



October 2021

It is a joy and privilege to reach out once again to all our FAS family. Greetings in the Almighty and everlasting name of our Lord who is “the only wise God our Savior Jesus Christ.”

You now have read about our new ministry team members, [Josh and Kelly Hallahan](#), student ministries leaders working with our Asbury campuses, and [Dr. Vic Reasoner](#), who is working with our academic ministries (which includes not only academic publishing but clergy resources as well) that we have named The Francis Asbury Institute. It is exciting to see the energy they bring to the team. We are grateful to God for sending them to FAS. I want to highlight some ways you can pray for upcoming ministries events. We need your prayers for God’s anointing on our initiatives so that He may be our “all in all” in each one.

Young Leader’s Retreat

A few years ago, Dr. John Oswalt, working cooperatively with FAS, established a retreat designed to minister to relatively young leaders to raise another generation of preachers and teachers who are in covenant together to proclaim biblical holiness in the Wesleyan tradition. Our group is one of the most exciting people groups ever! We will meet together November 3–5 at our FAS Ministry Center for a few days of retreat, building one another up in prayer, sharing, and with dynamic preaching and teaching. Please pray for the Holy Spirit’s dynamic

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presence to be with us so that these meetings are very special.

Prayers for Healing for the Nations

On November 23, we will host a teleconferenced time of prayer that God would heal our world from the pandemic. There have been so many catastrophic losses and such grief we are asking God to rally people around the world to pray for healing. View our [Events Calendar](#) for the latest information. Will you pray that our Society will rally as we seek God during this sacred time of prayer? We are trusting the Lord to act. Will you intercede with us?

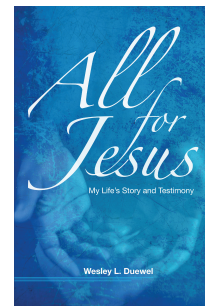


The [Francis Asbury Institute](#)

The soul of the Church is in the thought life of its people. The institute exists to provide substantive thought for Christ's Church, wherever it exists in the world. We have a special eye for the theological academy as we join it to provide meaningful theological conversation about the broad dimensions of holiness.

We are working with several campuses to hold the Dennis F. Kinlaw Symposium for Theological Dialogue. These symposiums are a venue for a day apart to hold theological dialogue about critical issues/teachings in the Christian life. Also, the Francis Asbury Society has a Francis Asbury Fellows program for named persons who help provide scholarly support for the work of the Society around the world. Our Fellows have either completed, or are currently enrolled in, a PhD program.

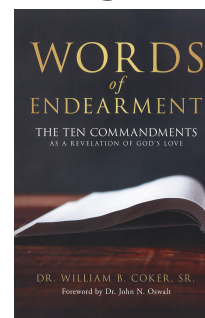
Soon The Francis Asbury Institute will release our first published chapter from our newly emerging journal called Culture Chronicles. The first chapter will be published



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(344 pages)

Released in August



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within thirty days and made available to our readers. The Culture Chronicles seek to provide the most dynamic Christian thought available to wrestle with culture issues of the day from a Christian worldview and mentality. We have failed our culture by not interacting with vitality. When we wait to react instead of faithfully interacting, we lose ground to a growing momentum of secularism. That is lamentable, and the Church pays a costly price. So, we are launching this initiative to begin where we are, but we pray Christ will not leave us where we are! Finally, our institute will seek to promote academic research in the great Asbury tradition. We will partner with those who desire to be a part. We believe it is possible to have sacred conversations with universal parts of "the holy catholic church." We want to theologize once again for piety, not merely polity for a particular denomination. Please pray for these efforts!

Empower the Nations

In July of 2023 FAS will hold an international conference from 50 countries on six continents. We will provide full scholarships to 50 men and 50 women who will come to be equipped and trained for spiritual formation discipleship that will exponentially grow in 50 different countries. Our partners will be Asbury University, where we will be housed, fed, and study in classrooms as well as worship daily in Hughes auditorium; Asbury Theological Seminary, who will collaborate with us for graduate level instruction; Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson, MS, which will provide professors, along with Wesley Seminary at IWU and also faculty from IWU in Marion, IN.

A conference with the breadth and scope of this one will entail the use of nearly \$300,000. FAS now has an active account open for donations to [Empower the Nations](#). Will you help us fund this tremendous initiative for "spreading scriptural holiness to the ends of the earth?" We need you as we raise vibrant leaders around the world for the sacred task. Again, please help us pray, pray, pray for the success of this godly enterprise. We, along with our partnering Asbury institutions, are excited for the

conference and will be faithfully meeting for each step of its success. Jerry Coleman is our director for this initiative. Jerry and Jan have been to more than 60 countries around the world in their ministry to the nations.

Well brothers and sisters, we need your commitment to pray and support the work of God through FAS. We are so honored that you are our family in a Society for "holiness unto the Lord." We love you! Prayers and blessings to all!

Your friend and colleague,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a large initial 'R' and a trailing flourish.