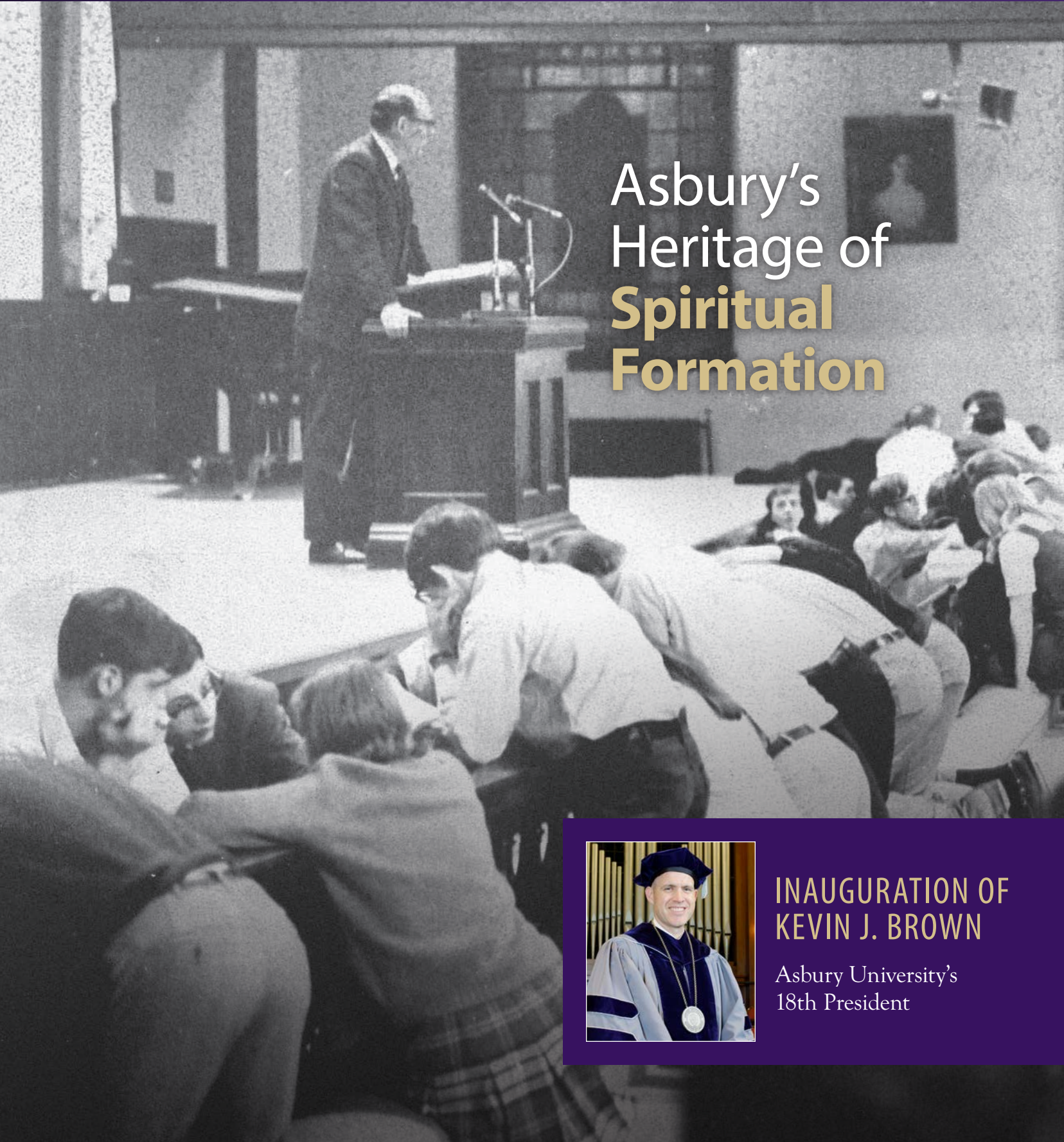


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## President's Message

# *Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi*

**T**his ancient maxim can be translated as, "What we worship leads to what we believe leads to how we live." To be a human is to love and worship. We aim and orient our lives around something outside ourselves. As this expression points out, what we choose to worship will shape our beliefs and our lives in significant ways.

For this reason, ancient philosophers suggested that the aim of education should be to consider what is worthy of our love; worshiping what should be worshiped. Or, as C.S. Lewis puts it, making the pupil "like and dislike what he ought."

Such an education is more relevant than ever. It recognizes that learning and growth is not simply the consumption of information, but it is formation. It is about becoming — and at Asbury, it is about becoming who God desires for us to be.

As people of faith, shaped around the cross of Jesus Christ with a desire for participation in the life of God, we live for a cause. And what is that cause? It is our service to others. It is our promotion and our creation of all that is good, and right, and true. It is bringing...

- Truth to falsity
- Hope to the hopeless
- Joy to the desperate
- Justice to those who are wronged
- Health to the sick
- Provisions to those in need
- Encouragement to the downtrodden

In sum, our mission is to be light in a world of darkness.

Early in February of this year, Asbury celebrated the 50-year anniversary of the 1970 revival. That day 50 years ago began like any other day. Students gathered for a Chapel service that would go on to last 144 hours. For the Asbury community, the revival still inspires reflection, appreciation, celebration and remembrance.

But these are not the sentiments of a bygone era. The revival is not simply a spiritual heirloom of faithful men and women who have gone before us. It is a real, living, present and active thing.

During the services, I could not help but wonder what Asburians 50 years from now will say about our environment today. What revival story are we telling now that will be remembered and celebrated in the future?

My hope is that it is the story of what we love and worship, what we believe and how we live. My hope is for a story of intellectual preparedness for an increasingly complex marketplace of commerce and ideas. My hope is for a story of formation and transformation. ■

Dr. Kevin J. Brown  
President







# When God Comes



CELEBRATING THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

1970 ASBURY REVIVAL

## Legacy of Revival

*F*rom the beginning, Asbury University's story has been one of repentance, revival and spiritual formation.

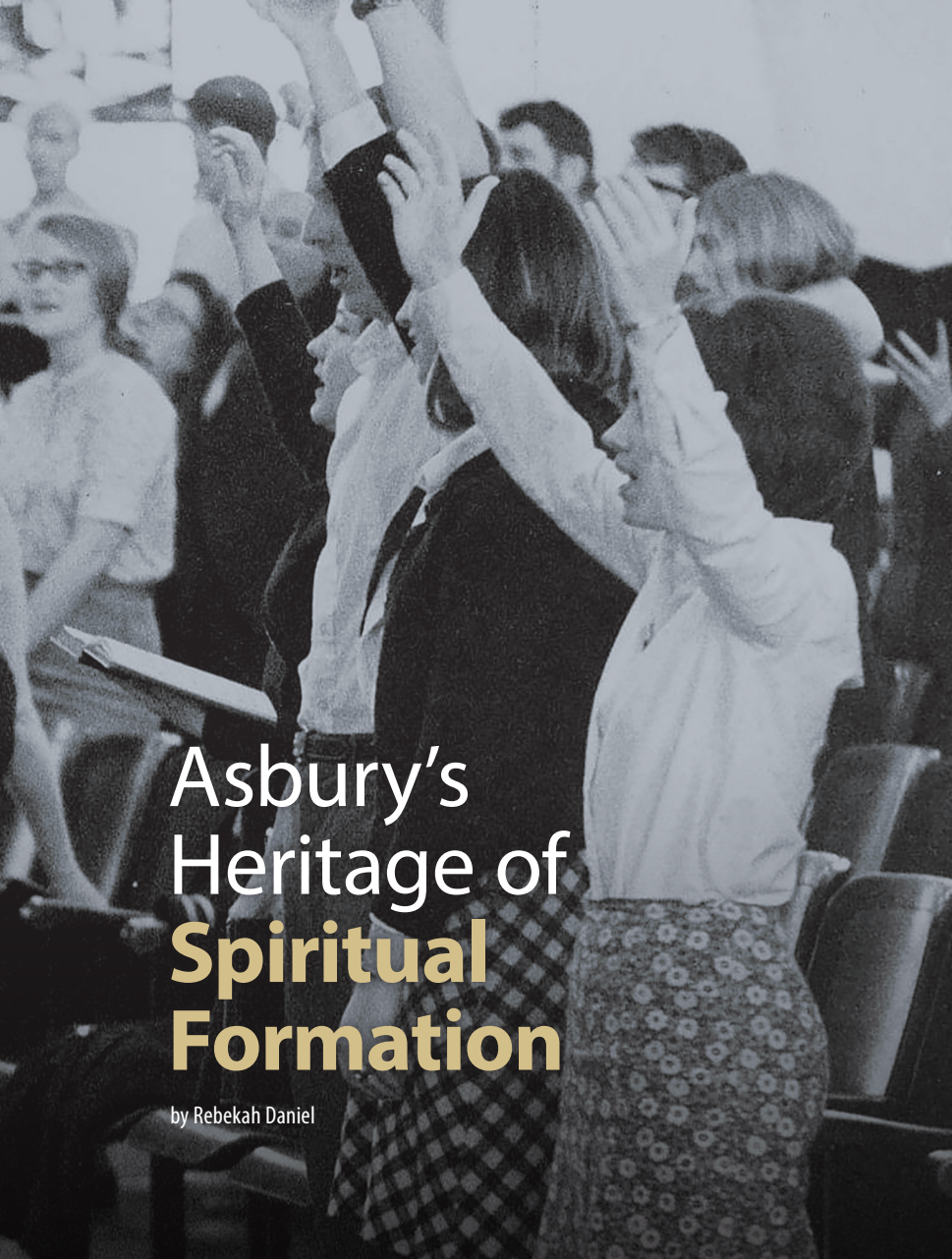
Some say it began with a confession. Before the confession, though, came prayer — years of it. And wrapped up in the prayer was hope, memory, longing. But as the Asbury University family was recently reminded, revival has always begun with God.

In February, Asbury invited alumni, friends and students to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1970 revival in the place where it began: Hughes Memorial Auditorium in Wilmore, Ky. With documentaries and hymn-sings, testimonies and prayer, people whose lives were shaped

by that particular movement of God came together to remember the past, catch up to the present and look forward, in expectant prayer, to the future.

"Two realities were true during this celebration," said Greg Haseloff, associate dean of Spiritual Life and campus chaplain at Asbury. "First, 1970 exists among six to 10 other dates or years when Asbury received a special outpouring of God's presence, so it was not a stand-alone phenomenon of a supernatural visit from heaven on Asbury's campus. Second, 1970 really was unique in the impact of this revival on other campuses and churches in the United States and far reaching spots of the world. The fruit from the 1970 revival, the relationships, and the powerful way in which the Holy Spirit's presence shaped the call of students' lives from that time, appears almost immeasurable."





# Asbury's Heritage of Spiritual Formation

by Rebekah Daniel

While the fruit is immeasurable, there are common qualities shared among people who have experienced revival. Alumni traveled to the anniversary celebration from far-flung locations to reconnect through an experience that was at once profoundly personal and yet still integrated.

## Humble in Confession

**Danny Key '73** led an evening of hymns for the gathered alumni and students, and he shared his memories of the revival's beginning his freshman year.

"I wandered in that morning," Key said. "I was feeling cold and chilly and not really in a good place. I remember when Dr. Reynolds (Academic Dean Custer B. Reynolds) said we were going to have a testimony service and then a guy got up. I was very judgmental when I saw him coming because he was my hall monitor. I knew what kind of testimony he had,

## ALUMNI REVIVAL REFLECTION:

### Q How has Asbury's heritage of revival touched your life?

"It was a real turning point in my Christian walk. I received a boldness I hadn't had in the past." — **Marilyn Insko '70 Brown**

"My family are all Asburians. My cousin (**Vicky Case '73 Reich**) was particularly impacted. I've reaped the benefits of that continual revival being shown in my everyday life and in my upbringing. God is at work and on the move, even on the individual level." — **Wade Hintz '20**

### Q How do you see God at work at Asbury today?

"It's been a long time since I've been here, but there's just nothing like being in Hughes Auditorium. It's as powerful, in my opinion, as it was back then." — **Anne Gilreath '71 Bengtson**

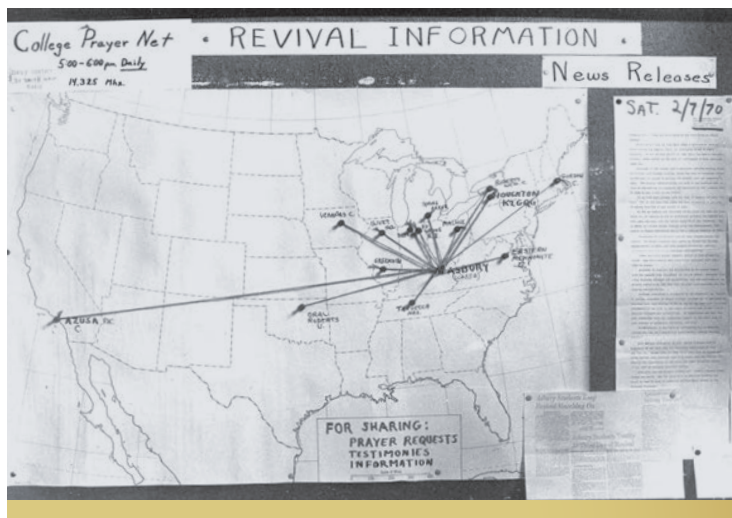
"I see a yearning — people wanting more and being willing to come forward and asking for help, confessing, desiring to change and coming out of the silence from the hardships they may be experiencing. Through that exposure, they experience community in the body of Christ, which is essential." — **Kim Martin '12 Levengood**

### Q What is your prayer for Asbury in years to come?

"Unity, and that the Lord would touch their hearts and that they would be open to that touch of God — surrender." — **Beth Stigall '75 Marcum**

"I want to say, 'God, move to restore that unity and oneness that needs to happen for us as believers, but also for this country.' [The Bible] says, 'I will begin with the household of faith.' We're waiting for the world — no! It's got to begin with God's people." — **Jim Hosey '67**





and it was not a very good testimony. But he started to speak, and the surrender, the humility, was so real. The whole student body began to change their attitudes.”

### Healed in Relationship

“If you lived in Wilmore as I had the previous five years and during those years of college, you know that those were turbulent years in this little village,” said **Dr. Steve Seamands '70**. “There was a lot of conflict. There was a lot of misunderstanding. There were people that had hurt people, and weren’t speaking to people. There were two men that were at odds with each other on some of the issues that had divided the community. I remember seeing those two men in the back of Hughes Auditorium, putting their arms around each other and forgiving each other. There was healing of relationships that happened as a result of people being obedient to the voice of the Spirit.”

### Bold in Witness

As a witness of Asbury revivals in 1950, as a student, and in 1970, as a faculty member, **Winston Smith '50** saw similarities that spanned the decades. “Father, Son and Holy Spirit were all three present and palpable,” he remembered. “There were the spontaneous testimonies, then going forth to other schools and churches, telling as best we could what had happened in those special days.”

When the revival came in 1970, **Beth Kinlaw '69 Coppedge** and her husband, Alan, were in language school in Costa Rica, preparing for the mission field. They received a recording of the first Chapel service in the mail.

“Before Lynn Smith had even finished playing ‘There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place,’ we as a corporate body were on our faces before the Holy God,” she said at the anniversary celebration. “The beautiful thing about that was when the year was over, we were all over Latin America. Every one of us could attest that we’d had a personal encounter with the Holy One, even through a cassette player.”

“My prayer is that as we meet in this 50th anniversary at Asbury in Hughes Auditorium, once again the shekinah glory would move in our souls and we would never, ever be the same again,” she continued. “And I pray that those of us with gray hairs would be raised up to intercede for the generations yet to come so they will say, ‘God met my mother, my grandmother, my father, my uncle, my neighbor lady, my pastor’s wife, and I know Him because God met them.’”

### Joyful in Anticipation

Asbury University President Kevin J. Brown spoke during the anniversary celebration’s Chapel service to a full house of current students and alumni.

“The 1970 revival inspires reflection and appreciation and celebration, remembrance,” Brown said. “But I want to remind you that it would be a mistake to relegate these sentiments to some bygone era. Asbury is many things, but we are not a museum. The revival is not simply a spiritual heirloom of faithful men and women who have gone before us. It is a real, living, present and active thing because we serve a real, living, present and active God.”

“Revival and renewal is our recognition of God’s timeless, enduring reign and sovereignty. It’s our vision for what is





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good and what is right and what is true. It is our desire for that which truly satisfies. It is our freedom not to do as we want but to do as we ought. And it is our power to live, in the words of St. Paul, ‘upright, godly lives in this present age.’ It’s the power to become less so Someone else will become more.”

For 130 years, Asbury has been dedicated to the discipline of spiritual formation. Seasons of revival feature the “acceleration and intensification” of the Holy Spirit’s activity, as Jonathan Edwards wrote during the Great Awakening. An enduring commitment to Wesleyan discipleship and the call to live in holy love helps anchor the University on its spiritual foundation.

“The very push for a hunger and thirst for revival ultimately has to be a hunger and thirst for God, a desire to know Him, to be closer to Christ, to be completely submitted to the Holy Spirit,” Haseloff said. “The living God is our ultimate thirst and desire—instead of revival—because we don’t control or own revival. He does. He gives Himself in special and beautiful ways in His time.

“The testimonies from 1970 attest to the reality that many unique factors existed—from the social turmoil in our nation to some specific communal realities on our campus. We don’t know when these realities are going to converge with God’s desire to meet us with a unique outpouring. What we do know: He is waiting for our hearts to turn to Him for redemption, restoration and reconciliation. If He chooses for the process to be long or to be short, will we turn?” ■

## STUDENT REFLECTION ON THE 1970 REVIVAL CELEBRATION

“ You could just tell that they have carried the flame of Jesus all of these 50 years since that day in 1970. My favorite part was the hymn sing on Monday night. Hearing the hymns that were really impactful to them made me feel like I was experiencing a hint of what they experienced during the revival. Just having current students and alumni in one room, praising Jesus, was the closest thing to Heaven I may have ever seen.

I truly encountered the Lord, and when we encounter the Lord in such a deep way, we see Him for who He really is. The question that keeps coming up is, ‘How do I go back to normal life after this?’ What I have realized, though, is that it just means I have to say ‘Yes’ to Him every single moment of every single day. If He wants me to do homework, then I say ‘Yes.’ If He wants me to tell my story to someone, then I say ‘Yes.’ If we let the Lord direct our time, every moment can be another holy moment, a rich moment because you are doing it with the Lord.”



**Annie Sisk '21** is a Psychology major and spiritual life coordinator in Glide-Crawford resident hall.



# REVIVAL TIMELINE

Included are descriptions of a few of the many noteworthy periods of revival at Asbury University.

The revival that broke out in Hughes Auditorium in 1970 was remarkable for its longevity and reach, but it was not the first or most recent event of its kind to shape the institution. In fact, Asbury founder John Wesley Hughes was himself converted to Christianity during a Methodist revival—in an old schoolhouse, appropriately.

## 1921 Revival

Attendants of a planned revival service in 1921 were not intending to stay all night ... but they did. That service lasted until 6 a.m., and the services were extended for another three days.

*"God gave me a divine call in my room at Asbury College, February 1924. It's marvelous to know that God has given you a call from Himself and so I've been made to rejoice through the years that the call was divine."*

— **Lela McConnell '24**, founder of the Kentucky Mountain Holiness Association and fifth woman ever to be licensed to preach for the Methodist Church

## 1992 Revival

Asbury's annual Holiness Conference in March accomplished its goal as a student's confession during the event's closing Chapel service led to more than five days of praise and prayer.

*"In 1992, the revival was quiet, intimate, private and internal. It was an experience between Jesus and his bride, the church, here at Asbury. And it was one of the most extraordinary moves of the Holy Spirit I have ever sensed."*

— **Dr. Roy Lauter '64** (Retired Faculty Member)

## 1905 Revival

Late on a snowy night in February 1905, E. Stanley Jones '07 and three other men were praying when other students began to join them, and revival spread across Asbury's tiny campus and the town of Wilmore. The spiritual freedom he experienced as a student followed him to India, where he served as a life-long missionary, author and advocate for peace.

*"I believe in the great fundamentals of the gospel, but I hold it not with a tense, anxious mind... I've got something that's got me. And I face the future with calmness and joy."*

— **E. Stanley Jones '07**, at Asbury in 1969

## 1950 Revival

A student's testimony of praise began a revival that continued for three straight days and inspired witness teams to spread the Good News far and wide. Asbury President Z.T. Johnson was traveling in Florida, where he read about the revival in a local newspaper.

*"In both instances (1950 and 1970) it was mainly the students who went to share. I remember going to a classmate's student pastor's church in Tennessee, with nothing planned as to the order of things, and we each shared in no certain sequence, and folk came to the altar seeking more of God in their hearts and lives. And I suppose some were doing so perhaps for the first time ever."*

— **Winston Smith '50** (Retired Faculty Member)

## 2006 Revival

Student testimonies during a Chapel service in the Spring semester of 2006 prompted a movement within the student body that lasted beyond the dismissal bell, the afternoon, and even overnight.

*"It created a thirst in my heart to see God show up, and it's reminded me over and over again that He can show up, even when I don't think He will. We obviously can't control what He does and what He doesn't do, but we can posture our hearts. We can turn the faucet on. We can put a bull's-eye on our hearts and just see what He might do."*

— **Ernie Wagoner '07**, Pastor





# IN AWE OF THE SPIRIT

by Rebekah Daniel

Homer Pointer '70 remembers the formative impact of revival.

From Homer Pointer's point of view, there were several good reasons not to attend Chapel on Feb. 3, 1970. He had a term paper to finish. It was cold and snowing, and his room was warm. And, to be honest, he just didn't expect much out of Chapel. His nearly four years at Asbury had spanned a season of leadership upheaval and internal conflict both within the school and in American culture at large. At 22, he was a cynic. He stayed in and finished the term paper.

But while he had doubts about Chapel, Pointer was editor of The Asbury Collegian, and he knew his job. As the hours passed and word of the revival began to spread, Pointer made his way to Hughes Auditorium to see if there was a story for the student newspaper. Three weeks later, he printed his own testimony of the compassion of his fellow students in praying with him and his conviction to return to daily immersion in the Word and Spirit. He wrote of his hope to attend law school and find his place in the Kingdom.

Fifty years later, Pointer returned to Hughes Auditorium to mark the anniversary of the 1970 revival, an experience that gave him a big-picture perspective throughout a career he could have scarcely imagined. Law school led to 22 years on active duty with the U.S. Navy, serving as a judge advocate, trial and appellate counsel and assistant professor at the U.S. Naval Academy. An advanced degree in international law enabled him to focus on applying international law to military operations. In the mid-1990s, he moved to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, specializing in national security and counterintelligence investigations and finally served as counsel to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

Today, he is an adjunct professor of law at the Oklahoma City University School of Law.

"I might have been the only lawyer in my class, and my experience has been anything other than traditional," Pointer said. "But it did give me a unique perspective. I learned a lot about shock and awe. I learned a lot about what our weapons systems can do. They are awesome. But they are not nearly as awesome as the Holy Spirit was that morning in 1970.

"Our awesome God is faithful and will accept our repentance and bring us back into the fold," he said. "I'm with Paul. My righteousness is like filthy rags. But it's not about me. It's about the sacrifice of His own son. If we repent, He will accept us. And He loves us." ■



Pointer's long career has included serving as counsel to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. He is pictured here with former President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush.





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AS THE 18TH PRESIDENT OF ASBURY UNIVERSITY

On March 6, 2020, the Board of Trustees formally inaugurated Kevin J. Brown as the 18th president. During his address, Dr. Brown shared that the modalities by which Asbury fulfills its educational charter will continue to change so students are equipped with the requisite skills needed to be relevant in a dynamic global economy. However, the University's mission goes beyond just preparing students for the workforce. Our heritage invites students to take hold of the abundant life offered to them in Christ.

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# A WEIGHTY JOY

Dr. Kevin J. Brown officially assumes the Asbury University presidency.

by Rich Manieri, M.F.A.  
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The medley of old hymns still hung in the air — Amazing Grace and How Great Thou Art, among others. The Hughes Auditorium audience was still standing and applauding as the musician, Albin C. Whitworth, class of 1960, walked away from the piano and took his seat.

The moment had finally arrived. For the 18th time in its 130-year history, Asbury University would inaugurate a president.

An international search led the Board of Trustees back to where it began — on Asbury's campus, to Dr. Kevin J. Brown. On March 6, Brown stood on the Hughes stage, surrounded by past Asbury presidents, friends, family, alumni and faculty. Though Brown had been in the job since July, today he would feel the full weight of his position.

The presidential medallion features three symbols: an open Bible; a torch and flames, which stand for knowledge; and a cross that highlights Asbury's commitment to the work and person of Jesus Christ.

The medallion is worn by Asbury presidents at commemorative events. The medallion is heavy — literally and symbolically. Today, it was passed from previous presidents Dr. John Oswalt, Dr. David Gyertson, Dr. Paul Rader '56 and finally to Dr. Sandra Gray, Brown's predecessor, who carefully placed the medallion around Brown's neck.



Brown and his wife, Maria, then knelt together, as the former presidents prayed over them. The new president took the podium, as his wife dabbed her eyes with a tissue.

Brown began by joking that he might wear his medallion while playing intramural basketball with students.

"I can't help but wonder if I might get some more favorable officiating in those games," he said.

Brown quickly made clear his appreciation of the moment.

"It's a significant honor to stand before you today," he said. "I don't think I can emphasize that enough and if I do, I'll burst into tears."

Brown, who served as a professor and associate dean in Asbury's Dayton School of Business, assumes the presidency in tumultuous times for higher education, which he acknowledged. He spoke of "two independent and overlapping forces" that mark the present — change and speed. The rate at which technology changes combined with the speed with which information is delivered, he said, has changed higher education.

"As an educational institution, we are no longer gatekeepers of information..." Brown said. He warned of the danger of becoming irrelevant if Asbury sees itself as nothing more than a purveyor of information.

"We have more information available to us than at any

**"Dr. Brown demonstrates the spiritual, professional and interpersonal characteristics to lead Asbury University today and into the future."**

— Larry D. Brown '80, Board of Trustees Chairman





**“Participating in the Inauguration of President Kevin Brown was one of the great highlights of my service to Christ-centered higher education. Asbury is not immune to or naïve about the serious challenges that are ahead for faithful Christian institutions. I left the events with the compelling sense that God was raising up the next generation of leadership for this institution that will serve His purposes for times like these.”**

— Dr. David J. Gyertson, former president of Asbury University

other time in human history and yet, we’re less enlightened.”

Change and speed, Brown said, are the catalysts for modern society’s great paradoxes: more connectivity, fewer relationships; more choices, less freedom; more diversity, less open-mindedness.

“In an age of dynamic, rapid change, what does endure?” Brown asked. Great storytellers, critical thinkers, problem solvers who know how to collaborate and communicate, sound judgement, decision making, character, humility and virtue, he said, will outlive the dynamism of rapid, technological innovation.

“These qualities outlast fads and they outlive speed. They are an anchor of relevance in a sea of change,” Brown said.

But Brown emphasized that Asbury must do more than equip its students to thrive in an ever-changing workforce. What we become, he said, is tied to our cause and convictions.

“This education is not just to know, but it’s to love...and to live,” he said.

Brown’s inauguration comes a month after Asbury celebrated the 50th anniversary of its 1970 revival that began on campus and spread to other college campuses and communities throughout the country.

**“Dr. Brown has been a lifeline for me, as I often e-mail him with questions or updates on what’s happening in my life. I am excited to see the new ideas he will bring to Asbury that will fortify the great foundation set by his predecessors.”**

— Nesbert Vaval '16

Yes, Asbury has a past, but it also has a future, and Brown is well aware of the questions surrounding the future of both his presidency and Asbury itself.

“Who am I?” Brown asked. “I’m a follower of Christ... We will seek to be an intentional, moral and intellectual community that honors Christ’s name...We’re going to love everyone the way Jesus loved.”

Brown finished his remarks to a lengthy standing ovation. Asbury’s eighteenth president then took his seat, next to his wife, as the applause continued.

One couldn’t help but notice the medallion hanging from his neck. ■





# Transformation Through Mentorship: Maria Brown

by Christine Peterson

**W**ell before her husband's selection as president of Asbury, Maria Brown was a campus leader in her own right. As Intercultural Affairs coordinator, she plays a key role in organizing events, building relationships and promoting intercultural learning. Her leadership style, though, is anything but typical.

In the Kingdom of God, where leaders are servants and servants are leaders, Maria Brown is both: a student eager to learn from others and an example — perhaps even a mentor — for anyone who will listen.

In her role as Intercultural Affairs coordinator, Brown works with students in Asbury's traditional undergraduate program, providing guidance for much of the programming of the Office of Intercultural Affairs. In addition to organizing campus-wide events like the annual International Christmas Market, she helps graduate intern **Standia Civil '18** coordinate the Cultural Mentoring Program and coordinates a regular campus radio show, the Embrace Conference in the fall and an intercultural student retreat in the spring, among other activities.



Brown also meets weekly with the board of student leaders for each of the five student alliances on campus: The Asian-American Student Alliance, Latina/o-American Student Alliance, Black-American Student Alliance,

International Student Alliance and MuKappa (for third culture students). While this might be seen by some as the definition of a leader and mentor, Brown does not see it that way. From her perspective, she has learned far more from them than they have from her.

"I'm amazed at their capacity," she said. "They are very perceptive and courageous in their capacity for leadership and bringing about change that they see necessary."

**"Hearing from a different perspective is invaluable... Where are those voices that we're not hearing from all the time?"**

Indeed, many of the intercultural events that take place on campus each year are planned and hosted by these students and their alliances with minimal input from Brown. But the students do learn from her.

"I have learned a variety of different things under Maria's leadership," **Breana Staten '21** says. "However, what I appreciate most is her genuine care for those she works with and her dedication to making sure that each student feels heard and represented at Asbury."

Making sure that students feel heard comprises a large part of Brown's focus. "Hearing from a different perspective is invaluable," she said, speaking in part from her own experience of growing up in a rural American community with a father who was raised in Bolivia and still had family in Latin America. "I am stretched to think beyond the tendency to believe that my experience is



average for everyone. Where are those voices that we're not hearing from all the time?"

One of the ways she highlights these voices on campus is by cohosting a regular show on AIR90, Asbury's student-run internet radio station, with Rev. Esther Jadhav, associate vice president of Intercultural Affairs. The Embrace Radio Hour is a conversation between them and the students they bring in from a variety of backgrounds to talk about what it means to be part of a diverse community of faith.



In her role as Intercultural Affairs coordinator, Brown helps organize campus events and other intercultural programming.

**Benjamin Okenge '21** is one student who values the space Brown helps to create. "What I appreciate the most about Maria is her ability to listen to and support students," he said. "She is full of wisdom and sound advice."

Wisdom and sound advice aside, Brown clearly sees her role on campus as that of an advocate. With a master's degree in marriage and family therapy, the life experience of raising three children and professional experience serving in the Office of Intercultural Affairs, she is well qualified to give advice. However, she sees her position as an opportunity to promote the voices of others rather than her own.

"Maria is a humble leader," **Jack Widener '21** explains. "She does not focus on who is right, but what is right. As an intercultural student on campus, it is what I appreciate the most about her leadership."

For her part, Brown believes that "minoritized students carry perspectives that are vital for the majority culture members to understand. Becoming aware of and understanding the perspectives and lived experiences of the minoritized allows us to come alongside one another and share with each other, and that's when we can truly reflect the Kingdom." ■







# HUGHES AUDITORIUM: More than a Building

By Lexie Presta '23

Rows of wooden theatre seats fill the space, leading down to an altar and a carpeted stage. The stained glass windows and the words "HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD" are inscribed above the organ pipes. No thoughts on the countless confessions cried out or the praises declared to the Lord even crossed my mind. To me, when I first arrived at Asbury as a freshman last fall, Hughes Memorial Auditorium

**"It's a place where the Lord has been working, even before the first shovel broke ground."**

was a building; a beautiful building, but nonetheless a simple collection of bricks and paneling.

My perspective began to change during "Holiness Emphasis Week." His presence was evident in chapel the week of Jan. 27.

More backs straightened in seats, ears perked up and tears filled eyes. People began kneeling at the altar. Buried emotions of shame and grief were pasted to a wooden cross for the entire student body and faculty to see. Arms wrapped around shoulders and comforting prayers filled the air as worship went on. These intimate moments with Jesus are what I like to believe the 1970 revival looked like.

Before attending the anniversary events on February 2-3, I had only heard stories. Snippets of six whole days spent confessing

and worshipping. Parts of 144 uninterrupted hours of the Holy Spirit pouring into a wide range of individuals across the area. Then, I came into the chapel on Sunday night and immediately understood how this event transformed so many lives.

The setting sun brightened the room through the glass depictions of Jesus Christ. Laughter bounced off the

walls and I felt a sense of peace as I noticed joyful alumni reunite. It was like stepping back in time, especially as they began to sing. Their voices sounded seven times louder than any hymn I had heard in the past, and most people did not even need to look at the screen. They knew the words by heart.

As the documentary, "When God Comes," played in front of me for the first time, I became overwhelmed. Student after student in the video relayed how the Lord was at Asbury, and I realized I was not hearing simple stories. I was hearing raw, emotional testimonies of the truth witnessed 50 years ago.

"We found that it was the most real thing we had ever known," said former President Dennis F. Kinlaw in the epilogue of the documentary. "God had come to us. God had given himself

to us and He is the supreme reality."

Revival spread from Kentucky to California and New York, even reaching across the national borders into Canada and South America.

"Wherever the Asburians traveled, revival followed," said the Forerunner, a website that chronicled the 1970 revival.

It sounds impossible, which is exactly what a lot of people believed back then. However, listening to alumni reminisce told me it would be impossible to make up or embellish such a story.

When Jeannie Banter '06, assistant director of Spiritual Life and assistant chaplain, walked up to the podium and read out testimonies, past and present, I realized the God proclaimed in 1970 was the same God at work in Asbury today.

When I arrived here, I believed Hughes Memorial Auditorium was a building. No longer. It is a safe place for the community to gather. A space where you feel goosebumps because a chorus of heavenly voices replaces the worries and concerns of everyday life. It's a place where the Lord has been working, even before the first shovel broke ground.

The revival of 1970 was not the only one to occur at Asbury University, but it is a reminder that Hughes Auditorium is, indeed, Holy Ground. ■





# Lives Transformed

## ASBURY UNIVERSITY REUNION 2020

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

### COVID-19 IMPACT

At the time of printing, Reunion has not been cancelled. However we are mindful that restrictions for large gatherings this summer are still possible. Registration is planned to open mid-April. Please watch for updates.

**SCHEDULE & REGISTRATION**  
[asbury.edu/reunion](http://asbury.edu/reunion)

*My chains fell off, my heart was free* — that is what it feels like to be gathered in Hughes Auditorium during Reunion. Free to soak in the presence of Jesus. Free to sing as loudly or as reverently as possible. Free to lift hands or to bow heads. Free to come to the altar or stay seated. Free to allow the Holy Spirit to refresh and renew. Free to laugh and to cry.

Reunion is a time for all alumni and their families to recharge. It is a time to reconnect. And it is a time to “make new” – new friendships, new connections and new covenants. And this all happens within the framework of our Reunion. Won't you join us?

This year, we will celebrate our banner year classes ending in 0s and 5s. We will hear stories from the 1970 revival and the continued impact of this outpouring. There will be gatherings, a full youth program for children ages birth through high school, worship services, concerts, seminars and so much more. We will celebrate the conclusion of the Ignited Campaign and the impact it is having on campus. Asbury President Kevin J. Brown will bring our Sunday morning message, wrapping up our time together. To God be the glory.

For 130 years, lives have been changed at Asbury, and we get to celebrate that together. So, invite your friends. Bring your family. Join us at Reunion.

— Your Alumni Team





# The Collective Power of an ENGAGED COMMUNITY

**I**nformed by our mission, vision and strategic plan, Asbury University embarked on an aggressive fundraising initiative on July 1, 2014. As we press toward the finish line on June 30, 2020, much will be made of the final dollar figure — and with good reason.

Already at more than \$72 million raised, *Ignited: The Campaign for Asbury University* is the most successful campaign in our history. The outpouring of generosity is a testament to the confidence in what Asburians can achieve.

The true testament, however, can be found in a different number. More than 8,200 donors have philanthropically invested.

Taken together, these two numbers — 8,200 and \$72 million — speak to the collective power of an engaged community. The foundation we have built together will serve us for generations to come.

Ignited has transformed Asbury's future, energizing scholarships, facilities renovation and construction, academic programs, faculty development and much more. Visit [asbury.edu/ignited](http://asbury.edu/ignited) to find out more.

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philanthropically invested.

While we celebrate what God has done through the generosity of alumni, parents, friends, foundations and organizations, work remains to be done, especially during the challenges of recent days.

In these last few months of the Ignited Campaign, as we seek to complete funding for student scholarships, the Collaborative Learning Center and the Student Center, we invite you to partner with us.

We are truly grateful to all who have supported Ignited with gifts of time, talent, financial resources and prayer. Your support allows us to fulfill our mission and vision to "let our light so shine" in our efforts towards academic excellence and spiritual vitality, so that we may all bring glory to our Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16). ■

Given:  
**\$72,043,937**

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Given: \$23,552,778

## Scholarships

Given: \$31,514,641

## Experience

Given: \$16,976,518

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about Ignited or support  
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# Kinlaw Study Center

**Dr. Dennis F. Kinlaw** (1922-2017) arrived as a student on Asbury University's campus in 1938, but his impact is sure to live on for generations to come through the new Dennis F. Kinlaw Study Center. A Chapel service and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Center were held in honor of the former Asbury president on Nov. 22, 2019.

An eminent scholar, visionary leader and minister of the gospel, Kinlaw is remembered as one who modeled a commitment to academic rigor, spiritual vitality and personal holiness.

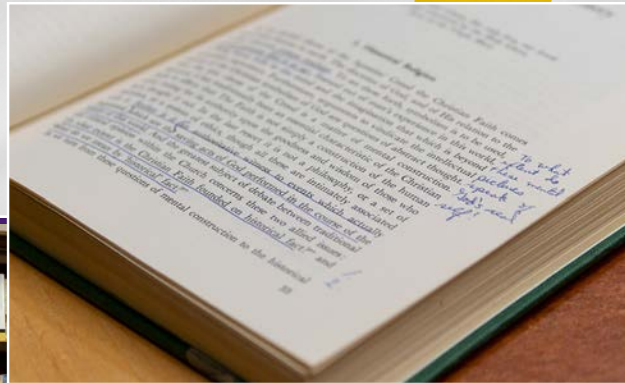
Through the generosity of the Kinlaw family, more than 7,000 volumes from Kinlaw's personal library were donated to Asbury University along with more than 66,000 pages of personal correspondence and monographs.

Located inside Kinlaw Library, the Dennis F. Kinlaw Study Center houses approximately 1,000 books of distinction that focus primarily on holiness literature, but are not limited solely to spiritual themes. Kinlaw read widely in various fields in order to know and understand the culture in which he lived. Many of the well-worn titles have heavy underlining and notes in the margins that allow the reader a glimpse into the ideas to which Kinlaw was responding.

The Study Center is part of the Library's Archives & Special Collections area and provides a quiet space for reading and reflection. The room is arranged to facilitate small-group discussions and scholarly conversations.

Exhibits highlight leadership roles that Kinlaw filled at Asbury, as well as with One Mission Society and Christianity Today. The collection includes letters from Kinlaw's parents, whose influence and guidance helped shape him as a young person.

"Through his teaching, preaching, prayer and writing, Dr. Dennis Kinlaw has impacted tens of thousands of lives in the name of Jesus Christ," remarked Asbury President Kevin J. Brown during the dedication ceremony. "By gaining the Kinlaw Collection, Asbury University has a distinctive resource of materials that will advance Wesleyan-Holiness theology." ■



A ribbon cutting ceremony for the Dennis F. Kinlaw Study Center was held on Nov. 22, 2019. Pictured, from left, are Dr. Chris Bounds '88, Cricket Coppedge '95 Albertson, President Kevin J. Brown, Board of Trustees Chair Larry Brown '80 and Kinlaw Library Director Jared Porter '01.



# God's Spiritual Stories Written in our Lives

Stories. Lots of stories. Stories from every generation of Alumni and friends. Stories from parents and students and prospective students. During the last few months, I have had the privilege of hearing and reflecting on God's goodness in the lives of many friends of Asbury.

The settings and topics for the stories may differ. It might be several of the alumni and guests on campus celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 1970 revival, or a godly couple reflecting on their experience during the 1950 revival. It might be a conversation with a prospective student and her mother, or with an international student sharing about the challenges of his home country. The details may differ, but the theme is the same. God is faithful and He works in the lives of His people.

As Dr. Brown and I have traveled sharing updates and the vision for Asbury's future, we hear wonderful accounts of lives intersecting with a Holy God. The stories are not always easy to listen to and they are not always wrapped up in a nice bow. In fact, they are usually still being written. There may be pain or joy, celebration or sorrow, but always there is the realization that God is present.



Asbury's story is about God's grace. It includes spiritual renewal and revival, searching and guidance. It involves God's people as they participate in giving, in intercessory prayer and in sharing the accounts of God's faithfulness. Thank you for being part of Asbury's story.

Pray with us for the University, for our students, and for a bright future. May God continue to meet us all in our intertwining stories of grace, forgiveness and growth, and may Asbury's spiritual story continue to be written, told and retold for generations to come. ■

Dr. Mark Troyer  
Vice President for Institutional  
Advancement & Strategic Partnerships

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# Supporting Future Asburians in a Multitude of Ways

## The Asbury influence lasts a lifetime for Dr. David Wang '94.



For **Dr. David Wang '94**, who majored in Chemistry-Biology, the University's Collaborative Learning Center (CLC) was something worth investing in.

"I was fortunate," Wang said. "I received one of the John Wesley Hughes scholarships, so I feel like it's my turn to give back."

Wang spent his formative years in Wilmore, as his father was an Asbury Theological Seminary professor. After graduating with the Challenger Class in 1994, Wang entered medical school, completed a residency and fellowship in oncology and now serves as a practicing oncologist in Dallas, Texas. When he is not working, you can find him spending time with his wife, Stephany, and their three children, Ella, Bryce and Effy. Wang also enjoys traveling abroad and supporting his kids at their various recitals and activities.

Twenty-five years after graduation, Wang finds deep meaning in giving back to the community that helped him grow both academically and spiritually. He is especially excited by the personal growth opportunities the CLC will offer future Asburians.

"I like where Asbury is going in terms of the science curriculum and developing multi-faceted, scientific students," Wang said.

Wang is not only making an impact on future generations through his support of the CLC, but he has also offered three Asbury students the chance to gain hands-on work experience in his research lab in Dallas for the past several summers.

"That's another way for me to give back and multiply Asbury virtues and values," Wang said.

The impact goes both ways as Asbury continues to influence Wang's spiritual life today. Wang, who was a student in the days of Dr. Dennis Kinlaw's presidency, begins each morning with Kinlaw's "This Day with the Master: 365 Daily Meditations" devotional.

"I think I probably underappreciated Asbury while I was there," Wang said. "The whole atmosphere — the spiritual emphasis and those kinds of things — I value that time much more now that I've left. I find it valuable, going back to my roots."

In fact, he's made a point to return to his Wilmore roots on several occasions over the last year and a half.

"It was very warm coming back," Wang said. "I think it's different because, being a Wilmore kid growing up, going to Asbury at the time wasn't really that huge of a transition and now that I've left Asbury, when I come back, I really feel a genuineness there. When you walk into Hughes, it's a reverent place. You can definitely feel the holiness." ■

Learn more about how you can get involved by visiting [asbury.edu/ignited](http://asbury.edu/ignited).





# God Grabs Attention

by Lexie Presta '23

**T**hirty feet. Three-fifths as long as the “Hollywood” sign, and two times as tall as a giraffe. That is how far a tiny, gold mustang convertible tumbled off an embankment on its way to Lexington. The two passengers, one college-aged man and a young woman, miraculously survived, despite not wearing seatbelts.

Twenty-three days later, the male freshman discovered a revival had broken out at Asbury, where he studied.

“God got my attention,” Judge **Tim Philpot '73** said, as he recalled the car crash during the 50th Revival Anniversary. “He will get your attention. He’ll take away your Mustang; He’ll let you see what death looks like. He’ll do something to get your attention.”

The morning of Feb. 3, 1970, Philpot had no idea how God was going to move. He even skipped Chapel that day, studying for an Old Testament exam. When he arrived in his classroom later, the empty seats surprised him. He expected to see them filled with his chatty friends, yet no one was in sight.

Fifty years later, Philpot admits to being one of the students who thought the rapture had come that fateful day.

He wandered over to Hughes Auditorium. Yet it was not until Feb. 6, around 1 a.m., that Philpot realized he was not living the way he wanted to.

He grabbed onto the closest person, another student, as he stood in the back of Hughes. “I know you may not believe this, but I’m not even a Christian. And I’ve got to do something about it,” he said.

In an interview for the documentary, “When God Comes,” Philpot recalled the exact words spoken in reply.

“Tim, that’s not hard to believe at all.” At that moment, the unknown girl also told him there were five guys in a classroom downstairs praying for him.

His feet then carried him down to the altar. Dozens of students surrounded him, praying and crying out to the Lord. Out of all of them, Philpot remembers **Steve Seamands '70**, a senior at the time. “Steve prayed with me,” Philpot said. “Lots of people prayed with me.”

On Feb. 2, 2020, Philpot was reunited with one of those people. During the first night of the revival anniversary celebration, a gentleman in a wheelchair, Gary, approached Philpot and revealed he was one of those who sat beside him on the altar and prayed. Philpot had not seen him in 50 years.

**“You’re still praying for me, man, 50 years later?”**





The next morning, Philpot spoke in an extended chapel after the documentary was shown.

“As he [Gary] came in here today, he says he’s praying for me,” Philpot said, cracking a grin as he found the gentleman in the front row. “You’re still praying for me, man, 50 years later?”



After the revival of 1970 and his own conversion, Philpot began sharing the gospel with everyone he met, starting with his brother Danny.

“God didn’t reveal his Son to me for me only,” Philpot said.

At a meeting in Lexington, Philpot heard of a revival at Tates Creek High School. He witnessed his golf buddies and Danny being saved. Then, he traveled to Minneapolis to speak at a Bible college and watched another revival break out in a church.

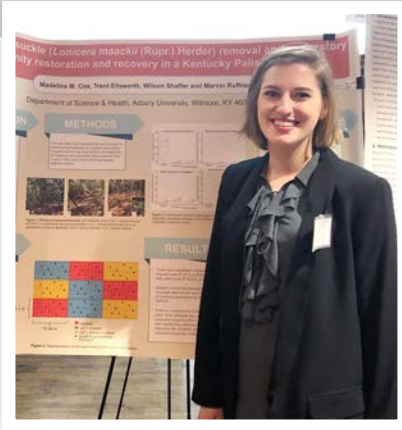
Philpot shared the gospel. To him, the news was too great to keep to himself. Today, he wears a fish hook on his jacket daily as a testament to how Jesus transformed him. Every time someone questions the little decoration, he happily testifies that Jesus asks us to follow him and to become “fishers of men” in Matthew 4:19.

Philpot said Jesus changed his life that day in Hughes Auditorium, and his testimony is only one of many. The revival sparked a fire in Asbury students, leading them to travel throughout the world to share the word of God. This is how the stories of Jesus spread after his resurrection. This year, we remember the revival by honoring the One who transformed so many lives in 1970, and who continues to transform us today.

Fifty years later, the revival continues. ■

# CAMPUS *Corner*

News, Notes & Other Items of Interest



## *Elements of Success*

Each year, Asbury University sends a number of its biology, chemistry and biochemistry majors to the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS) Annual Conference, and each year these students have seen great success with their projects. KAS provides a platform for bright, young minds across the state to present their research to a panel of

judges and professional researchers. Graduate and undergraduate students alike spend months in preparation and compilation for the final display of their conclusions. This year, Asbury students presented research on topics including resource partitioning for two salamander species in West Virginia and invasive honeysuckle (**Madeline Cox '20**) and the use of herbicides for weed control and their effects (**C.J. Leow '20**).



## *"Here Be Dragons"*

Could dragons exist in the real world?

Every year, Asbury Science, Health & Mathematics tackles questions like this one as part of the worldwide COMAP Mathematical Contest in Modeling. More than 8,000 teams of three students each are participating across the globe, each hoping to take home the top prize while solving complex problems using mathematics.

**Reid Matheison '21** and two of his classmates worked together in last year's contest to determine if dragons could exist, given their physiology and interaction with other species. (Spoiler: They think it's possible, mathematically speaking.) That problem may have been more theoretical than practical, but another team of Asbury students used their math skills in the same competition to redesign the evacuation plan at the Louvre Museum in Paris, France, earning a Meritorious score and a place in the top eight percent of teams worldwide.

## *In the Driver's Seat*

Asbury student **Ty Schadt '20** was awarded first place honors for his original radio drama, "The Drive," at the College Broadcasters, Inc. (CBI) convention in St. Louis, Mo. in November.



"It's a story about a father and son who are faced with a startling reality and must come to terms with an uncertain future through elements of fatherly love and youthful innocence," said Schadt, who wrote and produced the drama. "It's 10 minutes long and I originally wrote it as a short film for a class freshman year. When the opportunity to create a drama came up in Dr. Doug Walker's radio production class, I thought I'd pull the story off the shelf and see if I could rework it into the necessary format."



CBI contests are highly competitive. Nearly 1,200 entries were received for the 30 categories. Schadt, a Media Communication and Journalism double major, was unable to accept the award in person because he was completing an internship with NFL Films in New Jersey.







### *Honoring the Moultons*

We all have teachers and professors whose impact on our lives can be felt years after we have left their classrooms. The impact Dr. **Alan '60** and **Yvonne Cochran '58 Moulton** made on their students and the campus of Asbury University is still felt today. So it is with great pride and joy that Asbury Psychology Department faculty announce the creation of the Moulton Scholars Program to honor the deep spiritual and academic impact the Moultons made on so many.

The Moultons first attended Asbury as students and served in faculty roles from 1962 to 2005. Alan, who passed away in 2017, served as faculty and chair in the Psychology Department; while Yvonne, who currently resides in Wilmore, taught in the English Department. As a long-standing Psychology Department chair, Alan provided careful and thoughtful vision to the department while also bringing memorable and meaningful instruction to students in the classroom.

The Moulton Scholars Program is a competitive, merit-based recognition and grant opportunity conferred upon upper-level undergraduate Asbury Psychology majors who have applied and been approved by the full-time Psychology faculty for admittance into the program.




### *Friends in Arms*

Asbury University and The Salvation Army are proud of having worked side-by-side for over 100 years, sharing the Good News and providing critical resources to those in need across the globe. For the past five years, the two institutions have collaborated in a special way, with Asbury providing an online degree completion program for Salvation Army officers across the Eastern Territory. In January, the two institutions renewed their partnership with the signing of an agreement that will extend this close collaboration into the coming decade.



"We cherish our shared heritage, our shared theology, and our shared commitments," said Asbury University President Kevin J. Brown. "I'm especially grateful for Commissioner Bamford and his vision for continuing education."







**Asbury University** posted 20 photos. ⋮



January 30 · 🌐 · 🌐

An annual tradition at Asbury is the sophomore musical! This year the Faithful Class entertained campus with their production of "Matilda". Tickets were in high demand all weekend- did you get a chance to see the show?

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### *Celebrating Difference, Deepening Unity*

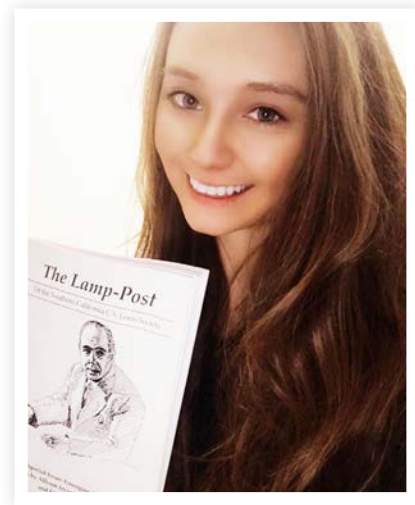
February marked the nationwide celebration of Black History Month and an intentional recognition of the central role that African Americans have held in the story of the United States.

For the fifth year running, Asbury's Black Student Alliance hosted a series of events allowing all students to explore different elements of a culture about which they may know little. Events included a film screening, a Professors vs. Students edition of Family Feud, a Chapel service and an expo celebrating black culture and cuisine.

"To have these events that highlight the lived experiences of a particular ethnic community is so critical and so important," said Esther Jadhav, vice president of Intercultural Affairs at Asbury. "I think, as a community, we have an opportunity of getting to see and hear the stories of the lived experiences of our black students. It's available to us in other places... but on our campus, these events are just a small sampling of what is happening in the larger community."



For more on what's happening at Asbury, visit [asbury.edu/news-events](https://asbury.edu/news-events)



### *Through the Wardrobe, Into Print*

When **Allison Irvin '19 Hall** participated in Asbury's 2019 SEARCH Symposium research paper competition, she had hopes that after graduation she might one day publish the article she had submitted. What she did not realize was that her first scholarly publication would come so soon.

Hall's article, "Psyche Of The Sea, Psyche Of The Mountain: C.S. Lewis's Idea of Myth in His Retelling of the Cupid and Psyche Myth in Till We Have Faces," appears in the latest issue of *The Lamp-Post*, a special edition that features articles from emerging scholars.

Hall's essay had its origins in 2018, when she participated in Asbury's Best Semester Program in Oxford. "I became interested in C.S. Lewis during my freshman year at Asbury," Hall noted. "Then, while in Oxford, I had the privilege of studying Lewis for my primary tutorial. It was truly one of the most formative and transformational experiences of my life."





# EYE ON THE EAGLES



## In the Spotlight:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) cancelled the remainder of the 2020 spring sports season on March 16. The seven teams below were impacted.

**Baseball:** 14-4 record; marked best start in school history

**Men's Golf:** picked 2nd in preseason conference coaches poll

**Women's Golf:** received votes in NAIA National Top 25 Poll (3/6/2020)

**Women's Lacrosse:** 3-4 record; Senior **Ashley Byrd** is all-time leading scorer with 96 career goals

**Softball:** 8-6 record; Senior **Deana Phillips** ranked 2nd nationally in home runs and total bases per game and 3rd in slugging percentage

**Men's Tennis:** 3-2 record; Senior **Joshua Turnquest** ranked 20th nationally in singles

**Women's Tennis:** 2-1 record; received votes in NAIA Top 25 Poll

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## MILESTONES ACHIEVED FOR WOMEN'S HOOPS

The Women's Basketball team enjoyed their best season since 2015-16, posting a 20-11 record and advancing to the River States Conference (RSC) Tournament for the first time in three years.

The Eagles were led by freshman **Zaria Napier** who averaged 15.4 points, 7.2 rebounds and 1.2 blocks per game. The Stanford, Ky., native was named the 2020 RSC Newcomer of the Year and also earned first-team all-conference honors. Juniors **Autumn Herriford** and **Kelsey Johnson** each eclipsed the 1,000-career points threshold during the 2019-20 season. Herriford was also named second-team all-conference, while averaging 15.2 points per game.

**Men's Basketball** also featured the 2020 RSC Newcomer of the Year, as junior **Leander Ridgeway** averaged 17.6 points per game to secure the conference honor.



## WOMEN'S SWIMMING WINS CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Women's Swimming team captured the 2020 Appalachian Athletic

Conference (AAC) Championship Feb. 15, while the Men's Swimming team posted a runner-up finish at the AAC meet. Head Coach **Alex Keyser '08** was named the 2020 AAC Men's Coach of the Year.

Both teams advanced to the NAIA National Championship meet in Knoxville, Tenn., March 4-8 and posted top 10 finishes. The women's team, led by junior All-American **Hannah Springer**, placed 9th, while the men's team, led by All-American **Alex Wu**, finished 10th.

## AU SPONSORSHIP TEAM GROWS

Asbury University Intercollegiate Athletics announced that Sandollar Limousine of Louisville, Ky., has become the newest member of its sponsorship team. The multi-year agreement makes Sandollar the official transportation provider for the Asbury Eagles.

"As we continue to build our program, we are very grateful for the opportunity to partner with Sandollar and for our teams to now travel in a specially-branded Asbury Eagles motor coach," said Mark Whitworth '84, vice president for Intercollegiate Athletics at Asbury.



# CLASS NOTES

## 1960s

**Thomas Ott '61** authored a book on the history of Haitian slavery. It was published by WordCrafts Press.

## 1970s

**David Riel '75** was awarded the 2019 Frances White Ewbank Excellence in Teaching Award from Asbury University.

**Nancy Brobst '78 McDaniel** married Carl McDaniel on June 23, 2018. Their children participated in the ceremony — Kristina Weeks, CJ Weeks, Megan Bean, Steve McDaniel and Matt McDaniel.

## 1980s

**Mark Nichols '83** was recognized by the Kentucky Trial Court Review as the Defense Trial Lawyer of the Year for 2019. He also received this honor in 2015.

**Jeff Wolfe '85** just completed his third year as the Public Information Officer at the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

**Philip Powell '86** was named the interim executive director of the Little Theatre in Winston-Salem, N.C. He will lead the theatre in their 85th year of production.

## 1990s

**Joe Henderson '91** released a new book in December entitled



"Jeremiah Under the Shadow of Duhm: A Critique of the Use of Poetic Form as a Criterion of Authenticity," published by T&T Clark.

**1 Teddy Williams '94** was promoted to captain in September and relocated to San Diego, Calif. He is currently assigned as the Force Chaplain at the Naval Base Coronado. He is in charge of mentoring, training and equipping more than 260 combat-ready ministry teams.

**Ben Rough '97** was promoted to senior principal of Global Church Innovation at Compassion International.

## 2000s

**Nancy Watson '00 Carber** authored a book titled, "Rambling of the Soul: A book of poems and thoughts."

**2 Clayton Wesley '04** and **Caresse Freed '03 Wesley** brought Brielle Rayne home to her forever family in December after 2,050 days in foster care. Proud siblings include August, Madison, Micah and Tucker.

## 3 Trevor Kretz '06 and Meredith Johnson '10 Kretz

welcomed four new members to their family through adoption after 2.5 years of foster care! Pictured are JJ, Toren, Zaydon and David. They are so excited that God has given them "more than they could ask or think."

## 2010s

**Zach Klemme '10** was promoted to sports editor at the The Daily Independent (Ashland, Ky.) in December.

**4 Jason Ellwood '10** graduated from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine with a degree in Doctor of Osteopathy in May 2019. Additionally, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and is a practicing physician at Navy Medical Center Portsmouth in Portsmouth, Va., where he and his wife, **Sarah Brown '10 Ellwood**, reside with their three children.

**5 Andrew Canada '11** and **Alexandra Richard '13 Canada** welcomed a new baby boy, Avery Richard, on Sept. 30, 2019.



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**Charlie Hunter V '11** and Chrissy Hunter welcomed their first son, Charles James Hunter, VI on Nov. 26, 2018. Proud grandparents include: **Charles Hunter IV '81** and **Nancy Donehoo '81 Hunter**.

Austin Klassen and **Sarah Taber '12 Klassen** are proud to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Harper, on Aug. 26, 2019. Harper was welcomed home by big sister, Addison.

**Alan Jones '13** and **Kristin Gillis '10 Jones** welcomed a baby girl into the world on Jan. 31, 2019. Parker Lee Jones weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. Proud grandmother is **Desiree Gillis '11**.

**Lucy Shea Allen '14** was voted by Broadway World Dallas and Fort Worth as the 2019 Best Actress in a Musical for her performance in "Bright Star."

**Hillary Jackson '14** is now the news editor of New Frontier Publications, the publication arm of The Salvation Army U.S. Western Territory.

**6 Heather Ward '15** married James Bingaman on Aug. 10, 2019. The



bridal party included alums **Sarah Grewe '12 Daniels** and **Hannah Nicholson '15**.

**Jorge Castorena '16** is the admissions communications coordinator at Asbury University.

**Tanner Perkins '17** recently joined the staff of his church, Damascus Friends Church, as the assistant director of technology.

**7 Patrick Barnett '18** and **Alyssa Martin '18** were married on Oct. 19, 2019. Patrick works as a technician for Audio Visual Techniques and



Alyssa works for Lord's Legacy Life Ministries, both in Lexington, Ky.

Nathaniel Krause and **Sierra Leach '19** were married in August 2019. Sierra teaches middle school English and math and high school Spanish at Faith Christian Academy in Wisconsin. ■

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Librarian, 12/18/2019, Owensboro, Ky.
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Becker**, Education, 1/4/2020,  
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Ministry, 11/29/2019,  
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12/28/2018, New Salisbury, Ind.
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Former Asbury Trustee/Ministry,  
12/29/2019, Waynesville, N.C.
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Education/Ministry, 12/22/2019,  
Dothan, Ala.
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Ministry, 3/6/2020, Wilmore, Ky.
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Ministry, 12/3/2019, Franklin, Ind.
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Education/Military, 10/30/2019,  
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Education/Ministry, 11/24/2019,  
McPherson, Kan.
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Ministry, 2/2/2020, Newfield, N.J.
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Education, 10/29/2019, Lexington, Ky.
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Business Owner, 10/4/2019,  
Sandersville, Ga.
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Ministry, 2/18/2020, Dothan, Ala.
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Education/Ministry, 3/8/2020,  
Wilmore, Ky.
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Education/Executive Administrator/  
Missions, 1/12/2020, Greenfield, Ind.
- Charlene Paige '54 Garrett**,  
Ministry, 7/17/2019, Poquoson, Va.
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Education, 10/27/2019, Lumberton, N.C.
- Helen York '54 Morgan**,  
Education, 1/7/2020, Richmond, Ind.
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Ministry, 5/16/2019, Watkinsonville, Ga.
- Norma Jean Hicks '55 Patton**,  
Ministry/Public Speaker, 1/27/2020,  
Carmel, Ind.
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Administrative Assistant/Musician,  
11/11/2019, Minneapolis, Minn.
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Education/Military/Ministry,  
11/29/2019, Kokomo, Ind.
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Ministry, 3/9/2020, Columbia, S.C.
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Christian Education/Ministry, 1/1/2020,  
Nashville, Tenn.
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Music Ministry, 12/21/2019,  
Oak Creek, Wis.
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Ministry, 2/5/2020, Deland, Fla.
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Ministry/Missions, 1/22/2020,  
Houston, Texas
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Ministry, 2/5/2020, Kent, Wash.
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Education/Missions/Musician,  
12/29/2019, Kingsport, Tenn.
- Joyce Engelbert '59**,  
Education, 9/1/2019, Lakewood, Colo.
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Author/Military/Ministry, 10/5/2019,  
Las Vegas, Nev.
- Faith Reid '59 Alberg Osborne**,  
Education, 1/25/2020, La Quinta, Calif.
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Education/Salvation Army Officer,  
2/20/2020, Kennesaw, Ga.
- Delores "Dolly" Cowan '60 Mungillo**,  
Asbury Dean of Women/Education/  
Missions, 12/5/2019, Bradenton, Fla.
- Neil Chance '61**,  
Education, 2/1/2020, Salem, Ill.
- Ramona Cochran '62 Turman**,  
Missions, 2/10/2020, Asheville, N.C.
- Rev. James "Jim" McCollum '63**,  
Education/Ministry/Missions,  
12/22/2019, Toccoa, Ga.
- Beth Joy Kindinger '64 Fowler**,  
Music/ Musician Education, 10/21/2019,  
Monroe, N.C.
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Education/Ministry, 2/14/2020,  
Zimbabwe, Africa
- Emily Bowerman '64 Salisbury**,  
Finance/Missions, 11/4/2019,  
Waxhaw, N.C.
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Education/Military/Truck Driver,  
2/8/2020, Locust Grove, Ga.
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McAnespie**,  
Education, 10/30/2019,  
Land O' Lakes, Fla.
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Missions, 10/26/2019, Euless, Texas
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Military/Ministry, 9/20/2019,  
Lebanon, Ohio
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Archivist, 1/24/2020, Lexington, Ky.
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Education/Medicine, 1/23/2020,  
Pike Road, Ala.
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Education, 11/17/2019, Bath, N.C.
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Education, 12/14/2019,  
Bellefontaine, Ohio
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Ministry, 12/11/2019, Carbondale, Ill.
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Retail, 11/2/2018, North Canton, Ohio
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Military, 2/1/2019, Asheville, N.C.
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Ministry, 1/31/2020, Breinigsville, Pa.
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Education/Missions, 10/5/2019,  
Longview, Wash.
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Manufacturing, 12/14/2019,  
Scranton, Pa.
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12/12/2019, Edgewater, Fla.
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5/3/2019, Greenwood, Ind.
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Dental Hygienist, 10/21/2019,  
Deland, Fla.
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Ministry, 11/8/2019, Gilbert, S.C.
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Ministry, 2/6/2020, Lee's Summit, Mo.
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Homemaker/Volunteer, 1/19/2020,  
Wilmore, Ky.
- David Chow '78**,  
Government - IRS, 11/12/2019,  
Lake Jackson, Texas
- Rev. Harold Hunter '79**,  
Funeral Home Director/Ministry,  
11/18/2019, Bowling Green, Ky.
- Dr. David Knox '79**,  
Ministry, 5/17/2019, Tampa, Fla.
- Rev. L. William Cupp '82**,  
Ministry, 11/10/2018, Troy, Ohio
- Daniel Bridge '86**,  
Correctional Officer, 12/6/2019,  
Tecumseh, Mich.
- Dr. James Walker '87**,  
Education/Psychology, 11/22/2019,  
Delray Beach, Fla.
- Leslie Cowart '10**, Ministry, 11/15/2019,  
Bostwick, Ga.
- Betty "Colleen" Brandenburg**,  
2/22/2020, Wilmore, Ky.
- Jane Reedy Carlisle**,  
11/10/2019, Anchorage, Alaska
- Dr. John Case**, Former Asbury Trustee,  
11/30/2018, Oxford, Miss.
- James Chevalier, Sr.**,  
12/26/2019, Manning, S.C.
- Aldena Estes Daye**,  
12/12/2019, Springfield, Va.
- Robert Fanning**,  
11/2/2019, Dallas, Texas
- Harriett "Ailene" Gardner-Perry**,  
2/19/2020, Monroe, N.C.
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7/18/2019, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Rev. Neil Gunsalus, Sr.**,  
3/12/2019, St. Petersburg, Fla.
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11/4/2019, Fairmount, Ind.
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10/29/2019, Athens, Ga.
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11/4/2019, Noblesville, Ind.
- Cleo Bell King**,  
12/29/2019, Saint Paris, Ohio
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7/26/2019, Harrodsburg, Ky.
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12/15/2019, Edenton, N.C.
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10/31/2019, Lima, Ohio
- Philip Wiley**,  
1/16/2020, Brooksville, Fla.
- Rev. John Woodruff**,  
1/18/2019, Wilmore, Ky.

## friends

- Mary Lopes Achenbach**,  
2/16/2019, New Tripoli, Pa.
- Dr. Paul Blanchard**,  
10/28/2019, Flushing, Mich.
- William "Bill" Bradley**,  
7/20/2019, Richmond, Ind.

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# COVID-19 RESPONSE

It is rare to experience such a widespread global unease and disruption like we have encountered with the COVID-19 pandemic. Life has temporarily changed. We are all faced with making hard decisions that affect us in ways we could have never predicted.

The health and safety of our faculty, staff and students are the University's highest priority, and therefore appropriate safety precautions were implemented.

Based on the advice of health experts, guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, directives from the Kentucky Governor's office, consensus of the University's COVID-19 Response Team and much prayer, Asbury made the difficult decision on March 17 to complete the Spring Semester in an online instruction format for traditional

undergraduate students. Adult Professional Studies and graduate instruction continued online as scheduled.

The University also postponed travel and cancelled on-campus and off-campus events and alumni gatherings through the end of the semester.

These decisions were not made out of fear, but with an abundance of peace and precaution. Like many of you, we continue to pray for divine wisdom and Spirit-led discernment in all we do.

We are filled with deep gratitude for the many ways the Asbury community has united to overcome the challenges. We are people of faith and hope which allows us, through the power of Christ, to bear each other's burdens.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 25	Highbridge Film Festival Online Event
June 8-19	Youth Becoming Leaders Camp
June 8-12	ImpactU Camps
June 15-19	ImpactU Camps
June 25-28	Reunion
June 26	Admissions Summer Visit Event
June 27	President's Dinner
July 4	Independence Day (4) – Offices Closed
July 4-12	Taylor County Camp Meeting (AU Day – July 5)
July 11-21	Indian Springs Camp Meeting (AU Day – July 13)

July 18-28	Hollow Rock Camp Meeting (AU Day – July 26)
July 26-2	Beulah Camp Meeting (AU Day – July 31)
Aug. 1-2	Beulah Camp Meeting (starts July 26)
Aug. 9-12	Intercultural New Student Orientation
Aug. 14-18	Welcome Week (New & Transfer Students)
Aug. 19	Academic Convocation
Aug. 19	Classes Begin

**All events are subject to change due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

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SPIRIT AND TRUTH — Intercultural Studies and Worship Arts major **Gabe Ernst '22** is the winner of a campus-wide contest for a photo showcasing spiritual formation at Asbury. Ernst, who hopes to be a missionary, says he was “captivated by how many people showed up and worshipped and prayed with their whole heart,” at this WHAM! (Worship HIm At Midnight) event.

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