



The next step in our fresh start as a church will be to remember the original reason Jesus called disciples in the first place. During August we'll look back to the time when Jesus walked along the Sea of Galilee and invited some fishermen to follow him and become fishers for people. That is still the call he offers to us today.

Many people have good memories of literally going fishing. There was often the joy of companionship, the peaceful setting of a stream or lake, and the excitement of catching a fish. As we think about fishing for people, we'll see there is joy in the companionship with others, a peace at walking with God, and an excitement in seeing lives changed by God.

August Sermon Series "Go Fish"



Join us either in person at 8:00am or online at 10:00am as we remember a trip to the old fishing hole and find a renewed commitment to the mission of Jesus.



Return to Worship in the Sanctuary Beginning August 2 at 8:00am.

It has been almost 5 months since we have gathered for worship in our building. Our commitment during this pandemic has been that we'll be back, we'll be prepared, and we'll be safe. After weeks of preparation and experimentation, we are ready to return.

Things will be different and you are encouraged to prepare by reading the enclosed brochure and watching the instructional video that will be on Facebook and our web page: JesusIsTheBridge.org We are still in the midst of the pandemic and we encourage people to make good choices for themselves. If you are in a high-risk category or you do not feel comfortable being with other people then please continue to worship online. For those who are ready to worship in the building, we will do everything we can to make it a safe experience for everyone. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. The first major change is that people are invited to drive into the parking lot on the corner of 18th and Mississippi Blvd BEFORE you park to have your temperature taken by our parish nurses. Masks and social distancing will be required. Check our Facebook page and webpage JesusIsTheBridge.org for updates, as we will be ready (if necessary) to make additional changes or discontinue worship in the building if our situation changes.

Together we will adapt and experience how Jesus is the bridge to God and each other even in the midst of a global pandemic!

Online Worship Continues! — 10:00am on Facebook Live

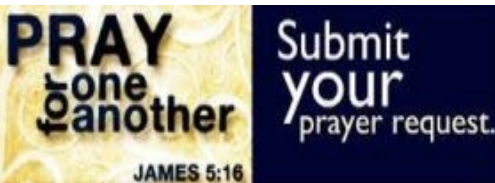
Go to JesusIsTheBridge.org

Click on the "Live Worship" button.

Taped worship is also online for viewing later in the day or week.



Before Sunday Worship... Zoom with friends from 8:45-9:50 through August 16 for "Hymns We Love", a fun, interesting summer class with Don Mitchem. To receive the Zoom link, or if you have questions, please check the church's website, contact the church office, or contact Don Mitchem (dondmitch@aol.com, 563-528-2736).



[Praises and Requests for Prayer](#) may be submitted on our website JesusIsTheBridge.org and clicking on the "Prayers & Praise" button. If you would like to be part of Asbury's Prayer Team please contact Pat Tank, Pam & Pat Thornton, the pastors or parish nurses.



School Supply Drive

School will resume in some form next month whether it be classroom learning, virtual learning or a combination of both. Students will still need supplies and Joyce Klopp, director of Hope at the Brick House, would be most grateful for any monetary donations to help buy these supplies for the children in need at their facility in Davenport.

If you would like to support this ministry, an envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Please make your check out to Asbury UMC with "School Supplies" noted on the memo line. Joyce and her staff will then buy the needed supplies. Our thanks to everyone for your continued support to help these children who are faced with even more challenges in their lives during this pandemic.



Hello from your Parish Nurse Team...Our Response to Covid-19 Pandemic



*"If you don't like something, change it.
If you can't change it, change the way you think about it!"*

It's been many months since we've had opportunities to visit with others in person. It's hard to think about positive things that have occurred since March. One way to change the "way you think about it" is to concentrate on staying in touch with family, friends and co-workers in creative ways. Each week, my goal is to contact at least two individuals who have been a part of my life. By phone. By text. By email. By snail-mail! It will make them smile. It will make you smile. You just don't know what your voice (verbal or in writing) might mean to them at that particular time!!

Stay well. Be safe.
Brenda, Carol, Cheryl

- **Our building is closed while we wait out the pandemic. We have a small crew in the office from 8:00-Noon this summer.** Please feel free to call or contact a staff member at home if a need arises.
- **Newsletter Deadline**....Articles for the next issue of Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00 AM on Monday, August 10.**
- **Ladies in Fellowship Together**...Check the LIFT Facebook page for the latest news & words of inspiration.
- **Asbury Men's Group**...Contact Cliff Pim (563-340-2722), Phil Paulson (309-502-9236) or the church office (355-5218) for the next **ZOOM** meeting date, time and link. All men are welcome!
- **Foundation Gift Recognitions**....Thank you to those who gave a gift to the Asbury Foundation in honor of their recent birthday...
Dianne Homann, Janet Oelerich, Gus & Shirlee Potter and Jo Winegar
- **July/August Upper Rooms** are here. If you would like a copy mailed to you please call the church office.
- **E-Mail Hacking**....If you receive an email from Pastor Tom (or any Asbury staff member) asking you to contact us by email for a discreet request, it is a scam. No staff member will ask you for this—it can simply be deleted. Do not reply back. If in doubt, check the sender's address to be certain it is a valid Asbury email address ending in @asbury-bett.org.
- **Welcome Team**....We are in need of ushers and greeters to serve on our Welcome Team at the 8:00 a.m. worship service. Please contact Kurt Streicher at (563) 508-7614 or vicstre@aol.com if you are willing to help. Thank you!
- **Blood Drive**....Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will bring the bloodmobile to receive donations from the Asbury parking lot on **August 24th from 2:00-6:00pm**. Watch for more information in the next Good News.
- **Stewards of Creation**...August Congregational Challenge is **"Use Less Electricity for Lighting"** by switching to LED light bulbs indoors and outside, installing dimmer switches, turning out lights when leaving a room, only using one light per person in the room and using no more than two lights per room occupied.



ROOTSKIDS ONLINE - Parents help your K-5th graders by setting a reminder to watch the weekly RootsKids videos. Each week you will find activities such as puzzles, coloring pages, word searches and the parent resource in the comments section. This month we are putting on the scuba gear and "DIVING IN" to the books of the Bible!



Go to our website for Virtual Summer Drive-In!
God is in CONTROLL videos and activities will be available all summer.



A HUGE THANK YOU to all the parents and kids that came to our Summer Drive-In... even in the rain!! Also thank you to everyone on the Kids Ministry Team for all the work they put into the event to make it so **FUN** for the kids and their families!



ROOTSKIDS now has their own Facebook Page! Be sure to LIKE us! Filled with our weekly videos and kid challenges, this is a fun place to connect our kids in a new and creative way! Take and post your photos of each challenge and you just may be selected for a special prize drawing!



THANK YOU....to everyone who has continued to faithfully give your tithes and offerings while our building is closed. Gifts may be mailed to the church or go to our website JesusIsTheBridge.org to give electronically.