

THIS WEEK AT ASBURY SEMINARY

October 8-14, 2007

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Tuesday, October 9 – **Sean Gladding, Co-Pastor, Mercy Street**

Sean is a native of Norwich, England. He came to the U.S. in 1991 to work at the Texas Tech Wesley Foundation with Matt Russell, his best friend from Capernwray Bible College in England. He stayed in Lubbock for the next 5 years to develop the local mission and outreach program of First Methodist, and also help begin an alternative worship service. He studied at TTU, and graduated in 1997 with a BGS in addiction studies.

Sean came to Asbury in the fall of 1998. He was part of Communality, an intentional missional community living and working with the marginalized in downtown Lexington. He met his wife, Rebecca, in Greek class. After graduating with an MDiv in May 2002, Sean and Rebecca moved to Houston, Texas, to serve on the staff of Mercy Street, a ‘church within a church’ at Chapelwood UMC. Mercy Street was planted by Matt Russell, and over the last ten years has become a community for people in recovery: both recovery from addiction, and recovery from bad church experiences.

Sean is the first member of his family to become a Jesus follower. He has had the privilege of baptizing both his parents, a brother, sister-in-law and nephew. Sean and Rebecca have two children: Maggie is 3 and Seth is 2. Sean has ridden his ’84 Harley Davidson most days since 1991.

Visit at www.mercystreet.org Listen at <http://www.recoveryu.com/chapel/> Contact at sgladding@chapelwood.org

Wednesday, October 10 – **Kingdomtide Celebration: Story, Song, and Sacrament**

Ginny Jones and Sandra Edwards (Sandy)

Ginny Jones was born in Savannah, GA, but has lived most of her life in the metro-Atlanta area. She gave her life to Christ 2 weeks before leaving to start college. She attended GA Southern University where she was active in leadership for the campus ministries-Vision Ministries and The Wesley Foundation. Her passion is for the college-aged population, specifically in the area of counseling. Ginny will graduate in December of 2007 with a MA in Counseling and plans to continue and obtain a PhD in Counseling Psychology.

Sandy grew up in Muncie, Indiana and graduated from Ball State University with a BS in Political Science and a minor in both Women’s Studies and Sociology. She has been a Certified Lay Preacher in the United Methodist Church since 1999. She enjoys proclaiming the gospel in nontraditional settings including street evangelism, parks, and city wide unity services. Her ministry experience includes working at Christian Ministries of Delaware County, Food and Clothing Coordinator at The Rock/La Roca UMC, and most recently at Open Door Community House in Columbus, GA. Sandy is pursuing a MDiv degree at Asbury with the goal of becoming an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. She has a deep passion to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with the world especially to those living in marginalized conditions.

Open Door Community House, Inc., is a National Mission Institution of the General Board of Global Ministries and the South Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, is a member of the United Neighborhood Centers of America, and is a member agency of the United Way of Chattahoochee Valley, Inc. The ministry is located in the heart of Columbus, Georgia. It is a unique non-profit agency, which offers a wide range of educational, recreational, social and support services, which empower low to moderate-income persons of all ages. Through the love of Jesus Christ, this ministry offers opportunities for spiritual growth, establishes relationships with individuals and families in need, and works cooperatively with other area service agencies to bring about reconciliation in the lives of the people in the community. The

agency offers programs such as: Transition Home for Women in Crisis, Case Management for Women, Children and Youth Summer Academy and After-school Program, Senior Adult Program and a Showering Program for the homeless.
<http://www.odch.org/>

Thursday, October 11 – **International Beeson Pastors**

On Thursday, October 11, a special offering will be taken for the Philippian Fund in Chapel. Please come prepared to give. The Philippian Fund is an emergency fund to aid students facing unexpected financial needs. Application for Philippian Fund grants may be made to the Office of Community Life via Sarah Jackson on First Class.

*Chapel is held three times per week on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday at 11 a.m. in Estes Chapel unless otherwise noted

*For speaker bios and more information check out

http://www.asburyseminary.edu/chapel/wilmore_current.php

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Monday, Oct 8 – Spouse & Family Couples Connect 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Cordelia A & B.

couples connect: celebrating each other

Infuse your marriage with creativity, encouragement, practical tools and intimacy. This event encourages the development of healthy patterns in your marriage through the wisdom of respected couples and interactive time with your spouse. Childcare is provided for all spouse & family events in the Deepend. For more information call the Spouse & Family Ministries Office at 859.858.2315.

Married Couples!

Consider signing up this week for the ALPHA MARRIAGE small group. It is an invitation to a tightly knit group for ANY couple desiring to strengthen their marriage. Each week the group meets over deliciously decadent desserts and goes through a series of 7 topics including communication, in-laws, intimacy, and resolving conflict. Learn new things about your spouse and yourself as you talk through issues that may have been pushed aside, how each of you feel loved, and how to mutually heal the hurt caused by one another. From group fellowship to personal conversations just between you and your spouse, this is an opportunity to invest in each other and build up your marriage. \$25 a couple for 8 "dates" every Thursday night from 7-9:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 11th. Register at: spouse_family@asburyseminary.edu with "alpha marriage" as subject. Questions? Email kelly_grace@asburyseminary.edu or 618-339-7497.

The Martha R. Jones Foundation and Asbury Theological Seminary presents:

Temple Caretakers: a ministry of health and wellness for the Christian

We are convinced that people can live much healthier, happier lives if they can first be made aware of some simple but very important facts about exercise, nutrition, and being in control of their lives, and second be inspired to act upon these facts. We are very excited about reaching out in this community to present this message and to help give the incentive needed for people to make these lifestyle changes.

Temple Caretakers will be a series of wellness talks for Asbury Seminary's students, staff, faculty, administrators, spouses, children, those associated with Asbury College, towns folk, and anyone else who is interested. We will be meeting in Cordelia Thomas dining room B for all meetings in this series. The first meeting will be **Tuesday October 9, 2007, at 5:15 p.m.** We invite students who eat in the dining hall, or anyone else who would like to eat during the meeting, to get their food and bring it with them to the talks (this is in fact the main reason why we have planned it for this time and place!).

Each meeting will include a talk by a special invited guest speaker, for about 20 minutes followed by a question and answer period. Therefore the meeting will be about 45 minutes to one hour, depending on the number of questions. **Our first meeting, on October 9**, will include some of our Seminary and College “notables”, telling how important they believe taking care of our temples is and how they personally go about taking care of their temples. They will include: **Dr. Ellsworth Kalas** (acting President of Asbury Seminary), **Rev. JD Walt** (Vice-President and Dean of Chapel at ATS), **Dr. Jerry Walls** (Professor: Philosophy of Religion at ATS), **Jarrell Dunson** (Administrative Computer Coordinator at ATS), **Katherine Spink** (an MDIV student at ATS from Canada) and **Dr. Ken Pickerill** (Professor of Athletic Compliance at Asbury College).

For more information, contact Mary Nagle at (859) 858.2318.

The Admissions Office wants to let the ATS community know about this fall's PREVIEW WEEKENDS

Friday and Saturday, October 12 & 13 (Kentucky Campus)

Friday and Saturday, October 19 & 20 (Florida Campus)

Preview Weekend is a time set-aside for potential students to come and experience first hand the formational and educational community that makes Asbury unique. Meals and lodging are provided for our guests and we give them a taste of Asbury - including chapel, class, tours, Q&A time, and dinner with faculty and staff.

We want to let you know about the Preview Weekend so you can invite friends who might be interested in ATS. If you know any prospective students who have not yet visited one of our geophysical campuses, please invite them to take part in one of these weekends. Information and online registration are available on our website: www.asburyseminary.edu -click on the Preview Weekend link on the right side of the page.

Final Notice from the Police

This is the final notice from the Wilmore Police Department: Please make sure that you abide by the 2-hr parking limit on Gillespie Street (road between the Bookstore and Larabee Morris dorm). The officers have been giving notice for the past four weeks, but will now begin to ticket accordingly. Thank you for your cooperation.

AHOP-- Asbury House of Prayer. You will remember **Pete Greig's** visit to our campus back in September. In addition to his chapel message, which may be listened to here:

<http://www.asburyseminary.edu/community/wilmore/spiritual-life/current> you may also listen to his Thursday night and Friday morning teaching sessions here:

<http://asburyseminary.edu/chapel/bonusfeatures.php> It's fantastic material and would be well worth your time as well as the engagement of ministries with which you are involved.

Our Stephen Ministers are Ready to Care for You!

Whether Faculty, Staff, Student or Spouse,- Asbury Seminary **Stephen Ministers** are CONFIDENTIAL, one-to-one, trained members of the Seminary Community who are ready to provide distinctly Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage and pray both with and for you weekly through your difficult time. For more information, contact: Sherry Peyton (859)-230-7498; Dale Scritchfield (859)-608-1298; or Rhoda Cheggeh (859)-885-8013.

How about YOU?

Have you ever thought about participating in Stephen Ministry? A New class is forming for *Spring of 08*. Applications will be placed at the Student Center October 8 through November 3, 2007. **If you would like more information about becoming a Stephen Minister in the Asbury Community, contact Sherry Peyton: on first class or call (859) 230-7498.**

FEATURES

Heard on Campus

Karen Bates in the Student Leadership Team Chapel at <http://www.asburyblog.net/2007/10/heard-in-chapel.html>

Dr. Joe Dongell in chapel during Holiness Week at <http://www.asburyblog.net/2007/10/heard-in-chap-1.html>

The Asbury Blogger's Society Blogpost of the Week comes from Ryan Strebeck. Check out their 3-year-old singing the "Alphabet Song." Only this time it's the Greek Alphabet! Watch here:

<http://strebecktimes.blogspot.com/2007/09/greek-alphabet-melody.html>

Are you a blogger? Please join the Asbury Bloggers Society today:

http://asburyseminary.blogs.com/asbury_blogging/

Recent Graduate in the News. Check out this short United Methodist Reporter interview with recent graduate Omar Alrikabi here: <http://www.umportal.org/article.asp?id=2620>.

Seminary Organist celebrated for 30 years of service. Read the story on Albin Whitworth here:

<http://www.kentucky.com/158/story/189494.html>

Seen someone from ATS in the news? Please let us know by sending the link to community_news@asburyseminary.edu.

Dear Robbie,

How do I become a trendier, more relevant Christian?

Thanks,

Not with it

Click here to read more <http://www.asburyblog.net/2007/10/dear-robbie.html>

HAVE A QUESTION FOR ROBBIE? SEND IT TO [community_news@asburyseminary.edu!](mailto:community_news@asburyseminary.edu)

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Sacred Spaces Photography Exhibit at Asbury College. For more information, check out

<http://www.asburyblog.net/2007/10/sacred-spaces-e.html>

Dorothy J. and Fred K. Smith Endowed Concert on October 10th at Transylvania University. Kronos Quartet. This event will take place at Haggin Auditorium on Transylvania University's campus. 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. (859) 233-8120

Red Barn Radio Bluegrass and More! October 10th at the ArtsPlace. Featuring "Quick Six." Red Barn Radio is

bringing Bluegrass Music to The Performance Hall at ArtsPlace. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 and free for children under age 12. ArtsPlace is located at 161 North Mill Street, Lexington (859) 277-8224

Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen Fall Fair at Berea, Memorial Park on October 13-14. This fair is the perfect way to the newest work of Kentucky's finest artists and craftsmen. Enjoy artisan's demonstrations, exciting entertainment and tasty food. Hands on activities for all ages. Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, and children 12 and under are free. (859) 986-3192

Evans Orchard Harvest Celebration on October 13-14. Bring the family to enjoy the Harvest Celebration! U-pick pumpkins and family activities. Every weekend in October. Evans Orchard is located at 180 Stone Rd., Georgetown, KY. (502) 863-2255

Stay up-to-date on the "big news" in Wilmore at <http://www.wilmore.org/index.htm>.

Have an announcement, a question for Robbie, a quote for Heard on Campus, or other material you would like to submit to *This Week at Asbury*? Contact us at community_news@asburyseminary.edu. This Week at Asbury is published on a weekly basis. **The deadline for submissions is at noon on the Wednesday prior to the week you want the material to appear.**

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