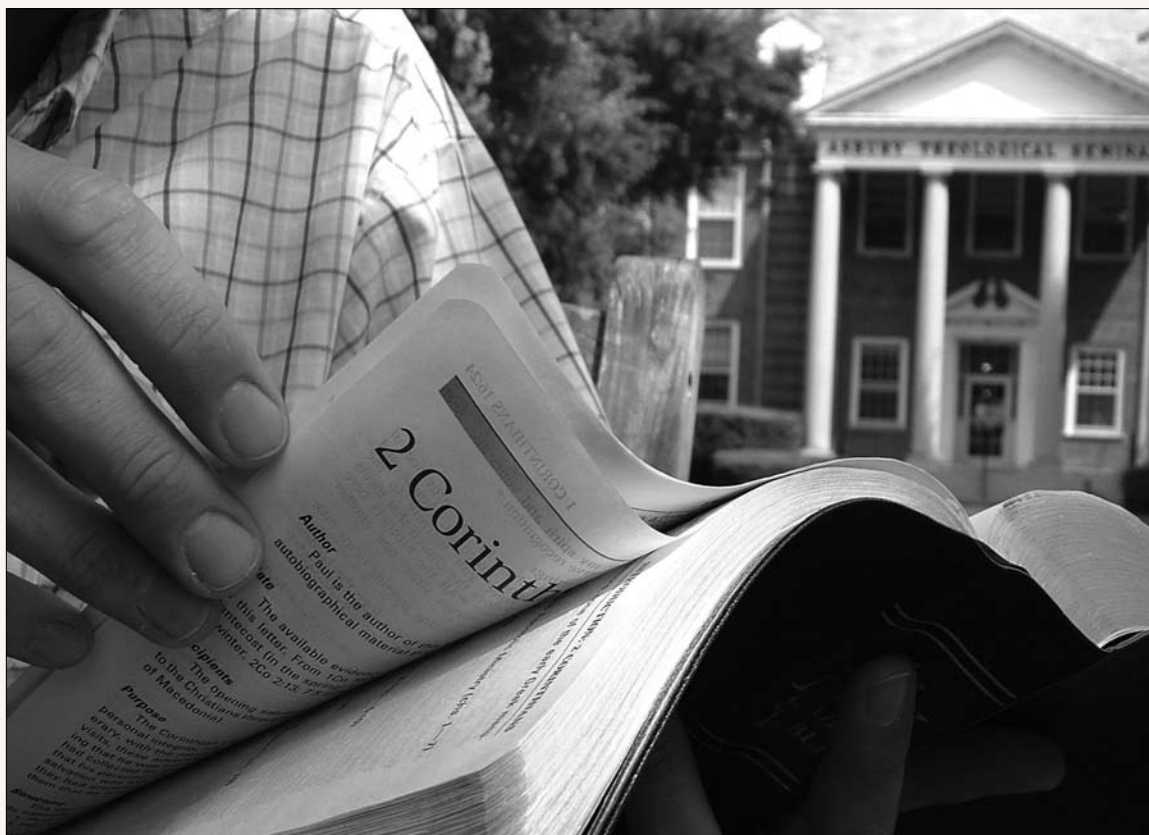


“Linking *Asburians* from around the *world* to *Christ*, and one another.”

# The Asbury Link

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## The Church

Asbury Theological Seminary was founded 85 years ago to serve the church. When we say this, we mean the Church with a capital C, to indicate the whole people of God from the day of Pentecost until eternity. But we also mean every local church, of whatever size, location, or structure.

So we're happy to be present at your Conference, because our life as a seminary is wrapped up with yours, both as a Conference and in your local church. May God bless us together as we join in the work of our Lord.

J. Ellsworth Kalas  
President

## QUICK FACTS:

### Enrollment:

Total: 1,654  
Wilmore: 959  
Orlando: 228  
Virtual: 467

Student/Faculty ratio: 27.1

States Represented: 42

Colleges Represented: 568

Countries Represented: 38

### Average Age of Students:

Under 21: 1%  
Ages 22-29: 34%  
Ages 30-35: 12%  
Ages 36-39: 13%  
Ages 40-50: 23%  
Ages 50-64: 16%  
Ages 65+: 1%

### Top 10 Denominations:

(total represented: 96)

United Methodist  
Non-Denominational  
Wesleyan  
Nazarene  
Free Methodist  
African Methodist  
Episcopal  
Southern Baptist  
Presbyterian  
Assemblies of God  
Korean Methodist

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# D.Min. Program

## Have you ever considered obtaining a Doctor of Ministry but didn't think it was possible?

Asbury Seminary now offers three ways to obtain this advanced professional degree. As our alumni, you know Asbury Seminary and our commitment to education. We can show you how to increase your knowledge and your passion by infusing new, practical tools into your ministry. Our D.Min. programs offer specialized tracks that equip pastors with a significantly higher level of competence than in their previous academic studies.

### In-Ministry track

This track is designed for the church leader who wants to earn this degree while still maintaining the pastoral role within the local church. This program consists of 30 semester hours, which can be completed in three to five years.

### Non-Resident track

Our new non-resident track is similar in design to the in-ministry track in that pastors can maintain their full-time positions while earning a D.Min. degree. This track offers on-campus courses held during the summer months.

### Beeson Pastor track

This is a one year, on campus program. Pastors and their families live on campus while earning the D.Min. in a cohort model.

For more information about our Doctor of Ministry program, contact our admissions team at 800.2Asbury.

## New Faculty

Four new faculty members were approved and will begin July 1.

**Dr. Anne Gatobu** will serve as the Assist. Prof. of Pastoral Counseling. She comes to us from the pastorate of Wallace United Methodist Church in Wallace, NE. Dr. Gatobu earned her Ph.D. and M.A. from the Univ. of Denver/ILIFF School of Theology. She has B.A. from the Univ. of Nairobi.

**Dr. John Hong** will join Asbury Seminary as the Prof. of Evangelism in the ESJ School of World Mission and Evangelism. He is currently serving in the J.B. & Bette Crouse Chair of Evangelism at the Seoul Theological University in Bucheon City, Korea. Dr. Hong received his Th.D. at Boston University. He received his M.A. and Th.M. at Asbury Seminary and M.Div. at Seoul Theological University.

**Dr. Michael Matlock** will serve as Assist. Prof. of Inductive Bible Study on our Virtual campus. Dr. Matlock has been serving as an affiliate and adjunct with Asbury Seminary since 2001. He also served as a teaching fellow at Asbury for three years. Matlock did his Ph.D. work at Hebrew Union College. He received a M.Phil. at Hebrew Union College, a M.Div. from Asbury Seminary and B.A. from Southern Wesleyan University.

**Dr. James Miller** is the Assoc. Prof. of New Testament and will serve on the Asbury Florida Dunnam campus. Dr. Miller comes to Asbury Seminary from the Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology where he served as the Dean of Doctoral Programs. Miller earned his Ph.D. at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. He received a M.Div. at Asbury Seminary and B.A. at Oral Roberts University.

# Home coming 2008

September 4-6

Absbury Theological Seminary • Kentucky Campus

  
the  
community  
of faith

Return to Wilmore, Ky. for a time of fellowship through worship and teaching.

*"In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:5 (NIV)*

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## Asbury Seminary *Updates*

### Presidential

The Board recognized the tremendous contributions and service of Ellsworth Kalas as interim President. In tribute to Dr. Kalas the Board voted with great enthusiasm to remove the title "interim" from the title of President for the duration of his service to Asbury Seminary.

This action was taken as an expression of the immense appreciation and respect the Board and community have for Ellsworth and in acknowledgement of the reality that he is being "presidential" in every sense of the word in moving the seminary forward in so many areas. His capable leadership is strengthening in every way the position and platform that the new President will have when such time comes.

The Presidential search continues with optimism. At this time there are approximately eight presidential searches being held in evangelical seminaries; in addition, we are reminded that these searches can and often do take longer than anticipated. Our search committee continues to actively engage with potential candidates. As people of faith we are committed to the process and to God's timing, not our own.

### Financial

The finance committee reported on the current financial status of the seminary (through February 29, 2008). Actual revenues remain higher than budgeted and actual expenses remain lower than budgeted, giving a double boost to the seminary's "bottom line," which is now about \$1.3 million ahead of projections.

The investment committee also reported on the status of the endowment. The past four months have been quite turbulent in the market. Nevertheless, thanks in large part to the excellent service and advice from Morgan Stanley (the seminary's endowment manager), the seminary began moving its endowment toward a more defensive posture about nine months ago, including careful integration of more alternative investments. As a result, the endowment has outperformed its benchmarks by several percentage points, even in a down market.

The Board expressed immense gratitude for the stewardship of the staff, administration and entire seminary community by keeping expenses below budget. Appreciation was also stated for the superior job of the administration. We are grateful for their consistent leadership in moving Asbury Seminary forward.

COME.  
LEARN.  
SERVE.

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Admissions Office! We hope and pray that this note finds you well.

We are happy to report that the Spring Preview Weekends were a great success. Many prospective students had the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of "the Asbury experience," and based on the feedback we received, many made decisions to attend Asbury.

If you know someone who is considering graduate education, invite them to come to our table and experience firsthand the formational and educational community that makes Asbury unique.

Thank you very much for your faithful support of Asbury. *Our alumni are our most effective recruiters!*

God's peace to you,

Janelle Vernon

Admissions Director  
Alumnus, Class of 2007

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# OneATS: Asbury's New Portal

After 14 years of using First Class for e-mail and online learning, Information Technology has recognized the need to move to a completely web driven solution. The web is moving into a second generation with web 2.0, providing services to facilitate collaboration, creativity and user sharing. Asbury Seminary will be poised to support this technology by replacing First Class and implementing OneATS.

## What is a portal and what are the advantages to using a portal?

A portal is a central point of contact for an institution's web presence, presented after log in but including resources intended for external users as well as internal users. A portal should understand who you are as a user and present you with content that makes it easier for you to accomplish your given tasks within an organization.

So according to our interpretation of a portal's purpose, it's a collection of pages that connects you with everything you care about, depending on who you are.

The advantage of having a well-created portal is in the connection aspect. Users are able to see a variety of information collected from other systems and presented in a coherent way. Since it is centrally authenticated it allows you to connect with things like your e-mail without requiring a second log in.

## Why is ATS going this direction?

While having a website is great, it is typically only useful for externally presented information. Anything on the web is viewable by anyone on the web with a quality search engine. Some would argue that having a password protected section of a website would get around that, but it really would only solve part of the problem.

With OneATS you can streamline processes and present selected information without bothering

your users with excess clutter. If you are a student in Florida you probably don't have an interest in the same things that a Kentucky staff member would, so the content is tailored especially to your purposes. On the other hand, there are things that overlap so that has also been taken into consideration and those items have been put into easily accessible places.

## How is this different from getting information from the ATS website?

Most people visiting the Asbury Seminary website will never know that a portal system is in place apart from the content suggesting that they should log in for more information.

For those who do have the ability to log in it will be just as easy to obtain information—some would argue easier. One of the major benefits on both sides is that all of the content, internal or external, will be more efficiently managed and easily navigable. As a OneATS user you will have the unique opportunity to customize your experience. That feature alone will make life easier for a majority of users since it practically allows you to manage all of the things you deem important (including some non-Asbury information) from one central location.

## If I decide to use this, how secure is my information?

OneATS, at present, does not hold any personal information on its own. Your information is stored in the same secure manner that it always has been, within our academic systems. That being said, we are using industry standard security mechanisms to insure that your connection to OneATS is secure and that your information is held securely.

OneATS is an exciting move for Asbury Seminary and we hope you will register for a free alumni log in on our website, [www.asburyseminary.edu](http://www.asburyseminary.edu), starting August 1, 2008.

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October 27-30, 2008

Windsor Village United Methodist Church • Houston, TX

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SPEAKERS: Kirbyjon Caldwell, Sean Gladding, Bishop Janice Huie, Ellsworth Kalas, Tom Long, Kent Reynolds

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“FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE....” HEBREWS 4:12