

Five Vision Priorities for Asbury

Radical Hospitality: We are called to be active and real in our invitation, welcoming, receiving and caring for guests and strangers. We go the extra mile is helping others find a spiritual home and to discover the richness of a life in Christ. We think of others before ourselves and strive to be radical in our hospitality.

Passionate Worship: We are called to deliberately seek God through worship. This passionate worship goes beyond intellectual consent and brings eagerness, anticipation, deep commitment and belief. It is not about style of worship. Rather it is about the devotion and the celebration of our love for God. Through passionate worship we honor God with excellence and clarity of purpose. Passionate worship is something we do and not something we watch. We come ready to get involved and to encounter the living God as shown to us through Jesus Christ.

Intentional Faith Development: This refers to all the ministries that help us grow in our faith outside of weekly worship: Bible Studies, Sunday School, Small Groups and Retreats. Through these practices we intentionally move toward a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, draw closer to others in the faith, and build supportive connections with others. They are mini-communities intentionally formed to study books of the Bible, explore special issues or address the needs of a specific group. Details about present practices can be found on our website or at the Information Station across from the Sanctuary. Some of our intentional faith development practices are Adult Sunday School, United Methodist Women's' Circles, Women's Small Groups, Men's Small groups and DISCIPLE studies.

Risk-Taking Ministry & Service: At Asbury we believe that everyone is a minister. Each of us has been blessed with special gifts and abilities. Asbury's mission of *making disciples of Jesus Christ* endeavors to lead us to discover our unique abilities for ministry. The place is not as important as the willingness to serve. Each of us has unique abilities for ministry but we will never know what they are until we start serving.

Extravagant Generosity: Every Christian, whether they are a new follower, or have a long-term disciple, must start their financial giving somewhere. We believe in proportionate giving, or stepping up to tithing. A tithe is 10 % of your total income. No, we are not going to check out your income, which is between you and God. Through our financial gifts, Asbury provides

Christian programs and activities for our members and guests, ministers to the needs of our surrounding communities and supports foreign missions. As part of the Asbury family and the United Methodist Church, we encourage you to be extravagant in your giving both in money and in time for the spread of God's Kingdom.

The ways you grow through prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness is a spiritual matter that only you and God can decide. Strive for fruitfulness and excellence in your walk with Christ and be a part of the life changing crowd instead of getting lost in it. At Asbury we strive to make Discipleship a household word, signifying our response to the love and gifts with which God has blessed us.