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ASBURY COLLEGE is a private, independent, Christian, liberal arts institution, providing academic excellence in a context of spiritual vitality. This nationally recognized, nondenominational college offers programs in more than 49 majors of study and several graduate programs to a student body of approximately 1,300 students. Founded in 1890, the College's globally aware heritage has produced more than 20,000 living alumni who live and serve in all 50 of the United States and more than 80 nations.

The mission of Asbury College, as a Christian Liberal Arts College in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition, is to equip men and women, through a commitment to academic excellence and spiritual vitality, for a lifetime of learning, leadership and service to the professions, society, the family and the Church, thereby preparing them to engage their cultures and advance the cause of Christ around the world.

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## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

When the Board of Trustees announced Dr. Sandra Gray as the new president of Asbury College the response was overwhelming and appropriate. The entire campus community gave Dr. Gray a standing ovation, showing their excitement for and approval of her appointment. The energy has not faded. Dr. Gray is passionate, purposeful and intentional in her leadership. She loves Asbury College, the students, faculty, staff and alumni. She has a great vision for the College's relevancy today and for the future.

We started this academic year with the highest total enrollment in the College's history. We have experienced a banner year in giving, shoring up our financial stability. Progress has been made as we have opened a new and beautiful student center, transformed the area in front of the cafeteria, completed the walking plaza by Hughes Auditorium and landscaped the front campus. Many wonderful improvements are happening at Asbury College and we are thankful for God's blessing.

In celebration of Dr. Gray's inauguration, we invite you to rejoice with us. We continue to seek the Lord's wisdom for direction and confirmation. We are blessed by the many new and returning students, some who traveled all over the world sharing God's word and compassion in new and mighty ways. We are thankful for the adult degree completion program and the graduate program that encourage our older students in

their pursuit of higher education. And we are grateful for a godly leader like Dr. Gray. We truly believe that she is the person we prayed for and requested. God is good.

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Please be in prayer for Asbury College as we continue to grow our student body, programs and ministry. Choose to invest in this community that is continuing the mission of changing lives to advance the cause of Christ around the world. Pray specifically for Dr. Gray as she leads this College into a new chapter in Asbury's history, for we are indeed building for the future.

Many blessings,

C.E. Crouse, Jr. '68, *Chairman of the Board*



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Pictured above: Senator Mitch McConnell, KY-R,  
Dr. Sandra C. Gray and Mr. C.E. Crouse, Jr.



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**ABOVE:**  
Bishop Alfred Wesley Gwinn, Jr., North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, offers a message of encouragement and challenge to Dr. Gray and Asbury College.

**BELOW:**  
Mr. Ken and Dr. Sandra Gray.

# Inaugural Commissioning Service

On October 5, 2007, Dr. Sandra C. Gray was inaugurated as President of Asbury College. To dedicate her leadership and tenure as President, the College began this historical day with a special commissioning service. The Asbury College community, including students, faculty, staff, past presidents and a special guest speaker, Bishop Alfred Wesley Gwinn, Jr., participated in the ceremony. The service concluded with a time of prayer and communion, laying a firm foundation for the days ahead and for Dr. Gray's presidency.

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## Excerpts from THE COMMISSIONING MESSAGE

Bishop Alfred Wesley Gwinn, Jr. '65, North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church

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God always blesses and promises to be with those He commissions for leadership. But Dr. Gray, this is your official commissioning time today. So this is surely a very sacred and holy time because God, the Lord God Almighty, is with us, and He intends to bless you and promises to be with you always wherever you are.

Now to be commissioned according to Webster's dictionary is "to be given authority to act." It is "to be entrusted with authority." It is "to be given a charge, an assignment, a mission." And in a very significant way, Dr. Gray, you are officially commissioned today by the Board of Trustees of Asbury College. That's significant—to take authority, to lead, to guide, to give direction to. In a profound way, you are commissioned today by the Lord God Almighty, the

I appreciate her vision for Asbury College. She is forward-thinking yet uses the past to inform her thinking toward the future.

I feel there is genuine support for Dr. Gray and her leadership for this institution from all perspectives.

**Dr. Rita Pritchett '69,**  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Lord of hosts, the same one who put in the heart of John Wesley Hughes that he wanted to raise up this institution in 1890.

You are being commissioned by that same God, the same God who commissioned Moses, the same God who commissioned Joshua, the same God who commissioned David, the same God who raised up Esther for her assignment, the same God who sent His son, our Lord Jesus, to this place; and He intends to bless you just as He blessed them. And He intends to be with you just exactly as He was with them. He knows you by name, and you have found grace in His sight; and He will be with you, and He will give you the biblical rest spoken about in Hebrews. Dr. Gray, be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid, and do not be dismayed as you lead this institution into ministry in the 21st century.

As we stand in the dawn of a new millennium, we begin to see more clearly that we are living in an incredibly crucial time, an incredibly urgent time. Charles Dickens says in his book, *The Tale of Two Cities*, as he begins those now famous words, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." And I suppose how you see that and judge that kind of thing depends on the perspective you have, but one thing is for sure, these are wonderful

times in which to be a servant leader for Christ, working and leading in this day. But tightening a bolt here or oiling a hinge there or slapping on a new coat of paint everywhere will not get done what God surely wants to get done in this urgent time. The 17th president of Asbury College must have excellent leadership skills, have an ability that's a bit unusual, to work with others, and be a godly person.

Dr. Gray, help Asbury College be missional to its core as you build for the future. Lead the faculty; lead the staff; lead the students to leave their comfortable religious zones and live incarnationally among the not-yet-Christians. Teach them to seep into these cultures like salt and yeast and light. Help them to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with their God so that our Lord can transform those cultures.



**TOP:**  
Dr. Bea Holz leads the Concert Choir as they perform "Saint Anne."

**BELOW:**  
Rev. Stuart Smith '77 welcomes the congregation to a service of prayer and commitment.

**BOTTOM**  
Dr. Mark Schell '87 was instrumental in putting together the music for the services.





**ABOVE:**  
*Past Presidents, Dr. William Crothers, Dr. David Gyertson, Dr. John Oswald and Dr. Paul Rader were present.*

**OPPOSITE PAGE/TOP:**  
*In the dedicatory service, Dr. Paul Rader prays over the Grays, commissioning them to go forth and serve out of the fullness of their hearts and with God's strength and goodness.*

**OPPOSITE PAGE/MIDDLE:**  
*The audience commits to uphold the Grays.*

**OPPOSITE PAGE/BOTTOM:**  
*The Grays receive communion from Bishop Gwinn.*



*I was most excited that our school was going to lead by example with a woman in a leadership position. It's hard to find leaders who are business and spiritually minded.*

**Danielle Cole '08,**  
 SENIOR FROM FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

Help this institution to hit the refresh button for loving God with all of its heart and all of its mind and all of its soul. Help this institution burn with compassion to honor Jesus Christ in all things and in all ways. Help this institution to hunger to bring glory to God and God alone. Help this institution to understand that these are incredibly urgent times, when many experts are saying that we are living in the greatest time of spiritual awakening and hunger the Western world has ever known. But present Christian structures are getting very little attention because the world says they are seeing very little likeness between Christians and the Christ they preach. Help this institution to produce God-pleasing, Christ-centered, Spirit-led disciples that are determined to go into all of the world and walk the walk and not talk the talk.

This is a Wesleyan institution in its core. Help the faculty; help the staff; help the students to not just memorize but live in the core of their being that Wesleyan covenant,

“I am no longer my own but thine. Put me to what thou will. Rank me with whom thou will. Put me to doing. Put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee. Let me be laid aside for thee. Let me be exalted for thee, brought low for thee. Let me be full. Let me be empty. Let me have all things. Let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O Glorious and Blessed God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it, and the covenant that I have made on earth, let it be ratified in Heaven.”

**“Help this institution to produce God-pleasing, Christ-centered, Spirit-led disciples that are determined to go into all of the world and walk the walk and not talk the talk.”**



May that be in the core of the being of Asbury College.

Dr. Gray, He knows you by name. You have found favor and grace in His sight. He will be with you, and He will give you courage and rest. Amen.✠





**ABOVE:**  
The processional included flag bearers, the heraldry, delegates and special guests, faculty and the platform guests.

**BELOW:**  
Zachary Stone '08, student body president, brings greetings to Dr. Gray.

**OPPOSITE PAGE/TOP:**  
Dr. Ed McKinley brings greetings from the faculty.

**OPPOSITE PAGE/BOTTOM:**  
Ms. Carol Sue Ray '67 represents the more than 20,000 alumni from all 50 states and 80 countries.

# Inaugural Ceremony

Delegates and officials from more than 45 schools and organizations, the Board of Trustees, Alumni Board, Parents Advisory Council, community members, alumni, parents, the campus community, family and friends joined together to celebrate the inauguration of Asbury College's 17th president, Dr. Sandra C. Gray. This issue of the Ambassador is dedicated to Dr. Gray and the future days of Asbury College. Please enjoy excerpts from the program and photographs of the weekend's events. For a free copy of the Commemorative Inauguration DVD, please contact media services at 1-859-858-3511, 2498; mediaservices@asbury.edu or order online at [Asbury.edu/inauguration](http://Asbury.edu/inauguration). A photo gallery of the events may be viewed at [Asbury.edu/gallery](http://Asbury.edu/gallery).

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## GREETINGS FROM THE STUDENT BODY

Zachary Stone '08, Student Body President

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We all know talk is cheap. Students do not merely listen, but we watch to see real leadership in action. While what we've heard sounds good, what we see has the power to move us. We know that for us to lead in the future we must be well led in the present, and we acknowledge that you, Dr Gray, have been appointed for this very purpose. We rejoice at your appointment because the words you speak are backed by the life you have already shared with all of us on campus. Dr. Gray, we watch and we pray for you as you lead us into the future. We look to you, with the knowledge that you look to God.

## GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY

*Dr. Edward McKinley, Professor of History*

We know her. We know her as a colleague, as our elected representative to the Board of Trustees, as a Department Chair, as our Provost, and since July, as our new President. In every kind of work God has given her at Asbury she has done what was needed—but much more than that—she has done what was good. She has worked not just to repair, or even to restore, but to transform. She has been both farsighted, prudent and kind—seeing the best objective from a distance, and being drawn almost instinctively to a means to reach it that is at once the most efficient and the most compassionate. She has the heart and mind of a leader. She knows the difference between command, which compels obedience, and leadership, which inspires cooperation.

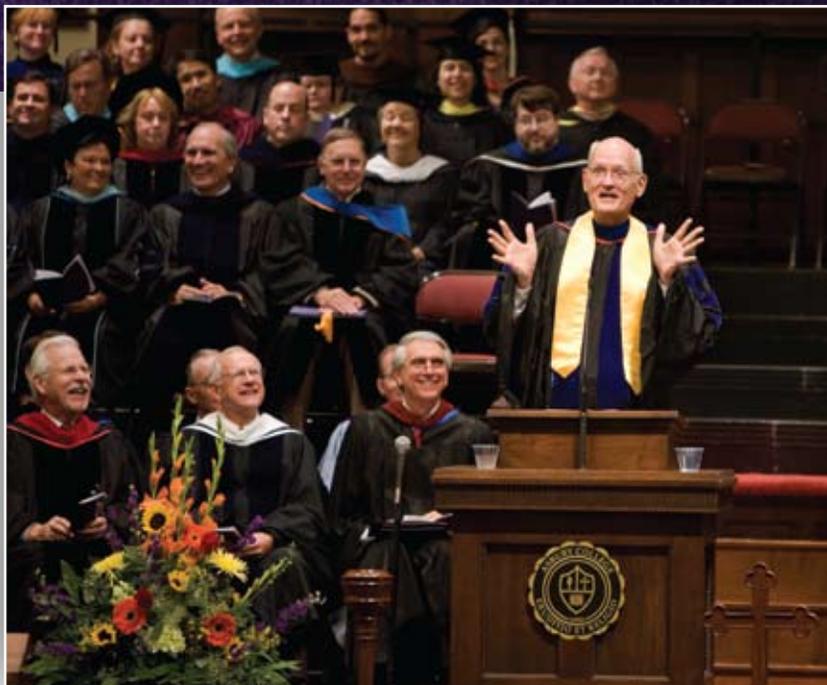
In every place she has occupied she has demonstrated a submission to God that is unselfish and without guile. So far as we have seen the results, it is clear to us that in every important decision in her life, including this most recent one, she has put God above self.

## GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI

*Carol Sue Ray '67, President-Elect, Alumni Board*

Although our alumni are very diverse, we do speak with a clear voice when we say how grateful to God we are that you are here. You can count on us to share our experience and expertise when you ask — and — sometimes when you don't. We will pray for you and the college. We will give our financial support and our help to recruit new students. Please don't hesitate to call on us because we want to be involved.

And so, Dr. Gray, on behalf of the Asbury College Alumni Association, we are delighted to welcome you to the post of President and into the bright sunlight of God's new day. We pray that God will help you keep Asbury a place where men and women grow in their faith, continue to serve God's kingdom, and make the love of Christ known throughout the world.✠





**ABOVE:**  
Senator Mitch McConnell,  
KY-R, offers a challenge to Dr.  
Gray and Asbury College.

**BELOW:**  
Mrs. Gerry Cowley, Dr. Gray's  
mother, listens intently.



Dr. Gray is an incredible woman of integrity and prayer. She is a true servant, humble, and puts others before herself, which is why I believe her leadership will leave a legacy at Asbury College. As I work with alumni, donors and friends of Asbury College on the road, I also hear an eagerness to get involved, and an excitement as they believe Asbury has moved in the proper direction.

**Michael Burnight '95,**  
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT/  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS

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## Excerpts from THE INAUGURAL CHALLENGE

Senator Mitch McConnell, Kentucky - R

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With the investiture of Dr. Sandra Gray as Asbury's 17th president, we begin the next chapter in the story Asbury's founder and first president John Wesley Hughes started in 1890. And all of us here today are this story's authors.

President Gray, I've been asked to issue to you the inaugural challenge as you formally begin your tenure as Asbury's president. I've got to admit this task sparked more than a little apprehension.

After all, you are a woman of incredible academic achievement, a renowned educator, and a successful businesswoman. You make history today as the first female president of Asbury College. And you are held in such high esteem by your colleagues that you were selected as president unanimously. Who ever heard of any group of academics speaking with one voice?

But then my wife Elaine, our country's Secretary of Labor, reminded me why I was uniquely qualified to take on this assignment. "You know all about accomplished women leaders, Mitch," she said. "You married one." So here I am, ready to play my small part in a proud day in Kentucky's history.

I owe a debt of gratitude to two of Kentucky's finest public universities, the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky, for my education. As a Senator I've seen how our public funds flow to these schools, to make them centers of research and learning for the benefit of the entire commonwealth.

But Asbury College will never look like a Kentucky public university. Nor should it. Asbury was founded with its own mission: to engage the culture and advance the cause of Christ, in



all professions, both here at home and around the world.

And so my challenge to you, President Gray, is a simple one: to recognize Asbury's unique mission and to nurture it, breathe life into it, and make it flourish and grow.

The task begins when students enter this remarkable Christian college. Whether they study the Renaissance, the works of Plato and Socrates, the short stories of Eudora Welty, Bach's concertos, the epistles of Paul, the theories of Adam Smith or Albert Einstein, or the theology of Wesley, they gain what is too often missing at many larger colleges and universities—a profound understanding of human nature.



**“Asbury was founded with its own mission: to engage the culture and advance the cause of Christ, in all professions, both here at home and around the world.”**

As each graduate leaves Asbury and enters adulthood, the duty to engage the culture and the world must not stop. An Asbury writer must believe that his first book might be the next great American novel. An artist must believe that her first song, painting or film will speak to what makes us human. And an Asbury theologian must take the ideas of Wesley and Arminius and change the hearts and minds of a world prone to disbelief.

Asburians cannot leave the debate to those with whom you disagree. No great idea ever changed the world

**ABOVE:**

Asbury College celebrates the inauguration of Dr. Gray.

**BELOW:**

Mr. Greg Van Tatenhove '81, judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky and member of the Board of Trustees, introduces the Senator.



*I think she is the epitome of a “people’s president,” as she is always looking out for the interest of others and making them feel welcome.*

*Now that she is president, I sense a unifying hum of excitement on the campus. I love the fact that she is a spiritual leader and following God and His ways is the center of her focus.*

**Heidi Heater '09,**  
JUNIOR FROM VANCLEVE, KY.



**ABOVE:**  
*Dr. Bea Holz, professor of music, provides an offering of music.*



*I am most excited that Jesus cherishes this institution, its community of students, and its mission for the sake of His world.*

*I am excited about Dr. Gray's humility combined with her unparalleled expertise in important areas of leadership. This combination is going to make Asbury College an instrument of redemption in the whole world, and it is going to bring Dr. Gray great joy!*

**Diane Nelson '83 Ury,**  
 CURRENT PARENT AND ALUMNI  
 BOARD MEMBER

if its advocate failed to muster the intellectual self-confidence to give his idea voice. Most of all, Asburians can fulfill this mission by dedicating themselves to public service. For many, this calling is a lifelong commitment.

Several months ago a movie appeared in theaters called "Amazing Grace," based on the life of 18th-century British abolitionist and politician William Wilberforce. I'm sure many of you know the film, for I understand the Asbury communications department helped create the marketing campaign.

Motivated by his faith, Wilberforce led a 20-year campaign as a Member of Parliament dedicated to ending the slave trade. His was a lonely voice in the beginning, but over time it grew louder and louder until finally the power of one morally clear idea, communicated with great conviction, carried the day.

John Wesley, the man who made Francis Asbury bishop of the Methodist movement in colonial America, wrote the last letter of his

life to Wilberforce, in support of his campaign. Around the same time, Francis Asbury founded Bethel Academy a few miles from this spot in the 1790s. Of course you know that, a hundred years later, a recent graduate of Vanderbilt named John Wesley Hughes was struck by the fact that the founder of American Methodism had started a school of his own on practically the same spot as this institution. And so this school's name, Asbury College, seemed providentially inspired.

Through this historic legacy, Asbury's birthright has always been to engage the world and serve the Word through public service. For 117 years, this institution has educated men and women to do just that, wherever they are—and now over 20,000 alumni around the world draw strength from the unique and sustaining gifts of an Asbury education. The ranks of Asbury alumni include governors and Congressmen, doctors, teachers and military leaders, judges, bishops and pastors, artists of all kinds, attorneys and architects.

John Wesley Hughes founded this college on an enduring idea—that the pursuit of truth must include the education of both the mind and the soul. And so Asburians can be found in all walks of life prepared by this institution to succeed and serve.

As a Senator, I've seen firsthand that our country needs more people committed to finding solutions to so many problems that surround us. Asbury College is uniquely positioned to prepare a generation with the vision to find the answers we seek, all while protecting what must remain

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nonnegotiable in a changing world. You rightly believe that the pursuit of truth is a worthy goal.

This is an exciting time to lead Asbury College. Your enrollment has never been higher. The demand for an Asbury education has never been greater. This is Asbury's moment, and you are poised to seize the opportunities ahead.

In 1900, ten years into the life of Asbury, construction began on a new administration building. When the cornerstone was laid, Asbury founder and first president John Wesley Hughes placed within it a piece of stone from the nearby ruins of Francis Asbury's original Bethel Academy. That story is a vivid reminder that Asbury's future grows upon the solid foundation of its past. As we read in Matthew Chapter 7, Verse 25: *"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."*

President Gray, that future is now in your hands. This is your moment to replenish and renew the mission of Asbury College. This is your moment to build an environment where the values of Asbury—academic excellence, spiritual vitality, leadership and service—can thrive. And this is your moment to grow Asbury's already great influence to even greater proportions, throughout Kentucky, America and the world.

President Gray, I wish you Godspeed as your journey begins. *☛*

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**ABOVE:**

*Rev. David Thomas, pastor at Centenary United Methodist Church, prays for Dr. Gray.*

**BELOW:**

*Senator McConnell receives an honorary degree, the Doctorate of Laws.*



*My son, Chris '01 was a business major and attributes a good deal of the sound counsel he received at Asbury to Dr. Gray. He now is serving as a Project Manager of a \$10 million Tsunami Relief Effort in Sri Lanka.*

*I am excited that Dr. Gray will be able to sit on bleachers, theatre seats, broadcast sets, pews, and street corners witnessing Asburians, both students and alums, living out their faith in a post-modern world.*

**Major John T. Needham '73**  
ALUMNI BOARD MEMBER



**ABOVE:**  
*Mr. C.E. Crouse, Jr. officially welcomes Dr. Sandra Gray and her husband, Ken, to the presidency.*

**BELOW:**  
*Senior student Manes Preptit prays as Rev. David Thomas asks for God's continued presence in the lives of the Grays.*

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## THE INVESTITURE

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*Mr. C.E. Crouse Jr. '68, Chairman of the Board*

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Since its founding in 1890, Asbury College has been committed to the dual purpose of academic excellence and spiritual vitality. The College mission is anchored in our commitment to Jesus Christ, and in our commitment to offer a Christ-centered liberal arts program designed to promote the development of the whole person. We are truly a blessed institution. Throughout our remarkable 117-year history, God has been faithful to raise up leaders whose gift and talents have been well suited to serve the College during specific seasons of both need and opportunity. For just such a season as this, God has called you to lead Asbury College in fulfilling its mission to advance the cause of Christ around the world and to prepare Christian men and women for a life of Christian service.

Dr. Gray, we believe you are God's choice to lead Asbury College into the 21st century and meet the challenges and opportunities that lay before us. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to affirm our great delight that you and Ken have agreed to continue your relationship with Asbury College in a new role and with a new level of responsibility. Today we publicly affirm our confidence in your presidential leadership, in your administrative team, and in the faculty, the staff, and the student body.

Therefore, upon the authority vested in me by the Board of Trustees, in the presence of these witnesses, I inquire concerning your intentions.

Do you promise to uphold the mission, purpose, traditions of Asbury College, leading this institution according to the biblical principles set forth by God's Holy Word?



**ABOVE:**  
*Dr. Bill Crothers presents the  
Presidential Medallion.*

**MIDDLE:**  
*Prof. Virginia Bowles challenges  
the audience with a rendition  
of "If My People Will Humble  
Themselves."*

**BELOW:**  
*Congratulations are shared by  
the past Presidents.*



Do you promise to encourage an atmosphere of academic pursuit and intellectual endeavor that will challenge and motivate students to reach their full God-given potential?

Do you promise to nurture and develop the Asbury College family of alumni, parents, and friends?

Do you promise to follow the principles of wise stewardship, which will enable the College to remain on a solid financial foundation?

And do you promise to lead this Institution in ways that will continue its position as an exemplary national institution of Christian higher education?

Dr. Sandra Gray's reply: "By God's help, I will."

As Chairman of the Asbury College Board of Trustees, I hereby confer upon you the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of the office of the President of Asbury College.

Congratulations!



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## THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS

*Dr. Sandra C. Gray, President*

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On Mother's Day next year, our traditional Graduation Day, we will confer degrees on our most recent graduates. There will be photographs and applause and tears and laughter. There will also be a sense of expectation – the expectation that comes from knowing that while receiving the degree is certainly worthy and has been earned, there is now an expectation to serve and contribute in a way that makes an eternal difference.

To be honest, I feel a similar sense of expectation this morning. This is indeed "Asbury's Moment" and I am honored to hold the presidency of this institution in trust as the next chapter of our history is written. Looking out at all of you seals the reality of this moment, and the recognition that, with honor, comes a profound responsibility to make sure that when the day is done, we can say, I can say, that we have been faithful to the blessing which has been bestowed.

I thank Senator McConnell for being with us today and presenting such a heartfelt and insightful challenge for which the world is seeking effective response. I accept these challenges and view them as opportunities for Asbury College to leave her imprint upon the world.

This day publicly marks a sacred trust as I stand before you as the 17th President of Asbury College. I surrender myself completely and unreservedly in every area of my life to Jesus. I recognize that in this day of celebration, Christ is the only one worthy to receive glory, honor and praise. I am thankful that Asbury College was raised up, over 117 years ago by John Wesley Hughes, out of a deep sense of calling and a passion for men and women to be educated mind, body and spirit. It was Dr. Hughes that envisioned this institution as one called equally to academic excellence and spiritual vitality. We continue in that great tradition today.

Through these 117 years, the Lord has placed upon 16 prior Presidents, the charge to provide responsible leadership in equipping men and women, to engage their culture and advance the cause of Christ around the world. Now that mantle falls upon me. I humbly follow in giant footsteps.

I step out in confidence today – and encourage you to join with me – in thanksgiving, that we not only know the Source of real confidence, but we have access to that Source, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we meet the opportunities before us, with the assurance that we are empowered with a resolve to seek truth, to confront the iniquitous and to positively influence the culture.

I am grateful that the Lord Jesus Christ has triumphed over all principalities and powers, and I claim that victory for myself and this institution today and



for the years ahead. By faith, I stand in complete dependence upon Him and step into all the provision He has made for us to live out His calling. To our students, especially, I offer encouragement, that He will show us how to make this practical in our daily life.

I embrace a Living Hope for opportunities before us today. I refuse to believe there is more wrong in this world than right I refuse to believe there are no answers to the needs of this world. I confidently believe that this generation of young people will be agents of change. We – the administration, faculty and staff – are committed to walking along side of, stretching, challenging, coaching and encouraging students who have a passion to make a difference in the world. I recall Dr. Gyertson, President of Asbury College from 1993-2000, who is in the audience today, described this as stretching the mind while cradling the heart. We will prepare them for vocations in the public arena, the classroom, the laboratory, the market place, churches, mission fields or wherever their vocation may take them.

I understand the urgency of the day – that the threat of terrorism, the ravages of poverty and abuse, the spread of diseases – need immediate response. Thus, we will be aggressive in research, discovery, application and technique so that next generations will find a better world in which to live. We will continue to grow in knowledge, strength and Christian commitment.

Asbury College is well positioned to meet the opportunities before us. Our Christian worldview is built upon the recognition that the “world is our parish” as penned by John Wesley. We were an institution that educated both men and women from our beginning in 1890, long before it was popular for women to be educated. We began a business program in the early 1900’s, long before other institutions recognized the value in training men and women for the marketplace. We prepared men and women for the mission field, who then scattered across continents in the days when it took months for sea vessels to reach remote locations around the world. At the same time, we have been, and will remain, an institution that is committed to holiness. That is a life of love and purity, and knowing there is no limit to what can be

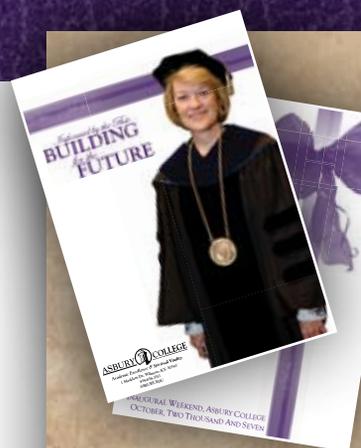
accomplished as God uses us to carry out His purposes in and through us.

There is no shortage of courage, boldness, ability or commitment on this campus. Asbury College is housed in small Wilmore, Kentucky, population 6,000; but, we go from this place to touch the world. In fact, it is often said that the sun never sets on Asburians, as our alumni are serving across the globe. Asbury College is a small institution both in numbers of students and in the size of our financial resources. Our strength lies not in numbers or in dollars, but our strength lies in the fact that we know our purpose. We are passionate about that purpose and, because the Lord is with us, we have unlimited potential. Finally, knowing our purpose, driven by a passion for academic excellence and spiritual vitality, and possessing unlimited potential, we press on toward the future to which He has called us.

In conclusion, I publicly commit myself to the work of this institution for as long as He has me here. I eagerly embrace the future before us and I walk in confidence, knowing Whose I am, and knowing Whose is this wonderful institution, named Asbury College.

May God add His blessing to the challenges and commitments offered before us this day.✠

**“I surrender myself completely and unreservedly in every area of my life to Jesus. I recognize that in this day of celebration, Christ is the only one worthy to receive glory, honor and praise.”**



### Free Commemorative Inauguration DVD

The Commemorative Inauguration DVD contains excerpts from The Coffee House Panel Forum on Christian Higher Education, including panelist Mr. Michael Kane, Dr. James Holsinger, Ms. Patricia Jones, Dr. Ed McKinley and Dr. Paul Corts; the Commissioning Service with Bishop Al Gwinn and the Inaugural Ceremony with excerpts from the greetings of Mr. Zachary Stone, Ms. Carol Sue Ray and Dr. Ed McKinley, Senator Mitch McConnell, Mr. CE Crouse and Dr. Gray.

*For a free copy of the Commemorative Inauguration DVD, please contact learning resources at 1-859-858-3511, 2498; [mediarequests@asbury.edu](mailto:mediarequests@asbury.edu) or order online at [Asbury.edu/inauguration/dvd](http://Asbury.edu/inauguration/dvd).*

**TOP:** Guests gather in the student center at a reception for Dr. Gray.  
**MIDDLE:** Dr. Gray with friends.  
**BOTTOM:** Dr. Gray and Eda Jameson, long time friend of Asbury College.



## AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. SANDRA GRAY

**AMBASSADOR:** *Please briefly share with us about your personal relationship with Christ.*

**DR. GRAY:** I grew up in a Christian home and was always involved in activities of the church, including Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, youth group, etc. However, the point in which I completely surrendered my life, my all to the Lord, was at 34 years of age. It was a profound experience and I have been walking with Jesus since that time. It has been and continues to be a marvelous journey!

I take spiritual growth very seriously. We know there is no limit to who God is and what He wants us to know about Him. Therefore, I am ever on the adventure trail to discover where He is leading and what He wants to teach me. The most effective way in which this occurs is to spend time with Him, ALONE. Like any good relationship, the times of greatest quality are when there are no distractions. So, I rise early every morning to spend time in the Word, time in prayer and time sitting in His Presence, waiting on Him. I am a part of an ecumenical prayer community that meets together every Tuesday evening, as well, and have been a part of this group for 21 years.

**AMBASSADOR:** *Tell us a little bit about your decision to apply for the position of president.*

**DR. GRAY:** The Presidency of Asbury College is a hallowed and sacred trust. A position to which I had not aspired or ever anticipated. There were a number of personal events, conversations, spiritual “nudgings” that led to my awareness that the Holy Spirit was dealing with me. At one point in the prayerful seeking of His will regarding the Presidency, He gave me the verse, John 15:16, which says, in part, “... you did not choose me, but I have chosen you and appointed you to go and bear fruit ...” At that point I began to wait on Him, waiting, listening for His lead, and it became evident He was, in fact, calling me to step out in faith.

**AMBASSADOR:** *How will your experience as a faculty member influence your leadership?*

**DR. GRAY:** The responsibilities of Presidents in Christian Higher Education are huge, requiring a sensitivity to the complete environment in which we lead. This includes knowing first hand, rather than by observation from a distance, what concerns students, faculty and staff. I am thankful to have served across the campus as a faculty member,

academic advisor, mentor, member and chair of various committees, vice chair of the faculty and representative to the Board of Trustees, and, most recently, as Provost. All of the past experience was a preparation, an equipping for my current responsibilities.

**AMBASSADOR:** *What is your vision for the future of Asbury College?*

**DR. GRAY:** My vision is for increased missional influence in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the nation and the world. We are committed to our mission of academic excellence and spiritual vitality to prepare students to engage their culture and advance the cause of Christ around the world. This will necessarily lead to growth, both in our traditional undergraduate programs and our adult studies programs. My goal is that Asbury College will reach an enrollment of 2,000 by 2015.

**AMBASSADOR:** *What do you think makes you an effective leader?*

**DR. GRAY:** Effective leaders need to be strategic thinkers, which suggests asking the right questions, not just giving answers. Effective leaders must also genuinely care about others, be willing to listen, but also able to process information then ultimately making decisions that are in the best interest of the institution. Effective leadership cannot exist without integrity. This is not just a spiritual issue. Integrity is foundational to trust, upon which sound leadership is based.

**AMBASSADOR:** *Why is authenticity important in today's culture?*

**DR. GRAY:** This goes back to the question above. Authenticity, like integrity, is fundamental to establishing trust. Advances in technology and the information culture have called into question what is true, or what is just the perception of truth. Ultimately, of course, truth will prevail. The lack of trust, or truth, will inhibit progress and will impede innovation.

**AMBASSADOR:** *What impact do you think Asbury College can make in our world today?*

**DR. GRAY:** Asbury is uniquely positioned to make a difference because we understand that real difference takes place in individual lives. We speak of impacting our world, and in fact, we do, one life at a time. Asbury College is committed equally to academic excellence and spiritual vitality. Spiritual vitality is a worthy goal, but it, alone, is not enough. Our students must be well prepared academically so they can have a voice of influence. Academic excellence is a worthy goal, but it, too, is not enough. Excellent academic preparation without the heart and soul of our faith would be empty and self-centered.

**AMBASSADOR:** *What do you love most about Asbury College and its students?*

**DR. GRAY:** I love the vitality, creativity and passion of our students. They are real; they are hopeful; they want to make a difference. I am passionate about preparing them to be all God wants them to be, to walk with them through joys, sorrows, to encourage them to have an insatiable appetite for knowledge and to point them to Jesus as their best friend.

**AMBASSADOR:** *How can our alumni help Asbury College?*

**DR. GRAY:** Asbury's alumni are tremendous partners with the institution. We know many of them regularly pray for the students, faculty and staff. Many of them provide for programming opportunities by giving of financial resources and their time. They also open doors for students to be involved in internships, practicums and jobs. We want to continue nurturing this relationship because we understand the most effective institutions are those that have a strong network of partnerships with alumni, friends and constituents.

**AMBASSADOR:** *What does your theme, Building for the Future, mean to you?*

**DR. GRAY:** It means we are looking for opportunities that have not yet manifested themselves. We want to not only anticipate the future, but to help shape the future. Therefore, we will be developing programs, physical plant facilities and a culture with the long-term in view.

**TOP:** Members of the President's Cabinet with Dr. Gray and the Board Chairman: Dr. Jon Kulaga, Dr. Mark Troyer, Mr. C.E. Crouse, Jr., Dr. Gray, Dr. Charlie Fiskeaux, Mr. Greg Swanson, JD, and Mr. Ron Anderson.  
**BOTTOM:** The music department performed a concert in honor of Dr. Gray.



**AMBASSADOR:** *Tell us a little about your cabinet members.*

**DR. GRAY:** There are five members of the President's Cabinet, serving in the following capacities: Provost, Dr. Jon Kulaga; Business Affairs, Dr. Charlie Fiskeaux; Advancement, Mr. Greg Swanson, JD; Student Development, Dr. Mark Troyer; and Admissions and Financial Aid, Mr. Ron Anderson. We work as a team. Each brings unique gifts and personalities. We see this as an advantage. Several months ago, we all completed the Myers Briggs inventory analysis. We spent a good bit a time discussing the results, evaluating what each of us brings to the table and how our uniqueness contributes to the overall team. It was a helpful exercise, a bit humorous at points, but also insightful as we continue to build a strong team.

**AMBASSADOR:** *What is the most important thing you want our audience to know about you?*

**DR. GRAY:** I want our community to know that I am committed to seeking God's will and direction for this institution. Frankly, no one individual is adequate in herself/himself alone, but there is no limit to our potential as we submit to the source of all knowledge and wisdom. I take my charge seriously, embracing the students for the time they are here at Asbury College, claiming them as our own, to challenge and nurture them in this pivotal season of their lives. ☝

**AMBASSADOR:** *What do you most look forward to this academic year?*

**DR. GRAY:** I look forward to the unknown, the uncertainties. I am convinced the Lord is opening up new opportunities for us and we do not want to miss them! I am thankful for the confidence to lead in the midst of the unknown. After all, this really is an issue of life. We have no guarantees of what tomorrow may bring. But at the same time, we embrace the excitement and certainty that comes with new days.

**AMBASSADOR:** *About what are you most concerned?*

**DR. GRAY:** My greatest concern, philosophically, is that we not miss opportunities that lay at our feet. I trust that great days are ahead. I rest in the assurance that the Lord Himself will lead us into the new days. We just do not want to "squander" the window of opportunity. Asbury College has some of the best—truly the best—students, faculty, administration and staff of any institution. However, rich assets can dissipate if deployed in ways that consume energy rather than capitalize on the assets.

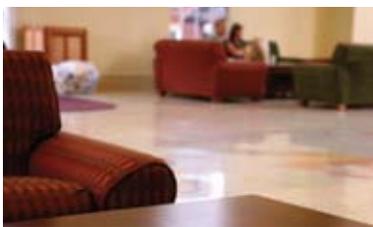




**COLLEGE CELEBRATES RECORD-BREAKING ENROLLMENT**

The fall 2007 enrollment is the highest in Asbury College’s history. The current total enrollment including undergraduate, graduate, Asbury Academy and Achieve students is 1,381. Previous high enrollments were 1,359 in fall 2000 and 1,353 in fall 2001. This year’s fall enrollment represents a 10.04 percent increase in total enrollment from fall 2006 and a 7.05 percent increase in undergraduate degree-seeking students.

The College credits part of the increase to the highest freshman retention rate in the history of the College. Of last year’s freshman class, 87 percent returned to the campus for their sophomore year, which is higher than the national average for 4-year private colleges. In August, the College welcomed more than 400 new students. ☺



**STUDENT CENTER OPEN FOR BUSINESS**

The Student Center is open for business! Previously the Morrison-Kenyon Library, the Asbury College community can now enjoy this

newly renovated space for game nights, movies, meetings, studying and a good cup of Joe. This beautiful new space offers students the opportunity to hang out.

Amenities include a coffee shop operated by **Tim '01** and **Erin Werner '02 Gibson's** restaurant, Solomon’s Porch; wireless internet; three new iMac computers; new furniture; sound system; games; meeting rooms; student offices; a TV room (the first movie drew 250 students!); commuter lounge and a

deck. The deck was designed by Karl Laufenburger, a member of Asbury College’s physical plant, and built by several alumni over the summer. Visitors and the College community can stock up on Asbury apparel and memorabilia at the retail kiosk in the front room.

**ASBURY COLLEGE MOVES TO NATIONAL CATEGORY IN U.S. NEWS**

The recent *U.S. News & World Report* rankings reclassified Asbury College as a National Liberal Arts College.

## (NEWS)

For more than 12 years, the College was ranked in the top 10 colleges in the South, a regional category that no longer exists.

Asbury College's performances in the different assessments were relatively unchanged from previous years. The College is now listed among the 266 national liberal arts colleges, which emphasize undergraduate education, awarding at least half of their degrees in the arts and sciences.

### ACHIEVE MOVES TO NICHOLASVILLE

Some ACHIEVE classes are now offered at the Jessamine Career and Technology Center. JCTC is a state-of-the-art, 50,000-square-foot, high-tech building located behind the Jessamine County Board of Education. While JCTC is home to many Jessamine County high school students during the day, ACHIEVE is pleased to be utilizing space at this location in the evenings.



## ACADEMICS

### NEW MAJORS, DEPARTMENTS FOR FALL

Asbury College students have several new majors this fall including **creative writing**, **music business**, **equine management** and **hippotherapy**. The new majors bring the College's total to 49. Also this fall, the **biology** and **chemistry departments** combined

to form the **natural sciences department**. **Sociology**, **social work** and **psychology** now make the **behavior sciences department**. **Bible-theology** and **philosophy** also joined to form the **Bible-theology** and **philosophy department**.

### STUDENTS ENJOY STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY

When students started class this fall, many had the privilege of using new 20" iMac Intel computers, which were released from Apple Computer, Inc., on Aug. 7. In an effort to put the best technology in the classroom, the College purchased 63 new computers, which are distributed between the Kirkland computer lab, Corbitt Hall lab and the Kinlaw library classroom. Each machine will run cutting edge software including Adobe Creative Suite 3 and other programs to support the College's two largest departments, communication arts and education.

### "SACRED SPACES" PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

The **art department** opened "Sacred Spaces in Central Kentucky," a photography exhibit, by **Prof. Keith Barker '91**, exploring sites of spiritual transformation and challenge. The exhibit runs Oct. 5-Dec. 14 in Kinlaw Library Art Gallery. At the opening, **Prof. Rudy Medlock** unveiled his marble sculpture, *New Beginnings*, given to the College in honor of the inauguration of Dr. Gray.

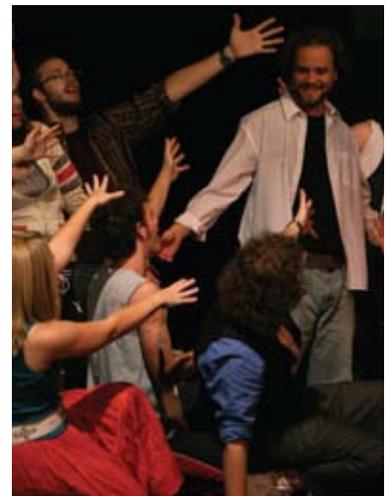


### FALL REVIVAL, SEPT. 10-14

Asbury College's annual Fall Revival series hosted keynote speaker **Dr. Richard Allen Farmer**. His sermons were adapted from Luke, titled "Through the Lukan Glass: Seeing Ourselves in the Gospel." The offering from this week was given to All God's Children and Sunrise Children's Services in Lexington.

### GODSPELL CLOSURES WITH RECORD ATTENDANCE

The **theatre and cinema performance program** offered **Godspell** as the first musical within the new musical theatre emphasis. This collaboration with the music department was a huge success, entertaining more than 900 guests during the four performances.



## ALUMNI

### DR. ERNIE STEURY BIOGRAPHY PUBLISHED

**Dr. Ernie Steury** graduated from Asbury College in 1953 and was the first and only medical doctor at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya when he arrived in 1959. His life story is told by **Gregg Lewis '73** in "Miracle at Tenwek: The Life of Dr. Ernie Steury," recently released by Discovery House Publishers.

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## FACULTY

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The College welcomed several new faculty members this academic year. In **behavioral sciences**, **Bonita Cairns-Descoteaux '74**, professor of behavioral science, and **William Descoteaux '72**, professor of behavioral science, will start the College's graduate program in social work.

In **communication arts**, **Doug Smart** is a TV/film director-in-residence with 22 years of professional television experience, including serving as a director or associate director for shows such as "Empty Nest," "Golden Girls," and "The Lawrence Welk Show." **David Wheeler '99** is an instructor of media communication.

In **English**, **Shawnee Fleenor** is an instructor of English and the new director of the Asbury Academy. In world languages, **Rachel Coleman '84** is an instructor of Spanish.

### BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES MASTER'S OF SOCIAL WORK COMING SOON

The College is preparing to launch a **master's of social work** in fall 2008. Asbury College will be one of only four institutions among the members of the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities to have such a program. The master's of social work will be a strong expression of the College's historic commitment to impact the world for Christ. Graduates will be prepared for theologically informed advanced social work practice in national and global contexts that are agency or church-based. The program is seeking accreditation with the Council of Social Work Education, the national accrediting agency for social work. For more information, contact Dr. Bill Descoteaux, bill.descoteaux@asbury.edu.

**Paul Nesselroade '89**, associate professor of psychology, has a new article in print this fall: Williams, J. K., Nesselroade, K. P., & Nam, R. K. (In Press) "When dissonance intervenes: Effects of perceived moral weight and issue opinion on self-enhancement of opinion objectivity" will be in *Journal of Psychology and Christianity*.

### BIBLE-THEOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY

Professor of Bible-Theology **Dave Rightmire's** article, "Holiness and the Ethical Dimensions of Brengle's Eschatology" is accepted for publication in the fall 2007 edition of the international journal *Word and Deed*.

### COMMUNICATION ARTS

**Peter Kerr**, assistant professor communications, received a grant sponsored in part by Intervarsity Press to present his paper "Public Relations: From Moses to Multimedia Celebrities" at Calvin College, MI. The paper discusses the current ways Evangelicals are using public relations.

### ENGLISH

Professor of English **Devin Brown's** second book, *Inside Prince Caspian*, will be released in January 2008 in advance of the second film, and is available for pre-order on Amazon.com. He has signed a contract with Baker Publishing to write a third Narnia book, *Inside the Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, which will be in stores in January 2009.

Professor of English and Journalism **Marcia Hurlow's** poems, several of which will be in her new book, *Green Man in Suburbia*, were accepted by journals over the summer. Hurlow will present a lecture and workshop on collaborative writing in creative non-fiction at The Mid-American Review Festival of Writing at Bowling Green State University.

### HISTORY

**Burnum Reynolds**, chair of the history department, was selected as one of 25 medievalists for the NEH Institute, "The Cathedral and Culture: Medieval York."

### HPER

**Harold Rainwater**, associate professor of recreation, was selected as one of the Top 50 Riding Instructors in America by the American Riding Association.

### WORLD LANGUAGES

**Rachel Coleman**, instructor of Spanish, spent two weeks in ministry in Ecuador this summer. In Guayaquil, she gave a conference to seminary alumni, "Post-modernity and the Christian Minister."☪

### SAVE THE DATE

**Dec. 21-Jan. 14**

Christmas Break (College offices closed Dec. 24-Dec. 28)

**Jan. 24-25**

Admissions Winter Preview Weekend

**Feb. 4-8**

Holiness Emphasis Week

**March 17-21**

Spring Break

**April 17-18**

Admissions Spring Preview Weekend

**April 26**

Highbridge Film Festival

**May 2**

Last day of classes

**May 11**

Commencement

**June 12-14**

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**June 18-22**

Reunion



# HOMECOMING 2007

*In addition to inaugural events October 4-5, alumni, parents and friends also enjoyed homecoming and family weekend festivities, October 5-6.*

## SENIORS CROWNED KING AND QUEEN

Asbury College crowned the 2007 Homecoming King and Queen on Oct. 6 during half-time of the men's soccer game. Seniors **Clay Hassler** and **Tiffany Walz**, both of Evansville, Ind., received the honors. Hassler is senior class president and actively involved in the theatre program. In fact Homecoming Weekend found him on stage in *Godspell*. Walz is freshmen class sponsor and recently returned from China where she worked in an orphanage.

### CONCERTS AND ENSEMBLES

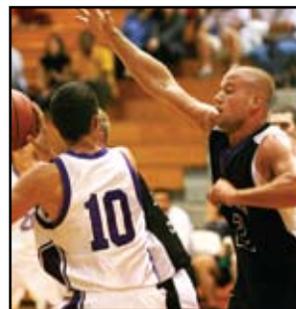
On Oct. 6, the music department presented an ensemble concert. The audience enjoyed a variety of selections from the women's choir, handbell choir, men's glee club, and string, brass, guitar and vocal ensembles.

### CROSS-COUNTRY

The women placed three runners in the top five, highlighted by **Carolyn Tegge's** second-place finish for the 5K course in a time of 21:11. **Lindsay Keveran** finished fourth at 21:35 while **Melissa Waterman** placed fifth at 22:05. The men were led by **Aaron Linard**, finishing the men's 8K in a time of 30:24.

### VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team rolled to a three-game win over KCU, 30-18, 30-25, 30-19. The Eagles were led by freshman **Emily Andrews** with 11 kills while fellow



## THE BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN

The current Eagles took down the Alumni, 82-75 in a good tune-up for the upcoming men's basketball season. Alumni were out in force with 14 players returning, including all-time leading scorer and current men's basketball assistant coach, **Jason Price '01** as well as the all-time assist leader in **Johnny Leep '06**.



freshman **Jenelle McClean** recorded 14 assists. The youthful team, which features no senior players, has been steadily improving over the season.

### **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

The **women's soccer team** took care of business on the field, holding off a challenge from a talented Taylor University squad to earn a 2-0 win. Freshmen **Katie Crocker** and **Amanda Bechtel** each scored for the Eagles with sophomore **Ashley Amburgy** registering an assist. The women also are pushing toward the postseason and earlier in the week during a 5-0 win over Berea, celebrated a milestone with sophomore **Miranda Wiley** scoring her 27th career goal to become Asbury's all-time leading scorer.

### **BASEBALL**

After the women's soccer win, most spectators from that event followed the crowd up to the baseball field for a chance to see the 2008 edition of the **baseball team** take on a collection of alumni players. Head Coach **Lee Rogers** was able to use the game as a platform to inform the alumni and spectators about the expectations of the program that will throw out the first pitch on Feb. 15.

### **MEN'S SOCCER**

The **men's soccer team** defeated conference rival, Berea College, 4-1. Before the game, a ceremony was held to highlight those responsible for work on the current field over the past two years with the new playing surface, drainage system, lights, fencing, box goals, and stands.Ⓜ

*For updated athletic scores and stories, visit [asbury.edu/athletics](http://asbury.edu/athletics).*



## CLASS NOTES

### 1930

**Harold Greenlee '39** and his wife, Ruth, are residents at Shell Point Retirement Community. Since 1969 they have been OMS missionaries. Harold has also served in many countries as an international translation consultant for Wycliffe Bible Translators. Address: 649 Coquina Court, Fort Myers, FL 33908-1621.

### 1940

On Aug. 22, **Wayne '45** and **Dorothy Cobb '48 Culp** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Address: 170 Buena Vista Dr., Campobello, SC 29322.

### 1950

**Kai Yong '56** swam in the 2007 National Senior Olympics held in Louisville, KY in June. Kai was awarded Olympic ribbons for placing 8th in both the 100 and 200 YD Breaststroke events, ages 80-84 category. Kai placed 10th in the 50 YD Breaststroke as well. This was Kai's 3rd National Competition and he was very pleased to be able to compete. Kai passed away in August.

**Robert L. Priest '58** was appointed as Midwest Regional Coordinator for the United Christian Ashrams.

### 1960

The Christian Film and Television Commission (CFTC) elected **Janice Shaw '61 Crouse**, director and senior fellow of Concerned Women for America's Beverly LaHaye Institute, as a member of the board of reference.

**Ken Smith '65** was elected to his 4th term as county commissioner for Osceola County Florida. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Kissimmee, FL.

**Edna Bush '66 Miller** moved. Address: 5555 N. 7th St., #134-176, Phoenix, AZ 85014-2531

**James A. "Jim" Harnish '69** received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Bethune-Cookman University at the 2007 commencement services. He and his wife, **Martha "Marsha" Hayes '68 Harnish**, are in their 16th year in Tampa, Florida, where Jim is senior pastor of Hyde Park United Methodist Church.

### 1970

**Homer Pointer '70** has been named legal counsel to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board in the Executive Office of the President, The White House.

**Steve Roberts '75** is a principal with CSC (Computer Sciences Corporation), playing a lead role in the Army's Defense Modernization Project (LMP). Steve, his wife, Tanya, and daughter, Shelby, reside in Forest, VA. E-mail: izwatiz@yahoo.com.

### 1980

**Laurie Alice Eakes' '80** first hardcover book, *Family Guardian*, won the National Readers Choice Award for Best Regency. Web site: www.laurialiceeakes.com

**Kevin Ray Crawford '81** graduated summa cum laude with his M.F.A. in cinema-television studies from Regent University's School of Communication & the Arts. Kevin is an adjunct professor of media studies and a doctoral fellow (Ph.D.) in the communication arts department at Regent.

**David R. '84** and **Holly Edes** announce the birth of their first child, Jonathan Alan, on July 20, 2007 in Santa Rosa, CA.

**Karla Seater '84 Stowe** became a licensed CPA in August 2007. She lives in Nebraska with her husband and two sons.

**Arthur Wayne Watts '86** is pastor at the Science Hill UMC near Somerset, KY. E-mail: awwatts@hotmail.com.

**Doug '87** and **Lucy Simpson '87**

**Harkness** returned from China with their daughter Allyson "Ally" Gracie. Web site: www.allyinchina.blogspot.com.

**John M. Moreland '88** is pastor at Word of Life Church, Bicknell, IN. He is finishing his 10th year of ministry. He and his wife, Larisa, have three daughters: Emily 16, Eleni 13, Elysa 9.

**Bill Tatum '88** married April Cheek in Asheville, NC. They live in Rutherfordton, North Carolina, where Bill works for the American Red Cross. Address: P.O. Box 8505, Asheville, NC 28814.

**Brian '89** and **Sally Stiegemeier '89 Shelton** announce the birth of Maggie Elizabeth on Feb. 9, 2007.

### 1990

**Bill '91** and **Dawn McFarland '91 Coffman** announce the birth of William Daniel on March 8, 2006. Will was welcomed by his older siblings Dylan, Sarah Beth and Ariana and grandparents **Dan '62** and **Lois Howell '63 McFarland**.

**Scott** and **Nancy Osterholm '91 Cox** have moved to Windsor, Colorado, to plant a church, Windsor Calvary, affiliated with Calvary Chapel. Address: 1238 Teakwood Ct. Windsor, CO 80550. E-mail: nancy@calvarywindsor.org.

**Mike** and **Paula Anders '92 McNally** announce the birth of Rhys Paul Walton on Aug. 21, 2007.

**Brady '93** and **Andrea Gyertson '95 Nasfell** announce the birth of Justin David on Aug. 26, 2007 in Burbank, California.

**Jeremy Strayer '94** received his Ph.D. in mathematics education from The Ohio State University. He and his wife, **Lisa Buchanan '94 Strayer**, have three children Abigail, Rachel, and Elijah.

**R. Trent Haines '95** received his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from UK in December 2006. He conducts research on youth violence, mental health, and education at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.

**Erik '95** and **Sandy Watson '94 Hohn** announce the birth of Sawyer James on June 15, 2007.

**Philip Price '95** graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary in 2000 with a master's degree in psychology/pastoral counseling. He is working as a supervisor in the Bryan/College Station office of Department of Families and Protective Services.

**Matthew '95** and **Pamela Raider '95 Seamands** announce the birth of Allie Jo on Oct. 1, 2007.

**Andy** and **Tracie Goetz '96 Searles** welcomed Jonathan Issac on June 9, 2007. The family resides near Orlando, Florida where Andy is a pastor and Tracie works part-time for a non-profit men's ministry. Address: 1340 Queen Elaine Drive, Casselberry, FL 32707

**Matt Suman '96** married **Elizabeth Panosian** on Aug. 4, 2007. They live in Rochester, NY, where Matt is a director of Lutheran Hispanic Ministries.

**Jody Watson '96** married Ryan Reed in August 1998. They welcomed Gavin Oak-Lee on March 5, 2001 and Gage Rayn-Lee on Aug. 1, 2004. They reside in Elizabethtown, PA. E-mail: RJReed1998@aol.com.

**Colby '97** and **Kristen Ensey '00 Atkins** announce the birth of their second son, Jake David, on May 7, 2007. Colby is a worship arts director at Epic Faith Church in Erie, PA.

**Nathan** and **Tonya Ryan '97 Banker** announce the arrival of Annalisa Rose on May 22. Then Bankers reside in Lexington. E-mail: tlyan75@gmail.com

**Brian** and **Shawna Kuhn '97 Bivins** welcomed Malia Grace on April 26, 2007.

**Capt. John Morrow '97** is serving in the Army in Iraq as a combat engineer with the 1st Infantry out of Ft. Riley, Kansas. He is married to Captain Melissa Barrett Morrow who is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri. Address: 9th Division MiTT, APO, AE, 09390.

**Richard** and **Kimberly Martin '97 Smith** announce the birth of Jonathan Martin on July 11, 2007. Grandparents are **Bobby Ray '59** and **Jama Bell '66 Martin**.

**Henry '97** and **Erin Zonio** announce the birth of son, Maxson David, on July 2, 2007.

**Andrew '97** and **Ashley Moore '98 Atkins** announce the birth of Reagan Elizabeth on July 17, 2007.

**Eric '98** and **Rachel Wagner '98 Boatman** welcomed Micah Ryan on March 13, 2007. They live in Indianapolis, Indiana, where Eric works at Methodist Hospital and Rachel at Pike High School.

**Steve '96** and **Renee Hardig '98 Christner** welcomed Benjamin David on July 19, 2007. Renee is working as a financial planner in Indianapolis and Steve is working as a therapist with adolescents and families in Indianapolis.

**Daniel '98** and **Jennifer Thomson '98 Griffis** announce the birth of Zane Christopher on July 20, 2007.

Mark and **Karin Parker '98 Lane** welcomed their third child, Reagan Meredith, on Sept. 10, 2007.

**Matthew '99** and **Catherine Decker '00 Fish** announce the birth of Bennett Zachary on Dec. 16, 2006.

**Skip '99** and **Sarah Haddock '99 Little** announce the birth of Jonathan Haddock on May 2, 2007.

**Josh '99** and **Jennifer Savage '99 Wilson** reside at 158 Rosewood Ave., Fairmont, WV 26554. They have a son,

Elias, born March 25, 2004, and a daughter, Isabella, born Jan. 4, 2006. Josh works as a contract consultant at the FBI center located in Bridgeport, WV, and Jennifer is a homemaker.

## 2000

**William** and **Erin McMurray '00 Avera** had their first child, Cooper Ryan, on June 25, 2007. The Averas live in Washington.

**Sarah Bond '00** married Cy Wyche in May 2006. They reside in Columbus, Ohio with their daughter, Isabella Corinne, born March 3, 2007.

**Vivian Bush '00** completed her master's degree in nonprofit management from Regis University in May 2006. She is a grant administrator for Goodwill Industries of Houston.

**Matthew '00** and **Sally Deroo** have returned to China with the English Language Institute/China in a new role. Matt will serve as the associate director for student programs. The Deroos are studying language and reside in Beijing. Address: PO Box 163 Beijing, China 100036

**Xon '00** and **Katie Tevis '01 Hostetter** welcomed Bradley Davin on May 18, 2007. They also moved back to Kentucky.

**Kurt '00** and **Erin Ranson '01 Johnson** announce the birth of Samuel Joseph on Aug. 6, 2007.

**Matthew Newcomer '00** has completed his master's of education (August 2007) in curriculum and instruction from Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, OH.

**David '00** and **Ruby Edwards '96 Owiny** welcomed Adeline Roselynn on Nov. 15, 2006. The couple resides in Lexington, Kentucky, where Ruby is a special education teacher and David is a chemist. E-mail is rubles74@hotmail.com

## (ALUMNI)

**Ben '01** and **Essie Nelson '00 Cade** welcomed Austin Paul on April 13, 2007.

**Katherine Rubach '01 Gardner** received a Ph.D. in chemistry from The Ohio State University, August 2006.

**Tim '01** and **Erin Werner '02 Gibson** welcomed Braden Baxter on Aug. 30, 2007. The Gibsons are the owners of Solomon's Porch in Wilmore and recently opened a new coffee shop in the Asbury College Student Center.

Jared and **Stephanie Grunden '01 Hoffmann** announce the birth of Josiah Edward on June 9, 2007.

**Matt Kinnell '01** has released his first solo album, *One Supreme Desire*. Web site: [www.nhim.org](http://www.nhim.org), click on projects.

**Steve '01** and **Andrea Logan '00 LaMotte** welcomed Abigail Elizabeth on June 20, 2007.

**Kerry McKinney '01** married Timothy Gaul on Oct. 6, 2007 in Lexington, KY. The couple will reside in Winchester, KY.

Trevor and **Cassie Ellis '01 Oakes** welcomed their daughter Alaire Kathryn Oakes on Oct. 15, 2007.

**Kelly Osler '01** married Stephen Peyton on Sept. 15, 2007.

Evan and **Emily Lewis '01 Sewall** welcomed Easton Andrew on Aug. 8, 2007.

**Billy '02** and **Joanna Neff '02 Coppedge** welcomed Elsie Jayne on Nov. 3, 2007.

Juan and **Kelly Jenkins '02 Santos** announce the birth of Gian Lucca on Oct. 9, 2007. Kelly is pursuing her master's degree in teaching at Marian College in Indianapolis, IN.

**Adam Chisholm '03** was named teacher of the year at Warner Elementary School, Nicholasville, KY.

**John Flannery '03** and **Sarah McKain '06** were married on Aug. 4 and are living in Lexington, KY. John is a general manager at Chick-Fil-A. Sarah is pursuing her master's degree in family studies at U.K.

**Adam Boatman '04** married Ansley McRee on June 1, 2007 in Augusta, GA. The couple resides in Nashville, Tennessee, where Adam works with a youth music and ministry organization called Interline.

**Jessica Ditto '04** has spent the last four months volunteering in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia with Cherokee Gives Back. Web site: [www.jessjourneys.blogspot.com/](http://www.jessjourneys.blogspot.com/)

**Andrew '04** and **Jamey Cicconetti '03 Hatter** welcomed Benjamin Mark on Nov. 19, 2006 and are now stationed at Fort Gordon in Georgia.

**Benjamin Arnold '04** received his master's degree in counseling from Asbury Theological Seminary in May 2007. He is a children's therapist with Bluegrass Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board in Lawrenceburg, KY.

**Lynn Reese '04** graduated from Cleveland State University in 2006 with a M.A. in clinical psychology and is attending Kent State University to pursue a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and assessment.

**Wesley '04** and **Angela Hooker '02 White** have relocated to Versailles, Kentucky, so Angela can begin her master's degree in counseling at Asbury Theological Seminary. Wes is the youth minister at Versailles United Methodist Church. Address: 115 Woodlawn Dr. Apt. 4, Versailles, KY 40383.

**Chris '05** and **Hope DePriest '05 Harkey** announce the birth of Ella Mae on Jan. 30, 2006 and Henry Luther born June 14, 2007.

**Anastasia Havener '05** and Micah Henry announce their marriage on June 30, 2007 in Mars, PA. They reside in Grove City, PA and are raising funds to minister in Slovakia with Youth for Christ.

**Molly Rego '05 Jaeger** completed her master's degree in teaching world languages at the University of Kentucky in August 2007. She is teaching Spanish at Henry Clay High School in Lexington, KY.

**Becky Wilsey '06 Feuerbach** married Lt. John P. Feuerbach on May 27, 2006. The Feuerbachs reside in Ithaca, NY.

**2LT Nate Halley '06** and his wife, Joyel, have moved to Shreveport, Louisiana, where he has been assigned as a navigator in the Air Force on the B-52 bomber.

**Timothy Morrill '06** entered London School of Economics for graduate studies in mathematical finance. His wife, **Bethany Britt '05 Morrill**, completed her master's degree in library science at the University of Kentucky in May 2007. Email: [timothy.morrill@gmail.com](mailto:timothy.morrill@gmail.com)

**Curt Rowland '06** married **Monica Wray '06** on Aug. 4, 2007. The couple resides in Cincinnati, Ohio, where Monica obtained her C.P.A. license and works as an assurance associate at Grant Thornton LLP and Curt works at Queen City Reprographics as the warehouse supervisor.

**Luke '06** and **Kari Kuhn '06 Speakman** announce the birth of Daniel David on July 29, 2007.

In June, **AJ Stich '06** participated in the MS Bluegrass Race where he cycled 110 miles and raised more than \$250 for MS research.

**Clint Stiger '06** and **Krissa Soisson '06** were married on Aug. 11, 2007 at the Wilmore Free Methodist Church. They now reside in Orlando, Florida.

**Adam Wood '07** and **Amanda Simmons '07** were married on May 26, 2007 and reside in Lexington, KY. ☺



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## IN MEMORIAM

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**Anne E. Sikes '30 Clark,**  
teacher, May 8, 2007, Indianapolis, IN

**Arthur Summers Clark '30,**  
minister, Aug. 18, 2007, Indianapolis, IN

**Frances Fullenwider '33 Dodson,**  
teacher, May 31, 2007, Portland, OR

**Ray K. Masser '34,**  
metallurgist, Sept. 20, 2007, Altoona, FL

**Claude Collins '35,**  
minister, April 21, 2007, Roanoke, VA

**D. Powell Royster '35,**  
minister, July 29, 2007, Versailles, KY

**Mardelle Amstutz '35 Stanger,**  
spouse of ATS president, Frank Stanger '34,  
Oct. 23, 2007, Wilmore, KY

**Katherine McAfee '36 Start,**  
business, Sept. 26, 2007, West Chester, PA

**Virginia Mix '36 Miller,**  
teacher, Feb. 8, 2007, Gerry, NY

**Virginia B. '39 Heflin,**  
teacher, March 21, 2007, Broken Arrow, OK

**Geneva Sund '40 Karr,**  
teacher, Aug. 30, 2007, Sonoma, CA

**Lloyd H. Walker '40,**  
minister, July 28, 2007, Akron, OH

**George J. Douglas '42,**  
minister, May 24, 2007, Lorain, OH

**Richard B. Wells '42,**  
civil engineer, March 24, 2007, Charlotte, NC

**Charles B. Lane '43,**  
business, April 10, 2007, Fernandina Beach, FL

**Rodford McDonald '44,**  
minister/president, Lindsey Wilson College,  
March 19, 2005, Campbellsville, KY

**Paul F. Abel '45,**  
minister, July 19, 2007, Durham, NC

**Calvin B. Johnson '51,**  
minister, July 15, 2007, High Point, NC

**Forest N. Blount '52,**  
military, April 23, 2007, Leesville, LA

**Rosalie Jane Chestnut '52  
Woodward,**  
nurse, Oct. 22, 2007, Wilmore, KY

**Seaborn S. McGarity, Jr. '53,**  
physician, April 4, 2007, Augusta, GA

**Betty June Barker '55 Watkins,**  
teacher, July 10, 2007, Plant City, FL

**Frances Elam '56 Munson,**  
missionary, April 9, 2007, Vancleve, KY

**Kai Cheong Yong '56,**  
teacher/administrator, Aug. 20, 2007,  
Avondale Estates, GA

**Thomas G. Geer '58,**  
military/business, April 4, 2007, Valparaiso, IN

**Byron L. McGuire '58,**  
missionary, Oct. 23, 2007, Underwood, IN

**David B. Justvig '59,**  
business, Nov. 12, 2005, Springfield, MO

**Harry Daniel Armstrong '66,**  
minister, Sept. 19, 2007, Ontario, Canada

**William Travis Fryman '66,**  
teacher/coach, Aug. 28, 2007, Cantonment, FL

**Robert Ray Fairel '67,**  
business, April 25, 2007, Rockmart, GA

**Martha McKinnes '69 Lyles,**  
Aug. 4, 2006, Scottsville, KY

**C. R. Creed '71,**  
minister, Sept. 30, 2007, Westerville, OH

**James E. Boggan '80,**  
news reporter, Oct. 23, 2007, Orient, OH

**Micah David Eberhard '08,**  
former student, Aug. 8, 2007, Findlay, OH

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## FRIENDS

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**Mr. Charles I. Babcock,**  
July 10, 2007, Vero Beach, FL

**Mrs. Marilyn Myers Bradshaw,**  
Asbury staff (ret.), July 15, 2007, Nicholasville, KY

**Mrs. Mary G. Dean,**  
spouse of Prof. Marvin Dean, July 30,  
2007, Indio, CA

**Mr. Loran W. Helm,**  
June 13, 2006, Parker City, IN

**Mr. George Vest Triplett,**  
June 28, 2007, Owensboro, KY

**Mr. William A. Webber III,**  
former member of Board of Trustees, Oct.  
7, 2007, Cynthiana, KY

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

22 Happy Thanksgiving

## DECEMBER

1 Wilmore Old Fashioned Christmas  
9 Festival of Christmas Music, Hughes  
24-Jan. 1 Offices Closed: Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year

## JANUARY

14 Classes resume  
17 Dallas, Texas Gathering with Dr. Gray  
18 Ft. Worth, Texas Gathering with Dr. Gray  
23 Federal Seminar Reception, Washington, DC  
24-25 Winter Preview Weekend  
24-26 Alumni Board Winter Meeting

## FEBRUARY

1-2 Hansel & Gretel, Doddridge-Holland  
4-8 Holiness Emphasis Week  
9-14 Florida Gatherings with Dr. Gray  
15 ASBURY BASEBALL RETURNS!!!  
23 Parent Advisory Council Meeting  
28-March 1 Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble Tour

## PLAN AHEAD:

April 12 4th Annual Colloquium on Mental Health & Religion with Dr. Mark McMinn  
June 19-21 Reunion 2008 with Salvation Army Reunion

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