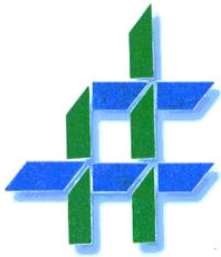


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# Asbury Church

U N I T E D M E T H O D I S T



## Vacation Bible School - It's Almost Here! June 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

Wow, Dude! Come catch some waves and put your toes in some cool sand! We are takin' in the sights and sounds of SonSurf Beach Bash, where kids will learn that it's all about Jesus! We are powering up for this

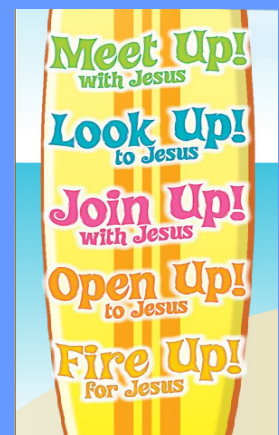
super adventure so kids will understand what it means to "Meet Up, Look Up, Join Up, Open Up and Fire Up with Jesus! The fun never ends with creative beach crafts, exciting games, rockin' music, engaging skits and tasty snacks. SonSurf Beach Bash is the destination where fun and faith combine to make memories that will last a lifetime! It's fun! So...join us!

Who: Kids Prek (age 4) - 6th Grade (entering 6th grade in Fall)

When: June 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Where: Asbury Church, 7501 S. Staples Cost: **Free!!!**

To register: Go to [www.asburycc.org](http://www.asburycc.org) and click on the link for Vacation Bible School.





# THE PASTORS CORNER

Dear Friends,

I give thanks to God that this church takes evangelism seriously. Evangelism means; “To share the good news” of Jesus Christ through our words and our actions. One of the most basic and most important aspects of evangelism is for the church to offer hospitality. Hospitality is more than just being nice to visitors. Hospitality means that we are ready and have a plan to meet our guests and share with them the grace of Jesus Christ which God so freely shares with us.

My sister shared a story with me that was just hard to believe. It happened to her several years ago. She had just received her doctorate and was embarking on a new chapter in her life - new school, new town, new home, new friends, and yes a new church. She woke up early one Sunday morning, got dressed, and drove to the nearest United Methodist Church. She was nervous about not knowing anybody and she was excited about the possibility of making new Christian friends and being with the body of Christ. She had always been active in the church and was looking forward to becoming a part of this one. She walked in the doors and was met with a kind smile. She took a bulletin and walked through the sanctuary doors; so many places to sit. She slipped into a pew and began to prepare her heart for worship. She had not been sitting there long when a person came over to her and said, “excuse me; you’re sitting in my seat.” Her heart sank. She had been so excited about being there and now her spirit was crushed. She felt like she wasn’t welcome; she felt like she didn’t belong. She was a stranger in a strange land. With tears in her eyes she got up and left that church.

My friends, I give thanks that we have a church that does not have assigned seating. I pray that everyone who comes to this church experiences the love of God through the people of God. I pray that we have a heart filled with joy to be in fellowship with other Christians no matter who they are or where they sit. In Deuteronomy 10:19 there is a great verse that we would all do well to keep before us, “You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers once in the land of Egypt.”

We don’t deserve God’s grace; it is a free gift. May we share that grace with others and may God help us to be people that understand hospitality as a true expression of loving our neighbors.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jason

# Madness & Mayhem

Water Park

**FREE**

**Slime  
Night**

**PAINT FIGHT**

**Costume  
Skating**

**June 20-24 6-9pm**

**6-12 Grade**

**Black Light  
Dodgeball**

**Sign up Online**

**Asburycc.Org/Youth**

The purpose of Madness and Mayhem is to reach out to the youth in our area with the gospel message of Jesus Christ. Each night we will have a special message designed specifically to reach those that don't know Jesus. We encourage you to invite your friends. They will have a great time and get to hear the life transforming message of Jesus.



# HEY ASBURY WE NEED YOU...REALLY!

If you can serve in Vacation Bible School, please write it down by signing up on the bulletin board, filling in the volunteer form on the web at [www.asburycc.org](http://www.asburycc.org) or filling out a bulletin insert.

WE ESPECIALLY NEED **ADULT SHEPHERDS!** WE CANNOT BUILD CLASSES UNTIL WE KNOW AN ADULT IS IN PLACE FOR A GROUP, PLEASE TAKE TIME TO LET US KNOW YOU CAN HELP! THANKS ASBURY!

*We still need 600 white socks for VBS! They can be new or used, ladies or men's, crew socks or larger, no anklets. It is ok for them to have gray toes, but all white is best. Please bring them to the main office or to Beth's office. Thanks!!!*



***SIGN UP NOW!***

***We still need help with monetary donations, serving snacks, helping with crafts, games and decorating!***

***Please just make the commitment. WRITE it down on the bulletin board, the web or the bulletin...we only have 2 weeks! Don't wait!***



**Teachers, shepherds, all VBS volunteers, if you want to come rock out and learn the new moves for the Vacation Bible School Songs, then join us for a short practice on June 12th from 4:00—5:30 pm in the gym. See ya' there! Get ready to rock it with Ms. Venessa!**

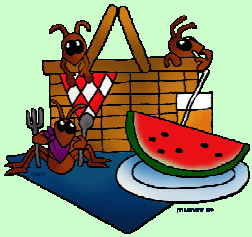
**Please Pray for Vacation Bible School. Keep us Covered!**





## ***Family Picnic—For you and your kids— June 5th, 1:00 p.m. at Brighton Park!***

Whether you have toddlers, teens or in-betweens, come join in as groups of young families come together for some fun fellowship time! If you are interested in getting to know other parents at Asbury who have kids, then, **you are invited** to attend a family picnic to be held at Brighton Park, right off of Cimarron and Brockhampton on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing your whole family there!



***Hot Dogs and chips will be provided.  
Please bring drinks for your family.***

***You are welcome to bring a side dish if you like, but it is not necessary( if you do want to bring something please contact Jodi Wilmot at: [jodiwilmot@email.com](mailto:jodiwilmot@email.com))***



***PACKETS ARE  
DUE ASAP!!!***

**KidsCamp** - *THIS COMING SUMMER, WE ARE HEADED TO ZEPHYR CAMP! The 3 night adventure camp includes Worship, Bible studies, recreation, and great food! In addition, the camp facilities include a pool with three waterslides, a gym, mini-golf, water trampoline, The Pond with dual waterslides, full size blob, and all waterfront activities including canoes, inflatable's plus more! Space is always limited, so register early to guarantee your spot! Camper/Sponsor Registration Packets are available in both buildings. If you desire to serve as a camp counselor, please contact Beth. Let me know if Jesus has called you to this vital ministry. 992-7501 Location: Zephyr Baptist Encampment, Sandia, Tx. July 10-13th For completed 3<sup>rd</sup>— 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Cost: \$175.00 early registration).*

# How Are You Doing?

We hear that question all day. Every time we see someone we either ask, or are asked, “How’re you doing?” Most of the time, we answer quickly, flippantly. We say, “Great!” or “Fine,” or we come up with something clever like, “Can’t complain, no one would listen.”

The thing about all of those answers is, they aren’t necessarily true. Ok, maybe not all of the people who asked would have been safe people for you to really talk to. Or it could be that today when someone asked how you were doing, they didn’t really want to know. They may have just wanted you to say, “Fine” or “Good” or something similar, but, when they asked, did you stop to think about it?

How are you doing, really? Try something. Take just a minute and really examine yourself. In fact, don’t do this on your own, ask for God to examine you as well. Ask God, “How am I doing today?” You may want to pray this prayer found in Psalm 139:23-34:

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

Then, pay attention to what God reveals to you. You may find that you have come out of time where you have experienced great victory, that you are doing really well today, and when you responded, “Great!” you really meant it. Praise God for that. In fact, if that’s where you are right now take some time to thank God for giving you that victory. Celebrate it!

Maybe God has shown you that there’s something in your life that He wants you to hand over to Him. It could be a failure, a fear, a frustration, a relationship, something you’ve carried around for years or something brand new that’s crept in quietly. Now that He’s brought it to your attention, give it to Him. Now that He’s shown you how you’re really doing, tell Him about it. Ask Him to help you.

If you’re afraid, ask for peace.

If you’re frustrated, ask for resolution.

If you’ve failed, ask for forgiveness.

If you feel broken, ask Him for healing.

If you feel stuck in a hurt, habit or hang-up ask Him for freedom.

When we do this, when we present our requests to God, when we come to Him in prayer and ask Him for guidance, when we ask Him for help, the Bible promises us in Philippians 4:7 that,

*“the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

So, “How are you doing?” Really.

If you find that you’re not doing as well as you’d like to be, don’t go through it alone come to a Celebrate Recovery meeting.

Or call and ask for a Stephen Minister for one on one confidential talk.

992-7501 for information on either group.

# Asbury cares about the environment!

Asbury is participating in a fabulous program that enables us to raise money for our church while helping the environment. Empties4Cash is a fundraising and recycling program in which Asbury families can bring in used inkjet cartridges that may be eligible for recycling and remanufacturing. Asbury will receive up to \$4.00 for each cartridge turned in, which will directly benefit future programs for our Missions. Thank you!



## WHAT'S GOING ON AT ASBURY?

**Red Wagon Sunday** is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Items needed this month are crackers, canned fruit, vegetables and pull top dinners. Thank you so very much.

**Intercessory Prayer Group** meets in the Chapel every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. Come join us in prayer, once a month, twice a month or every week. Prayer works.

**Prayer Blanket Ministry** meets at the church on the second Saturday of the month to make blankets with prayers for the hospitalized and to have fellowship.

**Blankets of Love** made for those in wheel chairs in nursing homes who get little or no visitors and who need our prayers as well. Join us on the third Thursday of the month to make these simple but beautiful blankets and for fellowship.

**Our Stephen Ministry** members are here to listen to you and to help in times of stress and in times of crisis. Totally confidential - we can help.

**Celebrate Recovery** meets every Friday. A joyful celebration of people learning how to rid themselves of their hurts, habits and hang-ups.

**For information on any of the above please call 992-7501**



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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**BLACK LIGHT  
DODGE BALL  
TOURNAMENT**

June 20th 6-9pm  
Part of Madness & Mayhem  
Get your 8 person team together & Sign up online  
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