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A 100 MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN FOR ASBURY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY!



Even as early as 2009 when I first arrived as President of Asbury Theological Seminary, I was already thinking and dreaming about the year 2023. As many of you know, our entire strategic plan was named the 2023 Strategic Plan. The plan

is our blueprint for how we prepare and ready Asbury for its next 100 years. From the outset, we knew that we could not strategically position ourselves for the future without a serious commitment to a major comprehensive campaign.

I will never forget the day we first dreamed about the size of the campaign. All of our research said that there was no possible way we could raise \$100 million. It is such a huge amount of money. It was daunting to even think about it. However, we couldn't get away from the fact that Asbury was turning 100 in 2023, and what better way to celebrate than to raise \$100 million for the future ministry of Asbury Theological Seminary!

For the last few years, we have been in the "quiet" phase of the campaign, working with our core donors and friends, seeking to build support for the campaign. It has been a wonderful experience to share the vision God gave us and see the excitement on the faces of our friends who want to be a part of it!

Our campaign is necessary because students need support. Half of our campaign is dedicated to student scholarships! This is an amazing commitment of Asbury on behalf of our future students. But, this is what we do. Asbury is about training men and women and sending them forth to "spread scriptural holiness throughout the world." We do not make widgets and sell them. We train men and women, and we send them out into the world to evangelize, pastor churches, plant new churches and proclaim the gospel. They are our product!

Our campaign is necessary because the church needs biblical resources! Another part of the campaign is to support Seedbed and our New Room Network. We launched a major resourcing and networking initiative that provides first-rate, biblical, Wesleyan resources to the Church. We need to continue growing this initiative.

Our campaign is necessary because there are hundreds of new churches to be planted! We have launched a bold initiative to train 1,000 new church planters by the year 2025. Our culture is moving rapidly into a post-Christian phase, and we are all aware of the signs of cultural

disintegration all around us. The opioid addiction alone is taking as many lives in a year as we lost in the entire Vietnam War. Families are being destroyed. Most young people have never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. We need hundreds of new churches to re-evangelize our country, which has become one of the fastest-growing mission fields in the world.

Our campaign is necessary to support our faculty. Our faculty represent the core of our mission. We are a teaching institution, and we need to attract the best faculty in the world to teach at Asbury. We are praying for an endowed chair in theology.

Our campaign is necessary to renew Estes Chapel. Our chapel in Wilmore is probably the most iconic space in the Asbury firmament. It is here that we remember we are first and foremost a worshipping community. It is here that we recall our mission to teach, preach and disciple the nations. It is here that we reflect on the grace of God in our lives.

Why are we committed to this ambitious comprehensive campaign? Because when Asbury Seminary was founded in 1923, our beloved founder, H. C. Morrison, declared that there was no more important mission than to send out laborers into the harvest. Almost 100 years ago we were launched into a mission to "spread scriptural holiness throughout the world," and we have never forgotten that riveting mandate. We live in a world reeling with massive changes. The cultural, technological and political landscape is dramatically changing. But in times of change, we must also stop and remember those that never change. People are still sinners. The world is still lost. The gospel is still good news! This is why Asbury must rise to the challenge and re-present the gospel in fresh ways. We cannot do this alone. We need faithful partners to stand with us and join us in this mission.

Thank you for joining us as we prepare for Asbury's 100th birthday in 2023. When we look back, we can see amazing examples of God's faithfulness. As we look forward, with your help, and by God's grace, we can surely say with Charles Wesley, "And, Can it Be?"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy C. Tennent". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'T'.

Dr. Timothy C. Tennent
President, Professor of World Christianity

ALL to Jesus

by *Dr. Craig Keener*
F. M. and Ada Thompson Professor of Biblical Studies

People have often criticized as unrealistic my dear friend Ron Sider, author of *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*, or as legalistic Charles Finney, John Wesley, or Saint Francis. Somehow these critics have overlooked someone even more radical.

Jesus urged his disciples to pursue the business of the kingdom and depend on their heavenly Father for provision (Luke 12:22-32). Lest we suppose that such ideals challenge only our culture, some rich people in Jesus's day thought they had too much to give up; many poor people assumed

they didn't have enough to spare.

Happily, the first time I read these passages, I was more than ready to embrace Jesus's call to give up possessions. I didn't have much to give up. Trusting him to supply my need came with greater difficulty, as I left for a Bible college without enough funds to pay for my first semester.

Although Jesus' teaching about sacrifice appears in all the Gospels, it's a special emphasis in Luke, perhaps ironic in view of some people of means in his audience (Luke 1:3). For example, people of means often invited respectable

*“Whoever has two coats must share
with anyone who has none; and
whoever has food must do likewise.”*

Luke 3:11

guests to banquets to increase their own honor; Jesus instructs them to invite instead the poor and disabled (14:13).

Jesus praises both the poor (21:2-3) and the rich who sacrifice. Zaccheus was a high-level tax collector in Jericho, where many wealthy priests lived. He could've gotten rich without cheating, but he cheated anyway. After encountering Jesus's grace, however, he volunteers half his possessions for the poor and, honoring biblical restitution teaching, he repays fourfold (19:8; cf. Exod 22:1). Jesus's response? “Today salvation has come to this household!” (Luke 19:9).

Was stewardship really part of one's relationship with God? Certainly Luke seems to think so. The “good news” that Jesus came to preach to the poor (4:18; 7:22) includes God's kingdom being theirs (6:20). Likewise, God heard Cornelius' prayer partly because of his care for the poor (Acts 10:4, 31)—not a surprising idea to anyone who has read the Old Testament (Deut. 15:9; 24:15; Prov. 19:17; 21:13).

Stewardship comes up when people ask how to be right with God. When people ask John the Baptist how to express their repentance (Luke 3:10), he admonishes whoever has two cloaks to share one with those who have none (3:11). When a ruler asks him how to inherit eternal life (18:18), Jesus instructs him to sell everything and give to the poor, so he may have heavenly treasure (18:22). As Dietrich Bonhoeffer points out in his *Cost of Discipleship*, we expend more time trying to get around this instruction than trying to learn from it.

Works don't save us, of course. When hearers ask Peter how to be saved (Acts 2:37), he summons them to repent and receive Christ (2:38). We do not wait long, however, to see that the repentant share resources (2:44-45). (This genuine fruit of the Spirit among them also recurs in

the next revival in Acts; see 4:31-35.) When Paul's jailer asks how to be saved (16:30), Paul simply commands him to trust in Jesus (16:31). This faith, however, is again expressed in a radical way. The jailer shares food with Paul and Silas (16:34), even though such generosity toward a prisoner outside the cell could risk the jailer's life (cf. 16:27).

Jesus' call to surrender possessions wasn't only for the rich ruler. Luke notes that Jesus summons all his followers to sell their possessions and lay up treasure in heaven (Luke 12:33). In fact, in the context of counting the cost, Jesus warns that no one can be his disciple without surrendering all possessions (14:33).

Jesus often used hyperbole, rhetorical overstatement; his early followers understood this, sharing possessions rather than becoming homeless. Nevertheless, the point of hyperbole is to challenge us—not to let us say, “Oh, that's just hyperbole.” As Finney pointed out, we may not lose all our possessions at the moment of conversion—but we do lose our ownership of them. We don't want to be like the rich fool whose biggest concern was what to do with his earthly possessions instead of having heavenly treasure (12:16-21).

Through various means, and despite my fears, the Lord did supply my need not only for my first year of college, but also through my Ph.D. The discipline of living very simply that I meanwhile learned, however, proved helpful also for my subsequent life. In my last years of singleness I lived in an efficiency apartment that doubled as my office; the final year I was able to sacrifice 90 percent of my income. My life with a family is admittedly different, but there's a freedom in not being bound by possessions or caring about status symbols. There's a blessing in being a blessing to others. And Jesus promises more rewards to come.



Faithful in Prayer & Giving

Mary Grace and Margaret Randerson have faithfully supported Asbury Theological Seminary for 32 years with their prayers and financial gifts. Neither sister ever married, but lead full, active, faith-filled lives of service, even in their 90s.

The sisters first arrived in Wilmore, Ky., on a train to attend Asbury University (then College) in 1945. After graduating in 1950, they returned to Texas, and Mary Grace began teaching in Corpus Christi.

“When I graduated, I thought I had to be a teacher [too] because all women were teachers or nurses,” Margaret said. “But I was not a teacher!”

After teaching for one year, God led Margaret to Corpus Christi as well. When she arrived, she was unemployed and trusting the Lord to provide. Soon, she

got a call from an employment agency about an opening at Shell Oil. Margaret phoned, and after being interviewed, got the job. She began on the following Monday morning. Blessed with amazing math skills, Margaret worked with the company for 34 years in Geophysics, Seismic. Her title was Computer.

Although the two sisters never attended Asbury Theological Seminary, they started supporting the Seminary at the encouragement of their pastor in Corpus Christi, Lowell Ryan ('56). He encouraged them to give because, as he put it, "Seminary graduates don't go into jobs that make a lot of money."

The Randerson sisters sent their first check to Asbury Seminary in 1985, and have been giving ever since. Margaret continues to give through Shell Oil Company that participates in matching gifts for educational institutions.

Not only have the sisters faithfully given, but they have also prayed faithfully for the work and mission of the Seminary.

"Prayer does as much or more than the money does," Mary Grace said.

The two grew up in Austin, Texas, with four siblings. They learned to pray each night as the

family gathered for a time of prayer, worship and Bible reading. Their prayers started simply, but they continue to pray daily for the Seminary and for those serving around the world.

"We really never stopped praying," Margaret said. "On 9/11 in 2001 we signed up with The Presidential Prayer Team to pray daily for our nation at 8:00 p.m. We still pray with them."

The two currently live together in The Woodlands, where they moved last year from Houston to be near family. They both had lived in Houston about 50 years, and leaving churches and church families was the hardest.

"Soon after we moved, we found a plaque saying, 'Do not be afraid of change. Be afraid of not changing,'" Mary Grace said, "We've decided that change is good for two old ladies."

Late this past May, the sisters packed enough clothes to travel to Llano, Texas, in the Texas Hill Country, to be with their 95 year-old-brother, a WWII vet who is battling cancer. He lives alone, and the sisters are glad they had nothing more important at home and could care for him. They believe there's nothing better for a brother than to have family caring for him.

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FACULTY HIGHLIGHT: DR. STEPHEN MARTYN

Assistant Professor of Spiritual Formation

Dr. Steve Martyn brought his new bride to Asbury Seminary on their honeymoon in 1973. Although he wouldn’t recommend it as a newlywed destination, he appreciates his time here as challenging and transformational. Today, he serves as the Associate Professor of Spiritual Formation, teaching his students to integrate both head and heart in their ministry.

“If you think of the two basic sides of our mission statement, on the one side, you see that we are a ‘community called to prepare theologically educated’ students, but on the other side of the mission statement, you see the word ‘sanctified,’” Dr. Martyn said. “What we’re trying to do is integrate the theological side of it, or the sound learning side of it, with the sanctified, or vital piety, side of it.”

After graduating from Asbury Seminary, Dr. Martyn pastored from 1976-2004. Prior to joining the Seminary faculty in 2004, he pastored St. Luke United Methodist Church in Lexington, Ky. He believes the Lord brought him to the Seminary so he could play a more active role in recovering the treasure of the Wesleyan tradition by discipling others in Christ.

“Wesley knew how to make disciples, and we have lost that art and that discipline today,” he said. “I believe the invitation of the Holy Spirit to the church is to recover our Wesleyan discipleship and missional DNA.”

His time as a pastor allowed him to experience the actual issues of insulation and isolation that those he teaches and trains will face. He has found that pastors commonly don’t have a supportive community surrounding them, and that they can isolate themselves from the promptings of the Holy Spirit and the means of grace.

“When you cut yourself off from close fellowship with others and then build walls that keep the Lord from being able to speak into your life, then you’re going to end up in a crisis,” he said.

He encourages his students to form community, even as they serve.

Dr. Martyn also consults with congregations to help them develop discipleship processes and offers spiritual direction to pastors. He has seen what he

calls an “astounding level of transformation” when people are led in what he calls “high bar discipleship.”

By high bar, he means meeting with an individual or a group weekly, for prayer and encouragement for entering into all the means of grace. Dr. Martyn uses a holistic approach and mentors others not only spiritually, but also to care for their physical bodies as God’s temple.

“When you realize that the way you change the world is by investing your life in a few people, just a few, and help them to step into their calling, that’s when great joy comes because you start to see the body of Christ flourish,” Dr. Martyn said.

Through this mentoring process, Dr. Martyn helps students become free from the bondage of sin in their lives and step into God’s calling for them.

“The greatest joy I’ve seen is helping students and pastors learn Wesleyan discipleship, and that normally results in those students and pastors truly equipping the saints for the work of ministry,” he said.

This fall, Dr. Martyn will teach *The Spiritual Life of the Minister*, exploring the idea that every Christian is a minister, not just an ordained person. He will also teach *Theology of Spiritual Formation*, which examines Wesleyan theological constructs that direct our spiritual life and ministry.

When not in the classroom, Dr. Martyn enjoys hiking in the Colorado mountains and working with pottery. He and his wife, Diane, have three children and nine grandchildren.



FACULTY HIGHLIGHT: DR. PAUL CHILCOTE

Professor of Theology

With a middle name of Wesley, Dr. Paul Chilcote can't help but love John and Charles Wesley, the women of early Methodism, and the global Church. As the new Professor of Theology on the Florida Dunnam Campus, Dr. Chilcote uses the classroom to share his love for Wesleyan theology with students for the transformation of the world.

"Theology can be the most exciting thing to study and reflect upon because it is engaging in conversation about the most important things in life," Dr. Chilcote said. "What is more important than drawing conclusions about why we are here, what we are called to be and to do, and how we can experience love and share it with others?"

In and out of the classroom, Dr. Chilcote helps his students encounter the divine by engaging students in the search for abundant life. He views theological study as a way to help students find their way to their spiritual home.

"The term theology can have a sleep-inducing tone, but theology in the Wesleyan spirit brings people out of sleep into a whole new vision of life," he said.

Dr. Chilcote taught at the Florida Dunnam campus from 1999-2005 and was influential in the founding of this campus. This fall he will teach Basic Christian Doctrine and the Theology of John Wesley. In January, he pilots a seminar on the Biography as Theology.

"I consider even the title of this course to be thoroughly Wesleyan," he said. "All theology, most certainly, is autobiographical. It is the story of the unfolding of a life in relation to God. It is just flat out fun to teach."

Dr. Chilcote is a third generation Methodist minister. He experienced his definitive call to preach while a junior at Valparaiso University. Like many preachers' kids, he struggled with his calling, but God clarified his call during an Advent service.

"My godly parents used to remind me that at age three, I proclaimed I

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wanted to be a minister, a missionary and an artist," he said.

Dr. Chilcote is a passionate, gentle teacher with a pastoral heart. He helps his students discover who they are and nurture their gifts. He was also influential in the launch of the first United Methodist institution of higher learning in Africa, Africa University of Zimbabwe.

"Teaching involves information, but I have always put emphasis on learning as formation and transformation," he said. "If the classroom is a place of divine-human encounter, as I fully believe it to be, then teaching is all about transformation."

Dr. Chilcote is the author or editor of nearly twenty-five books, including *A Faith That Sings*; *The Works of John Wesley, vol. 13*; *John & Charles Wesley*; *Making Disciples in a World Parish*; *Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit*; *Early Methodist Spirituality*; *Her Own Story*; *The Study of Evangelism*; *She Offered Them Christ*, and *Recapturing the Wesleys' Vision*.

In 2017, he plans to release *Praying in the Spirit of Christ*, a sequel to *Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit* and *The Methodist Defense of Women in Ministry*.

He and his wife, Janet, have five daughters and five grandchildren. Dr. Chilcote loves spending time with his family more than anything else, but also enjoys all forms of choral music.



NEW FACULTY HIGHLIGHT: DR. SAM KIM

Assistant Professor of Missiology

Dr. Sam Kim converted from Buddhism to Christianity when she was 14. She first attended church when she was 12 years old, and the experience was very meaningful to her. She later accepted Jesus and began her personal faith journey. This fall, Dr. Kim joins the Asbury Seminary faculty as the Assistant Professor of Missiology on the Kentucky campus.

“After experiencing the love of God in my life, God put in me a desire to serve not only Him, but also people who do not know about God,” Dr. Kim said.

As she determined her calling during her senior year of college, Dr. Kim meditated on Proverbs 20:24-25. This verse talks about the wisdom of the ant, who works hard in the summer to provide food in the winter. Dr. Kim realized she found great joy in teaching and sharing the Bible with others and decided to study theology.

“I have a strong desire to help and equip the next generation of leaders who have the Father’s heart to obey the great commandment for His kingdom,” she said.

Dr. Kim served for 15 years as a missionary in Jordan, working with Syrian refugees. In addition, Dr. Kim and her husband served at Annoor Sanatorium, a Samaritans Purse hospital that treats tuberculosis patients in Mafraq, Iraq. The Sanatorium was founded in 1965 to treat medical needs and to spread God’s love. It treats 40 inpatients and has an active pediatric practice, as well as a mobile unit to travel to the Bedouin tribes.

Dr. Kim’s ministry experience allows her to teach students vital ministry concepts and establish a framework for ministry that is informed by the Scriptures and sound theology. She has worked with Orthodox and Evangelical Christians, Muslims, and refugees from Iraq and Syria.

“Students should have a sound understanding of the body of Christ as a holy nation who has one Father and a Christ-centered worldview and love poured out by the Holy Spirit,” Dr. Kim said. “They should be able to learn Christ-

“I have a strong desire to help and equip the next generation of leaders who have the Father’s heart to obey the great commandment for His kingdom.”

like, team unity despite personal, ethnic and cultural differences. From a missional aspect, this is the most basic step of all.”

Because of the Syrian civil war, the population in Mafraq has almost doubled. In spite of the tragedies of the war, Dr. Kim has seen God working to bring good out of human wickedness.

“Many Syrian refugees come to church to receive help and welcome Christians who visit them,” she said. “Syrians now have the opportunity to hear and to respond to the Gospel [for the first time.]”

Dr. Kim also assisted with discipleship training for Muslim converts, all of whom were Syrian refugees.

“While I was there for 15 years, I learned and observed many great visions God worked among Muslims,” Dr. Kim said. “The power of the gospel and the love of God continues to work faithfully and bring people to God.”

She recently published *Identity Crisis: Standing Between Two Identities of Women Believers from Muslim Backgrounds* in Jordan. Later this year, she plans to publish *When Women Speak* in Australia. This book collaborates with women practitioners and scholars to talk about the diverse life of Muslim women.

When not in the classroom, she serves on the International Council of Interserve, as the Mission Pastor of Jangjungdan Korean Evangelical Holiness Church, as the Adjunct Professor of the Asian Center for Theological Studies in South Korea, and as a Representative in the Middle East and North Africa for All Nations Missions Center.

She enjoys all things musical and plays the piano, flute and some strings.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT: VIVIAN RUTH SAWYER

Master of Divinity, Graduating 2018

Vivian Ruth Sawyer renounced her faith in God during her freshman year of college. Yet, today, she's pursuing her M.Div. at Asbury Seminary and pursuing a passion for unity within the church. God redeemed her life.

Vivian was baptized when she was 10. In high school, she called herself a Jesus Freak and worked with Young Life. She attended college at Florida State and met a brilliant professor from Cornell University in her literature class.

He didn't believe in a supreme being or any afterlife, and thought that religion was only for those who couldn't accept their own death. All of a sudden, Vivian heard what she had been taught as brainwashing. Within a matter of months she had turned her back on her faith.

"I became a person who didn't believe any of it," she said. "Some people have one foot in the boat and one foot on the dock, but I went all the way. I completely pulled the plug and didn't believe. It lasted for six years."

Ego-driven and determined to be successful, Vivian began her master's degree in journalism at the University of Missouri. While in school full-time, she also worked two part-time jobs. During that time, one of her cousins attempted suicide, rocking Vivian's world.

"I couldn't study," she said. "I couldn't read. I was having a break down. Everything fell apart, and I was brought to a point of total need. I couldn't stop crying. I was a mess."

While on the phone with her mother, she admitted her helplessness. Her mom suggested that she pray. Vivian hung up the phone, and somewhat reluctantly, got on her knees.

"Okay God, you know I don't believe in you, but Mom said I should do this," she said. "I have to admit that what I've been doing isn't working. If you're there, I could use some help."

Vivian had brought a Bible with her to graduate school, only to keep from hurting her mother's feelings. But now she started reading it -- something she hadn't done since high school. At the invitation of a friend, she went to a nearby Episcopal church for Easter, and it awakened a hunger in her. That summer, she sublet that friend's apartment. The only channels available on the black-and-white TV were televangelists.

She watched the shows constantly and one day, prayed the sinner's prayer.

"I had done that when I was 15, but I decided I could use a refresher," Vivian said. "What happened was like a tsunami of the Holy Spirit. For the next two weeks, I had this constant grin on my face. I was so euphoric that I thought I needed to check myself into a hospital."

Later, she met her husband, Thomas Noland, got married, and moved to Paris, France. They moved to Louisville, Ky., in 1984. She worked for Humana Inc., for nine years, and then founded her own marketing consulting business, Vivian Ruth



Sawyer Associates, Inc., which she led for another decade.

In 2012, after witnessing many serious problems resulting from church splits, she and Tom realized the importance of unity among Christians. Although many unity ministries seemed to exist around the world, ironically, they weren't working together. To try to remedy that, Vivian and Tom launched the Consortium for Christian Unity in 2014.

"Our job is to know what others are doing in church unity and to try to knit them together relationally, both online, and through face-to-face hospitality," Vivian said.

For now, the entity exists as a Facebook group with 225 members. Almost all of the members have answered a specific call to Christian unity in their ministries. The Consortium is currently filing for 501c3 charitable status. In 2018, they plan to hire a fulltime program coordinator to give the organization more traction.

"When people see unity missions around the world that are similar to those they have started, they feel affirmed that their ministry is really a move of the Holy Spirit," Vivian said. "Unity movements are springing up all over the globe."

Vivian is currently pursuing her M.Div. at Asbury Seminary. She anticipates graduating in 2018.



February 1923

H.C. Morrison founded Asbury Seminary with three students and the motto "The Whole Bible for the Whole World."

1939

Asbury Seminary vacated the Theology Building and moved across the street into the Asbury-Talbot Inn, later renamed Larabee-Morris Hall.

1953

Estes Chapel was completed.



1947

The second building, the H.C. Morrison Administration Building, was completed in time for fall semester.

1967

The B.L. Fisher Library opened.

1923 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970

1946

Asbury Seminary received full accreditation. Administration building completed.



1963

The Crary-McPheeters Missions and Evangelism building opened.

July 1923

Construction of the first building, the Theology Building, began on the campus of Asbury College. Completed in 1924.

1949

The first dormitory, Elizabeth Morrison Hall, was completed.

1985

Frank Bateman Stanger Hall opened and housed the E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism.

100 years

OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

1990's

The Ralph Waldo Beeson Estate provided the following:

- The Beeson International Center for Biblical Preaching and Church Leadership
- McKenna Chapel
- The Rosa Foster Beeson Asbury Inn
- The William House
- The Elizabeth House
- Orlean House
- The Beeson Townhomes

2009

Construction began on the J. Ellsworth and Janet Kalas Family Housing Development (150 townhomes).

Church Planting Initiative to raise up 1,000 church planters by 2023.

2014

First Annual New Room Conference



1997

The seminary launched its Extended Learning program for online education.

2010

Asbury Seminary launches the 2023 Strategic Plan to prepare the Seminary for the next 100 years.

1994

John Wesley statue installed.

Francis Asbury statue installed

Rose Hill became the presidential home for Asbury Seminary.



1999

The Seminary opened the Florida Dunnam Campus in Orlando, Florida.

2012

The Bob and Ellen Stamps Community House opened in Kalas Village.

Galloway Village opened with Sundo Kim Hall and Bettie Morrison Hall.

Seedbed, the publishing arm of the Seminary, founded.



1980

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HUNDREDFOLD



CAMPAIGN FUND: Supporting strategic impact where needed most
Goal: \$15,400,000

The Campaign Fund is the cornerstone of the Hundredfold Initiative. Gifts to the Campaign Fund will be designated to where they will have the most strategic impact. The President will honor the intent of the donors and will review such gifts to determine where they will best serve the mission of Asbury Seminary.



CHURCH PLANTING: Equipping 1,000 church planters
Goal: \$5,000,000

We are equipping 1,000 new church planters to plant new churches and enliven existing congregations to become reproducing, disciple-making movements to bring the good news of the gospel to everyone.



ENHANCING ESTES CHAPEL: Improving the heart of our Wilmore campus
Goal: \$1,500,000

Estes Chapel is a sacred space. Here, our students gather to worship God together and to grow spiritually. We have already installed a new roof and insulated windows. This fall, we will upgrade the inside with new paint, refurbished pews and live-streaming technology to give our 10,000 alumni continued access to chapel services.



ENDOWING CHAIR OF THEOLOGY: Confirming commitment to urban ministries at Florida Dunnam Campus
Goal: \$2,500,000

Endowed chairs attract the most respected and creative professors to a campus. If Asbury Seminary is to prepare its graduates for ministry in a variety of contexts, theology in the Wesleyan tradition is a crucial aspect of the preparation. The \$2.5 million will provide the annual resources to fund a Wesleyan theologian for our Florida Dunnam campus, providing an anchor of Wesleyan theology.



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ENRICHING HISPANIC AND GLOBAL PROGRAMS: Developing concentrated master's programs to serve growing populations
Goal: \$1,000,000

Asbury Seminary will prepare leaders and provide scholarships for the Hispanic and ethnic traditions through the Florida Dunnam campus by developing Hispanic master's programs and designing numerous courses for bilingual students. In addition to growing our commitment to the global church, this \$1 million will help us train Hispanic leaders in America and around the world. This part of the church is growing dramatically and needs Wesleyan Pastors and leaders in the Wesleyan tradition.



GROWING SCHOLARSHIPS: Liberating students from debt to sow where God leads
Goal: \$40,000,000

Asbury Seminary will provide robust scholarships for our students so that no federal loans are needed and our institution has no avenue for government intervention. Without the consideration of federal loan repayment, our graduates may pursue ministry in all corners of the earth.



SUPPORTING SEEDBED: Resourcing clergy and laity around the world
Goal: \$2,000,000

Asbury Seminary will enable Seedbed to sow the whole Gospel around the world by gathering people, convening conversations, curating content, and publishing articles, books, Bible studies, discipleship curricula, video resources, podcasts, and other resources for clergy and laity alike.



DEFERRED GIFTS: Providing gifts in the future through estate planning and life income plans
Goal: \$32,600,000

Planned gifts can help you be a good steward of the assets that God has given you, as well as benefit Asbury Theological Seminary. They can save you taxes, increase your income, and let you pass on more to your heirs. These important — and completely legal — giving techniques help you advance the work of God's kingdom.

A Campaign for Renewal and Revival

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ASBURY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY RENOVATES ESTES CHAPEL

Estes Chapel closes its doors in November for internal renovations that include refurbished pews, new paint, handicap accessibility, technology updates and new hymnbooks. Chapel services will be held in McKenna Chapel until Estes is completed in late spring 2018. A new roof and insulated windows have already been installed.

“Estes Chapel is the heartbeat of Asbury’s spiritual life,” Rev. Jessica LaGrone, Dean of Chapel and 2002 M.Div. graduate, said.

The Asbury Seminary community gathers several times a week to be revived, renewed and refreshed through the preaching of the Word and singing praises to God. Chapel services integrate classroom lessons with transformative worship. Guest speakers, faculty members and students share Biblically rich messages from the pulpit, bringing new life into the worshipping, global community. For many, chapel recalls memories of strong friendships, powerful

worship experiences, specific calls from God, or the beginning of a marriage.

With the proposed technology updates, Asbury Seminary hopes to expand the future ministry within and without the walls of Estes Chapel. Through live streaming and enhanced recordings, our alumni, distance learning students and laypersons scattered around the world can share in worship as part of the congregation in Estes Chapel. Our goal is to become a resource for congregations around the country and around the world who want to watch and listen to excellent preaching and participate in inspiring worship.

In addition to the technology and aesthetic updates, the Seminary will also be publishing an Asbury Hymnal that will be in the pews when Estes re-opens. This non-denominational hymnal is designed to be ecumenical to serve the many denominations that compose the Seminary community.



ASBURY SEMINARY

Foundation

FAITHFULLY SERVING GENERATIONS.

What is the purpose of the Asbury Foundation?

The purpose of the Asbury Foundation, created in 1988, is to raise awareness with our alumni and donors about current tax and estate planning strategies that assist individuals in planning well for their children and grandchildren, while supporting the mission of Asbury Seminary.

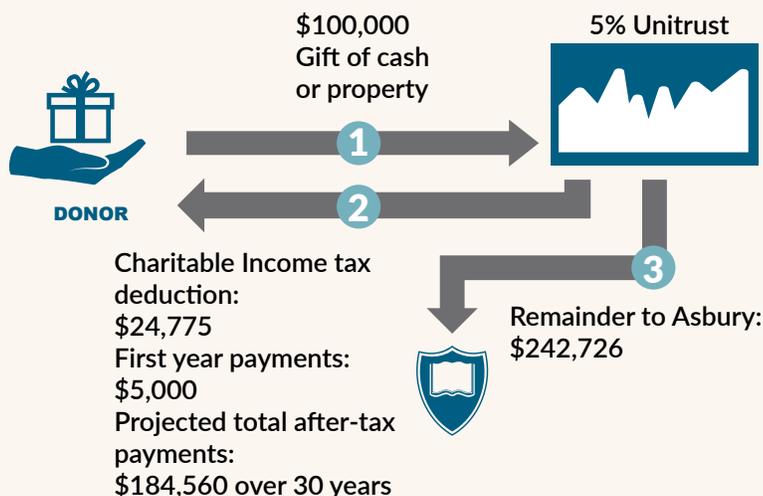
Estate planning really is a final act of stewardship. Most people don't realize that it's not a zero-sum game, thinking that if I take from my family and give to ministry, my family loses and vice versa. The reality is that tax laws and strategies have been created to allow people to do both.

How can I help my family understand why I want to leave my legacy with an institution?

It's not as much about creating a "legacy for you," but a final testimony that reflects the values important to you during your life. It's really our donors saying this isn't about me. This is about using my final act of stewardship to signal to my family and those closest to me that this institution with its mission, vision and values is important to me.

Let me give you an example of how we helped a donor do just that:

Sally approached Asbury Seminary and wanted to give a gift to the seminary while also blessing her grandchildren for years to come. She wanted to demonstrate to her grandchildren why Asbury Seminary was so important to her. After listening closely to the donor, we worked together to come up with the right plan for her. She wanted to give a six-figure gift. So we showed her how setting up a Charitable Remainder Unitrust might be the solution that she was looking for. Here is how it works:



You read that right! An initial gift of \$100,000 into the Unitrust has an income tax deduction of \$24,775. The first payment would be \$5,000 and the donor wanted to receive the payment until her death. At that point, the payments would be split out among her four grandchildren at (25% each) for 20 years following her death. The projected total after-tax payments would be \$184,560, and the remainder, which goes to Asbury Theological Seminary, would be \$242,726. What a wonderful way to teach her grandchildren about being a good steward.

What giving options are available?

We offer many giving options to best assist our alumni and donors in financial and estate planning. The first step in the giving process is a conversation. Our goal is to help you, like we helped Sally, create a unique plan to achieve your financial goals that blesses your family and ministry.

Many friends take the simplest step and include the Seminary in their estate planning through specific language in their estate documents.

Donors may also enter a Life Income Agreement. With this plan, you give the Seminary a certain amount of cash or property. In return, we supply you with a monthly fixed income until no longer needed. At the time of your death, whatever is left from that donation goes to Asbury Seminary.

I'm ready to talk with someone to learn more about giving. How do I set up an appointment?

Contact the Office of Advancement by email at advancement@asburyseminary.edu or call **859.858.2305** or **800.227.2879 ext. 2305** and ask for Tammy Hogan, Executive Director of Development.

You may also visit our website asburyseminary.edu/give to learn more.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT: STEVE WOOD

MASTER OF DIVINITY (1986)
ASBURY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



God has multiplied Rev. Steve Wood's ministry a hundredfold. He took a church three days after graduating from Asbury Theological Seminary with his M.Div. Since then, he has pastored or planted four churches, with each church experiencing exponential growth.

"The key is the work of the Holy Spirit and living and leading God's way on God's terms," Steve said. "That includes being faithful to the Word of God, being vulnerable, teachable, and being willing to be broken again of selfishness, pride, that kind of thing."

Whether giving financially or through acts of service, Steve has found that a person can never out-give God. He likens giving to blood flowing through an artery.

"The artery constricts when we fail to serve and give sacrificially, but we make it elastic or expandable when we give sacrificially, and God uses that to create the capacity for more flow," he said.

As Steve served, he has seen God's faithfulness again and again. His first church was an all-Anglo church in an 80 percent African American community. It became a multi-racial church. He planted a church in Douglasville, Ga., with six people. It grew to 600. His third appointment in Buford, Ga., grew from 400 to 1600, and now has the largest Latino congregation in the conference.

Today, Steve pastors Mount Pisgah Church, one of the largest UMC churches, in Johns Creek, Ga. The church has added about 1,000 members, more than half by profession of faith.

"God blesses us with lots of good things, but those things are both for us and to invest in other people," he said. "And so it's a kingdom mentality that all that we have and are is a gift from God to build the Kingdom of God and to find great joy in that relationship and process."

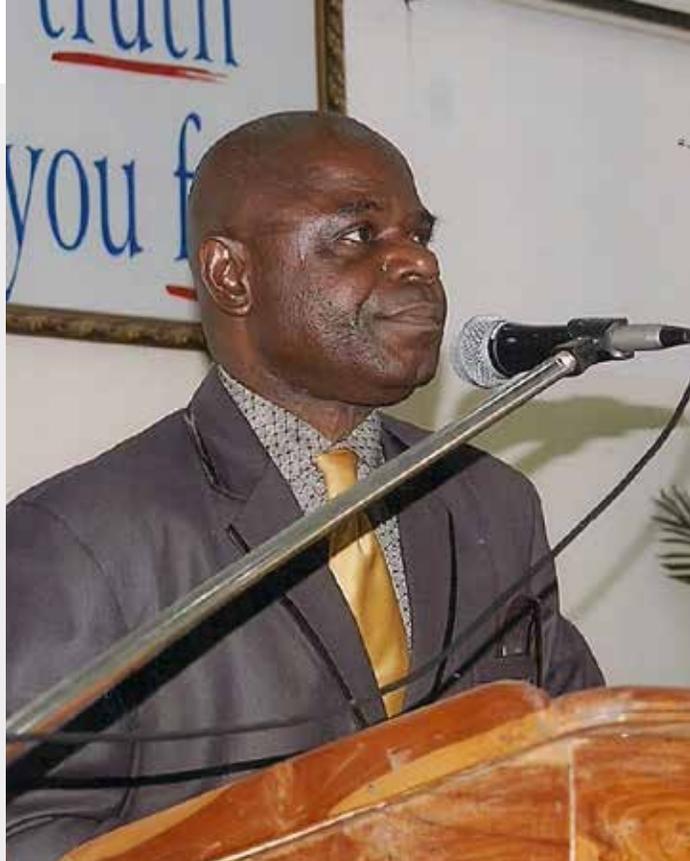
When Steve arrived at Mount Pisgah, the church was \$40 million in debt. Just as God was faithful to supply the flour and oil to the widow at Zarephath, so God has been faithful to help the church become debt-free. Steve has served there 11 years, and the church expects to pay off their debt next year.

Steve is also on the cabinet for Asbury Seminary's Hundredfold Comprehensive Campaign that entered its public phase on Sept. 5, 2017. Its primary goals are to significantly increase funding to support people and programs, as well as renovate Estes Chapel.

"I think that the importance of it is that this campaign is the move of God to lay a sustainable foundation for the next 20 to 25 years so that Asbury Seminary will continue to be a premier place of training and equipping disciple-makers to be sent to every corner of the world," Steve said.

Steve travels widely and has preached in more than 20 countries. This year alone, he's already been to Cambodia, Moscow and Nairobi. Almost everywhere he has traveled, he's met people who have either attended Asbury Seminary or been shaped by someone who has attended the Seminary.

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Q How is God calling you to fulfill His mission in the world?

With God's help, I seek to

- Develop manpower in the fields of intercultural and leadership studies;
- Promote the integration of biblical and missiological issues and values in Church and public discourse;
- Promote integrity in Christian and public leadership for good governance, and
- Publish books and articles, both for academia and popular readership.

Q How did you experience your call to ministry?

My call into the ministry was a gradual and experiential one. I became a Christian in 1969, as the result of an evangelical outreach in Nigeria. I then joined Sunday school, choir, and Boys' Brigade. Through my full and active participation in these church agencies, I developed a passion for the ministry of the pulpit. My local pastors encouraged me. Hence, I went for pastoral training at ECWA Bible College, Kagoro, from 1972 to 1976.

Q Why did you come to Asbury Seminary, and how did Asbury Seminary prepare you for life and ministry?

God directed me to Asbury Seminary to receive transformative teaching. I received re-filling instructions for the ministry afresh. My training in intercultural studies prepared me for relevant, revolutionary, down-to-earth, holistic and life-transforming ministry. The training helped me to work successfully with HIV/AIDS victims among the Hausa-Fulani Muslim communities in Kano State in 2005 and 2006.

Q How has giving played a role in your life to make a difference in your ministry?

I am a product and an agent of giving. My life and being is a gift from God. I learned more about giving to support people when I was at Asbury Seminary. Some people gave for my school fees. Consequently, when I returned to JETS, I set aside N5,000.00 every month from my meager salary to help the needy students. Giving is divine and is a virtue. To live is to give or be given, and to give is to live.

ALUMNI Q&A: DR. BAUTA MOTTY

M.A. IN MISSION AND EVANGELISM (2001)
PH.D. IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES (2005)
ASBURY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Dr. Bauta Motty lives in Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria, with his wife, Deborah, and four children. He currently serves as a lecturer and is the Director of the Leadership Centre of Excellence at Jos Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) Theological Seminary (JETS). At JETS, he supervises under-graduate and graduate theses, as well as D.Min. and Ph.D. dissertations. He has pastored the ECWA Church in Nigeria since 1976. He has served in many other capacities in the school and church and praises God's faithfulness throughout his life.

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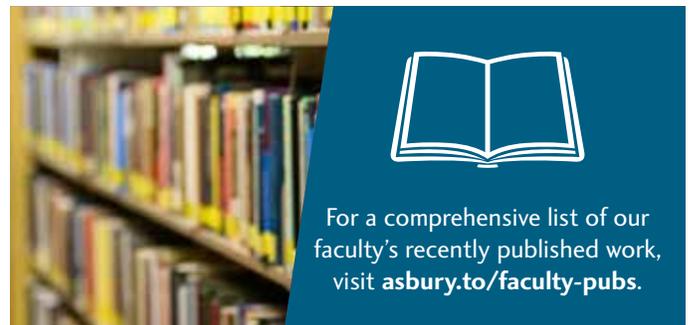
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News & Events

B.L. Fisher Library Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The B.L. Fisher Library celebrated its 50th anniversary on October 10. The library invited faculty and staff to a cookie and punch reception in the Bergie Café and all students to a popcorn-palooza on the evening of October 10.

The B.L. Fisher Library is said to be the first major building project during President Stanger's tenure. Prior to October 1967, the library was housed in a variety of places, including the basements of Talbott Hall and Alumni Hall and the lower level of the Administration building.

Kingdom Conference: Speaking the Truth in Love, Oct. 10-12

Asbury Theological Seminary celebrated Kingdom Conference, Oct. 10-12, 2017, with guest chapel speaker Dr. Ajith Fernando. This year's theme, "Speaking the Truth in Love: Kingdom Convictions, Kingdom Civility," spotlights what God is doing through the global Church. The Seminary community participated in these events that celebrate movements, Kingdom developments, and diversity with our international and minority students.

Asbury Seminary's Reformation Celebration Oct. 31 - Nov. 2

Asbury Theological Seminary and Asbury University joined together for a series of events to celebrate the meaning and impact of the Protestant Reformation on its 500th anniversary through teaching, worship and music, Oct. 31 - Nov. 2.

Those of us in the Wesleyan tradition often think of ourselves as direct descendants of the Protestant Reformation that took place on the continent of Europe, but this is a mistake and results in a confusion of our identity. We are the religious descendants of John Wesley, and Wesley was a child of the English Reformation. Of course, Wesley was influenced by several traditions, including Lutheran pietism and Puritanism, but he filtered and tested these influences through his Anglican tradition.

(Excerpt from "John Wesley and the English Reformation" by Dr. Laurence W. Wood, Frank Paul Morris Professor of Systematic Theology/Wesley Studies)

Read Dr. Laurence Wood's article "John Wesley and the English Reformation" at Asbury.to/reform.

Asbury Seminary Announces Hundredfold Campaign

Asbury Theological Seminary announced the public launch of the Hundredfold Campaign on Sept. 5, 2017. This fund-raising campaign proposes several ways Asbury Seminary will support worldwide renewal and revival to prepare "theologically educated, sanctified, Spirit-filled men and women to evangelize and to spread scriptural holiness throughout the world."

With an ambitious goal of \$100 million, the campaign is the largest in school history. Its primary goals are to significantly increase funding to support students and programs, as well as renovate Estes Chapel.

"When Jesus spoke the parable of our generous God (the sower) who scatters the seed, some of which falls on good soil and yields a lavish harvest, he uses the number 'hundred' as a symbol of the idea of limitless growth in God's Kingdom on Earth," Dr. Timothy C. Tennent, President of Asbury Seminary, said. "For more than 90 years, the Seminary has stood firmly rooted in the historic Christian faith found in the biblical text and our Wesleyan tradition. The Hundredfold Campaign supports our 2023 Strategic Plan and will propel the Seminary into its 100th year in 2023 and beyond."

The campaign prioritizes student scholarships, church planting, support for Seedbed and our Hispanic and global programs, endowment of a chair of theology, enhancement of Estes Chapel, and the undergirding of our Campaign Fund. For more information about the campaign and its vision, visit Asbury.to/hundredfold.

The campaign has already been through a two-year quiet phase under the direction of President Tennent. To date, campaign commitments total \$68,611,086 million.

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Asbury Seminary Receives Grant from Wabash Center for Teaching & Learning in Theology & Religion

Asbury Theological Seminary received a \$33,000 grant from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. This grant allows students to explore and prepare to teach online courses prior to graduation to prepare them for a job post-graduation. This grant is a dimension of the Lily Endowment and begins June 2017 to June 2019.

New Testament Scholar Craig Keener's *NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible* Named Bible of the Year & wins International Book Award

The Evangelical Christian Publishers Association (ECPA) named Dr. Craig Keener's *NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible* as the Bible of the Year at the 2017 Christian Book Awards. He also received the top award in the Religion: Christianity division in the eighth annual International Book Awards on May 22 for the *NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible*.

Dr. Jonathan Powers—New Assistant Professor of Worship



Asbury Theological Seminary welcomes Dr. Jonathan Powers to the community as the Assistant Professor of Worship. Prior to joining the Seminary faculty in this capacity, Dr. Powers served as an Adjunct Professor of Worship at Asbury Theological Seminary.

Dr. Sam Kim—New Assistant Professor of Missiology



We are delighted to welcome Dr. Sam Kim to the Asbury Theological Seminary community as Assistant Professor of Missiology on the Kentucky Campus. Dr. Kim recently completed her Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies from Asbury Seminary in 2013. Her dissertation examined the *Identity Crisis of Jordanian BMB*

(Believer from Muslim Background) Women at the Beginning Phase of New Faith.

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Visit asbury.to/hundredfold to find out how you can support students, programs and help renovate Estes Chapel.



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We thank the Hundredfold Campaign Cabinet for their strong support of the Seminary and its mission!



Robert Beckum, Pastor of Saint Luke UMC, Columbus, Ga.



Jim Funk, President, J.M.Funk and Associates, Sewickley, Pa.



Sherree Funk, Affiliate Alumna 2006, Author, Serving One Lord Resources, Sewickley, Pa.



Tom Harrison, Alumnus 1979, Pastor of Asbury UMC, Tulsa, Okla.



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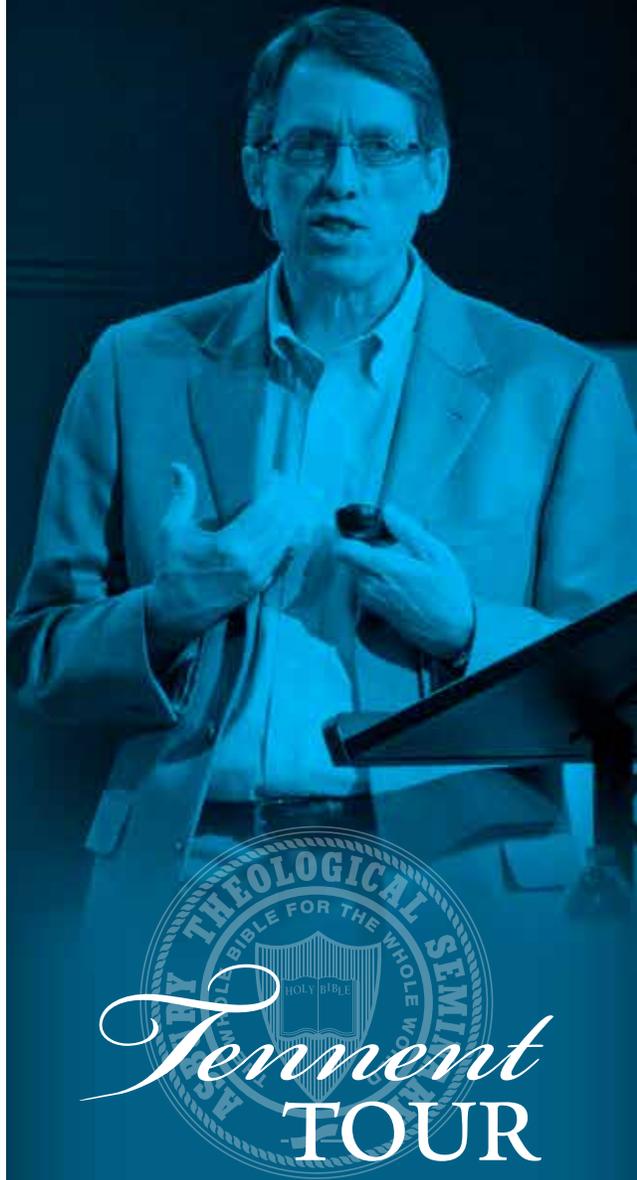
Gail Runnels, Attorney, Tulsa, Okla.



Karen Thomas, Alumna 1995, Board Member, Lexington, Ky.



Steve Wood, Alumnus 1986, Pastor of Mount Pisgah UMC, Alpharetta, Ga.



Tennent TOUR

Please join President Timothy C. Tennent as he shares the Asbury Seminary vision in your area. Tennent Tours are well under way, so mark your calendar now! At each of his stops, Dr. Tennent is honored to be speaking at various Saturday evening and Sunday morning services.

2018 Dates:

March 25, 2018
Wesley UMC at Frederica
St. Simon's Island, GA

April 22, 2018
Cross Point UMC
Niceville, FL

June 10, 2018
First Broadstreet UMC
Kingsport, TN

For event schedule, reservations, and information, please contact Major Events by phone, 877.PRAY.ATS (772.9287) or email, major.events@asburyseminary.edu.

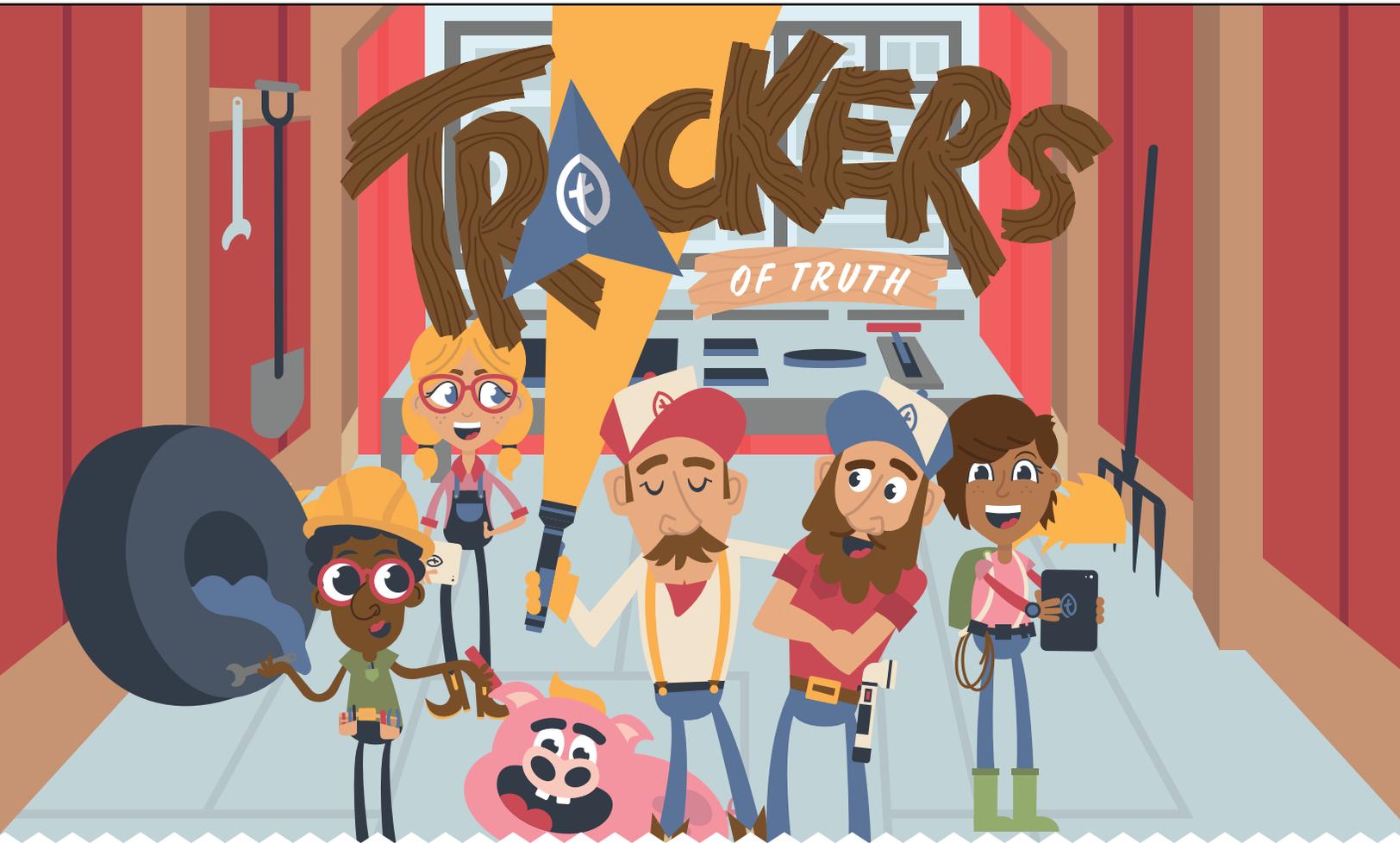


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Trackers of Truth, the inaugural 52-week curriculum of the newly launched Seedbed Kids resourcing line, is designed to develop deep roots of Christianity in our children. We believe the Word of God does not return void, and therefore our greatest goal is to extend the Word to them as an introduction to the Savior.

Guided by the quirky, techy barn crew, kids will travel through the Old Testament in chronological order. In each weekly lesson, they'll discover the many signals of the coming Savior as revealed in the New Testament, as well as find ways to connect the biblical story with their daily lives and personal spiritual growth.

To bring it all home (literally), the crew hosts the Farm Talk Podcast to play on the ride home to reinforce the lesson and open the door to further family conversation. Trackers of Truth is fun, witty, and, most importantly, substantive.

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