



Developing all generations for significant lives in Christ.

We know it's been hot outside this summer. Sometimes it's tempting to skip church and hit the pool. But we're glad you didn't do that today! God has brought you here this morning for a reason.

We hope when you leave, your spirit is refreshed.















Summer is always a wonderful time of year for our students. Students enjoy and experience God in dynamic ways at Disciple Camp, Dayspring Camp and New Life Ranch. Asbury wanted to share with you the story of one student named Kate McElwain.

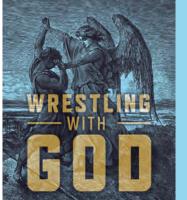
Kate is going into the 7th grade and is really looking forward to middle school. This summer, the message of the gospel really got through to Kate for the first time. It was when Mark Fowler, student ministry coordinator, said that we could be adopted as kids into God's family that Kate felt she was ready to respond in faith to Jesus Christ. And she did! Kate is excited about her new life as a daughter in God's family. She has now been attending a girls Bible study with Caroline Smallwood, student ministry coordinator, on Monday nights and reading her Bible and journaling for the very first time.



"Asbury has been so supportive of me growing in my faith. I come on Monday nights and Sunday mornings so I can keep growing deeper in my new relationship with Christ. I am excited to go to the Middle School Retreat to learn more about God and have another deep experience with Him."

Get your students connected today with Asbury's Student Ministry!

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Current Sermon Series

"Wrestling with God" will push us to think more deeply about God and His kingdom. We'll be examining five paradoxes from Scripture—paradoxes that reveal just how complex and transcendent our mysterious God is. A paradox is a statement or concept that seems contradictory but is actually true. Let's grab hold of our mysterious God, let's wrestle with His seemingly contradictory statements—and let's not let go until He blesses us.



TODAY 8th Annual Restore Hope Sunday

This huge fundraiser for food, rent assistance and Bible distribution for the Tulsa community, will be held TODAY. Your donations will give Restore Hope the wholesale buying power at the Community Food Bank as well as support resources to help families out of their current crisis onto a path of economic and spiritual vitality.

- Last year, Asbury raised more than \$140,000!
- According to Restore Hope records, 60 percent of all client households are "extremely low income" and well under the poverty line.
- Last year, Restore Hope gave more than 163,000 pounds of food to more than 4,500 families and kept 721 families from becoming homeless.
- Six hundred and two Bibles were given out, which is an 80 percent increase over the previous two years.
- More than half of those assisted by Restore Hope are children 18 years of age and under; 45 percent of those assisted with Restore Hope's food program are children in Oklahoma.
- One in five Oklahoma children is at risk of going to bed hungry.

We will have volunteers at the donation tables TODAY. Tables will be open around the church from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.



Next Steps to Joining Asbury

1. Attend a Joining Asbury luncheon.

If you are interested in joining Asbury or finding out more about us, please plan to attend one of the Joining Asbury luncheons held monthly.

At the luncheon, you will meet the pastors, find out more about Asbury's vision and hear about worship, growth and influence opportunities that are available to you.

Luncheons will take place on the following dates from 12:15–2:15 pm in the Parlor:

- August 9
- September 20
- October 11
- November 8
- December 13

Lunch is provided, and child care is available for 6 weeks to 6th grade. Call **918.392.1191** or register online at myasburytulsa.org.

2. Visit with a pastor.

After you attend the Joining Asbury luncheon, visit with a pastor. Sign up sheets are available at the luncheon.

3. Schedule to join.

Join on New Member Sunday, which is normally the second Sunday of each month.



Log on to myasburytulsa.org.

Myasburytulsa.org is a convenient tool that provides the congregation with easy access to event registration, communities, online giving, and preferred communication interests within all areas of Asbury United Methodist Church.

Register for events.

Register for RoadMap Bible classes and events for Asbury, Children's Ministry and Student Ministry.

Give securely online.

Contribute one time or set up a schedule for recurring giving. Electronic checks and debit cards, no credit cards.

Order of Worship | August 9, 2015 8:00 AM

WELCOME Dr. Guy Ames

PRELUDE

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN Standing on the Promises Dr. Pat Calhoun

Hymn #374 Rhianna Calhoun

CREED / GREETING / NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS Amazing Grace

(My Chains Are Gone)

Open My Eyes, That I May See Hymn #454

PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Tom Harrison

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE Romans 11:33–36, Jeremiah 31:34

MESSAGE Wrestling with God:

The All-Knowing God Who Forgets

Dr. Tom Harrison

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE Dr. Guy Ames

POSTLUDE

Daily scripture readings for the upcoming week:

 August 10: Luke 13:22–30
 August 13: John 3:16–17

 August 11: 2 Corinthians 5:16–21
 August 14: Genesis 18:16–33

August 12: Psalm 5:5–6 **August 15:** Jonah 3

Next Week: Wrestling with God: The God Who Loathes and Loves the Wicked



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9:15 AM

PRELUDE Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Asbury's Singing Ambassadors

WELCOME Rev. Gloria McGee-Denton

CALL TO WORSHIP Scott Long

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN Praise My Soul The King

> Of Heaven Hvmn #66

To God Be The Glory Hymn #98

The Promises of God SONG

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DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY My Chains Are Gone

Beth Groombridge

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PRAYER RESPONSE TIME

I Then Shall Live As One CONGREGATIONAL HYMN Beth Groombridge

Who's Been Forgiven

BENEDICTION Dr. Tom Harrison

Rosanna Corrales **POSTLUDE**

Connect with our pastor:

Rev. Gloria McGee-Denton | gmcgee-denton@asburytulsa.org

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11:00 AM

Romans 11:33-36, Jeremiah 31:34 **SCRIPTURE**

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SONGS HEARD TODAY

Come Thou Fount No Other Name It Is Well Mystery

Worship Pastor: Jon Odom Worship Leader: Chris Cleveland

Connect with our pastors:

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