining the Cornerstone values chosen for the project — Scripture, Mission, Stewardship and Holiness — with an eye toward exploring the way each has shaped Asbury's past, lives in its present and guides its future. This article addresses Holiness.



Charles Wesley at a writing desk in the Kingsdown area of Bristol, England.

of the one who is loved. Sometimes referred to as “personal” holiness and “social” holiness when applied to people, these twin aspects of the personality of God fuel a two-pronged approach for Wesleyan Christians: love for God compels a separation from sin’s corrupting practices and power, and loving engagement with the world around them. Neither separation nor engagement alone is sufficient.

It’s a theology that is easier said than done. The story of the Holiness Movement, and in many ways, the story of the Christian faith itself, is the story of well-meaning believers trying to grow a healthy, fruitful plant of holiness on either harsh, dry stones of truth or a bog of unlimited forbearance. Likewise, Christians can isolate themselves from the taint of the world with nary a thought for the real, physical needs of the poor and vulnerable, and vice versa.

seek to live in the assurance that God’s love has both forgiven their sin and empowered them to bring glory to His name. They seek to be holy.

‘Something God does for us’
Holiness at Asbury is understood through Scripture and informed by the Holiness Movement, a set of beliefs and practices that swept through the United States in the 19th century and birthed the camp meeting traditions that continue today. The Holiness Movement itself, however, was founded in the theology that John Wesley articulated in sermons written by the flicker of candlelight and delivered in open fields to whomever had ears to hear.

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— Charles Wesley

The heart of the Wesleys’ concept of holiness is the idea that the holy nature of God — a quality that compels separation for the purpose of purity — is inseparable from the love of God, that impulse that works selflessly for the benefit

“Some of the past temptation in thinking about holiness was to try to get actions right so they could make you holy,” said Greg Haseloff, associate dean of campus ministries and campus chaplain. “But holiness has an internal beginning. A changed life flows from the inside out to show how a transformed heart can set your course to live for His purposes in the world.”

As one would expect, Jesus said it best. In John 15, He plants the description of his disciples’ holiness



in the nurturing soil of the holiness of God: "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

"Holiness is not a new thing," said Dr. Paul Vincent, a professor of English who holds the Gardner Endowed Professorship for Promotion of Holiness. "It didn't start with Wesley. It's in the teaching of Jesus. The heart of the Holiness tradition is that it's something that God does for us. We must get to the point where we turn away from our own works, look away from ourselves and ask Him to do the

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— John 15:4-5

work within us. Holiness is basically the love of the Lord Jesus flowing through a human heart, helping us to be all He's called us to be.

"It is startling sometimes to read some of the old Holiness people who will say that you don't need more prayer, you don't need more good works, more tears," Vincent said. "What you need is faith in the promise of God to do what He said He would do."

'I just see a bigger picture'
Faith in God's promises has become a reality for Asbury senior Adam Delph, but it took a community committed to holiness — and the opportunity to play basketball — to convince that particular seed to take root.

Delph found himself at Asbury after a year at the University of Kentucky, where an invitation to walk on to the basketball team there had been a dream come true. A change in coaching staff, however, found him three weeks from the beginning of his second year of college with no spot on the team. The transition to a school of Asbury's size, location and culture was difficult, despite the opportunity to play ball.

In the spring of that year, he started attending a small group coordinated by resident director Paul Niswander '01. It helped a little, but basketball remained squarely in the center of his world all the way through his second year at Asbury. Any spiritual growth he experienced was strictly due to the environment of people who just kept "pushing" God, he said.

One jump shot during the first week of basketball practice in his junior year changed all that.

"In the first week of practice, I tore a ligament in my knee," Delph said. "Suddenly, I had nothing. I had put all my apples in one basket, and God took that away from me. I had all this downtime, and I started putting all my trust in God."

Surgery and rehab kept Delph from playing basketball his entire junior season, but the time formerly devoted to the game was soon invested in a deeper relationship with God and the members of his small group. More than 50 people celebrated his baptism in the Luce Center swimming pool with him, and when he confided some



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anxiety about maintaining his spiritual focus after returning to the court, group members began

texting encouraging reminders to each other to read Scripture daily.

This year, Delph concluded his senior season with some satisfying athletic milestones, including hitting the 1,000-point mark and being named All-American Honorable Mention by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. And while his competitive edge hasn't dulled, his vision has expanded to see the value in both pursuit after God and close ties in the community.

"It's not hard for me to get focused on basketball — I thank God for a day to play, win or lose," he said. "I just see a bigger picture to life now. We still meet every Thursday at 10 for small group. We still hold each other accountable and are trying to prepare for leaving Asbury and not being surrounded by a community that assists you in making time to God."

Expressions of excellence

Greg Lucid '00 sees holiness from the other side of graduation's stage. After leaving Asbury, he began a career in artist management that has enabled him to interact with many of the Christian entertainment industry's best-selling individuals. His vantage point offers a view on what it takes to be truly holy, or set apart, in an industry in which being seen as unique and exceptional is every artist's goal. The key, he says, is connecting with the work God does every day through a heart of thanksgiving.

"I pray with my wife and children every day asking for

protection and provision, but most importantly thanking God for what He already has done," Lucid said. "In music and in many ministries, we ask God to bless us. Instead, we need to thank God and respond in an act of worship for the blessings that we forget to see around us every day. If you truly look around, we have more than we could ever deserve or imagine."

In Lucid's experience, having an orientation of worship at the outset should naturally overflow into a world-changing engagement that influences people further downstream. But whether this happens or not, the stakes are higher than tallying who has the most No. 1 hits.

"I tell others that I 'promote the Creator creatively,'" said Lucid, who manages Christian Illusionist Harris III, who will be performing at Reunion 2013 in June. "I try to do so using my influence in unique ways to share and express God's love through the fields of art and entertainment. Back in the day, the culture looked to the church for the best art. The church led ... and sadly, the Church has sat on its hands and let mainstream culture creep into everyday life. We need to ask God to help us grow His church and influence for His kingdom.

"We should be the wellspring of creativity and expression of excellence that ultimately glorifies the Lord with songs, the arts and other forms of creative expressions."

The upward call

Holiness Emphasis Week, an annual tradition at Asbury, keeps alive not



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only the practices and theology of Wesleyan Holiness, but also an awareness of the world's urgent need for a vision of modern-day holiness. Just as those with chronic illnesses can sometimes forget how it feels to be well, so a sin-sick world and complacent church can make do with less joy than God intends.

"Holiness is misunderstood, yes, but being understated is a bigger deal," Haseloff said. "We have a great opportunity because of our heritage, and we have a great challenge because of the culture we live in, to bring fresh understanding of holiness to the 21st-century church and 21st-century Christians."

Asburians around the world are taking seriously the ancient call to follow Christ, feed his sheep and light the way for those who come after them. As they do so, however, they walk in the light of those who have, in turn, gone before. Not long after Charles Wesley experienced the Spirit's freedom in his heart, he wrote the hymn "And Can It Be," an anthem of his conversion that was adopted as the class hymn for the Classes of 1980, 1987 and 2001, and is beloved by many more:

"Long my imprisoned spirit lay," he wrote, "fast bound in sin and nature's night; Thine eye diffused a quickening ray — I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth and followed thee."

As Asbury explores Holiness and the other Cornerstones of Scripture, Stewardship and Mission in the context of academic excellence and spiritual vitality, the expression of those values adapts to fit the times and students at hand.

The commitment, however, endures, each cornerstone fitted and held together in the Cornerstone Himself. ■

What Makes Faith Stick?

Alumnus researches the spiritual journey to adulthood



Brad Griffin '98 (left) began exploring youth ministry as a student at Asbury.

The research of Brad Griffin '98 highlights a phenomenon that few youth ministry practitioners dispute: American church-going teenagers have a difficult time navigating the transition from high-school youth group to meaningful engagement with the church as an adult.

The question becomes, "So what do we do?" And thanks in part to his Asbury education, Griffin has some insight to share.

Griffin serves as the associate director of the Fuller Youth Institute (FYI), a research and resourcing arm of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. Drawing on knowledge of research design and methodology he learned as a psychology major at Asbury, he coordinates the Fuller Youth Institute's research efforts, leads workshops and has co-authored "Sticky Faith" (youth leader edition and student curriculum, 2011-12) and

"Deep Justice Journeys," as well as various journal articles.

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"One of the things we've realized is that it does take all generations," he said. "In youth ministry, one of the disservices to the church is to separate kids from the rest of the congregation, saying what they need is their own space, their own pastor, their own building. While there's a lot of good in that, one of the byproducts has been separating out generations, and in doing so everyone misses out. Some of our research at FYI shows kids who are connected inter-generationally have a stronger faith,

and that faith tends to stick with them across the transition into adulthood."

Griffin's initial foray into youth ministry began as a student at Asbury, where opportunities to work with children popped up regularly. His experiences working with youth after college gave him a first-person perspective on the struggles of teens to come to terms with deep questions of faith and the struggles of adult leaders to help them navigate those questions.

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"In working with FYI, this was one of the questions we were tackling. As we talked with youth workers around the country, we saw the exodus of young adults from faith was a real concern."

New research at FYI is centered on helping parents learn about family practices that make a difference in developing a life-long faith. The topic interests Griffin not only as a researcher and Christian, but also as a parent of three children with his wife, Missy. They've chosen to live in a mixed-income neighborhood in Pasadena's poorest ZIP code, relying on the impact of an authentic faith made visible in daily life — lessons learned at Asbury — to create a map for a faith that sticks for their children and the world around them. ■

A Foundation for Holiness

Asbury's place in the world today is similar to the ancient Israelites' in many ways.

The Bible recounts many dramatic moments in the story of God and His people, but the scene painted in Joshua 3 rises toward the top of my "Most Dramatic Miracle" list.

After 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, the nation of Israel was finally ready to take possession of the land God had promised them. Their weapons were sharp, their bodies were strong and they had consecrated themselves to be set apart for the glory of God. The only thing that lay between them and the fulfillment of their long-delayed destiny was ... a flood.

To get to Jericho, where the Israelites would begin the process of claiming the land, they needed to cross the Jordan River. Already a winding waterway, the Jordan overflowed its banks "all the days of harvest," saturating the earth and leaving an expanse of mud and debris. But as the priests carrying the ark of the covenant stepped out in faith and dipped their toes into the water, the river simply stopped. With water piling up farther upstream, the entire nation — men, women and children, with household goods in tow — passed over the dry riverbed.

As I was thinking on this passage in the context of Asbury's spiritual cornerstone of Holiness, I was struck by how completely the Israelites depended on God's grace and favor in that experience. Tens of thousands of warriors with armor and heavy equipment, not to mention the women and children, were intensely vulnerable to the destruction that would result if God withdrew His hand for even a moment. Yet within the protection of God's will, they were as safe in that riverbed as anywhere else on Earth. This complete dependence on God and His grace was a foundation for holiness.

Asbury's place in the world today is similar to the ancient Israelites' in many ways. We also have consecrated ourselves in the sense that we have committed to follow God's word and its truths to bring glory to Him. This is a large part of why God has blessed us and will continue to do so. Like the Israelites, we are following the Lord into unfamiliar territory as Asbury University continues to grow, adding new programs and reaching out to



more — and different — students than ever before. And like them, we find our dependence on the Lord creates an environment in which scriptural holiness can flourish.

It's interesting to compare the Israelites' crossing of the Jordan River with another great moment in their history with God: passage through the Red Sea. At that point in their story, they were running from Egypt and all it symbolized, and their relationship with God was young. After 40 years of seeing God's providence materialize each day as manna, receiving Ten Commandments from Moses and walking under the cooling cloud and warming fire, they had grown enough to cross the Jordan and run *toward* the fight for their promised land.

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Given the realities of a fallen world, more than ever Asbury thanks you for your continued support — whether it be through prayer, service or financial gifts — as we face the challenges of equipping men and women to advance the cause of Christ around the world. Like the Israelites, we trust in the protection of God and celebrate our dependence on His favor and grace to guide us; there's no other place He would have us, and there's no



other place where He will demonstrate His faithfulness. Thank you for your fellowship as we travel that road together. ■

Charlie Shepard

Charlie Shepard '99
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

CLASS NOTES

1950s

Ilmars Birznieks '58 is author of "Living Water," which follows a Roman engineer in A.D. 59 named "Amulius."

1960s

Janice Shaw '61 Crouse is a senior Fellow at the Beverly LaHaye Institute. Crouse received the 2012 World Congress of Families first Natural Family Woman of the Year Award. This prize will be presented annually to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to promoting a greater understanding of the centrality of the "natural family" to a prosperous, stable and free society and civilization.



Alan '64 and Carolyn Chandler '64 Smith received the McClurkan Award at Trevecca Nazarene University's Homecoming 2012, the highest award given to a non-graduate of Trevecca.

Robert Denton '65, currently an adjunct Professor of Sociology at the University of Akron, was elected Emeritus Director of the Ohio Victim Assistance Program in Summit County in Dec. 2012. He assumed full-time direction of the Safety Forces Chaplaincy Center as of Jan. 1, 2013.

Irv Brendlinger '66 has retired from George Fox University in Newberg, Ore., and is Professor Emeritus. He has



Jonathan Raymond '70, pictured with Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia, was one of 85 British Columbians to receive the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal on Jan. 31, 2013. Recipients of the medal have made a significant contribution to a province, territory, region or community within Canada, or an achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada. Jonathan has been serving as President of Trinity Western University since 2006.

published three books: "Social Justice Through the Eyes of Wesley," "To Be Silent...Would be Criminal" and "A Handbook of Hope for the Church."

1970s

Judi Kinlaw '71 moved to North Carolina following her retirement from the Counseling Department of Asbury University. She now resides at The Laurels, 6101 Clarke Creek Parkway, Apt. A-214, Charlotte, NC, 28269.

Linda Carruth '71 Davis is author of a children's devotional, "It's Time to Fly," published June 2012 by Field of Gold, Brentwood, Tenn.

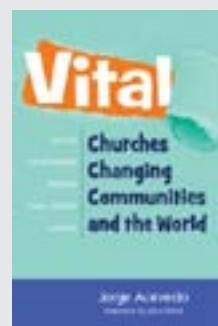
1980s

Bob Webster '81 received his Master's of Ministry from Olivet Nazarene University. He started in 1989 and "decided to get it off the bucket list!"

Mary Baker Wilson '83 married Francis Peed on Oct. 13, 2012, in Butler, Ga. They now reside in Canton, Ga.

Daniel and **Hope Ury '83 Owsley** have joined a church planting team in Brasília, Brazil. This is their 24th year as Free Methodist missionaries in Brazil. E-mail: mrs.owsley@hotmail.com

Jorge Acevedo '84 is author of "Vital: Churches Changing Communities and the World," which focuses on spiritual pastoral leadership, lay leadership development, worship, service and mission and small groups.



Tami Beatty '84 Frye received her Ph.D. in Human Services with a specialty in Counseling from Capella University.

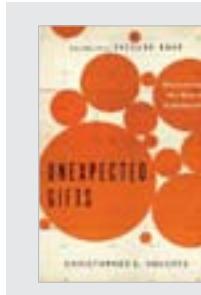
Robert D. Wood, Jr. '85 and wife, Rosa, announce the birth of Stephen Earl Wood Solis on Sept. 19, 2012, in

El Pino, Honduras. Robert is District Superintendent for the Utila North Coast Circuit of the Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas where he supervises nine churches, two schools and two clinics.

1990s

Andre Gazal '91 has published "Scripture and Royal Supremacy in Tudor England: The Use of Old Testament Historical Narrative," released by Edwin Mellen Press in January 2013.

C.D. Morton '92 is the new principal at Harlan High and Middle School, Harlan, Ky.



Chris Heuertz '94 has published "Unexpected Gifts: Discovering the Way of Community."

Michael '94 and Kara Pennington '95 Goodman announce the arrival of Wesley Luke Mason, born Nov. 2, 2012, in Miami, Fla. Wesley joins siblings Ripley and Scot.

Kate Lehman '94 was promoted to associate professor and granted tenure at Albright College in Reading, Pa. She earned her master's from the University of Illinois and her doctorate from the University of New Mexico. Her fields of study are reality television, nostalgia, identity, pop culture and media studies.

Rebecca Palpant '94 married Richards Shimkets on July 7, 2012. They reside at 62 Cedar Trail, Commerce, GA, 30529.

Dan and **Marion Taylor '95 Shute** proudly announce the arrival of Ezekiel Taylor Shute on Jan. 15, 2013, in Lexington, Ky. Ezekiel joins siblings Elizabeth and Elias.

Anne Jones '96 received her Master's in Diplomacy from the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce in Dec. 2012.

Alfred Jasso III '96 received his M.Div. from Westminster Seminary in May 2012. He was ordained and installed as a minister of the Gospel on Feb. 3, 2013, at New Life Presbyterian Church in La Mesa, San Diego, Calif.

David Rodriguez '96 and **Stephanie Gehring '94** were married in Nicholasville, Ky., on Feb. 9, 2013. They now reside in Houston, Texas, where David is a television engineer for Mobile TV Group and Stephanie is a librarian at the University of Houston.

Carrie Beth Adams '97 Atkinson and husband, Brad, announce the birth of Violet Beverly and Lillian Kathleen, born June 18, 2012.

Henry Zonio '97 is working at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church as Assistant Elementary Director in Children's Ministry. He is also enrolled in the M.A. of Sociology program at San Jose State University.

Michael DeHart '99 has been hired as a formulation scientist at Metrics Inc. in Greenville, N.C. Jonathan manages all aspects of personnel and operations related to formulating and manufacturing a client's pharmaceutical materials for Phase I, II and III clinical trials.

Scott '99 and Kristen Culbreath '02 Harkless welcomed Benjamin James on Sept. 7, 2011. The Harkless family

resides in Anna, Texas, where Scott is an executive with Bank of America.

Joseph Ledford '99 has been promoted to the position of producer of the morning show at WNCX FM 98.5 in Cleveland, Ohio. His duties include show planning and writing as well as producing comedy bits.

2000s

Sue Gonzalez '00 serves as a full-time missionary in Liberia. You can read her bio on cten.org/suegonzalez.

Laura Oden '00 married Nathan Muchmore on July 9, 2011. They reside in Newport News, Va.

Jessica Russell '01 Hooker and husband Bubba joyfully announce the arrival of son Daniel, adopted from Guatemala, to their home in Maryville, Tenn. on Sept. 8, 2012. After five years of waiting, the adoption was made final on Sept. 7, 2012.

Stephanie Kandel '01 Kist and her husband, William, welcomed triplets Mariel Ann, Liam Richard and Vivienne Catharine on June 20, 2012. The family lives near Akron, Ohio, where Stephanie is an assistant newspaper editor and is completing an MFA in creative writing at Kent State University.

Brenda Keller '02 published her first book, "A Monk in High Heels," about her time spent at the Abbey of Gethsemani. Her book is available at amazon.com.

Tom '03 and Natalie Gregoire '01 Baribeault announce the birth of their son Henry Gregoire, born April 26, 2012. The Baribeaults live in Cleveland, Ohio, while Tom pursues his Master's of Nursing in Nurse Anesthesiology.



Shaun Culbreath '03 and Elizabeth Kim were married in Sacramento, Calif., on Nov. 10, 2012. **Sarah Leckie '03** photographed the ceremony, and special music was composed by **Dr. Shawn Okpebholo '03**. Shaun and Liz are both practicing law in Northern California. Pictured from L to R: **Matt Culbreath '11**, **Creed Culbreath '76**, **Wendy Tucker '74 Culbreath**, Elizabeth Kim, **Shaun Culbreath '03**, **Kristen Culbreath '02 Harkless**, **Scott Harkless '99**, Elijah Harkless, Evangeline Harkless and Josiah Harkless.

Joy Playfoot '03 Bundy and husband Andrew announce the arrival of Timothy William on Sept. 14, 2012. The Bundy family resides in Marietta, Pa.

Matthew '03 and Elizabeth Pinkston '03 Jones welcomed Stephen Corbitt on Aug. 26, 2012, in Lexington, Ky. Stephen joins big sisters Mary Beth and Anna Leigh. Proud grandparents are Raleigh and **Jeannie Corbitt '76 Jones** and great-grandparents **Phyllis Davidson '46 Corbitt** and **Charles '51 and Frances Finley '51 Pinkston**.

Bill '04 and Kimberly Cutler '03 Weaver, along with big brother Reese, announce the arrival of Sophia Grace, born Jan. 31, 2012, in Columbus, Ohio.

Tim Bailie '06 and Sarah Matthews '09 were married June 15, 2012, in Lexington, Ky.

Andrew and **Noelle Kelly '07 Edwards** announce the adoption of Abigail Makayla, born Feb. 2, 2013.

Kathy Quigg '07 married Tyler Lefever on March 21, 2009. They welcomed their first child, Samantha Grace, on Oct. 1, 2012, in Lancaster, Pa. Proud grandparents are **Stephen '77 and Gail Zollinhofer '77 Quigg**.

Tyler Tate '07 has co-authored the book "Designing the Search Experience: The Information Architecture of Discovery." designingthesearchexperience.com.

Ivan and **Jessica Hill '08 Aviles**, announce the arrival of Milani Christine on May 31, 2012.

Katie Adler '09 has taken a position as the Assistant to the Executive Creative Director at The Lampo Group (Dave Ramsey). She resides in Franklin, Tenn.

Caleb '09 and Casey Sigler announce the arrival of Gwendolyn Naomi on Jan. 18, 2013, in Memphis, Tenn. Proud grandparents are **Wayne '77** and Terri Sigler. Great-grandmother is **Naomi Case '50 Sigler**.

Correction from Fall 2012 issue:

Note that: **Virgil Eugene Kirkpatrick '59** is **Martha Fruth '61 Kirkpatrick's** husband and that **Virgil Leroy Kirkpatrick '26** is her father-in-law.

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2010s

Samuel Chaffin '11 and **Katie Kent '11** were married May 12, 2012, in Estes Chapel, Wilmore, Ky.



Kathy Bowdoin Toole '11 and Chuck Christensen were married on Jan. 5, 2013, at the Dover United Methodist Church in Dover, Fla. **Dr. Jiles E. Kirkland '50** performed the wedding ceremony. This is the same church where her parents, **Dr. Herb '51** and **Polly Thompson '51** **Bowdoin** and **Dr. Jiles E. '50** and **Eloise Gates '50 Kirkland** were married.



Ethan Engelhardt '13 married **Jordan Cuckler '13** on Dec. 15, 2012, in Lexington, Ky.

Pictured from L to R: **Taylor Techau '13**, **Sara Bissig '13**, **Alex Richard '13**, **Natalie Hamilton '14**, **Jordan Cuckler Engelhardt '13**, **Ethan Engelhardt '13**, **Blake Engelhardt '10**, **Paul Moran '12**, Adam Engelhardt, **Daniel Jarboe '14** and **Stuart Forrister '12**

alumni

Bishop Mack Stokes'32, Education, 11/21/2012, Pensacola, Fla.

Esther Clark'34 VanScyoc, Education, 1/3/2013, Huber Heights, Ohio

Ruth Dunaway'36 Wansley, Public Service, 10/8/2012, Rome, Ga.

Eileen Peters'38 Pruett, Journalism, 1/12/2013, Mason City, Ill.

Edward Salmons'38, Mathematical Sciences, 11/5/2012, Bel Air, Md.

Adele Minter'40 Schroeder, Church Secretary, 1/17/2013, Quincy, Fla.

Elizabeth Stanger'41 Foster, Musician, 11/19/2012, Wilmington, Del.

Edna Martin'41 Kilbourne, Missions, 1/31/2013, Kissimmee, Fla.

Dorothea Neuhauser'41 Muir, Ministry, 10/25/2012, Bluffton, Ind.

Arlene Ryan'41 Trowbridge, Education, 1/12/2013, APTOS, Calif.

Helen Davis'42 Seamands, Missions, 1/3/2013, Wilmore, Ky.

Dr. Donald Irwin'43, Ministry, 1/29/2013, Houston, Texas

Rev. C. Albert Nunery'43, Ministry, 1/6/2013, Carmel, Ind.

Mary Clingaman'43 Quay, Education, 12/12/2012, Bridgewater, Va.

Faith Harrison'44 Keir, Education, 11/14/2012, South Hero, Vt.

Corless Wiley'44, Public Service, 2/13/2013, Nicholasville, Ky.

Kenneth Knipmeyer'45, 10/25/2012, Virginia Beach, Va.

Dr. Frederick Vogell'45, Medicine, 2/8/2013, The Villages, Fla.

Virginia Hulme'46 Hopkins, Children's Ministry, 12/9/2012, Dyersburg, Tenn.

Lillian Beckwith'46 Irwin, Ministry, 12/30/2012, Houston, Texas

Merle Dunlap'46 Schwitzgable, Education, 1/21/2013, Canton, Ohio

Lois Williamson'47 Aebersold, Education, 10/18/2012, Franklin, Ind.

Mary Swingle'47 Bruce, Education, 10/26/2012, Cartersville, Ga.

Corinne'48 Calder-Dale, Education, 11/26/2012, Bowling Green, Ky.

Luvenia Caister'49, Ministry, 10/30/2012, Greenwood, Ind.

Rev. Carl Halvorsen'49, Ministry, 1/26/2013, Moorestown, N.J.

Mary Nulton'49 Schroeder, Missions, 10/9/2012, Sun Prairie, Wis.

Dorothy O'Neal'50, Nursing, 9/27/2012, Branson, Mo.

Muriel Baldwin'50 Williams, Education, 12/4/2012, Kansas City, Mo.

Rev. Richard Brunk'51, Missions, 1/16/2013, Dunnellon, Fla.

William Bussa'51, Business, 9/21/2012, Brooksville, Fla.

Rev. Harry Kidd'51, Ministry, 2/19/2013, Lexington, Ky.

Helen Bennett'51 Murray, Education, 12/19/2012, Fair Haven, N.J.

Rev. Elvin DeVore'53, Ministry, 12/18/2012, Loveland, Colo.

Wilbur Dillon'53, Sales, 10/12/2012, Louisville, Ky.

Rev. Edward Mainous'53, Ministry, 11/19/2012, Westminster, S.C.

G. Pearl Caddy'53 Nicholas, Education, 12/6/2012, Bradenton, Fla.

George Purga'53, Education, 1/4/2013, Pomona, Calif.

Nancy Biagi'55, Education, 2/1/2013, Knoxville, Tenn.

Anne Hardesty'56 Cobb, Education, 12/3/2012, Lexington, Ky.

W. Roland Felts'56, Musician, 6/14/2012, Warsaw, Ind.

J. Ferrel Jones'56, Education, 11/20/2012, Lexington, Ky.

Thomas Thompson'56, Medicine, 10/9/2012, Washington, D.C.

William Keith Lee'57, Ministry, 11/6/2012, Carthage, Mo.

Janet Mielke'57 Short, Radio, 6/17/2012, Jeffersonville, Ky.

Rev. Morris Livengood'59, Boilermaker, 10/9/2012, Lowell, Ind.

Dr. John Goff'60, Medicine, 9/25/2012, Columbus, Ohio

David Law'67, Missions, 2/22/2013, Baltimore, Md.

Doris Bristol'68 Gonzalez, Public Service, 1/11/2013, San Diego, Calif.

Rev. W. Darryl Ross'69, Ministry, 11/21/2012, Knoxville, Tenn.

Evangeline Miller'74 Hughes, Missions, 1/21/2013, Lebanon, Ohio

John Watral'77, Nursing, 2/8/2013, Carnegie, Pa.

Dr. Connie Lautzenheiser'79 Pinkley, Medicine, 11/24/2012, Cleveland, Ohio

Verna Rogers'86 Stemple, Administration, 6/24/2012, Wilmore, Ky.

Marshall Banks'12, Student, 11/22/2012, Hillsboro, Ohio

Ashlea Hollon'12, Sports, 2/6/2013, Winchester, Ky.

friends

Paul Anders, 8/15/2012, Brighton, Ill.

Paul Ballard, 11/28/2012, Ninety Six, S.C.

Mary Bernreuter, 6/30/2012, Nashville, Ill.

E.C. Bryant, 10/21/2012, Doraville, Ga.

Irene Frick, 12/16/2012, Indianapolis, Ind.

Stewart Haylock, 12/13/2012, Springfield, Ohio

Rev. Lester Ike, 10/19/2012, Farmington, Minn.

Randall LeMay, 11/18/2012, Lexington, Ky.

Louis Mayer, 10/23/2012, Clearwater, Fla.

Joel Mingledorff, 10/7/2012, Columbus, Ga.

Rev. Delmar Morris, 1/11/2013, Seymour, Ind.

Thomas Reeves, 7/22/2012, Nitro, W.Va.

William Smith, 1/20/2013, Nicholasville, Ky.

Bethany Swanson, 12/8/2012, Williston, Fla.

Orville Underwood, 12/14/2012, Modesto, Calif.

CAMPUS CORNER



Liberation Through Holiness

The theme for Asbury University's 2013 Holiness Emphasis Week was "Liberation of Heart, Mind and Soul" — and according to guest speakers Steve DeNeff (left) and David Ward, when it comes to living a holy life, liberty is both the cause and effect. "What holiness means is 'whole,'" DeNeff said to gathered students, faculty and staff during a Monday Chapel. "It means complete, it means healthy ... when a person is holy, they become what they were designed to be." DeNeff is senior pastor of College Wesleyan Church, a multi-generational church that meets on the campus of Indiana Wesleyan University, and Ward is associate dean of the School of Theology and Ministry at IWU. Throughout the week, DeNeff and Ward spoke of Christian holiness from the point of view that inward transformation by the love of God would naturally result in outward expression of that love toward other people. Using examples that ranged from the story of the prodigal son to "Les Misérables," each spoke at Chapel and evening services on campus in addition to a joint panel discussion during Wednesday's Chapel.

A Musical Tribute

The Music Department honored Dr. Gilbert Roller, a retired member of the faculty, at the Winter Festival of Music. Featured on the program were two movements of Roller's Kentucky Symphony #1. "Dr. Roller's music is unique," said Dr. Mark Schell '87, chair of the Music Department and a former student of Roller's. "His creativity has many different expressions — he paints, he composes, he writes. It's a real honor to be able to offer a tribute to someone so influential."

Innovative Education

With the assistance of a \$500,000 grant awarded by the James Graham Brown Foundation, Asbury continues an innovative approach to teacher preparation that combines the traditional training in classroom leadership with cutting-edge technology and Web-based resources. The funds will help

Asbury continue to: develop the School of Education's clinical-based education preparation program; allow Asbury to purchase electronic equipment to facilitate communication within a network of higher education and community leaders, as well as develop relationships with teachers and school administrators in Eastern Kentucky; and develop a software platform that enables teachers-in-training to experiment with different strategies in classroom management using simulations and avatars. A common tool in the nursing profession, the simulations allow educators to gain experience with challenging situations without running the risk of adversely affecting real-life students.



A Gift Written in the Sand

Artist and "America's Got Talent" finalist Joe Castillo drew both laughter and tears from a full Hughes Auditorium with the simplest of materials and a heartfelt story. Using only sand and a light table, Castillo created a constantly evolving panorama of scenes illustrating patriotism, the creation of the world, the Nativity and the Passion of the Christ, all set to music and projected onto a large screen. The presentation was part of an annual Christmas gift from Asbury to the community.

Aiming High

This winter, basketball guard Laura Carroll '13 broke the school record for points scored in a career (1,410), going on to finish the season with 1,654 points.



The previous record holder was April Henderson '05 (pictured here with Carroll and coach Bart Flenner). Carroll began playing for Asbury when the program was in a rebuilding phase, and hard work led to success on the court both for her and the team. She shot 47 percent from the field and improved her free-throw percentage from 70 her freshman year to nearly 95 this year. This year's senior starters were part of Carroll's recruiting class and helped secure the team's first Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title, shared with Indiana Southeast, last year.

AU Nets Lacrosse

Athletics Director Mark Perdue announced in February that Asbury will add men's and women's lacrosse as intercollegiate teams for the 2014-15 season. The University has begun a national search for coaches and expects to hire those positions by this spring to allow the coaches an entire year to recruit. AU becomes just the sixth university in Kentucky to have varsity lacrosse.



Asburians at Prayer Breakfast
James Banter '13, Katie Wilson '13 and Lawson Harrell '13 recently represented Kentucky at the 61st annual National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. Other Asburians at the prayer breakfast included President Sandra C. Gray and Alumni Director Carolyn Ridley '81, as well as several other alumni. The breakfast, which is actually a series of meals, small group meetings and

speeches, is hosted by members of the United States Congress and typically includes remarks by the U.S. President and a keynote speaker. This year's keynote was given by Dr. Ben Carson, Asbury's 2011 Commencement speaker.

Camp Options Expanded

Asbury University has introduced a roster of new summer camp options called ImpactU Camps. In June of this year, high-school campers will explore fields such as film, worship arts and audio production, creative writing, equine studies, adventure leadership, theatre, and math and science through two week-long residential sessions on Asbury's campus. Each of the camps is guided by a member of Asbury's faculty and combines the best elements of a summer camp — new friendships, expanded horizons — with the breadth and depth of a University education. For additional information on Asbury's ImpactU summer camps, please visit: Asbury.edu/ImpactU.

New Scholarship

Asbury has announced a new competitive, endowed scholarship to support students who seek to impact the world for Christ in the marketplace. The \$10,000 Business Scholars Program Scholarship is open to students going into the fields of Business Management and Accounting. It's awarded to two or three students each year and can be renewed annually.

Hallelujah!

Asbury's combined choirs and Orchestra performed Handel's "Messiah" in early December, ushering in the Christmas season with time-honored excellence. Directed this year by Dr. Beatrice Holz, more than 100 students from the Men's Glee Club, Women's Choir, Chorale and the Orchestra took part. "I was overwhelmed by the amount of people and the response," Senior Dylan Schatko said. "We sometimes take music we hear for granted. It's so refreshing to see people are still touched by this piece and resonate with the message conveyed."



Cited for Innovation

Asbury University was recognized by the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities with the 2012 Technology Award for innovative use of technology for instructional purposes. The program that caught the eye of AIKCU Information



Technology directors is 4SITE, an initiative that gathered faculty from across the University last year to create and upload online courses. Utilizing University-supplied iPads, the faculty committed to developing online courses, particularly in the core curriculum, meeting for training and sharing of experience along the way.

A Carpenter's Workshop

Academy Award-winning Cinematographer Russell Carpenter offered encouragement and a few tricks of the trade to Asbury University students and members of the community at a workshop on campus. Carpenter, whose film credits include "Titanic" and "Charlie's Angels," has worked in the film business more than 30 years. Of particular interest to the student filmmakers in the audience was Carpenter's experience in using materials at hand — from balloons to canvas — to filter light and achieve specific effects on a low budget.

Dr. Phyllis Corbitt Retires from Medical Practice

Asbury University honored Dr. Phyllis Davidson '46 Corbitt and her life of service to the University and community in March as she

announced her retirement from medical practice. Corbitt and late husband, Dr. Duvon Corbitt '48, worked together as medical missionaries in the Belgian Congo in the 1950s and '60s before he established a medical school in Congo and she began a private practice in Wilmore, Ky. She was campus physician from 1974-98.



Looking Ahead to Fall 2013

Fall of 2013 holds some real excitement for the Asbury family, as the University has announced new initiatives that will offer greater opportunities for Asburians for generations to come. Just a few of those exciting initiatives include:

MBA: Asbury will offer a Master of Business Administration (MBA) program, designed to prepare leaders in business, management and other leadership opportunities. The program is designed well for individuals who are searching for an MBA program built around creating value and enhancing human worth, rather than simply profit.

MASTERS IN COMMUNICATION: Asbury will offer a Masters in Communications: Digital Storytelling. This degree is designed to prepare graduates to

use multiple channels of media to tell and interpret stories of significance. Students will review and analyze media messages in light of a Biblical worldview. Both the MBA and Masters in Communication programs are pending approval by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

PRE-ART THERAPY: Asbury is offering a new Pre-Art Therapy Major, combining courses in the Behavioral Sciences with Art Studio and History courses to prepare students for continued graduate-level certification in Art Therapy.

PARIS SEMESTER: Asbury is offering a "Paris Semester," giving students an opportunity to enjoy a full semester of liberal arts credit in France. It's a dormitory setting, supervised by Asbury faculty and no French language experience is necessary.





FINAL WORDS — In a recent art faculty exhibit at the Asbury Art Gallery, Assistant Professor Margaret Park Smith created a tribute to the 11 people who die each day in the U.S. from a car accident associated with texting.

Eleven bowls, representing the fragility of life and a long artistic tradition of pottery in funeral contexts, contain final messages from these accidents that range from mundane — “lol” and “haha” — to poignant: “Don’t worry, Mom.”



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Upcoming Events 2013

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| April 11-13, 18-19 | Theater: "The Beams Are Creaking"
(The Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer), 7:30 p.m., GT |
| April 12-13 | Jym Jamboree, 7:30 p.m., LU |
| April 18 | Sounds of Stage & Screen, 7:30 p.m., HU |
| April 20 | Highbridge Film Festival, 7:30 p.m., HU |
| April 22 | Penniston Honors Recital, 7:30 p.m., AK |
| April 26 | Senior Chapel, HU |
| April 29 - May 2 | Final Exams |
| May 1-3 | Awakened Class Senior Retreat |
| May 3 | Baccalaureate: Dr. Matthew Friedeman, 7:30 p.m., HU |
| May 4 | Commencement: Graduate & Non-Traditional Students:
Dr. Debra McKenna Blews, 10 a.m., HU |
| May 4 | Commencement: Traditional Students:
Dr. Edward Blews, 2 p.m., LU |
| May 10 | Chick-fil-A Leadercast, MC |
| May 27 | Memorial Day, offices close |
| June 3-7 | Impact U Camps: Adventure Leadership, Equine, Film 1,
Worship Arts/Audio Production |
| June 3 - July 11 | Summer Sports Camps |
| June 9-13 | Impact U Camps: Creative Writing, Film 2, Math & Science, Theatre |
| June 10 | Asbury University Golf Classic, Champions Course,
Nicholasville, contact: Mark.Perdue@asbury.edu |
| June 14-16 | Southern California Alumni Retreat (Sierra Madre, Ca.) |
| June 21-23 | Reunion: Paths We've Taken,
SATB Music Reunion with Drs. Bell, Donaldson & Hodges |
| July 10 | Asbury Day at Taylor County Camp (Butler, Ga.) |
| July 13 | Asbury Day at Indian Springs Camp (Flovilla, Ga.) |
| July 26 | Asbury Day at Hollow Rock Camp (Toronto, Ohio) |
| August 12 | New Student Orientation |
| October 25-26 | Homecoming 2013 with special "ZOO" reunion |

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GT: Greathouse Theatre

HU: Hughes Auditorium
LU: Luce Center

MC: Miller Center