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Center for Communication Arts

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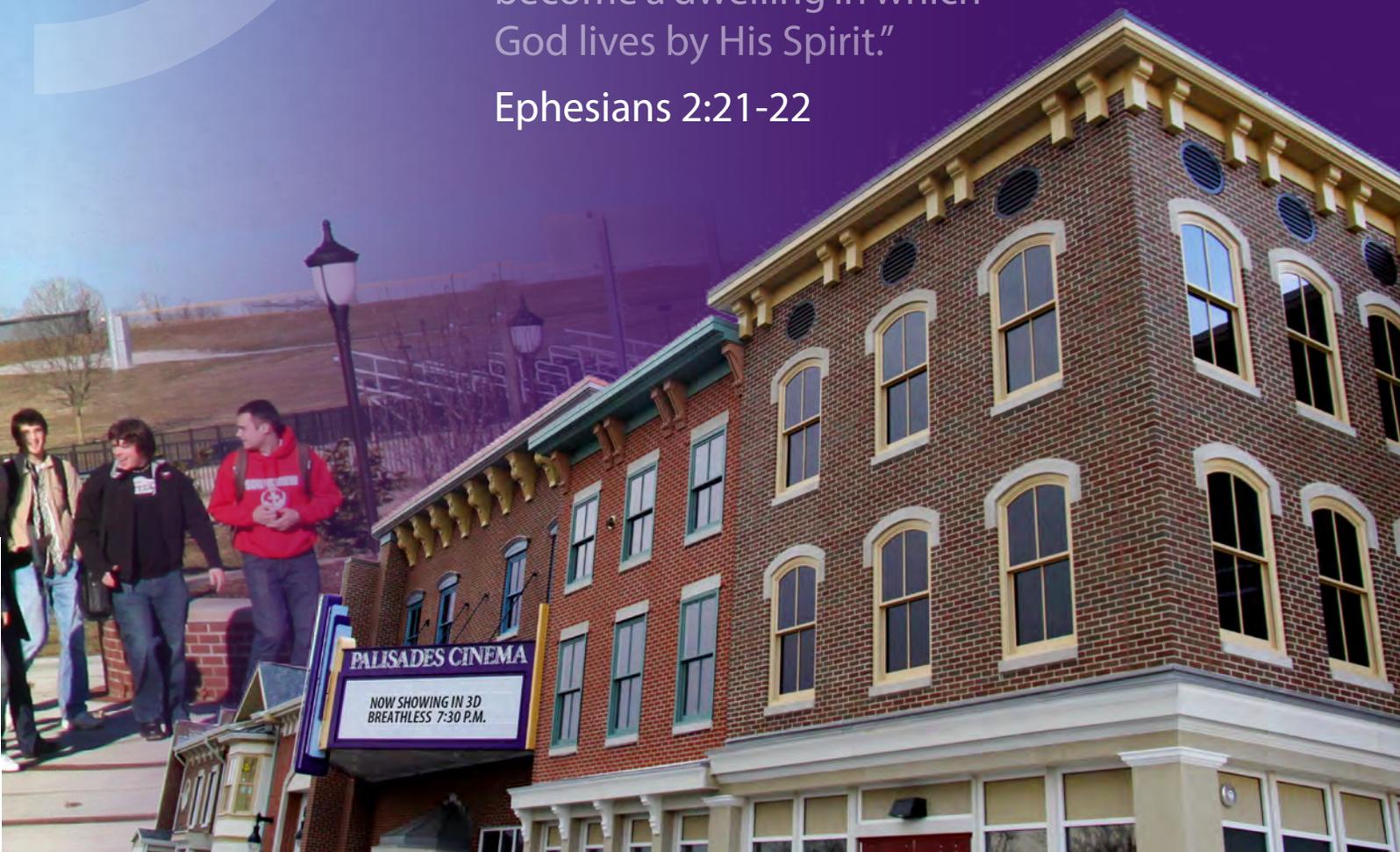
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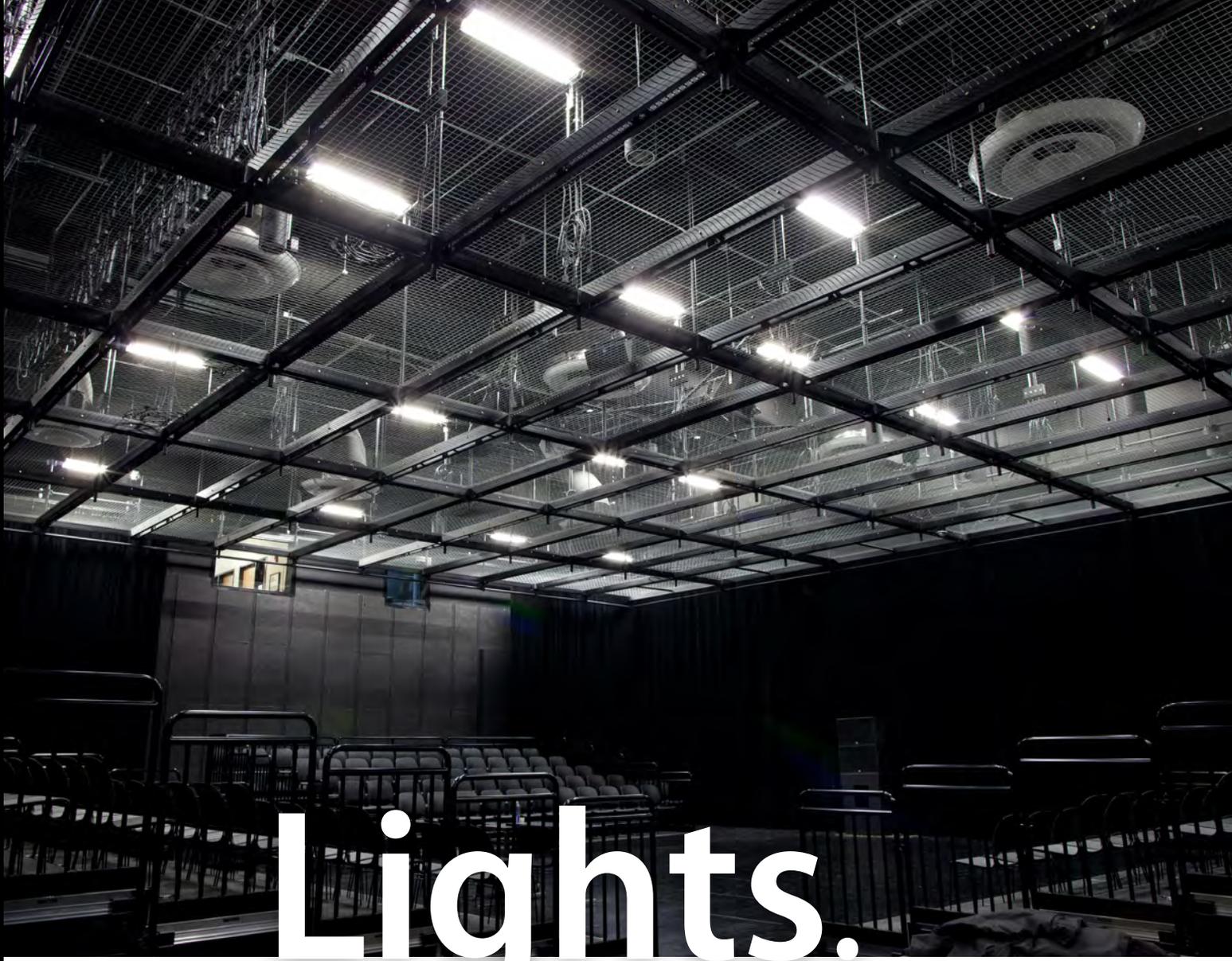




“In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.”

Ephesians 2:21-22





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President's Message:

# Reflect & Celebrate

The first chapters of the Holy Bible have much more meaning than a historical account of how the world and all the lives within it came into existence. They introduce us to God's character and His most prized creation that He made in His image.

One aspect of the Genesis account of creation that fascinates me is that after God created, He paused to reflect and celebrate. Throughout Scripture we find accounts where God's people commemorated significant events and praised God for faithfully remembering His covenant to them.

This March, the Asbury University community came together to celebrate the opening of the Andrew S. Miller Center for Communication Arts. God raised up Asbury University 121 years ago as a full salvation school to educate students and ground them in their faith so they can go out into the world and live lives that reflect the grace and love of our Lord. The Miller Center reflects an investment in men and women who seek to be servants and leaders in our society and to advance the cause of Christ through media. This gives us reason to celebrate!

As you read through the pages of this issue, you will surely see how the Center stimulates thinking and inspires creativity, provides unparalleled flexibility, and emphasizes the foundation of telling a great story. It also reflects a furtherance of the Asbury mission to engage our culture.

During our time of celebration together, we were honored to have Dean '53 and Lory Basham Jones on campus. Dean and Lory served as the honorary co-chairs of our Building Windows of Opportunity campaign to construct the Miller Center. This couple is passionate about proclaiming and sharing the Good News of the Gospel – whether one on one, in a group or on a movie set or stage. They live surrendered lives, seeking after the will of their Father, and their lives shine brightly in the darkness.

As I reflect on the Easter season, the testimony Dean shared with us in Chapel on March 4 is a powerful reminder of God's love, pursuit and grace. Dean rose to fame as a star in Disney films throughout the 1960s and 1970s, including the lead role in "The Love Bug." He



Dean '53 and Lory Basham Jones with Dr. Sandra C. Gray

was living the American dream, making a lot of money and starring in motion pictures. Yet, he shared that he was miserable and had an emptiness on the inside he could not fill with worldly pleasures.

Through a series of events that turned out to be God's pursuit and the answer to many prayers for his salvation, Dean found himself in a hotel room in Cherry Hill, N.J., contemplating suicide. He then remembered something his Sunday school teacher told him when he was 8, "If you ever need peace, go to Jesus." After battling with the Lord for almost an hour, Dean humbled himself, asked for God's forgiveness and surrendered his life to Christ. Dean shared that the peace of Christ rolled over him like an ocean wave and has never left.

**"(The Miller Center) reflects a furtherance of the Asbury mission to engage our culture."**

How great is the love of our Father! From the creation account in Genesis through the promise of Eden being restored in Revelation, God reveals how much He loves us and how He desires to have a relationship with us. The pinnacle of the evidence is the cross, where Jesus surrendered His life to pay the price for our sins and to offer each of us the opportunity to be reconciled to the Father.

Ephesians 2:10 reads, "He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." God has a purpose for each of our lives and ministries, and we know God still has great plans for the educational ministry of Asbury University.

Thanks be to God for His faithfulness. Let's celebrate together!

Dr. Sandra C. Gray  
President

To listen to Dean's message in Chapel, please visit [asbury.edu/podcasts](http://asbury.edu/podcasts)



### Notes From the Past

**Above:** Assorted letters, notes, ticket stubs and receipts from the 1800s were donated by a former Asbury professor.

**Right:** Equipment from the USS Asbury, a WWII-era "victory ship," has been displayed in the main library.

# Hidden Treasures

The Asbury University Archive, located in Kinlaw Library, is home to an amazing collection of artifacts, resources and University memorabilia. Featuring hundreds of fascinating pieces — from the University's first school bulletin in 1890 to decades-old African tools and weapons donated by Asburian missionaries — some collections

have been loaned to the University for research and conservation purposes, while other materials are kept to maintain a history of the institution. Occasionally, the University will invite scholars to take advantage of special collections for conferences, but most of the items are always available for viewing by the public upon request. ■



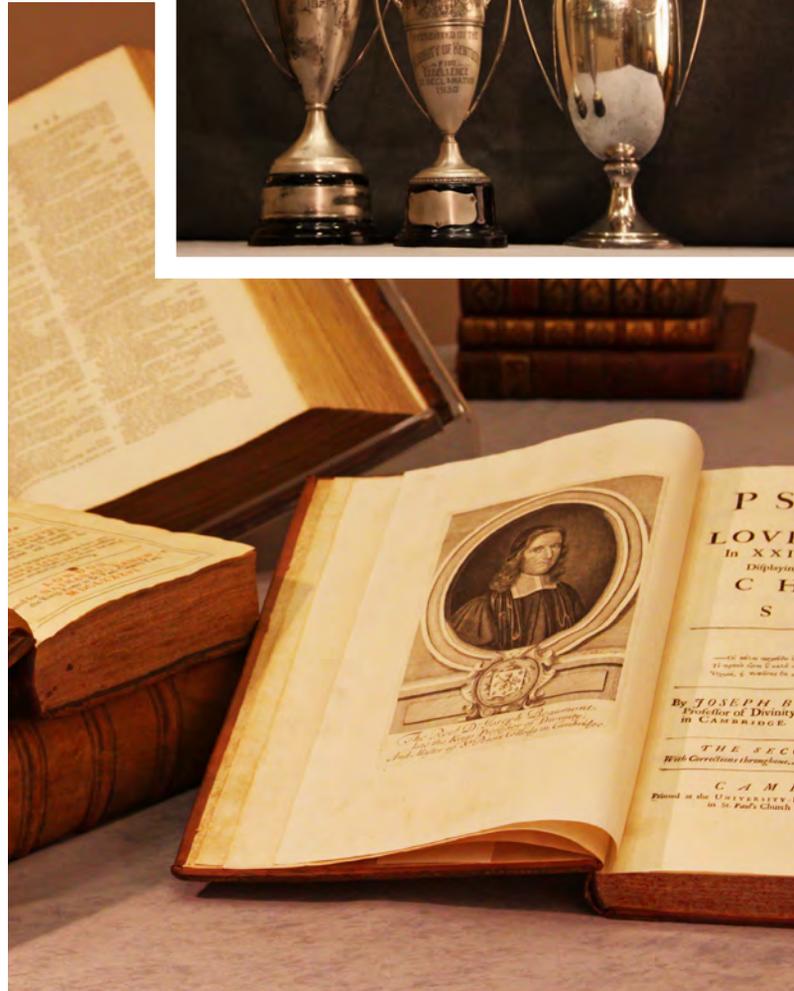
### A Diverse Array

**Left:** Gifts to the University, such as this Korean doll, brighten up the archives. **Above:** Asbury's radio devotional programs from the 1940s are recorded on 16-inch, green-glass transcripts.

**Below:** Asbury students won high marks for declamation, the art of public speaking, in the 1930s. **Bottom:** Books in the Macclesfield Collection date to the 18th century and would have been influential in England when John Wesley was studying theology.



Photos by: Amanda Meyer '09





# The *Ambassador* goes **One on One** with Dr. Burnie Reynolds '70

**H**istory professor Dr. Burnam Reynolds has been teaching at Asbury University since 1973, but his memories of the institution go back to his first visit to the Wilmore campus when he was 10. In this Q&A, he offers his take on Asbury, its students and what he feels is the most interesting period of history.

**Q: What is your favorite period of history to teach?**

**A:** The Middle Ages. When I was an undergraduate here, I took a course on the medieval institutions, and the professor was a very winning person. He really did a great job, and I thought, "Boy, this is an interesting field." So it just kind of intrigued me. Plus, I've always liked the underdog, and many people consider the Middle Ages to be useless. I thought it was interesting, and sure enough, that's what I stuck with. Which is interesting, because a lot of people don't stick with what they start with.

**Q: Was that the first time you can remember being very interested in history?**

**A:** Oh, no. As a kid, instead of reading about Batman or somebody, I'd read the historical comic books they used to have back in the 1950s. I had a child's version of a biography of Daniel Boone, stuff like that. I remember at one point I sort of memorized how the campaigns of the Civil War went, which I can't do now. My dad was a public school principal, but originally he taught social studies. He brought home a world history book from the freshman class, and also an American history book, and I read those when I was a kid. I was kind of odd. Then when I was 11 — and I was here at Wilmore Elementary at that time — I was talking a little too much in class and the teacher said, "You're going to have to stay in for

Photos by: Amanda Meyer '09

recess for several days.” So I stayed in and there was nothing to do, and she had “The Iliad.” I read that and thought, “This is pretty cool!” So who knows how much it’s genetic or just happenstance? I’ve been interested in history a long time.

**Q: Do you remember your first day as a student at Asbury?**

**A:** Oh, yeah, I sure do. First of all, we went through what was called Freshmen Daze. We were the last class to wear little beanies. We were the Valiant Class of 1970, so we came in the fall of ’66. Our colors were orange and blue, kind of like the University of Florida or something. We had these little beanies with a V on them and we were supposed to wear them, but our class rebelled against that. But yeah, it was interesting. You find out pretty quickly you’re not in high school anymore, especially back then. For example, nobody gave review sheets before a test. Some of the history professors would write their questions for the exam on the board in cursive and say things like, “If you can’t read it, you don’t know it.” I changed my major a couple of times — that sounds familiar, I think — but it finally came back to what I’d loved all my life, which was history.

**Q: If you could live during any period in history, which one would you pick? The Middle Ages?**

**A:** You know, I’m tempted to say “yes,” but when I think of the reality of the Middle Ages — the economy was terrible, hygiene and

Ages, though I’m fascinated by them. I think I’d choose right now. I know it’s kind of a cop-out, but we really have it easy, even compared to the 1800s, you know. I like easy; it gives you time to sit back and reflect on the past travails.

**Q: What’s one thing you wish your students already knew when they came into your classroom?**

**A:** I wish they had a little more history in general. Even when they’ve had history, they’ve had it at a developmentally wrong time. I’ve noticed that people disdain history, sometimes because they’re not ready to realize that what’s gone before really is shaping what’s happening now. That happens when you’re in your 20s or even 30s, in some cases. I wish there were some way that students could be introduced to history at a little later stage in their education. I think it might make more sense.

**Q: What do you think is history’s greatest mystery?**

**A:** In 410, when the Visigothic king Alaric sacked Rome, they ripped off everything they could carry that was valuable, some incredible stuff. They went south in Italy to ravage some more, and they got down in Southern Italy to a river called Buscentum — I think it’s called Busento today or

Imperial Rome in there with Alaric’s body, covered it over with rocks, and let the river go back over it. So out there, literally in the river somewhere, is Alaric’s tomb with all kinds of amazing archeological treasures. I’m just expecting any day now that someone — with all of our modern detection devices — will find that treasure, like that guy found all of that Anglo-Saxon stuff in England just last year.

**Q: When you think of Asbury 25 years from now, what comes to your mind?**

**A:** I think the enrollment, hopefully, will be just as strong as it is now. I hope it’s still pretty much the same place in its emphasis on spirituality, because if it’s not, then who needs it

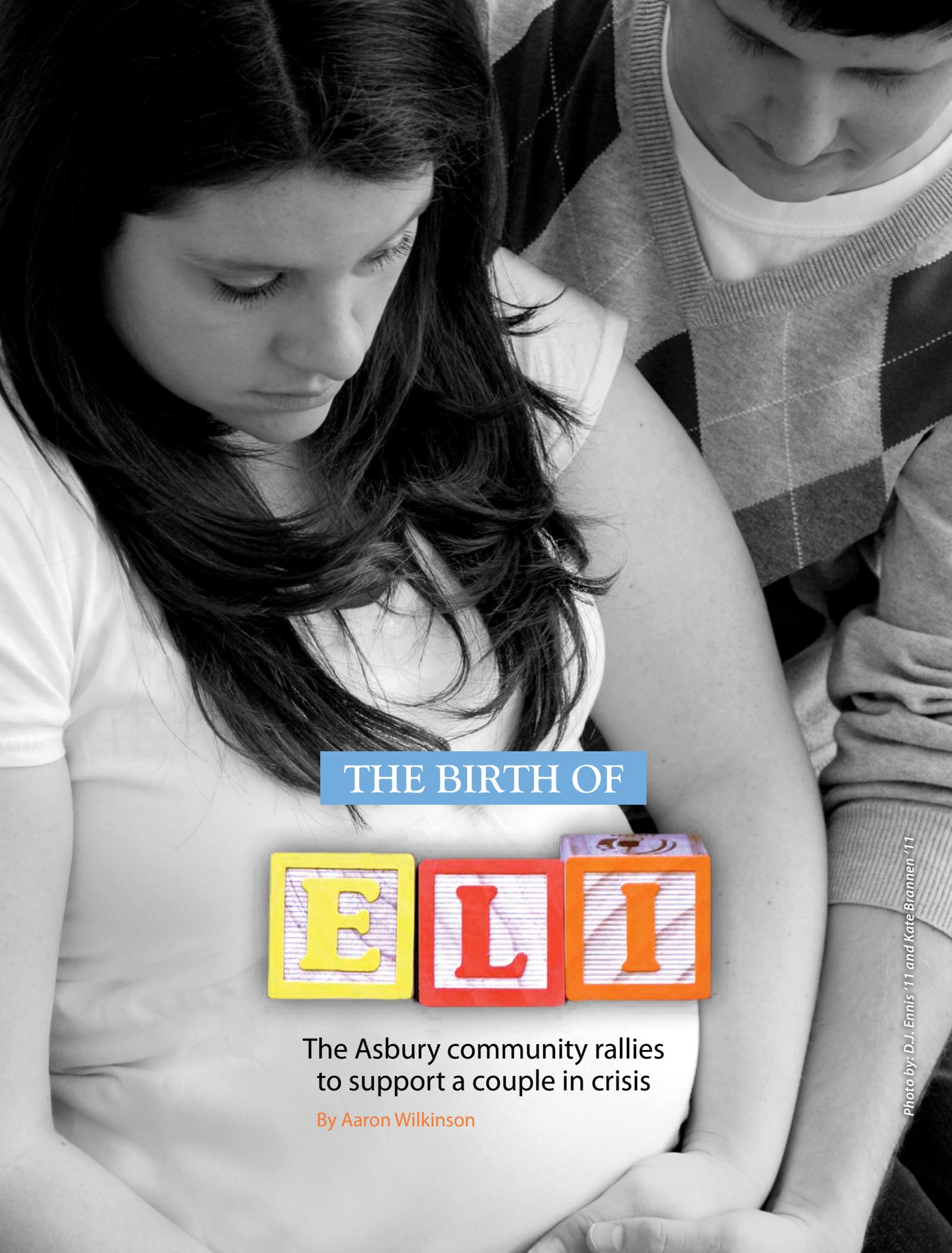


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disease was pretty rough, and life expectancy — well, I’d have been dead a long time ago because I’m 62 now — and war and things... I don’t think I would choose the Middle

something like that — and Alaric died. So the Visigoths diverted the river, went out in the middle and dug this elaborate tomb complex and put much of the treasure of

really? The United States is littered, if you want to use that word, with schools that start off very interested in serving Christ, but could really care less about it now. I just hope we continue caring. And educationally, I hope we can continue to offer a liberal arts curriculum. Not because that’s going to get you a job, because there aren’t a lot of liberal arts jobs. But what it does, I think, for example, if you’re in Media Communications and you have some liberal arts grounding, it puts you a little ahead of somebody who just knows how to push the buttons. I hope we maintain that, I really do. It enriches us all. ■



THE BIRTH OF

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The Asbury community rallies to support a couple in crisis

By Aaron Wilkinson

Photo by: D.J. Ennis '11 and Kate Brannen '11

# “Dec. 2, 2010, is a day I won’t soon forget.”

That morning my wife, Abby, woke up swollen. Abby was 28 weeks pregnant and had been battling swelling for a while, but she felt more concerned this time around and scheduled an appointment to see our doctor that afternoon. I had lunch plans that day, but felt a pull to get home and check on Abby. I arrived home at 12:30 p.m. to find Abby napping.

I told her I was home and she asked me to wake her up in 20 minutes so she could get ready to leave. When I walked into our bedroom at 12:50 p.m., I found my wife in the midst of having a seizure.

To make a long story short: I called the ambulance, Abby was taken to the hospital and a few hours later, Abby had to have an emergency C-section in order to save both her life and the life of our baby.

Miracles still happen. I had no plans to be home at 12:50 that day, so no doubt the Lord led me there.

**“The fears I faced on December 2 made it easily the worst day of my life... but also a date forever associated with joy. It was the day our son, Eli Xavier Delane Wilkinson, was born.”**

But it was even more than that for us. It was a day when the Asbury University community proved itself to be loving and supportive. It was a friend and co-worker of ours, Paul Niswander, whom I first contacted with information about Abby’s situation. When I asked him if he could follow us in the ambulance, driving in our car, he ran full speed (in a suit) from the cafeteria to Kresge. He stayed with me for six hours, consoling me and keeping others up to date as the day developed. It was even Paul who called my parents and Abby’s parents, letting them know what was happening.

Paul was not the only Asburian to spring into action to help us. Lisa Harper, the director of admissions, arrived at the hospital shortly after Paul. Not long after that, Joe Bruner and Paul Stephens, Abby’s co-workers, arrived. They sat with me in a dark hospital room, praying.

Pretty soon 15 students came and filled the waiting room. Mark Troyer, vice president of student development, sent out e-mail after e-mail updating the community and asking people to pray. Dr. Troyer was at the hospital just one hour after Eli was born, waiting to hand me a premie hat that was knitted by an Asbury group.



***Eli Xavier Delane Wilkinson weighed 1 pound, 15 ounces, when he was born on Dec. 2, 2010, almost three months early.***

Asbury alums stopped by to give their support. I’m told staff and faculty from several offices around campus immediately gathered to pray when they heard what was happening.

It’s been a few months since Eli was born, and barely a day has gone by that we have not received a gift on our doorstep or a card in the mail. Someone even created a Baby Eli Wilkinson fund at the local First Southern Bank, and we have been overwhelmed by gifts that have been given there.

There are so many more ways that we have been blessed. In our greatest hour of need, the Asbury University community wrapped its arms around us and firmly stated that we would not go through this alone. “Community” is a hard word to define, but I think it is best expressed through practical examples and stories. This is ours.

*Aaron Wilkinson is the coordinator of admissions and marketing for the Master of Social Work program at Asbury University, and Abby Wilkinson is the resident director for Kresge Residence Hall.*



### Keeping an eye on Eli

Eli spent 67 days in the hospital after he was born — plenty of time to make friends with the nursing staff. Skin-to-skin contact with his parents helped with bonding and temperature regulation. By the time he came home in February, Eli weighed almost six pounds. By the end of March, he was up to 10.







## Asbury University dedicates the one-of-a-kind Andrew S. Miller Center for Communication Arts

# Out from the Center...

to engage cultures and advance the cause of Christ around the world | By Rebekah Daniel

The Asbury University community gathered in March to dedicate the Andrew S. Miller Center for Communication Arts, marking the realization of a vision years in the making.

With the opening of the Miller Center, the various disciplines within the School of Communication Arts — Communication, Journalism, Media Communication and Theatre & Cinema Performance — are under one roof, housing state-of-the-art equipment and flexible learning spaces.

“This facility is a game-changer for the institution,” Provost John Kulaga said at the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, March 4. “The Miller Center is positioned to serve as a center for new collaborations to take place across disciplines.”

Some highlights of the building include the following —

**The Greathouse Theatre:** A 5,100-square-foot performance space with a prop storage area and set-building shop.

**Television Studio & Film Soundstage:** This area includes a 5,200-square-foot studio, and a master control bay to house the University’s 40-foot HD production trailer. The trailer is used as the primary control room for the building. The studio also features one of the region’s largest green screens.

**The News Bureau:** Comprising two rooms — a press area shared by *The Collegian*, WACW radio, NewsWatch (television) and



**Left:** Following the ribbon-cutting ceremonies and before tours of the facility, President Sandra Gray welcomed a standing-room-only crowd of Asbury students, staff, faculty, alumni, friends of the University and media to the Andrew S. Miller Center for Communication Arts.

**Top:** A panel of media experts offered their insights as a part of the dedication ceremonies.

**Below:** On behalf of the University, President Gray recognized several individuals after her opening remarks, including Andrew S. Miller Jr. (son of the building's namesake), and Dr. Jim Owens '79, the dean of the School of Communication Arts.

online news, and an editorial room — the New Bureau is designed for collaboration across media.

**Back Lot & Main Street:** Outside and inside of the building there are sidewalks with business fronts, benches and window displays that provide a ready-made backdrop for student film projects.

Not only is the Miller Center practical from an educational standpoint, but it also reinforces the University's values and Christian heritage in more subtle ways.

In remarks following the ribbon cutting, President Sandra C. Gray reflected on the symbolism of the building. Circular windows symbolize the unending love of Christ, while other windows contain crosses. Even the columns at the entrance are named for the pillars of our faith: holiness, evangelism, love, peace, hope, joy, worship and prayer.

As students move through the building, they can exit through a back lot set of "Main Street" store fronts in much the same way they will one day leave the University setting for the wider world.



Photos by: Amanda Meyer '09 and Tyler Hoff '11



*Legendary actor Dean Jones '53 — perhaps most recognized for his role in the Disney film “The Love Bug” — spoke to the Asbury community in Chapel about his path to faith.*

In a sense, the wider world came to Asbury to celebrate the dedication. On Thursday, a panel of four media professionals opened the door to reflection on topics ranging from the influence of Christians in the entertainment industry to the power of social media.

“You can’t take anything back anymore,” panelist D.T. Slouffman '97, a television producer, said. “There’s no more important time than the present to be salt and light. One of the reasons this building is so important for training the students is we’re seeing people as they really are.”

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### **The Ceremonies**

On Friday, actor Dean Jones '53 spoke in Chapel about his path to faith. Recounting a few of the curves he tried — and failed — to navigate without God’s help, he credited Asbury with a

key role in bringing him to a place of surrender to Jesus.

“My roommate used to preach to me,” Jones said. “I was not an atheist, but I was agnostic, and I know he prayed for me. Those prayers followed me to Hollywood. I never escaped the prayers people prayed for me here at Asbury.”

A ribbon-cutting ceremony following Chapel drew a crowd that filled the Miller Center’s lower lobby. The student body, local government, faculty and University administration each were represented as purple scissors cut purple ribbon and formally opened the building.

Coinciding with the Board of Trustees meetings, the dedication made official what had already begun when the building — on time and on budget — was completed in time for students to begin classes in January.

### **Sitcom Filming**

A live-audience sitcom filming Friday and Saturday nights offered students and community members the opportunity to see Asbury’s Communication Arts students in action — and to be a part of the action themselves. Some 100 audience members per filming laughed and learned as students performed the script and filmed the show.

“Sitcom is one area where you can really see the students do things from start to finish,” Theater Operations Manager Don Mink '94 said. “My definition of success is students who are energized by the process and want to go into production. And this was a wild success.”

## Open For Business

Workshops on public relations, television production, missions media and acting from a Christian perspective rounded out the weekend on Saturday afternoon. Since that time, the Miller Center has continued to draw students in for classes, projects, conversations and inspiration. A nationally-syndicated Christian radio show has even broadcast from the Center since the dedication.

Memorabilia from projects Asbury alumni have worked on lines the halls, providing food for thought and hope for a future of influence.

"We're excited for the potential this building has for students," Dr. Jim Owens '79, dean of the School of Communication Arts, said. "Our goal is to immerse them in creativity, and they spend hours walking through the building, reading and learning." ■



*Showcasing immediate uses for the Center and the work being done by the students and faculty, a sitcom was produced before a live audience as a part of the dedication weekend.*



# This Year, Everyone's Invited!

**A**sbury University's Alumni Association is making a change to the reunion festivities this year, inviting *all* Asbury alums to enjoy the weekend of fellowship June 24-26.

Historically, the University's summer reunion has been open to each class on a rotating five-year schedule and to the golden grads. This year, everyone is invited to return to Wilmore. For alums with class years ending in "1" and "6," there will still be class lunches on Saturday, and evening receptions have been added to Friday's schedule.

**"We're trying some new things and creating more time for fellowship."**

"For Reunion 2011, we're throwing a celebration to say 'thank you' to the generations of students that have made our institution great," said Greg Swanson, vice president for institutional advancement.

"We're trying some new things and creating more time for fellowship. The traditional favorites — worship in Hughes, class lunches, a missions event — will certainly still be part of this special weekend."

Headlining Friday evening's activities will be author, radio host and comedian Ken Davis. Known for his mixture of humor and inspiration, he's written nine books and received national acclaim.



**Ken Davis, Author and Comedian**

His knack for combining a funny way of looking at life with a solid foundation of Christian faith yields a message of hope that has encouraged fans of his DVDs and blog. Knowing he's helping others inspires Davis to hit the road and keep going. "I love the part where I can see people laughing and get the chance to really encourage them," Davis said.

Emceeding the weekend's events — and helping develop the program for



**Tripp Crosby '01, Multimedia Creator**

Saturday night's Variety Show — will be Tripp Crosby, a multimedia creator and comedian. Crosby is the founder of Green Tricycle Studios and he studies the art of improvisation at Whole World Theater.

Sunday morning's speaker will be Dr. Jim Harriman '81, an evangelist with the Francis Asbury Society, and service will be led by Scott McPherson '86, who has been leading worship at churches and camps for more than 20 years. ■

# RINSE, RIDE, RUN, REPEAT.



As a student at Asbury University, Rev. Lincoln Murdoch '79 joined the track team in the spring of his senior year without much experience in competitive sports. At a meet at Eastern



Kentucky University, he got lapped in his 2-mile run event, and finished alone.

Not one to give up easily, he began training. He continued his education at Asbury Theological Seminary, and kept training. He got married, had kids, watched them grow, and kept training. He wrote books and ministered in Omaha, Phoenix, and Omaha again, and kept training.

In 2009, he finished eighth in his age group at the World Championships, completing a triathlon requiring a 1,500-meter swim, 24-mile bike ride and 10-kilometer run. He's still training.

"Training is a time for prayer, a time to reach out to other athletes in the Omaha area and ride or run with them," he says. "It's a ministry platform. Sometimes I just like going out with my iPod and some really good Christian music.

"Since we graduated at Asbury back in the '70s, I think we've all discovered that life is a lot harder than we thought it would be. My exhortation would be to persevere, don't quit no matter how hard it gets. Keep pressing on, as Paul said, and make it to the finish line. The reward at the end will be worth it." ■

# A Shadow of Hope

Asbury University continues its efforts to help Haiti recover | By Riah Lawry '13



The tiles on the roof rippled like water and a sound like that of a truck washed over Ruth Bowen '89 Hersey and her 12-year-old daughter, Suzanna, as they stood a few feet away from their house in Haiti. It was 4:53 p.m. on Jan. 12, 2010. Almost 40 very slow seconds passed while Ruth watched her home buck back and forth with the movement of the earth.

As the quake subsided, Ruth, with her daughter's hand clutched in hers, ran into their house. Finding bookshelves overturned but the house intact, Ruth's thoughts turned to her husband and son still at school. "I immediately tried to call, but all the cell lines were down," she said, "so I didn't even put my bag down. We just turned around and ran right back to school."

Ruth, her husband, Steve Hersey '89, and their two children, Sabastian, then age

7, and Suzanna, live on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince. Ruth and Steve met at Asbury University and work at Quisqueya Christian School in Port-au-Prince. She teaches seventh and eighth-grade language arts, and he is the director of the school.

The week before the earthquake was unusually cold, Ruth said, but was

otherwise normal. On the day of the earthquake, Ruth had stayed after class to chat with her mom online, finish some grading and clean up her classroom. "I put the date for the next day on the board: January 13th," said Ruth. "Six months later, the date was still on the board."

## Saved to serve

In the weeks after the earthquake, it became apparent that the nation's recovery would require unprecedented teamwork from every sector of society. Quisqueya Christian School was blessed to escape major damage from the earthquake; with secure walls encircling the campus and intact buildings, it was a haven of security in a sea of chaos. The decision was made to open the facility to visiting medical teams, and Quisqueya Crisis Relief was born.

**"I put the date for the next day on the board: January 13th. Six months later, the date was still on the board."**

"The day before the earthquake, we had filled our 3,000-gallon diesel fuel tank to run the school's generator," Steve Hersey said. "This means we had electricity when most people didn't. QCS alumni flew down a mobile satellite system, so we could communicate better than most and were able to coordinate aid.

As global attention shifts to recent tragedies such as the earthquake and tsunami that have impacted Japan and the Pacific, it's important we not forget the struggles outside of the media spotlight. Here's just one example of how Asbury University stays committed to such a cause.



*"I'd heard about the tent cities, but actually walking through a maze of tents touches your heart in a different way," said Maria Cranor '13.*

"On the Saturday after the quake, a 36-foot truck, half full of pharmaceuticals and half full of food, came to campus," he continued. "We started calling local hospitals, and all of them were out of everything, so we began delivering. The first three hospitals I called had former QCS students as administrators. We also delivered the food to all of the nearby orphanages.

"From there, word got out that we could help direct aid and facilitate with logistics. We ended up sending out teams of doctors and nurses to 80 locations, distributing well over \$5 million worth of donated pharmaceuticals, and at least 85,000 painstaking operations were performed by these special teams sent out from the school."

**"Disaster areas get a ton of help right up front, and then it's usually gone. Asbury wanted to pick a place where it could have a longer impact and build a stronger relationship."**

Throughout this time, Asbury University students moved to support relief efforts in Haiti. The first fundraiser occurred during Holiness Week Feb. 1-5, 2010, when Dr. Mark Troyer announced Asbury's commitment to support the Quisqueya Christian School through a long-term project. During that week alone, Asbury raised more than \$2,200 and has since given

more than \$11,000 to the school through various efforts.

The funds have helped repair and rebuild housing damaged in the earthquake and provide drinking water to tent cities in the area.

Asbury's reason for choosing Quisqueya Christian School is to help its students connect to the needs of those devastated by the earthquake and provide continued support toward educating, housing and providing water for the Haitians. "Disaster areas get a ton of help right up front, and then it's usually gone," Troyer said. "Asbury wanted to pick a place where it could have a longer impact and potentially build a stronger relationship."

As recent as late March 2011, a team of Asbury students traveled to serve in Haiti for a week. Asbury's alums have also been involved raising support for Quisqueya Christian School; last summer they raised more than \$2,700 and will be given the opportunity to support the Haitian school again during Reunion 2011 this June.

### Faith for the future

Meanwhile, the Herseys and their colleagues have been moving through the long process of coming to terms with the things they've experienced. Four days after the initial earthquake, Ruth and Steve made the difficult decision for her to leave Haiti with their two children and spend time with her parents in Wilmore, Ky.

"We had plenty of food and water at first," Ruth said. "But we didn't know how long it would last. That's one thing that led to our decision to evacuate the kids, we were using so many resources others needed."

Faith in God's providence and presence sustained the community and became a basis on which to strengthen their relationships with each other, she said. Fearful of aftershocks for quite a while, a number of Haitians slept in the Hersey's yard: "Some of them had just barely escaped from their houses, but they brought their Bibles and their devotional books with them," she said. "Every morning they would read the Scripture and sing. I would join with them. It was so encouraging.

"I can hardly put into words how God took care of us and how I just felt that, more than any other time in my life, I had such an awareness of how



*With heavy damage throughout Port-au-Prince, the Quisqueya Christian School (with directors Ruth and Steve Hersey, below) has opened its doors to many medical teams.*



much God loves me and how he just wrapped his arms around me."

Looking back on that January, Ruth recalls a night right after the earthquake when she was unable to sleep. Ruth said, "It was very frightening. I couldn't sleep for more than a couple of hours, and then I would wake up and panic. But then I remembered something I had heard in a sermon. 'God's faithfulness in your past casts a shadow of hope over your future.'" And she holds on to that hope, even in the darkest of times.

### Update:

Quisqueya Christian School staff members spent the summer rebuilding the library and computer lab and welcomed students back in the fall. The mental impact of the earthquake on the students was deep, though. Ruth says not long after they returned, the rumbling of some desks being moved above her class sent her students running out of the room. There are signs of healing, however, as students have begun to share their feelings about the earthquake in group assemblies at the school and with each other.

Asburians are proving faithful to their commitment to participate in Haiti's long-term recovery, as well. A group of students with the World Gospel Mission traveled to Port-au-Prince in March to help build houses and minister to local children. ■

Photos Courtesy of: Quisqueya Christian School

# Eternal Investments

These are exciting days for Asbury University and we have much to celebrate!

**T**he Andrew S. Miller Center for Communication Arts is a wonderful addition to our campus. This unique facility combines the best academic learning environments with state-of-the-art professional spaces that are filled with industry-leading equipment. Even the memorabilia, props and awards that are throughout the Center inspire creativity.

While the Lord has blessed our fundraising efforts, it's not too late for you to partner with us financially. There are naming opportunities still available within the Miller Center if you would like to honor a special person or loved one.

**“The Lord has been faithful to meet Asbury’s needs in the past, and we trust Him for our future.”**

I also want to make sure that you know you're invited to attend Reunion 2011. While we still have special events planned for banner-year alumni classes (those ending in 1 and 6), we want to encourage every alumnus and their family to make plans to come back to Wilmore in June to remember and reconnect.

The Lord has been faithful to meet Asbury’s needs in the past, and we trust Him for our future. God’s provision for us has included a wonderful support base of alumni, parents and friends. As the University continues to grow, our base of prayer and financial supporters needs to grow, as well.

If you feel the Lord is calling you to partner with us financially, please use the enclosed envelope in the center of the magazine or give securely online at [asbury.edu/giving](http://asbury.edu/giving). Your gift will make an immediate impact and be an eternal investment in the Kingdom of God.

In addition, establishing a planned gift might be right for your current financial situation. Some planned gift options include charitable gift annuities, bequests, life insurance,



or tax-free IRA distribution. In addition to providing future support for Asbury, a planned gift may provide you with an immediate income tax deduction, reduce your estate tax or even allow you to receive income for life.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss your charitable giving to Asbury University, whether it's regarding gift designation or giving method. You may reach me by e-mail at [greg.swanson@asbury.edu](mailto:greg.swanson@asbury.edu) or by calling me directly at 800-888-1818, ext. 2104.

Thank you for your commitment to Asbury University’s mission and to faithful stewardship of what the Lord has provided for you. ■



**R. Gregory Swanson, JD '78**  
Vice President for Institutional  
Advancement & General Counsel

Photo by: Amanda Meyer '09

# Each One Teach One

By Rebekah Daniel

Rhythms are clapped, notes counted and, eventually, music is made each week in the McCreless Fine Arts Center when a group of home-schooled students meets for band under the direction of Asbury students and faculty.

Beginning band and general music are some of the classes available to home-schooling parents interested in expanding their children's education beyond the home.



**"I love music more than any other earthly thing, so it's really neat to be able to teach it to others."**

"The program started years ago as an opportunity for our music education students to get some practice teaching, as well as an opportunity for some of our local home-school students to get started on an instrument," said Dr. Glen Flanigan,



*Asbury students reach out to home-school families for an opportunity to teach music.*

coordinator of instrumental studies at Asbury University. "It meets its objective for both groups in providing the experiences they need. You can read about it and talk about it, but until you do it, it's not real."

Each fall, Asbury students help recruit students, put together a presentation for parents and assist each in choosing an instrument. This spring's class is lead by senior Toni Toadvine as an independent study.

"I love music more than any other earthly thing, so it's really neat to be able to teach it to others," Toadvine said. "And I love kids, too."

Junior Hope Tumblin, a music major, has the advantage of seeing the group from both sides. As a home-schooled student, she also participated in band.

"I grew up around music, and loved playing," she said. "Being in beginner's band really sparked my interest in flute and band in general, which convinced me to continue with band after I moved to a public school in eighth grade."

"I continued in music all through high school, and my love and passion for it helped me decide to pursue music education."

"Often, it's easy for home-schoolers not to play in ensembles because these programs aren't available to them," she continued. "Providing an opportunity for home-schooled students not only to learn a band instrument, but also play in an ensemble is a great thing. Playing in band develops teamwork and a sense of camaraderie, skills that are excellent for all students to learn." ■

## Keys to Success

When Asbury University senior Chan Mi Jean was a child, her mother taught piano to help support the family while her father was in seminary. Interested in this instrument that brought in neighborhood children throughout the day, she asked her mother if she could take lessons, too.

Since that time, Chan Mi has sharpened her talent with hours of practice and formidable determination to excel. She has won several awards in the Kentucky Music Teacher Association Young Artist Piano Competition and spent last summer in the Czech Republic at the CCM Prague International Piano Institute. Four different graduate schools — all prestigious and highly competitive — are possibilities for the fall.

Asbury University has been more than simply a place to practice the piano, though. With hopes of teaching piano, Chan Mi has been studying her professors' integration of faith and music, as well.

"The experience of being in a Christian school is so valuable to me," she said. "The faculty at Asbury is faithful and responsible; they set a good example for me in my future as a teacher."

Her time at Asbury hasn't been all work and no play; one of her favorite memories is an outing to star gaze with friends, something her childhood in China did not readily accommodate.

"I'd always lived in big cities, with lots of lights or pollution," she said. "It was very special."

*Photo by: Tyler Hoff '11*



A man with short brown hair, wearing a black t-shirt and blue jeans, is sitting on a stool in an art studio. He is looking intently at a large canvas on an easel. The canvas features a portrait of a man's face, rendered in a style that uses a lot of yellow and black paint. The background shows a cluttered art studio with various supplies, a wooden cabinet, and a tiled floor.

artist. athlete.  
preacher. teacher.

Phillip Morrison '11 is ready to impact the world  
in whatever way the Lord may choose for him.

By Rebekah Daniel



Playing for Asbury on scholarship, Morrison excelled on the court, averaging 21.9 points per game his senior year and 19 points per game during his career. More important to him, though, are the teammates he led to Christ and the experience he gained in starting conversations about the gospel. It's a message that he can't help but share with others.

connecting with young people with a genuine interest in their futures.

"The down time in art is therapeutic," he said. "When I was student teaching, I was surprised how much kids open up to you. Some students can be unmotivated, but when you invest in and serve them, it clicks."

Morrison's preferred medium is stained glass — a fitting material, perhaps, for someone committed to letting the light of Christ shine through his life and testimony.

In March, he addressed his fellow students during Chapel, sharing his story transparently to better focus on the message that has united his art, his athletics, his avocation:

The path Phillip Morrison '11 took to Asbury University was, to say the least, unusual. After he graduated from high school in Louisville, he spent a year in college in Chicago, realized it wasn't a good fit, then returned home to a street scene of clubs and parties that passed the time, but didn't fulfill.

One fall day in 2005, he decided to visit a church service with a girl he had fallen in love with. By the end of the service, they had fallen in love with a Savior. In the next year, as Phillip and Amanda realized he needed to finish his education to make ends meet, both relationships led him to Asbury.

"My wife went behind my back and contacted the basketball coach at Asbury, who remembered me from high school," he said. "I had given up basketball because it was an idol in my life, but it became a path to finish school. And now it's a platform."

When weather and studies permit, he returns to the streets in Lexington and Louisville, sparking dialogue with club-goers searching for truth — just as he was.

"I'm comfortable in the chaos of the street," Morrison said. "God saved me out of a club, and He gave me a solid theological base to stay there."

"Christianity is a battle over the heart. I used to think it was about acting a certain way. I didn't realize God would literally change your desires and heart. I've done the mask thing — that's easy and controllable. But the question is, 'Do you have a heart for Christ, a love for Jesus?'"

Morrison decided to major in art education to become a teacher, a move that surprised some expecting him to lean toward vocational ministry. Art, like basketball, has proven to be an effective platform for him to simply be who he is,



"The question is: since you said you're a Christian, has God so transformed your heart through the gospel that you have begun to hate the sin you were once enslaved to and begun to love the God you once ignored and rebelled against? That's the heart question we all have to deal with." ■

*Listen as Phillip shares his testimony with other students in Chapel at — <http://www.asbury.edu/podcasts/13018>*

### C.S. Lewis Documentary

Asbury University's Lewis Scholar **Dr. Devin Brown** and Media Communication Professor **Greg Bandy '76** completed a documentary titled "C. S. Lewis: Why He Matters Today." The documentary focuses on three key worldview themes that Lewis communicated so well: reclaiming Christian reason; rediscovering Christian imagination; and restoring a Christian vision of humanity (our eternal significance). The documentary is divided into five segments that can be shown in a variety of teaching settings, and each segment only runs 3-5 minutes. It is available at no charge at [NarniaFaith.com](http://NarniaFaith.com).



### Visitation Weekend

High-school students got a taste of Asbury University life in January when the admissions department put together a Visitation Weekend featuring dorm stays, campus tours and meetings with students and faculty. Current students were responsible for facilitating much of the weekend, including providing dorm rooms in the evenings and helping the students feel at home.



### Steeped in Prayer

Even years after their formal ties to Asbury University have ended, retired faculty in the Wilmore area gather each month at Alan and Yvonne Moulton's home to pray for the students and events on campus. A different department is invited each month to share with the group.

"A foundation block of Asbury has been the support the University has received through prayer," said Yvonne. "When I retired, being a part of prayer for a place I loved was a privilege. It keeps a group of people who have dedicated their lives much more intimately connected to the University they love."

These current students, known as Ambassadors, provide one way for prospective students to get a real look at campus life.

**Jordan Cain '12** has been an Ambassador for one year, and loves using her time to encourage others to consider Asbury University. "I love that I get to show off the best parts of Asbury, and especially that I can show prospective students how our school is different from other campuses," Cain said. "It is just great seeing the new potential, talents and personalities of the prospective students and what they could bring to Asbury."

special reports. Competing against schools such as Transylvania, Georgetown and all colleges and universities in Kentucky with 5,000 or fewer students, *The Collegian* also won best overall Web site.

### New Swim Coach Named



Former Asbury University assistant **Alex Keyser '08** was named head coach of the Eagles men's and women's swimming

and diving teams in March. Keyser left Asbury in 2010 to become head coach at Malone University (Ohio) and led the team to NAIA Nationals in only its second year as a program. "I'm extremely excited to come back to an institution that means an awful lot to me, having swum and coached (at Asbury)," said Keyser. "I feel very blessed to be given this opportunity and am excited to get to work for Asbury University."

### Collegian KIPA Awards

Asbury University's student newspaper, *The Collegian*, took home 40 awards — including 13 first-place awards — at the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association's annual convention in January. The Asbury students made clean sweeps in several categories, including news photos, sports photos and analyses/

## Faith and Culture Series

Asbury University students, faculty and staff explored the distinctions between the virtual world and embodied reality in a Faith and Culture Lecture Series forum with author **Andy Crouch**. Events included Chapel services with Crouch, virtual and “real-life” gaming experiences, a guided discussion on the documentary “Facebook Obsession” and a 24-hour fast from social media and texting. Crouch is the author of “Culture Making: Recovering our Creative Calling,” which won Christianity Today’s 2009 Book Award for Christianity and Culture. In 2011, he became special assistant to the president at Christianity Today International, where he has served as

executive producer of the documentary films “Where Faith and Culture Meet” and “Round Trip,” and as editorial director of the Christian Vision Project.

## CINE Awards

Asbury University seniors **Austin Berry, Tyler Hoff** and **John Park** have won the prestigious CINE Golden Eagle Award for “For Jacob,” a film they produced in the Media Communication Program at Asbury. The CINE Golden Eagle Awards are given for excellence in professional, independent and student filmmaking and are recognized internationally as symbols of the highest standards in film and television production.



## Kid’s College

Asbury University students introduced nearly 200 elementary and middle-school students from across Kentucky to scientific principles during “Kid’s College” in March. The event offers Asbury students an opportunity to share a passion for science and God’s creation, and the younger students get to visit campus and learn about chemistry, biology and physics in an interactive format. The event was put on by Asbury’s Sigma Zeta Math and Science Club. “The great part about Kid’s College is the excitement we are able to generate through interactive education,” said **Katie Miller ’11**, president of Sigma Zeta.



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## The Admissions and Financial Aid Offices are excited to announce two new scholarships for incoming students beginning the fall of 2011.

These scholarships recognize families that have already invested in Asbury and those who are investing in full-time Christian ministry.

The \$1,500 **Alumni Recognition Scholarship** recognizes and pays tribute to those who have chosen a Christ-centered education, not only for themselves but for their children. \$6,000 over four years/\$1,500 per year.

The \$1,000 **Christian Ministry Scholarship** is for students whose parent(s) are in full-time Christian ministry. Desiring to financially support our families who are in ministry and who resonate with the mission of the University, Asbury is reaching out to those serving in full-time ministry in church and para-church organizations. \$4,000 over four years/\$1,000 per year.

Students of alumni in Christian Ministry will receive the Alumni Recognition and Christian Ministry Scholarships for a total of \$2,500 in lieu of the former Alumni in Christian Ministries Scholarship for \$1,500.

**Again, congratulations to our alumni and those in full-time Christian Ministry. You are appreciated!**

If you have any questions about the admissions process or would like to recommend a student, please contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@asbury.edu](mailto:admissions@asbury.edu) or 1-800-888-1818, 2142.

Check for the latest Asbury news and feature stories at [asbury.edu](http://asbury.edu)

# CLASS NOTES

## 1960s

**Brent '67 and Marty Weaver '67 Cobb** have recently retired after 44 years in missionary and pastoral ministry. The couple now resides in Meridian, Idaho.

**Mark (Skip) '69 and Darlene Montgomery '68 Elliott** have retired to Wilmore and welcome visits from Asburians visiting campus: 711 Brasher St., Wilmore, KY, 40390. E-mail: emark936@gmail.com. Mark recently received a grant from the Bradley Foundation for the East-West Church and Ministry Report (www.eastwestreport.org). He has been the editor since 1993.

## 1970s

**John W. King '71** has recently published the book, "Amazing Grace Says It All."

**Larry Hostetler '76** is now the Chapter Services Director for the Association of Fundraising Professionals for the Western U.S., Pennsylvania and the Carolinas.

**Mimi Johnson '78 Tucker** was appointed as senior pastor of the Akron United Methodist Church in Akron, Ind., on July 1, 2010. E-mail: pastormimi56@yahoo.com

After 33 years of working in education, **Orin M. Simmerman III '79** retired from the Kentucky Department of Education as Director of the Division of Leadership and Instructional Support in June 2010.

## 1980s

**Michael R. Fletcher '80** was appointed by Governor Bob McDonnell in July 2010 to serve a four-year term on the Virginia Board of Counseling.

**Scott Janney '80** is Director of Planned Giving at Villanova University in Villanova, Pa. E-mail: scott.janney@villanova.edu

**Bill Sirmon '80** was recently promoted to Chief of the Workforce Development Office at Robins Air Force Base (Ga.).

**Dr. Steve Stratton '82** recently received the Psychologist of the Year Award by the Kentucky Psychologist Association. Steve is the son of **James '56 and Colleen Overton '60 Stratton**.

**Brian Shelton '89** has been named Vice President for Academic Affairs of Toccoa Falls College in Toccoa Falls, Ga.

## 1990s

**Mark Fritchman '91** is the Family Pastor at St. Simons Community Church on St. Simons Island, Ga. He and his wife, Amy, have recently adopted Zoe, a 2-year-old girl from Ghana, West Africa. Zoe joins older brothers Asa and Eli.

**Joe Kosin '91** completed requirements for his Master's of Arts in Special Education with Certification in Learning and Behavior Disorders in December 2010.

**Eddie Lent '93** successfully completed the 2010 Florida Ironman Triathlon.

**Nathan Day Wilson '93** earned the Certificate in Strategic Foresight from the University of Houston, in Houston, Texas. E-mail: nathan@fccshelby.org

**Tricia Combs '95 Neal** was named as the 2009 Reporter of the Year by Community Newspaper Holdings, Inc. (CNHI). More than 500 entries were received from more than 100 newspapers, Web sites and magazines produced by CNHI in 22 states. Tricia, a staff writer for the *Commonwealth Journal*



**Jack Hazen '62**, longtime Malone University cross country head coach, has been selected to serve as an assistant coach for the Team USA men's distance runners at the 2012 Olympics in London. Hazen has been head coach of men's cross country at Malone University for 43 years and has served as women's cross country head coach for 18 years. Hazen's men's squad has qualified for the NAIA national meet every year, having never lost a conference/district meet in the program's history.

in Somerset, Ky., won the top journalism prize in Division II for daily newspapers. Tricia is married to Jeff Neal and the couple has two children, Adam (13) and Caroline (2).

**Glenn '96 and Sarah Mitchell '96 Stallsmith** are serving in the Philippines with a sister organization of Wycliff Bible Translators, SIL Philippines. Glenn has been selected to serve a two-year term beginning in 2011 as the field director. Sarah teaches elementary music to missionary kids at Faith Academy in Manila.

**D.T. Slouffman '97** and wife, Heidi, proudly announce the arrival of their daughter, Holly Anne, on Oct. 6, 2009.

**Charlie '99 and Joy Sayer '99 Shepard** celebrated the birth of Keegan James on Nov. 28, 2010, in Findlay, Ohio.

**2000s**

**Carlton '00 and Tayrn Sheppard '02 Beall** announce the birth of Lydi Jane on March 20, 2010. Grandmother is **Marsha Kay Kirkland '72 Beall**, and great-grandparents are **Jiles E. '50 and Eloise Gates '50 Kirkland**.

**Pascha Wenz '00 Deam** and husband, Robert, celebrated the arrival of Levi Jesse on June 23, 2010, in Big Rapids, Mich.

**Chrisitan '00 and Caryn Herzog '01 Schmutz** welcomed Nehemiah Christian on March 28, 2010, in Toorak Gardens, South Australia. Nehemiah joins big brother, Ezekiel.

**Jason Nelson '01** and wife, Anne, announce the birth of their third child, Lydia Lee, on Feb. 1, 2010.

**Nathan Williamson '01** and wife, Leah, gratefully announce the birth of their second daughter, Ava Jane, born on Sept. 23, 2010 in Morgantown, W.V.



**Lori Baker '03 Jones**, was watching an episode of Wheel of Fortune in November when she noticed that her local news station in Illinois was offering viewers the opportunity to win an audition. She won the drawing and, after a final audition that involved wheel-spinning and puzzle-solving, she was invited to compete on the show.

She and her husband, Mark, flew to Los Angeles in early December for the taping. After a slow start, she rallied to win the Prize Puzzle, fourth regular-game puzzle and Pat's Final Spin. The money she'd collected in her winnings brought her to the Bonus Round, which she also won — with two seconds to spare.

"Poor Pat (Sajak, the host)!" Jones wrote on the show's blog. "I squealed loudly and squeezed his arm very firmly! He opened the \$30,000 envelope and before I could completely process all of it, I was swept up by my husband. He twirled me around and I then hugged my friends while we all just marveled in disbelief at what had just happened. All in all, I had won about \$55,000 in cash and a great trip to Belize! What a huge blessing!"

**Sam '02 and Ashley Hulbert '04 Brockinton** welcomed Liam Samuel into the world on Jan. 17, 2010. Liam joins sisters, Isabella Grace and Olivia Lee. Proud grandparents are **Joe '74 and Willa-Sue Ling '76 Brockinton**.

**Amanda Burks '02 McGrath** and husband, Bradley, welcomed their first son, James Bradley, on June 29, 2010.

**Capt. Nathan '03 and Julie Freeman '02 Alfano** celebrated the

arrival of Lauren Elizabeth, born on May 26, 2009, in Chatan Cho, Okinawa, Japan.

**Valerie Cole '03 Johnson** and husband, Timothy, welcomed their first child, Jack Isaiah, born in Kingwood, Texas, on April 17, 2010.

**R. Scott Adams '04** and wife, Cheyenne, celebrated the birth of twin boys, Liam Scott and Duncan Taylor, on Feb. 19, 2011.

**Andrea Gyertson '95 Nasfell** won Movie Guide's Faith and Freedom Award for Promoting Positive American Values in 2010 for her screenplay "Christmas with a Capital C." **Left to right: Director Helmut Schleppi, actors Brad Stine and Nancy Stafford, Maylee Stine and Nasfell.**



**Jessica Sheridan '04 Soans** and husband, Davis, announce the birth of their third child, Anya Elizabeth, on Oct. 15, 2010, in Batesville, Ind.

**Ruth Hull '05 Felt** and husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their daughter, Juliana Grace, born Sept. 19, 2010, in Athens, Ga.

**Anna McFadden '05** married Adam Campbell on Nov. 20, 2010, at Dauphin Way United Methodist Church in Mobile, Ala. They reside in Washington, D.C. Anna is the daughter of **Frank '77** and **Hope McFerrin'77 McFadden**.

**Melissa Atkins '06** married Blake Runyon on Dec. 11, 2010, in Olney, Ill.

**Caleb '06** and **Christy Lee '06 Swaringen** celebrated the birth of Nathanael Michael on July 20, 2010. They now reside at 3205 Boardwalk, Midland, TX 79705.

**Brandon Brown '07** and wife, Melissa, announce the arrival of



**Adam '05** (right) and **Kerry Hancock '07 Sherer** are currently stationed in Okinawa, Japan with the United States Marine Corps. Adam is a helicopter pilot flying the CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter and Kerry is currently a stay-at-home mom.

daughter, Bailey Lynn, on Nov. 17, 2010 in Ashland, Ky.

**Micah Chisholm '07** and **Stephanie Selle '10** married in Standish, Mich., on Oct. 2, 2010. Micah is working on his Masters degree at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pa., and is pursuing his ordination with the Anglican Mission in America. Stephanie is a full-time nanny in Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Megan Elizabeth Schissler '07** married Jonathan Okell on Nov. 27, 2010, in Titusville, Fla. Megan is the daughter of **Lee Schissler '77** and **Dawn Peterson '79**.

**Matthew Ragain '08** and **Julia Armstrong '10** were married on Oct. 16, 2010, in Dripping Springs, Texas. They now reside in Belcamp, Md.

**Morgan Schutters '09** has accepted a position as a reporter with KODE/KSNTV Action News Channel 12 in Joplin, Mo.

**Scott Simon '09** lives north of London in Northampton, England where he is a manager for Barclaycard. In May of 2011, Scott plans to ride a bicycle the length of the UK (more than 1,000 miles) in 11 days. Information on the ride and this fundraising effort can be found at [www.themountaingoats.co.uk](http://www.themountaingoats.co.uk). Scott also told us that he plans on wearing his purple and white riding gear! ■

Several Asbury grads and current students working in Korea took a vacation in Thailand over Christmas holiday. While there, they ziplined through the Flight of the Gibbon, which was featured on an episode of "The Amazing Race."

**From left: Lauren Hazlett '12, Will Sallee '10, Harry Creech '09, Paul Rader '08, Hayes Creech '12** and **Kristen Barennes '10 Creech**.



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## alumni

**Rebecca Craig '31**, Education,  
1/9/2011, Asheville, N.C.

**Donna Robinson '32 Hill**,  
Education, 3/7/2011, Dallas, Texas

**Thomas Harrison '36**, Ministry,  
12/13/2010, Lexington, Ky.

**Betty Gaye '38 Smith**, Library  
Science, 11/8/2010, North  
Richland Hills, Texas

**Alice Campbell '39 Alsbrook**,  
Business, 11/25/2010, Americus, Ga.

**Reeves Havens '39**, Ministry,  
11/9/2010, Fairview, Tenn.

**Eleanor Shearer '39 Hull**,  
Education, 1/31/2011, Yorba  
Linda, Calif.

**Alice Boyington '40 Fisher**,  
Education, 12/5/2010,  
Vancleve, Ky.

**Douglas Jackson '40**, Education,  
1/26/2011, Dallas, Texas

**Burton Jessup '40**, Ministry,  
12/1/2010, Broadway, N.C.

**Alice Brooks '41**, 11/7/2010,  
Dayton, Ohio

**Edith Glenk '41 Powdrill**,  
Ministry, 7/12/2010, Wilmore, Ky.

**David Yoost '41**, 11/11/2010,  
Hopedale, Ohio

**Mildred Geyer '43 DeWeerd**,  
Ministry, 11/26/2010, Portland, Ind.

**Mary Pennock '43 Fraser-Moots**,  
Education, 11/15/2010,  
Zanesfield, Ohio

**Emilee Boone '43 Murphree**,  
Homemaker, 4/28/2010,  
Ashland, Ore.

**Hazel Oliver '44 Baker**, Writing,  
10/19/2010, Bethesda, Md.

**Donald Porteous '44**, Ministry,  
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12/17/2010, New Castle, Pa.

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2/26/2011, Edwardsville, Ill.

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12/23/2010, Montgomery, Ala.

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12/5/2010, Jeffersonville, Ky.

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## Greatly Valued, Greatly Missed

By Rebekah Daniel

When they came to Asbury University in 2005, Gary and Dorothy Kempf jumped into the life of the community with both feet — first Gary, as athletic director, and then Dorothy, as head coach of the school's swim team. Now, as they prepare to head back to Kansas at the end of the semester, it's becoming evident how far their ripples of influence have spread.

More than 300 student-athletes now spread across an array of sports that includes softball, baseball and golf, three sports not available to Asbury students when the Kempfs arrived. Dozens of Asbury students have excelled in their programs, setting new benchmarks for points scored and distances traveled quickly. Records, however, are made to be broken; of

more lasting significance are the life lessons in leadership, perseverance and excellence students absorbed in the midst of conditioning exercises and technique drills.

**“Athletics can be used as a platform to minister to many people and, for us, it has been an opportunity to be with kids we learned to love.”**

“Though our overall winning percentages at Asbury are over .500, the outcomes of the games isn't what is important,” Gary Kempf said. “Athletics can be used as a platform to minister to many people and, for us, it has been an opportunity to be with kids we learned to love. At Asbury,

we've certainly felt blessed to have a chance to share a life with them.”

The Kempfs met in Kansas at a swim meet, where they coached opposing teams. After 27 years of marriage, swimming is still a shared passion, and the growth and performance of Asbury's swim team reflects this specialty. With Dorothy's knowledge as a sprinter and Gary's experience as a distance swimmer, this coaching couple complement each other well.

“They are the perfect coaching couple,” senior captain Jordan Crouse said. “First of all, they love their swimmers, but in Dorothy you have this super-loving, gracious Mom figure who is going to encourage you no matter what you do. You have in Gary a little more of a sterner character and something to be feared, so they kind of work to balance each other out.”

The Kempfs have family in Kansas, as well, including their son, Paul, who recently graduated from Sterling College (where Gary has been named athletic director). They also have a daughter, Faith, who attends Gardner-Webb University in North Carolina.

“It's hard to quantify all of the positive ways Gary and Dorothy have impacted the athletic program and University at-large, the past several years,” said Dr. Jon Kulaga, Provost at Asbury University. “The spiritual, emotional and leadership values they have helped to instill in our student-athletes are those intangible components that will be as greatly missed, as they have been greatly valued.” ■



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Asbury University swimmer Trevor Ehrenheim '13



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- April 29 Last Day of Classes
- May 6 Simulcast of Chick-Fil-A Leadercast Conference
- May 6 Baccalaureate – Rev. Jorge Acevedo '84
- May 7 Commencement – Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., M.D.
- June 15-18 Ichthus Festival
- June 24-26 Reunion Weekend
  - July 9 Asbury Day at Taylor County Camp Meeting – Ga.
  - July 16 Asbury Day at Indian Springs Camp Meeting – Ga.
- July 17- 22 Wilmore Camp Meeting – Asbury University
- July 29 Asbury Day at Hollow Rock – Ohio
- August 12-18 Archways Wilderness Excursion
- August 22 Classes Resume

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