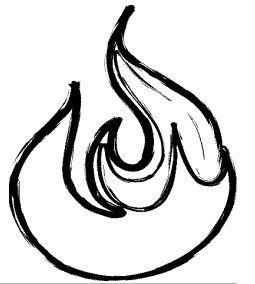


ASBURY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

THIS WEEK AT ASBURY

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WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!!

From the SLT (Student Leadership Team) and ILT (International Leadership Team)

As the Student Leadership Team president, I want you to know I'm glad you are here. The whole Student Leadership Team is glad you are here.

For many new students, coming to Asbury Theological Seminary is a scary time. It is a time of change. For some, it is a change in lifestyles, while for others it's an interruption of some well laid plans. In many cases, it is a surrender to God's will.

For all of us, this is a place of discovery as God reorders the world many of us had comfortably settled into.

This is a learning experience. Open not just your heart to what God wants to do in your life but open yourself to new relationships with people who will be different from you. This entire experience is about learning new information and challenging what is comfortable.

Many returning students are asking the same questions you are asking: ... Why am I here? Who are these people and how will this all come together?

We are here because God wants us here. These people are the ones who will help in the shaping and molding God will do in you. As for how this will all come together ... I can't help you.

During this time, know that the Student Leadership Team is here to help you as you make the transition to seminary life. SLT is a group of servant leaders who not only advocate for students with the seminary administration, but we also provide social and recreational activities as well as service opportunities for the seminary community.

SLT serves you. One of the ways we will serve you is during a picnic from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5 on the Campus Green. The dinner will be in conjunction with the Community Fair being sponsored by Community Life. The Community Fair is from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Sherman Thomas Student Center Lobby. We are calling the picnic "Dinner with Friends," in hopes that you will make new friends and returning students will be able to reconnect with old friends and make new friends. These friends will be the people who will help you, comfort you and be someone you can laugh with, cry with, pray with and most of all grow with as we all journey together.

The SLT team has already set goals. We want to make sure that we communicate well with you and let you know we are available to you. Also, our prayer is that we all realize we are a part of the body of Christ despite our differences and that it is necessary to develop relationships at all levels — with administrators, faculty, staff and fellow students — and encourage each other.



This is a great time to be at Asbury. Why? Because you are here. Welcome!

Karen Bates - Student Body President

New International Students! Welcome from the ILT (International Leadership Team)

It is not easy to be in a strange land. Some of you have come thousands of miles from here. I came from over 8000 aeronautical miles to the United States. I had my concerns like I am sure you do today. It is natural. However, you will soon discover that it is God who has allowed you to be here at this point in time, and He has a purpose for you. You are welcome to Asbury Theological Seminary, a community of caring saints from most nations of the earth. Here, the hearts meet the heads, and saints are conformed to the image of Christ.

My name is Stanley Chinedum Nwoji. I am from the Igbo nation in Nigeria, West Africa. I am married to a wonderful and sweet sister Margaret, and we are here with our daughter. This year, God has granted me the great privilege to serve you as the International Leadership Team (ILT) President. I am a PhD Student of the E. Stanley Jones School of Evangelism and World Mission. I have been here since the fall of 2004, and I testify that you are in the right place and God has made space for you so that you can be all He desires, and that He will use you to bless all the nations of the earth. This is a higher call. There are two others that serve with me in the ILT. They are Margaret Thompson (a Canadian) and Leslie Samuel (an Indian). There are also the Community Life assistants that will be introduced to you during your orientation.

It is important that you understand the International Leadership Team and what the ILT does. Our vision is to be a kingdom community that celebrates unity in diversity. We encourage the wider ATS community to grow in cultural awareness and hospitality. We welcome new students and their families and hope to be able to help them find their place in the Asbury Family. Our mission is to foster the growth of intercultural community on campus. We provide hospitality, care and support for the international students and their families. We build bridges between cultures and create awareness of different worldviews, give voice to the concerns of the international community and develop means to ensure continuity and further growth of this mission. To achieve our vision and mission we do the following:

1. Organize events that will create cultural awareness and encourage world missions.
2. Foster the growth of intercultural community and developing meaningful friendship between national and international students.
3. Care for international student's spiritual, physical and other specialized needs.
4. Help international students to contribute to the Asbury community.
5. Serve as advocates for the international community.

Once again we welcome you to Asbury Theological Seminary. We believe that your stay here will be useful to you and the kingdom of God. Remember that we are at your service. You can contact us just by typing our names into the first class mailing system. May the good Lord bless and keep you,



Stanley Chinedum Nwoji
International Leadership Team President

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:



Cindy Larsen
By Sam Eden

Whether fresh off the plane or fresh back from the summer study in Wilmore, new and current international students alike have a special friend in Cindy Larsen. Cindy serves as Financial Aid International Consultant at ATS.

Cindy has seen several different new horizons of her own on her own journey to Asbury. Born at Dayton Beach FL, Cindy studied architecture at Georgia Tech and interior design at the University of Tennessee.

Asked how she came to Asbury Seminary, Cindy indicated that her pastor who had gone to Candler Seminary in Atlanta, recommended Asbury. Both the pastor and his wife had gone to Asbury College across the street as undergrads. Her immediate reaction to Asbury campus is worth quoting verbatim, "When I arrived on campus, before I met a single person, I felt a strong presence of the Holy Spirit. I knew I belonged here. The rest of that visit confirmed my discernment."

When not busy counseling students with a variety of immigration questions, Cindy loves to relax, going mudding in her off-road Jeep Wrangler. Let me let her tell you about her granddaughter in her own words, "I never thought I would be a grandmother because both of my children had serious chronic illness with an early terminal prognosis. God has healed them and blessed me with this grandchild. I praise God every day for this. Soon Abby will be old enough to go mudding with Nana."

Finally, I asked Cindy to leave you students, new and old, with what she enjoys most about working with students from more than two dozen countries as well as the best single piece of advice she could give to international students whether new or old. Below is her reply in some level of detail, "Working with international students opens my eyes to the wider world and cultures I have not yet experienced. Although I have traveled a lot before, I have not seen the world. I love listening to students and praying with them, hearing their testimonies and about their ministries & cultures. I know that I'm called to serve God by serving the students in this community. I give thanks to God for this privilege."

"With regard to advice, I want all students to know that I am their advocate and truly want to help them in whatever way that I can. This means they need to come by my office at least once a semester and chat even if they don't have a problem."

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ATS

ATS New Student Orientation (NSO) is *Wednesday-Friday, Aug. 30-Sep. 1*. We will be welcoming over 160 new students and families for the fall semester!

"Dinner with Friends" from *5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5* on the campus green. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, and more. Games will include corn-hole, egg toss, 3-legged race and fun interaction with the Asbury community. Sponsored by Student Leadership Team.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Intramural Sports. Sign up for ALL sports will begin on September 4th and continue through September 15th. The sports that will be offered are: volleyball, basketball, softball and raquetball. Other sports may be added, depending on the interest level. Sign up sheets are posted outside the gym on the Intramural board. For more information contact Alex Clark on FirstClass.

Indoor Soccer will be held every *Wednesday, beginning September 6, from 8:30-11 p.m.* in the student service center's gymnasium. All ages are welcome from 8:30-9:30 p.m. Play is reserved to college age and older after 9:30 p.m. Spouses and friends of seminarians are welcome to play. For more information contact Amy Penfold on FirstClass.

IMPORTANT FALL DATES!

Tuesday, September 5th	Semester Begins
Friday, September 8th	Student Insurance Enrollment / Waiver Card Due Meal Plan Selection must be made by all dorm residents Drop/Add Period Ends Last day to drop a class with full refund Deadline for Dec 06/Jan 07 Graduation Applications
Monday, September 11th	Official Statement available on-line
Friday, September 22nd	Complete or 1st payment due in the Business Office

CHAPEL SERVICES:



Tuesday, September 5 - Opening Convocation
President Jeff Greenway, Sixth President of Asbury Theological Seminary

President Greenway is from Pennsylvania, where he served as a United Methodist Minister and most recently as District Superintendent in the role of the Dean of the Bishop's Cabinet. He is married to Beth, and they have three children.



Thursdays, September 7 - Opening Communion
Rev. JD Walt, Dean of the Chapel

Vice President for Community Life and Dean of the Chapel. He is an ordained Elder in the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. JD is married to Tiffani, and they have four children.

LOCAL CHURCH INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS:

Recommended and submitted by other students

Bethel Harvest Church

3260 Lexington Road, Nicholasville, KY 40356
Phone: 859-881-3939 Website: www.bethelharvestchurch.org
Service Times: 10 AM Sunday & 7 PM Wednesday
Childrens and Youth Ministry provided for each service

Welcome!!! Come visit **Chruch of the Savior (COS)** in Nicholasville. We are a non-denominational community church located just outside of Lexington, Kentucky in Jessamine County.

1301 Brannon Road, Nicholasville, KY 40356
Phone: 859-223-1161 Website: www.cosonline.org

Senior Pastor: Steve Pearson

Description: Interdenominational, Contemporary Worship, Missions/Outreach Focus, Variety of Specialized Ministries (Music, Care, Men, Women, 20-Somethings, Youth, Children) If you need a ride....call the church.

Sunday Worship (English): 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sunday Worship (Spanish): 1 p.m.
Discipleship Journey Classes: Sundays @ 9 a.m.
FusionNet (Youth): Sundays @ 6 p.m.
Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. (dinner served @ 6 p.m.)
Small Groups, Prayer Groups & Bible Studies: throughout week.

St. Andrews United Methodist Church

1075 Ashgrove Road, Nicholasville, KY 40356
Phone: 859-272-6868 :: Rev. Wayne and Kasey Burt
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. & Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday evening 6:15p.m. shared meal and study groups for all ages.

Mission Statement: Our mission is to serve God through the endwelling of the Holy Spirit made possible to us by His Son Jesus Christ. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and that Jesus is the Bread of Life.

Hope Springs Community Church is a church plant in Lexington that meets in a warehouse at 1109 Versailles Rd. (close to down town). Our multi cultural services are 9:30 and 11AM for English and 7:30 PM for Spanish. Friday nights at 7 PM we have the area's largest Celebrate Recovery program, a recovery service for those battling addictions. The evening begins with an optional meal at 6:15 PM and small groups following the church service that are specific to "hurts, habits, and hang-ups" that folks are dealing with. Come and join a vibrant and caring congregation! Church Phone number: 252-6400, or call me, Barbara Holsinger, at the seminary: 858-2162 for details. Blessings and Welcome to Asbury!

Versailles United Methodist Church

110 N. Court Street, Versailles, KY 40383
Phone: (859) 873-4304 Fax: (859) 879-1866 Email: versaillesumc@hotmail.com

We are a small town family church where people will come to know you and love you as you enter into the life of our congregation. Our sanctuary is a beautiful, worshipful setting where we offer blended services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. We also have many small group opportunities and Sunday School Classes from which to choose. Come join us!

Wilmore Christian Church is located on North Lexington Ave. beside the statue of Francis Asbury on his horse (Or, depending upon your perspective, it could be Clint Eastwood from the movie, Pale Rider.), right across the street from Glide-Crawford Dorm. Service times: Sunday School is at 10:00 with Rev. Terry Flewelling teaching from the book of "Revelation: Living Holy in an Unholy World Right Now." Morning Service begins at 11:00. We are a small congregation of about 35. Worship is traditional. There is no Sunday evening service, nor do we have an official midweek service yet, but that is in the works. Pastor Terry can be reached at 858-0933 or by cell, 317-0836, or at Asbury College Phys Plant 858-3511 ext2271.

Welcome to the Wilmore campus of Asbury Seminary! We thank God for bringing you here and pray that your seminary experience will be all that you (and God) want it to be.

The Wilmore United Methodist Church is located at 209 E. Main Street (it's the large yellow brick building behind Grice). Our telephone number is 858-3559 or -3550, email address is wilmoreumc@alltel.net and the web address is wilmoreumc.org. Our pastor is Jamie Williams, himself an Asbury alumnus. Our congregation is a good mix of Asbury College and Seminary professors, students, and staff, as well as townspeople. Worship is a blend of traditional and contemporary. We call our Sunday school classes "community groups" and there are several to choose from. Community groups meet at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service is at 10:45 a.m. The Sunday evening service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesday nights a light family meal is prepared for a small charge, followed by Bible study and/or studies on topics of interest and youth and children's programming.

Our *mission statement* reads as follows: "We are a body of believers being conformed to the image of Christ for the sake of the world."

OTHER AREA CHURCHES:

Wilmore:

Wilmore Free Methodist

1200 Lexington Rd., Wilmore, KY
(859) 858-3521

Wilmore Presbyterian

100 N. Lexington Ave., Wilmore, KY
(859) 858-3074

Mt. Freedom Baptist

100 S. Lexington Ave., Wilmore, KY
(859) 858-3422

Perkins Chapel

119 Scott St., Wilmore
(859) 236-8782

Community Missionary Church

702 E. Main St., Wilmore, KY
(859) 858-4221

Mt. Zion UMC

Please contact Professor Thobaben
(859) 858-8058

First Assembly of God

1701 Wilmore Rd., Wilmore, KY
(859) 885-7601

New Life UPC

8040 Harrodsburg Rd., Wilmore, KY
(859) 887-2526

Great Commission Fellowship

225 Walnut St., Wilmore, KY
(859) 858-8301

The Salvation Army

402. W. College Ave., Wilmore, KY
(859) 858-3734

Cedar Top Baptist Church

117 Scott St., Wilmore, KY

Lexington:

Calvary Free Methodist Church

2924 Clays Mill Rd., Lexington, KY
(859) 276-3202

Centenary United Methodist Church

2800 Tates Creek Rd., Lexington, KY
(859) 269-2800

Christ United Methodist Church

3801 Harrodsburg Rd., Lexington, KY
(859) 223-1303

The Rock / La Roca United Methodist Church

1015 N. Limestone, Lexington, KY
(859) 255-0712

Wesley United Methodist Church

1825 Russell Cave Rd., Lexington, KY
(859) 293-5873

St. Luke United Methodist Church

2351 Alumni Dr., Lexington, KY
(859) 269-4687

Quinn Chapel AME Church

744 Charles Ave., Lexington, KY
(859) 252-4058

First Alliance Church

2201 Old Higbee Mill Rd., Lexington, KY
(859) 223-1394

Salvation Army

722 W Main St., Lexington, KY
(859) 252-7706

Stonewall Wesleyan Church

3353 Clays Mill Rd., Lexington, KY

New Student Information:

For transition information, which includes local restaurants, churches, etc; go on-line to <http://www.asburyseminary.edu/countdown/otherhelp.htm>

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Southland Jamboree on *September 5* on Southland Drive the Family-friendly. Live Bluegrass. 7 p.m. Free. Jam session to follow at 8 p.m. (bring your instruments). Note: next to Collins Bowling Lanes. (859)260-1048

UK Art Museum: Art @ Noon Lecture on *September 6*

Curator's Choice with Kristin Kopperud. Guest lecturers discuss current exhibitions or the permanent collection. 12 noon. Free to the public. UK Art Museum is located in the Singletary Center for the Arts. (Meet at the Museum's reception desk) (859)257-6199

S.Broadway/Maxwell Street the Farmers' Market on *September 7*

Fruits and vegetables, herbs, flowers, jams and jellies, honey, Kentucky specialties and more. (Note: The Farmers' Market is also held each Saturday on Vine Street between S.Upper and S.Limestone in Lexington) Parking is Free. Starts at 7 a.m. and runs until the last farmer packs up and goes home. Rain or shine. (859)548-3516

Loudoun House, Photography NOW Opening Preview on *September from 6 - 9 p.m.*

Free and open to the public. For more information call 859-254-7024 or visit <http://www.lexingtonartleague.org>.

Wilmore Senior Community Center: Costa Rica Youth Choir on *September 8 at 11:00 a.m.*

Ranging in age from 12 to 17, twenty-four students from the "Colegio Metodista" school in San Hose, Costa Rica, will present a program of lively classical, religious and folk songs. Director, Roland Brenes, is well known for his excellent choir groups that tour extensively in North, South and Central America, winning many awards along the way. Come enjoy this international celebration of music! Friday, September 8th, 11:00 AM. Free and open to the public.