The Francis Asbury Society

ANNUAL REPORT 2018
Thank You for a Banner Year!

Thanks to you, our supporters, we have begun 2019 in the most encouraging financial situation we have experienced since I joined the team six years ago. Though the hit to the stock market in December caused some serious investment losses, we still ended the year strong. To the Lord alone be praise and glory!

Our Speakers team, led by Jerry Coleman, has grown to 25 (five added in 2018), and they continue to minister in a wide variety of settings. In December, these speakers gathered for the second annual Speakers Summit to renew relationships, share experiences, and meet with camp meeting presidents to coordinate future speaking events.

Mike Powers continues to give excellent leadership in our Discipleship ministry, developing both the Covenant Fellowship and Shepherds Watch programs. These initiatives have tremendous potential not only for touching lives in ways that are spiritually impactful but also for building networks of community, which is at the heart of our calling to be a “society.”

The Publishing ministry continues to send *The High Calling*, with many positive responses after each issue, and we continue to offer a wide selection of books and recordings.

To receive monthly reports of what’s happening at FAS, please sign up on our website to receive our *Ministry Matters* e-newsletter.

In the Name,

Stan Key, President

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What Is the Francis Asbury Society (FAS)?
A Society of Like-minded People

FAS is involved in activities related to churches, schools, missions, camp meetings, and conference centers, but we are essentially a society. While we want to help ministries involved in Kingdom work around the world, our call is to be a network where like-minded people can find strength, encouragement, and fellowship to live out the gospel in meaningful ways.
What Is the Mission of FAS?

To Spread Scriptural Holiness

The gospel involves more than the forgiveness of sins and the promise of heaven, and God raised up FAS to remind the people of God of this crucial truth. The gospel calls us to a transformation of character and a reorientation of our lives. For many, the term “holiness” is a helpful and biblical way to define this reality.
How Does FAS Exist?
*Through the Faithful Gifts of People Like You*

Though a small amount of income is generated by the sale of books and a small semi-endowment fund covers our basic maintenance costs (electricity, etc.), and though we occasionally receive some larger gifts (from wills, special projects, etc.), FAS exists primarily on the gifts of those who believe in our ministry. What helps us the most are the gifts received regularly (monthly, quarterly, etc.). For such support, we are deeply and humbly grateful.

FAS celebrates a great financial year in 2018. For the majority of our existence, we have lived “paycheck to paycheck.” This mixture of frugality and faith isn’t altogether bad for running a ministry, but eventually dreams and plans want to be realized—and the rotten deck boards need to be replaced. Having money to step into these dreams and to be good stewards of our assets is refreshing. Because of your increased giving in 2018, we were able to:

- Relaunch the Covenant Fellowship program.
- Replace outdated media equipment.
- Replace the broken ice machine.
- Host a Young Speakers Gathering at no cost to the attendees.

Thank you for investing in Kingdom work. If you are interested in seeing full financial reports, they are always available on our website at www.francisasburysociety.com/support.
Discipleship

The Covenant Fellowship
The Covenant Fellowship of FAS is made up of people who have fully surrendered our lives to Christ and have chosen to follow him with single-hearted devotion. We seek to experience and express the beauty of the holiness of Christ in the ordinariness of our everyday lives. Members receive regular correspondence from FAS intended to encourage and uplift.

Shepherds Watch
In February, FAS began an initiative to offer support and encouragement to pastors in our Covenant Fellowship and beyond. *Shepherds Watch* is our attempt to develop and strengthen covenant relationships with pastors. The FAS leadership team is making pastoral support a priority in our discipleship ministry.

For more information about either of these initiatives, contact mike.powers@francisasburysociety.com.

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40 average attendance at FAS Bible Study in Wilmore, KY

135 Covenant Fellowship (CF) members

1000 goal for CF membership in 2019

41 pastors who have expressed interest in *Shepherds Watch*
Hula Hoop Prayer
The Incredible Value of One Person Who Is 100 Percent God’s

Rhonda Cook* attended the 2017 “If My People” Prayer Retreat, where Beth Coppedge had given out a bag with a piece of chalk in it. Beth had instructed the attendees to take the chalk home, draw a circle around them, and then pray this prayer: “Oh, Jesus, start a revival, and begin in this circle! Begin with me.” Rhonda took the chalk and the prayer home and shared them with the 12 ladies in her Bible study group, which met around her kitchen table, but her friends weren’t impressed.

So, Rhonda prayed, expressing her disappointment to God. Later that day, she was shopping and saw a bunch of hula hoops in the children’s section. God whispered to her heart: “Rhonda, get 12 hula hoops, and, next week, have Bible study at church. Put those hula hoops around the altar.” And so, she did.

With the hula hoops around the altar, she asked the ladies, “Are you willing to give Jesus all of you for all of him? If so, come and stand in a hula hoop and tell Jesus, ‘I’m all yours.’” The hula hoops began to fill up. Rhonda prayed for the ladies, that they would have clean hearts. And then, she asked them to pray with her for the prodigals in their lives, for their loved ones who needed Jesus.

The next Sunday, Rhonda learned that her pastor had heard about the hula hoops. He had hung the largest hula hoop he could find on their Prodigal Board, where their church lists the names of those they are praying will find Jesus. That morning, he asked everyone to meet him at the Prodigal Board after the service so they could pray together for all the prodigals.

“You know what?” Rhonda told Beth when they met at the 2018 Indian Springs Camp Meeting. “Two weeks ago, the biggest prodigal on that board, one who was in prison, found Jesus and told his family that he wanted to go to Bible school!”

*Rhonda passed into the arms of Jesus in January 2019.
Thank You for Your Support!

In 2018, we started tracking our donors in three specific giving levels:

- Leadership 100—at least $100 monthly or $1,000 annually to the General Fund
- Ministry 100—at least $100 monthly or $1,000 annually to a ministry fund(s) such as Francis Asbury Speakers, Titus Women, etc.
- Friends of FAS—monthly contributions to any fund in any amount less than $100

We value every contribution, no matter the size, because each gift represents an individual who has chosen to participate in the ministries of FAS. Every contribution further enables us to proclaim the Biblical message of holiness that we can be “wholly devoted to God.”

717 donors overall
60 Leadership 100 donors
130 Ministry 100 donors
121 Friends of FAS donors
FAS by the Stats: 2018

Total Donations* ▲ 23% over 2017
General Fund Donations* ▲ 41%

Core Ministry Programs

Publishing
- 3,511 Books Sold
- 2,331 High Calling Readers

Number of Years FAS has been Accredited by ECFA
- 16

Discipleship
- Wilmore Bible Study Attendees: 40

Speakers
- 25 FAS Approved Speakers

Percentage of Income from DONATIONS
- 88%

Volunteers
- 21

Part-time Staff
- 10

Full-time Staff
- 2

* excluding estate gifts
Speaking Up

Every week, FAS Speakers preach and teach the message of total surrender and obedience to God in the U.S.A. and around the world. We added five new speakers to the ministry in 2018, and Jerry, our director of Speakers, continues to receive inquiries from potential candidates and seeks to increase the diversity of our speakers. Contact him at jerry.coleman@francisasburysociety.com if you need help finding a speaker for your event or if you are interested in becoming an FAS speaker.

25 speakers
21 states
13 countries
70 evangelistic events
32 camp meetings
53 retreats, seminars, and conferences

Jerry & Jan Coleman

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Home, Home on the Range

Our Latin America ministry, led by Jim Harriman, has been focused on helping the Bolivian Evangelical University in South America for a number of years. Early in 2019, Jim announced that they had sold their first 35 bulls (at over 100% profit). This sale marked the culmination of years of effort. The ranch project is beginning to see financial fruit, and the ultimate goal is for it to be completely self-supporting. It is furthering the educations of dozens of students in the agronomy/animal husbandry school. Jim says the ranch is a great place to do practicums.

*These statistics reflect the whole span of this project, through 2018.*
Publishing Ministry

This year saw an increase in pamphlet sales. Especially popular pamphlets included: *Pig Pen Christians*, *Victorious Christian Living*, *Despicable Me?*, and *Christmas Is for Children*.


Along with books and pamphlets, the Publishing ministry prepares the bi-monthly issues of *The High Calling*, which continues to be a favorite publication. In 2018, the following topics were featured: Blessed Assurance, Truth, Sanctified Emotions, Sin, The Evangelist, and Why Christmas? Sign up to receive future issues of *The High Calling* on our website.

Top Sellers in 2018

*This Day with the Master*  
*Called to Be Holy* (Spanish)  
*Preaching in the Spirit* (Spanish)
Our Volunteers Are Critical to Our Operations

FAS relies heavily on our 21 volunteers. Some come in weekly; others make themselves available to be called in for specific projects. Our volunteers:

• Pick up and process weekly mail and donations.
• Prepare bulk mailings several times a year.
• Assist ministry leaders with administrative support.
• Count books to be added to our inventory.
• Record weekly Bible studies in the Ministry Center.
• Clean bathrooms, stock supplies, wash cleaning rags, take out the trash and recycling, etc.

We are eternally grateful to these individuals who quietly go about their work to support the ministry. Thank you!!
Our Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors meets in-person every May and October. Starting in 2019, they added a teleconference meeting every January. Our board focuses on policies, strategic planning, and financial reviews, leaving the everyday operations to the administration but receiving regular status reports. Our current members include:

**Dr. Chris Bounds**  
*Chairman of the Board*  
Professor of Wesleyan Theology  
Asbury University  
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Shelbyville, KY

**Captain Dr. Andy Miller**  
Salvation Army  
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**Mr. Harvey Williamson, Jr.**  
Business Consultant  
Charleston, SC
Because of Your Generosity

One of the biggest things we were able to do at the end of 2018 was upgrade our media room equipment. You can see the difference in the Before/After photos to the right. Several have asked us to edit the videos with Scripture verses along the bottom of the screen. We have plans to provide that level of editing in the next Bible study series. You can view all of our Bible study series since 2012 as well as other stand-alone videos online at www.vimeo.com/fastv.

Let’s Make 2019 Even Better!

We hope this report has encouraged you and that you celebrate with us what God has done through the ministry of FAS. With your continued strong support, next year could be another banner year. To God be the glory!

We especially wish to thank Matt and Sarah Hogencamp, who volunteered several hours of their time and expertise to this project.