



The Asbury Update

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Asbury Memorial Church
Rev. Billy Hester
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Congratulations to the Class of 2020 Asbury's Angells Youth Group Seniors



Lindsey Lynch, Aiden Taylor, Sarah Povie, Ray Sears,
William Wallace (not pictured)

June
21st

HAPPY
Fathers Day

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Having a Birthday? Call the office at 233-4351 or e-mail us at church@asburymemorial.org.

June

1st Liz Sprague
2nd Amy Povie
3rd Catherine Gilbert
 Colin Harrison
 Betty Perry
4th DJ Armstrong
 Gail Lange
5th Kathy Hodges
 Vic King
6th Jeanine Byers
7th Martha Barnes
 Shane Conner
8th Anne Hagan
 Lila West
9th Erin Dalton
 Charles Ennis
 Chuck Long
 Tom Nease
 Savanna Walker-
 Triplett
10th Allie Barnes
 Caleb Deffley
11th Carol Walls
13th Carol Anderson
 Susan Smith
14th Julia DiGiovanni
 Pete Vasta
15th Amanda
 Arnsdorff
16th Ruth Foster
 Arlo Hill
17th Janet Arango
 Robert McNew
 Grady Mills

18th Wendy
 Ciccodicola
 Claire Reeve
19th Scott McCoy
 Robert Smith
20th Joe Richards
23rd Cole Via
25th Barbara Beam
 Debbie Eason
26th Spencer Luke
27th Suzanne Becker
 Fay Carroll
 Callie Downing
28th Barbara Gooby
 Collis West
 Cory West
29th Sandy Hoecherl
 Joan Lee
 Nicholas Lindsay
30th Gordon Baker
 Russ Kirks
 Pam Walker



June

2nd Phil & Suzanne Devlin
3rd Jack & Carolyn Lewis
6th Ross & Natalie Munro
9th Callie Downing & Ken Hardigan
9th Colin & Jackie Stewart
10th Doug & Amy Povie
11th Tim & Mary Ann Barnes
12th Lauren Dutko & Richard Kay
12th Alexis & Emily Gage
13th Steve & Becky Case
14th David & Kathryn Murph
21st Jan & Richard Wright
22nd Sam & Barbara Ruggere
26th Curtis & Cindy Hanks
26th Don & Gloria Stahle
27th Billy & Cheri Hester
28th Steve & Rhonda Reed
29th Vic King & Amanda Arnsdorff

Online Devotionals

From our own Methodist tradition is the Upper Room which can be seen online here:

<https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>



The Building is Closed...But the Church is Open!

Last week, an Asburian sent me a text of a church sign that read:

The building is closed, but the church is open!

I can't think of a more appropriate headline for Asbury Memorial.

Although we have not been able to gather in our church building, the staff and members of the congregation have been hard at work in ministry to one another and to the wider community. Personally, I have never been busier.

Although I am trying to figure out how to manage my time better so I can get some rest and exercise, I am also invigorated by the challenge of doing ministry in a new way. The pandemic has forced us to be creative and do things differently. In doing things differently, we have experienced some wonderful blessings. For instance, by going online with our services, people who live in other states and countries are able to join us....as are people who are confined to their homes.

We've also been able to experience very moving video presentations about Asbury's military veterans and Asbury's graduating seniors that we probably would not have experienced had we not been forced to think out of the box.

I realize that nothing can quite replace being together physically and offering each other a hug and a handshake, but I don't anticipate that happening for us soon. We want to be sure that we don't put anyone in harm's way.

If you are not able to see and experience our online services, please let us know. We will try our best to help remedy that for you.

Also, please contact us if you need help with anything else. We are here to serve and assist you in any way we can.

With love & prayers,
Billy



Notes from the Home Office Rev. Claire Marich June, 2020

'I wish it need not have happened in my time,' said Frodo. 'So do I,' said Gandalf, 'and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.'

I do not know how many Lord of the Rings fans are among us, but this thought seems fitting for the moment. Bishop Sally Dyck reminds us that it was hard to provide leadership—clergy or laity—in the church before the coronavirus pandemic. It's really hard now! I offer this quote because it's tempting to wish we didn't have to live through this difficult time, much less be disciples in it. There are many days that I just want to unplug from the world around me and hug my pillow or work in the garden instead. But then I think about what Gandalf says to Frodo to encourage and also to motivate him: our task is to decide what to do with the time that has been given to us.

It's okay to nap. It's okay to garden or run or paint or read or watch tv. But we also need to be in community. For me, that means calling folks who are on my mind, for checking on my family, for planning for the present and the future of our congregation, and for making a difference when I see a need. Every day I hear your stories of the many ways that you are staying in community and making a difference in the lives around you.

In virtually meeting with Rev. Billy Hester and Mayor Van Johnson, we agree that there are two critical ways that everyone can be vital in this time we are given: we must vote and we must complete the 2020 Census.

On the heels of Memorial Day, it is a fitting tribute to our fallen veterans to exercise the right to vote. Absentee and early voting have already begun, with primary election day coming on Tuesday, June 9. The only way to have a government that represents our interests is to elect those good representatives! We pray for those who serve in office and those who are candidates.

The 2020 Census captures confidential data for each household that cannot be shared with any other entity including US Government agencies. The results of this census will determine many aspects of our local funding and representation for the NEXT TEN YEARS. We want our local people and our state to receive the resources that will directly impact our welfare and the quality of life in Savannah. The process is simple. One person per household fills out the brief and simple survey online. If you haven't gotten to do this yet, now is the time. Here is the link:

https://2020census.gov/?cid=20002:%2Bcensus%20%2B2020:sem.ga:p:dm:en:&utm_source=sem.ga&utm_medium=p&utm_campaign=dm:en&utm_content=20002&utm_term=%2Bcensus%20%2B2020

Remember : You are essential to the body of Christ. You are not alone. You are beloved.

Pentecost

God said to Noah, "This (rainbow) is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth." Genesis 9:17

The Jews at the time of Pentecost were celebrating the Feast of Weeks, a time 50 days after the first grain was harvested. The ancient harvest festival also became a day of renewing the Noahic covenant, which is established between God and "all flesh that is upon the earth." By this time, some Jews were already living in diaspora, unable to give offerings in the temple, but from near and far they gathered as the Holy Spirit blew in on wind and tongues of flame to touch and unite each of them in one understanding.

Our one understanding as people of faith, as Christians and as Methodists is that there is no justice when one person is treated unjustly. We stand for the dignity of all people, racial justice, criminal justice reform, civil rights, human rights, eradicating poverty, gun violence prevention, economic justice, education for all, LGBTQ+ rights and peace through justice to name a few.

The murder of **George Floyd** is an assault to all of humanity, a cruel and unfair reality to his family, and an ongoing terror to his African-American siblings.

Racism and hatred are killing our citizens, stripping children of their innocence, corrupting our moral dignity and rotting our society in the United States from the inside out. It takes recording these horrors to make them a problem for perpetrators of threats and murder who are stuck in a chattel mentality of white supremacy. What about all the crimes that go unrecorded?

We must refuse and resist racism at every turn. Last week, Billy and I implored you to vote, but you must do more than this. You must know who you are voting for and for what they stand. Are the people you are electing ready to propose and support Hate Crime legislation? Reasonable gun reform? Georgia and South Carolina are two of only four states in the nation that have no hate crime legislation that cover certain crimes committed on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability and increase the consequences for perpetrators. Interestingly enough, the three Southern holdouts, Georgia, South Carolina and Arkansas are all held up on whether LGBTQ+ rights should be covered. Well, we know they should.

It is time for white people to join our brown-skinned siblings in organizing for reform. All folks are in a different spot when it comes to recognizing institutionalized racism on our anti-racist journey. Here are 75 Things that White People Can Do to Work for Anti-Racism: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BRlF2_zhNe86SGgHa6-VlBO-QgirITwCTugSfKie5Fs/preview?pru=AAABcna9KHY%2AsqbIcLbvXf-FOMQbVtXX2jw&fbclid=IwAR1O5GFM7fVNRVhZisoLbtyesRbmBkq4Jo6YEiQhjjylhVPTW3Zi815P3YY

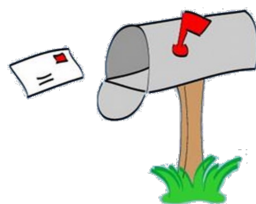
Remember who you are and to whom you belong. Come, Holy Spirit, come!



Are you missing being with one another for Sunday worship and having that lovely opportunity to place your contribution in the offering plate? Well, have we got options for you! We have multiple ways for you to continue your support of Asbury Memorial and have listed them below. Thank you for your gifts!

Mail:

Mail your contribution by check to:
Asbury Memorial Church
1008 East Henry Street
Savannah, GA 31401



Website:

Log on to our website:
www.AsburyMemorial.org



Complete the form as directed.
You can set it up to be a recurring donation!



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Open the GivePlus app and follow the simple directions
You can setup an account or just give as a guest
Make a one-time gift or set it up to be recurring

Text Giving:

From your mobile phone:
Send your contribution amount to **912-307-3206**
Donate anytime, anywhere
Use easy debit/credit card registration
Make a one-time gift or set it up to be recurring



Church Office:

Call the church office at 912.233.4351



Both our Finance Chair and Stewardship Chair would also want to remind you, "It is NEVER too late to make and pay a pledge!"

Congratulations to our High School Graduate

Sienna Varland

Parents: Joel & Judy Varland

Graduate: Savannah Arts Academy

College: Gap Year

Major: Undecided

Published in Reader's Digest

A Home Repair Project Showed Me How Much I Still Had to Learn About My Dad

By Colleen Oakley

Working on a home repair project with my father showed me I had more to learn about him than I thought.



Agata Nowicka for Reader's Digest

Growing up, I understood one thing about my dad: He knew everything. This was our relationship, in sum: I asked him questions and he told me the answers. Is there really a man in the moon? How do sailboats work? What is the highest score anyone's ever gotten in Pac-Man?

In my teen years, he taught me things I'd need to know to survive in the real world. How to drive a stick shift. How to check your car tire's pressure (though the gauge he bought me 20 years ago still sits untouched in my glove box). The correct knife to use to cut a cantaloupe.

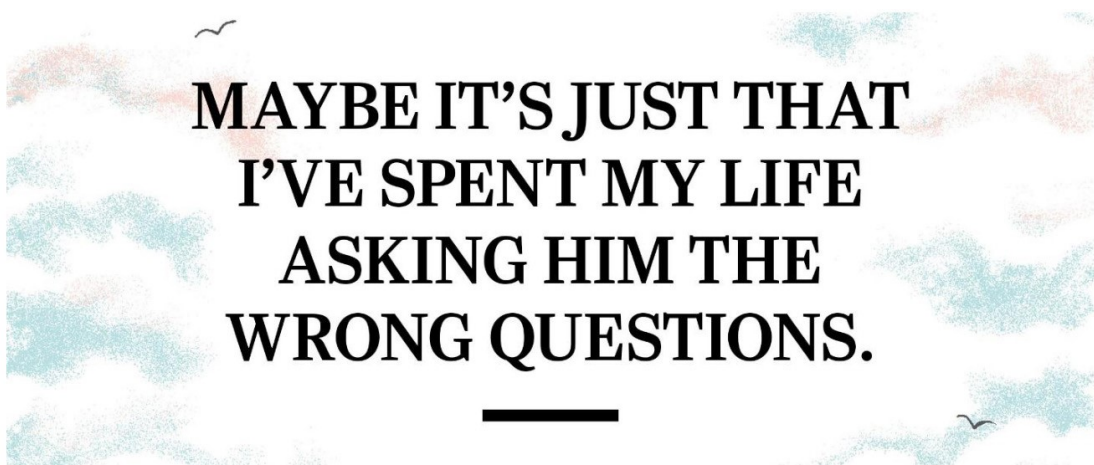
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When I moved out on my own, I called him at least once a week, usually when something broke in my apartment and I needed to know how to fix it: the toilet; the air-conditioning; the wall, once, when I threw a shoe at a terrifying spider.

But then, eventually, I needed him less. I got married, and my husband had most of the knowledge I lacked about gutter cleaning and water heaters and nondestructive insect removal. For everything else, we had Google.

I don't know when it happened, but our conversations when I called devolved into six words. Me: "Hi, Dad." Him: "Hi, sweets. Here's Mom." (Because her, I still needed—What's your chicken parm recipe? Do I need to call the doctor for my daughter's fever? Can you read this draft of my novel?)



**MAYBE IT'S JUST THAT
I'VE SPENT MY LIFE
ASKING HIM THE
WRONG QUESTIONS.**

I loved my dad, of course, but I wondered at times if maybe he had already shared everything I needed to know. Maybe I'd heard all his stories. Maybe, after knowing a man for 40 years, there's nothing left to say.

Then, this past summer, my husband, our four kids, and I moved in with my parents for three weeks while our house was being renovated. They own a lake house, and Dad asked me to help him rebuild the bulkhead at their dock.

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I didn't balk—it was the least I could do for free rent—but I was dreading it. It was hard, manual labor. We got wet and sandy, and I'm fairly certain a deadly bacteria was unleashed from the innards of the rotted wood we hacked away from the old retaining wall.

But as we put the new bulkhead together piece by piece, my dad knowing exactly what went where, I looked at him. “How do you know how to build a bulkhead?”

The heavy mallet he was swinging paused in midair. “I spent a summer in college building them on the Jersey Shore.”

“You did?” I thought I knew everything about my dad—all his random jobs. I knew about the apple orchard, the summer at the horseradish manufacturing plant that burned his hands raw, and even the diner line-cook position, where he learned how to make the best omelet in the Western hemisphere. But I never knew this.



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“Yep. Now come up here and let me teach you how to use this circular saw.”

As he explained the importance of not setting the blade too deep (information I quickly tucked away in the same place I store the information about how to use the tire gauge), I realized that maybe it’s not that there’s nothing left to say. Maybe it’s just that I’ve spent my life asking him the wrong questions.

A few weeks later, after my family and I moved back into our renovated house, I called my parents. Dad answered. “Hi, sweets,” he said.

“Here’s Mom.”

“Wait, Dad,” I said. “How are you?” We ended up talking about the consulting gig he was working on, a new battery he’d bought for his sailboat, a refi my husband and I were looking into to bundle our home--renovation loan. Nothing life-changing, nothing earth-shattering. To anyone else, it would sound like a normal conversation between a dad and his daughter.

But to me, it was novel. A new beginning. I spent the first part of my life needing to talk to my dad. Now I talk to him because I want to.

Courtesy: <https://www.rd.com/advice/relationships/my-dad-and-i-rebuilt/>

Congratulations to other High School Graduates

Aisling Hill

Parents: David & Gretchen Hill
Graduating from: In June 2019, took a gap year
College: Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC
Major: Undecided

Fen Colton

Grandparent: Lee Davison
Graduating from: Gilman Boys School
College: University of Colorado, Bolder
Major: Environmental Science

Ryan Anderson

Grandparents: Carol & James Anderson
Graduating from: Calvary Day School
College: Georgia Southern University, Statesboro
Major: Undecided

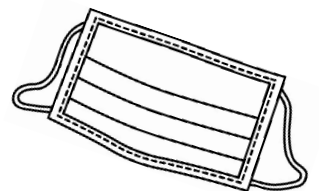
Jessica Lowery

Grandparent: Cynthia Herold
Graduating from: Windsor Forest HS
College: Georgia Southern University
Major: Medical Laboratory Professional

The Class of 2020



The class that made history



Lindsey Nicole Lynch

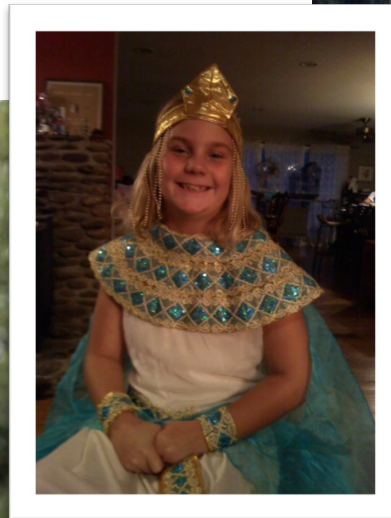


Graduate of Islands High School
Honor Graduate
Attending Georgia Southern University
Majoring in Nursing
with a Minor in Music Performance
Enlisting in the National Guard

Lindsey, as you spread your wings and fly, I pray that you will always remember that you have a home to come back to. You will always have people who believe in you and want to see you succeed. Your school graduation marks the end of one chapter but there is so much more to your story yet to be written. Surround yourself with people who remind you how amazing you are, and avoid the ones that do not. Be brave enough to say "I'm sorry" or "I love you" or "I forgive you!" I trust and pray that God continues to watch over you. I'm so proud of you—more than you will ever know. We cannot wait to see how you are going to change the world! Just know you are loved and we will always be there for you!

We love you today and always!

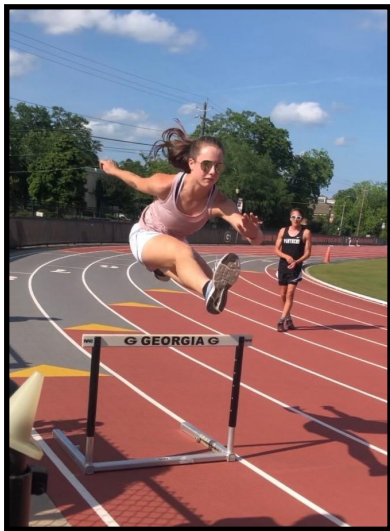
Love, Mom, Dad, and Chloe



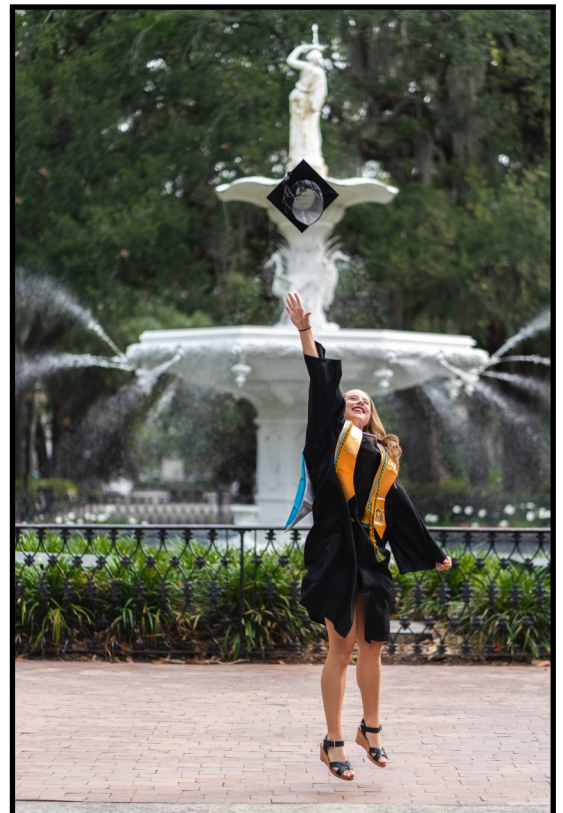
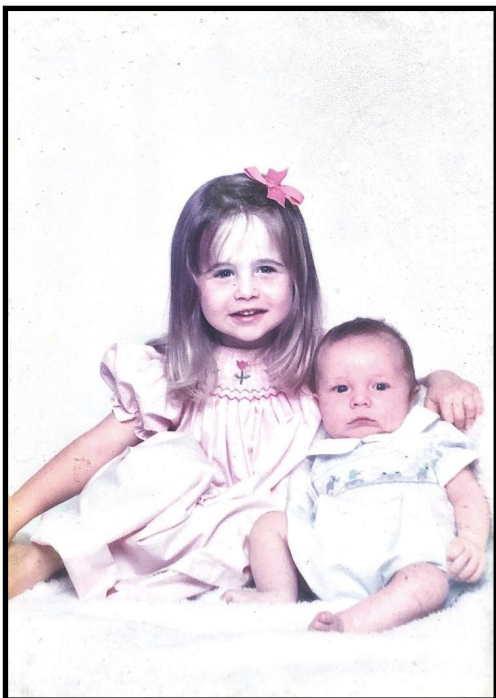
Sarah Virginia Povie



Graduate of Savannah Arts Academy
Superintendent Award Recipient / Honor Graduate
Attending University of Georgia
Majoring in Exercise Science



Sarah, from the moment you came into this world, we knew you were amazing. You are a loving, brilliant, and talented young lady. We are so proud of all your accomplishments and even prouder to be your parents. We have no doubts you will accomplish many great things. We look forward to watching you follow your dreams. We wish you the best in life. We love you, our sweet and beautiful daughter and sister,
Dad, Mom, and Samuel.



Raymond Curtis Sears



Graduate of Savannah Arts Academy
Superintendent Award Recipient / Honor Graduate
Attending Georgia Tech
Majoring in Computer Science



You have been our constant ray of light and we will remain in your corner for all life brings. We are incredibly proud of you—your loyalty, determination and motivation. Surround yourself with positivity and create opportunities that challenge you.

Love,
Your Tribe, Mom and Dad



Aiden Janelle Taylor



Graduate of Islands High School
Attending Valdosta State University
Majoring in American Sign Language



Dear Aiden,
Your family is beyond proud of you and excited to watch you take the next steps toward your future as a Sign Language Interpreter. You are well suited for your gift and will help everyone fortunate enough to work with you.

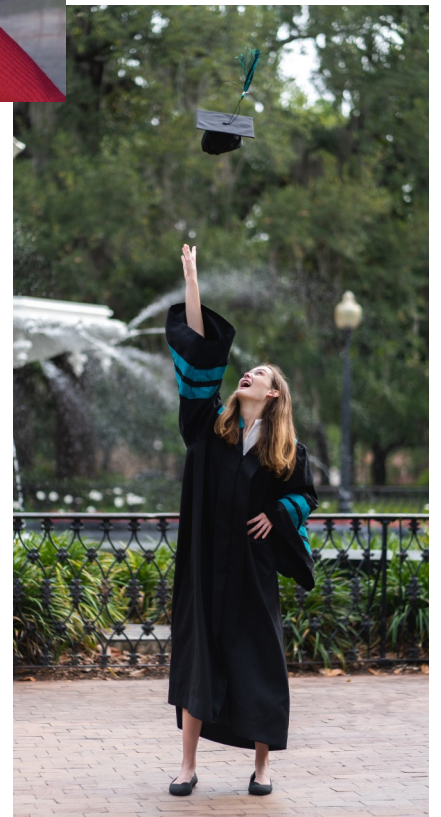
Some things your church family may not know, Aiden volunteers at a center for autistic students. She prefers to work with low functioning kids as Aiden has a keen sense when a child is acting

out in frustration because they're not understood; her challenge is to understand and help the child communicate, often putting ASL to use. When COVID19 took away that volunteer opportunity she began delivering Meals on Wheels to Savannah's seniors, believing that because she can, she should.

It's been an honor to hold you close, laugh with you, admire your ability to stand tall even when you didn't want to, share your struggles and marvel at your heart's capacity to love and forgive freely. You belonged to God before you came to us and we'll be forever grateful we get to be your family.

Cheers darlin'!! You are cherished, you are loved.

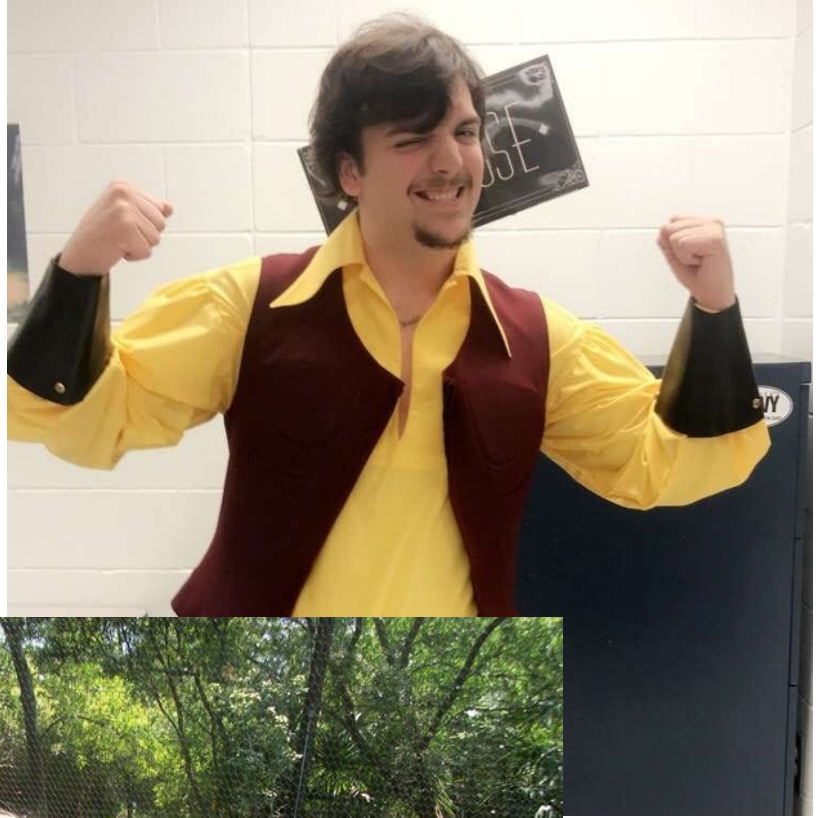
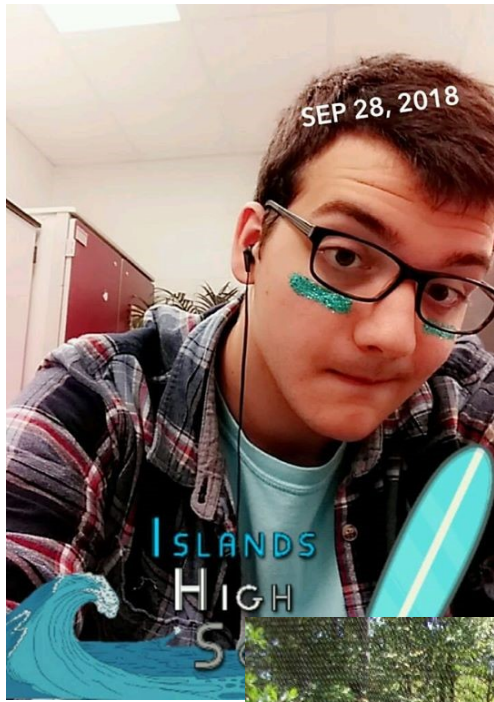
Yo Fam Bam



William Lynes Wallace



Graduate of Islands High School



We are so proud of you! We have watched you grow into a caring and respectful young man. I hope you always know how much you are loved and that you always have someone in your corner—no matter what! We will be your loudest fans, and forever safe place. Go set the world on fire and share that amazing Will Wallace grace and charm with everyone you come in contact with!
You are loved!



A Letter to the Graduating Seniors of Asbury's Angels

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the LORD." Jeremiah 29:11-13

As we celebrate with our seniors their achievement and milestone of graduation, I want you to know deep in your hearts that this Asbury Church family loves and honors you for your special gifts, your sweet and sassy spirits and your faith. Faith is not having all the answers, but wrestling with the important questions in life, and each of you are so very well-equipped to walk that journey. Take your special gifts into the adult world with the confidence that all you do and all you are will make this world better for your being in it. I am proud of you and offer this verse as a comfort and a challenge that wherever you find yourself, you are not alone: God is with you. And you are always welcome in your church home. Just find us when you can. - Rev. Claire Marich, May 2020

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I am so grateful to have been a witness to the young adults that you have become. Treat the next chapter of your life as a building block, use this time to lay the groundwork for your future. Your future can be anything you choose. Make sure to take a little time to enjoy your youth. Enjoy time with your friends, family and those around you who support and love you unconditionally. This is the time that most of us look back on fondly or with regret. We are so proud of you, stay proud of yourselves. Love, Maria Spears

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Seniors, this year has been very special and very strange. You are a good bunch of young men and women. You may not ever know how much you have all affected the younger and older folks around you, but you have. I care about each of you, and will miss each one. I want you all to know that you will always have Beth and I to depend on. If any of you ever find yourselves in a bad situation and need our help, we will be there for you. No judgement, no preaching, and no yelling.—Nate Tyson

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Hey Guys! Well here you are at the end of your career in High School. I know your Senior year was an abbreviated one. Memorable not so much for the experiences that you made with your friends and classmates but for the ones that you feel like you may have missed. I know it has been a difficult time but you were made for this time in History. You've experienced a time that we have never seen the likes of and hopefully never will again. So go forward knowing that through this what you have learned about yourselves, your families and your society are things that have formed you and made you stronger for a purpose. Now go out there and make YOUR place in History! Make your mark, do the good things that I know you're capable of and never look back on this time thinking "what if" but rather "because of." Because of this you are stronger than you now know and will only grow stronger!

Much love to you all! Beth Tyson

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All of our youth past and present are so important to me, as you know, but I have to admit a special bond with this group of seniors, as we rose through the ranks together! I was a freshman in the group when you were all freshman! You welcomed me, you helped me grow, you trusted me, and you taught me more about life, faith, and hope than I could have imagined. Four years together and it still wasn't long enough. I am going to miss you all terribly, but I want you to know how proud of you I am! I cannot wait to see how you all leave your mark in this world, as I know it will absolutely be for the better. I want you to remember to laugh- it is so important! I want you to be thankful always even if you have to find the smallest thing in that moment to be thankful for - the more you do I promise the more you will find. I want you to always be true to yourselves - no matter what the world says! Live authentically, boldly, and let God's light shine through you! And as Laura would do - find the rainbow in EVERY rainy day! She was so proud of you all and loved you like her own—always carry her warm smile and love with you too. Bridgette, Fitz and I are always here for you - loving you all unconditionally for the rest of our days. We are your forever safe place, cheering section, and extended family. God's blessings upon you all! Thank you for changing my life for the better.

Love always, Chris Kincade

Congratulations to our College Graduates

Haigh Angell

Parent: Charlie Angell and our late Youth Director, Laura Angell
Graduating from: Georgia Tech
Degree: Economics & International Affairs



Dani Birzer

Graduating from: Savannah State University
Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communications

Robbie Jenkins

Parents: Candace Jenkins and Chris Jenkins
Graduating from: Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

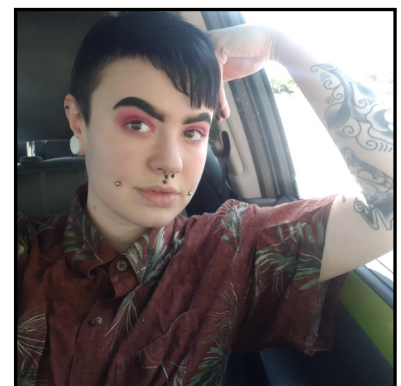


Ryan Richards

Parents: Joe Richards & Monica Mathias
Graduating from: Middle Georgia State University
Degree: Aviation Science & Management

Dallas Weathers

Parents: Doug & Angie Weathers
Graduating from: Georgia Southern University, Armstrong
Campus
Degree: Writing & Linguistics
Minor: Gender Studies/Art Studio



Congratulations to our College Graduates—Masters

Clare Devlin

Parents: Phil & Suzanne Devlin
Graduating from: University of South Carolina
Degree: Masters in Speech Pathology



Kristen Kelso

Parents: Bill & Jamie Kelso
Graduating from: NYU
Degree: M. A. in Performance Studies

Armstrong Youth Orchestra

The Armstrong Youth Orchestra (AYO) is a full-scale symphonic orchestra for advanced level music students. AYO performs standard classical orchestral repertoire at a graded Level 5-6 in the state of Georgia.



Sarah Povie is graduating from Savannah Arts Academy as an Orchestra major. She has played the cello since she was seven years old. She has studied cello privately with Sarah Schenkman for six years. She qualified for the state level Orchestra Allstate auditions every year from seventh through twelfth grade.

Sarah is the Savannah Arts National Honor Society Vice President, and is also a member of the Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society and the National Science Honor Society.

Sarah was captain of her school's Cross Country team, and in her Junior year was the Region champion and a State qualifier in the 300m hurdles event in Track and Field.

She currently holds the school's 300m hurdles record time. In her Senior year she qualified for the state level Swimming Championships at Georgia Tech as well.

Sarah will be attending the University of Georgia, majoring in Exercise and Sport Science. She looks forward to continuing to play cello in the University Philharmonic. Go Dawgs!

Savannah artist brings fantasy, charm to walls, windows and other items with decorative paintings

By Steven Alford / For Do Savannah

Posted May 13, 2020 at 12:00 PM

One local artist is practicing social distancing with her art, while bringing a historic medium to Savannahian's garages and doorways.

Janie Atkinson is a decorative artist who hand paints fantastical images on walls and windows, creating staircases and gardens where once there was blank space. During the coronavirus, while many residents have been sheltered at home, her unique artistry has risen in demand as she creates new worlds on familiar spaces residents see each day.

Her art has roots in the French artistic tradition known as Trompe l'oeil, which translates literally to "deceive the eye." The unique painting style is an artistic technique which uses realistic imagery to create optical illusions of objects in three dimensions on a flat surface such as a wall, window or door.

Atkinson is able to transform common patio floors into intricate Roman tiles; garage doors into dense forest landscapes and kitchen drawers into lush depictions of fruit and wines.

"You're really only limited by your imagination," Atkinson shared. "A lot of it is very practical – creating portable screens or panels to beautify appliances and unused doors."

The roots of American decorative painting stretch back to colonial days when settlers who could not afford the expensive wallpapers and paintings of Europe hired local artists to hand paint walls and exteriors of their homes with imaginative murals and designs.

Atkinson herself first started honing her craft in the early 1990s in Charleston, working on historic homes to replicate hand painted wallpapers and murals dating back hundreds of years.

"It's like a fine art portal to the past," Atkinson shared. "It's something that says magical murals, and enhances the designs of a home. It's a very old art form."

All of her work is commissioned by her customers. Her works have included intricate tile patterns on flooring, hand-painted windows on interior walls looking onto lush gardens and paintings which transform dull refrigerators into the shelves of a greenhouse, with vibrant plants and flowers.

Beyond interior design painting, Atkinson also commissions portraits. Many of her customers request paintings of their loved ones or a favorite pet. "Something personal - maybe grandchildren at the beach or a beloved pet, they are great personalized gifts during this time that can become a keepsake," she added.

Atkinson says she enjoys the challenge of seeing a new space and trying to imagine the possibilities that her art can create for it.

Once she sees a space in a home, Atkinson works with the residents to come up with a fun and creative way to transform the area into something from another place and time.

"It's always a great topic of conversation," Atkinson shared. "We take it outside and look at their doors and garages and make it look like you are going into another room. The possibilities are endless."

For more information about Door Décor and commissioned paintings, email Janie Atkinson at janieatkinson@gmail.com or call (843) 532-3882.

To see Janie's works from the article:

<https://www.dosavannah.com/news/20200513/savannah-artist-brings-fantasy-charm-to-walls-windows-and-other-items-with-decorative-paintings>

News from our Missions Committee

Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity:

Asburian Crystal Davidian, has made face masks for volunteers when Habitat reopens their volunteer program which should be sometime mid June. Also, Asburian Kevin Ambrey, is Habitat's Construction Manager.

The Monday Wisdom Seekers Group

The group is meeting now on Mondays at 1:30pm on Zoom through June 29th

If you would like to be added to our email list to receive up to date information or have questions please email paulacoach@gmail.com. In lieu of a new book we will be sharing inspirational and thought-provoking short readings with the group. We miss our Wisdom Seekers and hope that you will join us.

Church and Society News

Reminder: The primary voting in Georgia has been moved to June 9th. You can safely drop off absentee ballots in Savannah at Chatham County Board of Elections 1117 Eisenhower Drive at an outdoor drop box.
Reminder: The 2020 Census can be completed online at 2020census.gov



FOOD RELIEF

Food insecurity is a reality across the nation as the Corona virus continues to affect unemployment and to alter our normal relief procedures and agencies.

Here are the addresses for two local food pantries that have critical shortages at this time. Please donate as generously and as often as you are able.

Remember these food pantries for staples if you are in need of food:

St Michael and All Angels Food Pantry, our neighbors just south of Asbury at the corner of Waters Avenue and Washington Avenue, is in constant need of donated canned goods, especially protein and pop-tops cans. Donate canned goods on your own schedule by leaving them in the little red Community Cupboard outside their Waters Ave. door, or contact their office at (912) 354-7230 to make arrangements to bring donations to their office:
3101 Waters Ave.

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Salvation Army gladly accepts community donations of staples and canned (pop-top if possible) food at:
3100 Montgomery St.

Monday - Friday 9 am to 4 pm



Greetings, Asburians!

We offer you some new options for staying connected. As our ability to interact in person stays restricted, we need to remember that we are not alone: that we are still a vibrant faith community and God is present in the messiness of our lives to love us, lead us and witness our daily strife and pleasures.

Here are some ways to stay connected and some comforting resources:

Noontide Devotions on Monday-Wednesday-Friday

Zoom in on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12pm noon, a short, live devotion and prayer via Zoom.us at <https://zoom.us/j/121907484>

There are also links on the Church Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/asburymemorialumcsavannah/>

and the Church's webpage: www.asburymemorial.org

Sign up for Zoom at www.zoom.us and tune in on these weekdays for live devotions together. Appropriate for all ages! Children of God of all ages welcomed.

Encouraging Words

Dial 912-358-0842 to hear a recorded message of encouragement and grace. These messages from staff and laity will change frequently and are available 24-7 whenever you need a little pick-me-up. No Facebook account or computer needed!

Worship on Sundays

We will continue to tune into worship on Sundays at 11:15am.

Just go to www.asburymemorial.org and click on the worship link. Who knows what lies in store for us from week to week? Tune in and see...

Wishing you many avenues to find deep connections to your spirituality and community until we gather in person again.

And for the children and the child in all of us, check out the beautiful Godly Play stories posted through the church website or through the Asbury Memorial YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsUjjriKobIASeidLeU6AFA>

10 o'clock Hour Adult Study

Join this group for rich theological and spiritual discussion starting at 10 on Sundays, prior to worship. This Zoom link can also be found on the church website.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89482142527>

Men's Group

The Men's Group welcomes all men interested in discussing a wide array of topics and developing deeper understanding of spirituality and relationships with one another. This Webex link can be found on the church website.

<https://alphafinancialmanagement.my.webex.com/join/Alpha>

Georgia COVID-19 Emotional Support Line 866-399-8938



Georgia
Department of
Behavioral Health
& Developmental
Disabilities



The Georgia COVID-19 Emotional Support Line provides 24/7 free and confidential assistance to callers needing emotional support or resource information as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emotional Support Line is staffed by volunteers, including mental health professionals and others who have received training in crisis counseling.

A partnership between The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities, Beacon Health Options and Behavioral Health Link

**Georgia Crisis
& Access Line**

1-800-715-4225
mygcal.com

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Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL)

1-800-715-4225

GCAL is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year to help you or someone you care for in a crisis



CARES Warm Line

1-844-326-5400

Substance Abuse Challenges
Call or Text Every Day of The Year
8:30AM - 11:00PM



COVID-19 Hotline (844) 442-2681

The State of Georgia has a new COVID-19 hotline. If you believe that you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to the novel coronavirus, please contact your primary care doctor or an urgent care clinic. Please do not show up unannounced at an emergency room or health care facility.

**PEER SUPPORT
FOR GEORGIA**
888-945-1414
24/7/365
www.peer2peer.center

This service is offered by the Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network and is funded through a contract with the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

Peer2Peer Warm Line

Operating since the opening of the Peer Support and Wellness Center of Decatur in 2008, the warm line provides Georgians the opportunity to receive peer support over the phone 24 hours a day.

How to contact the Peer2Peer Warm Line
Call 888-945-1414 (toll-free) statewide, or locally:

- Decatur: 404-371-1414
- Bartow County: 770-276-2019
- Colquitt County: 229-873-9737
- Henry County: 678-782-7666
- White County: 706-865-3601



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STEP UP SAVANNAH

Kimberly Paulk
912.330.6445
M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
By phone appointment only

ST. MARY'S COMMUNITY CENTER

Johnetta Ferguson & Linda Youth
912.447.0578 Ext. # 5
M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
By phone in order received

FIRST HISPANIC BAPTIST CHURCH

Anabel Perez
828.244.2485
Lunes y Martes 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Solo por cita telefonica

MOSES JACKSON ADVANCEMENT CENTER

LeQuinton Kates & Sara Williams
M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
912.525.2166
By phone appointment only

SAVANNAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Jessie Jones
912.509.0771/ snap@savannahtech.edu
Hours based on client need
By phone appointment only

WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTERS OF SAVANNAH, INC.

Valeria Flowers
912.447.5711/
flowersv_wcc1601@yahoo.com
hours based on client need
By phone appointment only

FORSYTH FARMERS MARKET

Tasha Cunningham
347.861.9824
Hours based on Clients Need
By phone appointment only



THESE REMOTE SERVICES ARE FOR THE DURATION OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEN SHADOWS FALL

- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Laura Armitage in the death of her close friend, Joan Tatum.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Margaret Cook Levy in the death of her brother, Roger Lloyd.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Deb Gibson in the death of her aunt, Virginia (Gin) Healan.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to David Grice & John Naylor in the death of David's cousin, Donald Stubbs.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Brenda & Chris Steiner in the death of Brenda's sister-in-law, Irene Steiner.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to the Humphrey family, Suzanna & Sophia Shinn, the Hester family and the Hunter family and in the death of wildberry, Robert Humphrey.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Deborah Hargroves Staab in the death of her father-in-law, James G. (Pete) Hargroves.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Carol Melton, Darcy Melton, Crystal & John Davidian and Rev. Grover & Deanie Bell in the death of their brother & son, Dean Bell.*
- *The members of Asbury Memorial extend our love and sympathy to Charlene & Philip Branan in the death of Charlene's mother, Janie Elizabeth Cox Harris.*

MEMORIALS

A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund in memory of Jean Butcher by
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HONORARIUMS

*A Gift has been given to the Trustees Fund
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by
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Joan Byrd*

2020 Budget Offering

April 26th—\$6,217.32

May 3rd—\$19,597.65

May 10th—\$6,266.00

May 17th—\$14,770.17

May 24th—\$9,790.00

May 31st—TBA

2020 Weekly Budget Need

\$13,830.00

2020 YTD Budget Need

\$290,430.00

2020 YTD Received

\$268,275.20

PRAYER REQUESTS



Asburians

Andra Bowers, Anita Clay, Wendy Ciccodicola,
Linda Combs, Shane Conner, Margaret Cook
Levy, Vicki Cronk, Gretchen Dodd, Mickey
Dodge, Helen Downing, Sam Durham, Ellie
Gonye, Betty Haldeman, Chase Harrison, Geoff
Harrison, Donna Haynes, Cynthia Herold, Roy
Hill, John Hohnerlein, Harriet Jandrlich,
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Melton, Ginger Miles, Brenda Mills, Grady Mills,
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Mullins, Marie Parker, Pam Parker Kress,
Frank Ramsey, Nancy Saltsman, Roberta
Smith, Geri Spears, Maria Spears, Cabell
Stewart, Carolyn Stuber, Pete Vasta, Kathy
Waters, Diane Williamson, Marie Winters, Joe
Zeigler

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Price Guiton, Matt Hearn, Priscilla Hearn,
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Lynette Jones, Conrad Jordan, Lindsay
Kessler, Eddie Lewis, Kenny Lewis, Kim Lewis,
Chris Linthicum, Ronny Martin, Zach
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Frank Stanton, Emery Stanyek, Rev. Eric Titus,
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Flowers in the Sanctuary

Supplying the flower arrangements for the worship service is a wonderful way to commemorate a date that is important to you or a loved one. Please check the Flower Chart in the narthex and sign up. The cost is \$60. For more information call the church office at 233-4351.

Special Funds

One way to honor or to remember a loved one is with a memorial or an honorarium to some of our different funds such as the Trustee Fund, General Fund, Piano/Organ Fund, the Children's Fund, Youth Fund or one of our Mission Funds.

Newsletter Information

If you have an announcement for "The Asbury Update," please send it to the church office in writing by the 15th of each month. Contact Claudette DeLong, Office Manager at 233-4351 or email to church@asburymemorial.org
Office hours are 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday thru Thursday.

Mission Statement:

Asbury Memorial is a place where all people can develop their spirituality, use their talents, and grow in faith as we seek to love, serve, and celebrate God, each other, and our community.