

The background of the top half of the page is a photograph of the entrance to the Estes Chapel. The building is constructed of red brick. Above the double white doors is a white pediment with the words "ESTES CHAPEL" in black capital letters. Above the pediment is a large, multi-paned white window. The entrance is flanked by white columns. In the foreground, there are red tulips on the right and a brick walkway leading to the door. The text "Chapel PRAYER WALK THROUGH ASBURY SEMINARY" is overlaid on the image. "Chapel" is in a large, white, cursive script. "PRAYER WALK" is in a bold, black, serif font. "THROUGH ASBURY SEMINARY" is in a smaller, black, serif font.

Chapel

PRAYER WALK

THROUGH ASBURY SEMINARY

Prayer is embedded in the very DNA of Asbury Theological Seminary, evidenced by dedicated prayer spaces located in every public building. These chapels are public spaces, whispering “Welcome” to persons rushing by, inviting them to pause and meet with God. Life in the Asbury Seminary community winds its way in and out of these prayer chapels throughout the course of any ordinary day.

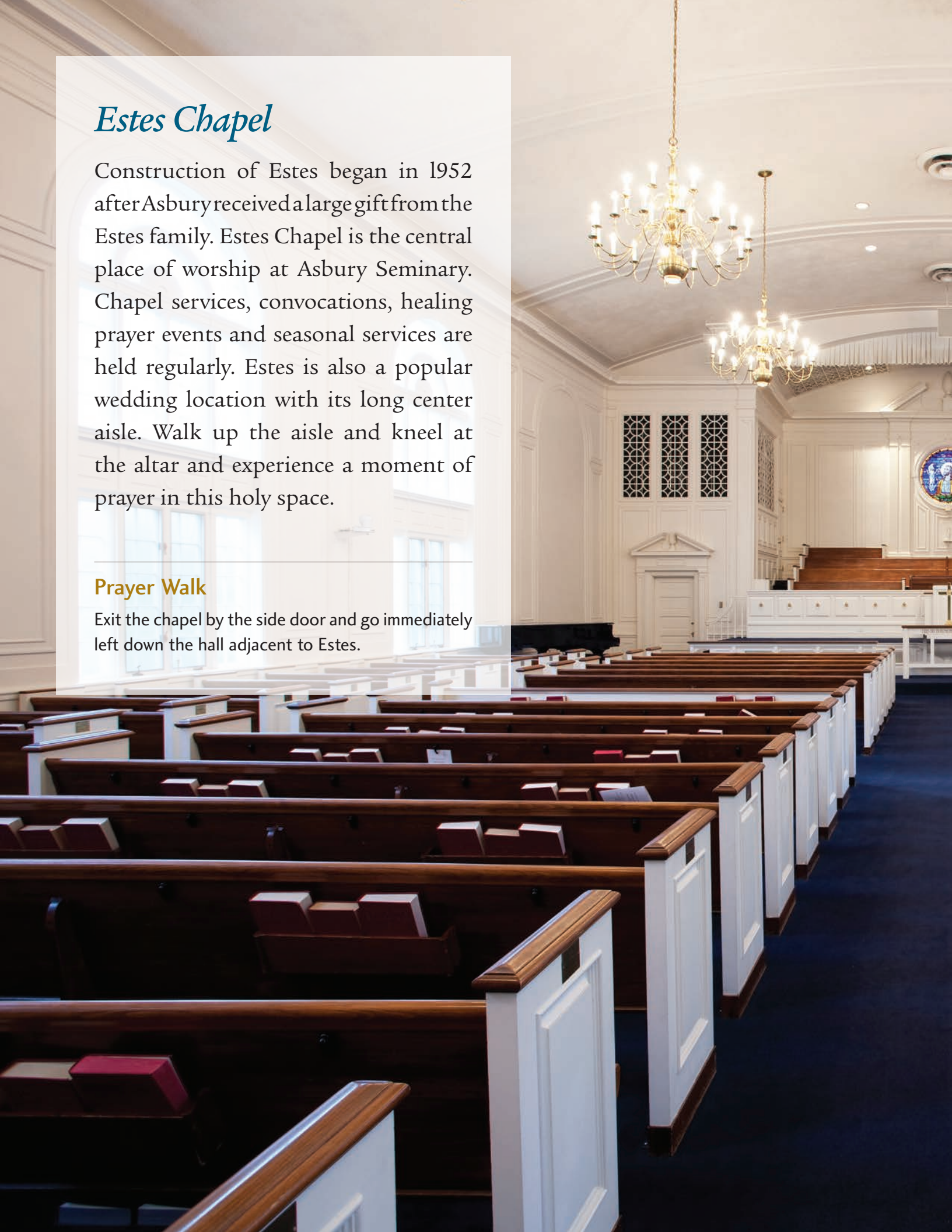
We encourage you to use this Chapel Prayer Walk as a personal experience of prayer and pause. Enter into the welcoming Presence of the Holy Spirit who awaits you.

Estes Chapel

Construction of Estes began in 1952 after Asbury received a large gift from the Estes family. Estes Chapel is the central place of worship at Asbury Seminary. Chapel services, convocations, healing prayer events and seasonal services are held regularly. Estes is also a popular wedding location with its long center aisle. Walk up the aisle and kneel at the altar and experience a moment of prayer in this holy space.

Prayer Walk

Exit the chapel by the side door and go immediately left down the hall adjacent to Estes.





Haskins–Luce Chapel

Located immediately beside Estes, down the long adjacent hall, the Luce Chapel is reminiscent of gospel churches across America. Before every public service in Estes, a prayer meeting is held in Luce. Small covenant services and spiritual conversations also find a welcome in Luce Chapel. Sit for a few minutes and let your mind remember an old hymn or a memory of a time when God met you in an old church.

Prayer Walk

Go down one flight of stairs and walk left, past the Seminary Post Office window. You will find the prayer closet on your left.





Giorgianni Prayer Closet

In contrast to Estes, the prayer closet is an intensely personal prayer chapel, usually used for solitude and personal prayer. Step inside and close the door to experience the deep sense of peace in this space.

Prayer Walk

Walk out onto the green. Across the lawn you will see the Sherman Thomas Student Center. Just past the cafeteria, down the wide hall, you will find the Stanger Prayer Chapel.





Stanger Prayer Chapel

Across from the gymnasium and fitness loft, another quiet space awaits a visitor. Most often used as a healing prayer chapel, the art on the walls represents the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Designed for a small group engaged in prayer, Stanger Prayer Chapel has been host to deep soul moments. Pause to meditate on the art and consider the gifts of the Holy Spirit in your own life.

Prayer Walk

Stepping out of Stanger, exit left and then immediately left down the hallway toward the exercise room. On your left you will find the Asbury House of Prayer.







The image shows the interior of the Asbury House of Prayer. The room has a drop ceiling with a square light fixture. The walls are made of light-colored cinder blocks. Two large, colorful silk batik banners hang on the wall. One banner depicts two figures in a landscape, and the other depicts a figure in a landscape. A floor lamp with a black base and a white shade stands in the corner. A small wooden table with a decorative cross on top is next to a wooden chair. A beige sofa with a patterned pillow is also visible. The floor is covered with a dark green carpet.

Asbury House of Prayer

Previously housed in Larabee Hall, AHOP is now just down the hall from the Stanger Prayer Chapel. This room is open to any person or group who wants a gentle, prepared space to meet or pray. Often a person will spend some hours in this room, leaving behind prayer requests or words of understanding that have come to them during their prayer time. The silk batik banners on the wall were handmade by Kulli Toniste from Estonia while she studied at the Seminary. Sit and let the story of Jesus envelop you through the art and ambiance. If someone else is present, simply abide in the space with them.

Prayer Walk

Exit the Student Center by the back doors, passing Stanger Chapel again. When you are outside, go left. Enter the Beeson building to the left, and take the first left just beyond the door. On your right is Richard Allen Chapel.



Richard Allen Chapel

Located on the first floor of the Beeson building, this space is highly liturgical and represents a distinct stream of spiritual practice. The Richard Allen Chapel is a beautifully crafted space that serves many worship gatherings. Stand in the middle of the room and speak a few words to hear the excellent acoustic structure of the ceiling.

Prayer Walk

In the same building, go up one flight of stairs and you will find the Kalas Preaching Chapel just inside the doors on the opposite side of the building, facing into the campus.

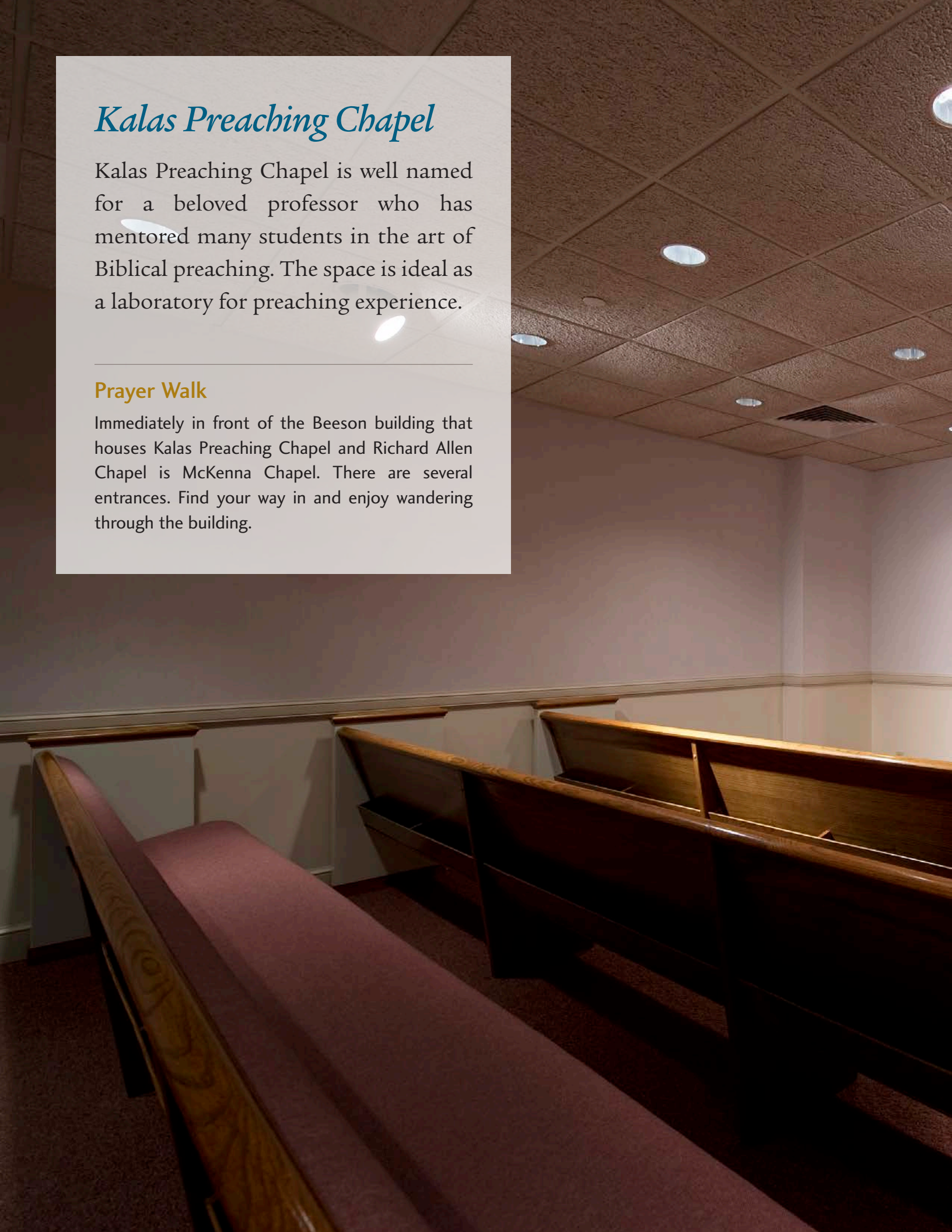


Kalas Preaching Chapel

Kalas Preaching Chapel is well named for a beloved professor who has mentored many students in the art of Biblical preaching. The space is ideal as a laboratory for preaching experience.

Prayer Walk

Immediately in front of the Beeson building that houses Kalas Preaching Chapel and Richard Allen Chapel is McKenna Chapel. There are several entrances. Find your way in and enjoy wandering through the building.





The image shows the interior of McKenna Chapel. The foreground is filled with rows of red upholstered chairs. In the background, there is a large pipe organ with many tall, light-colored pipes. To the left of the organ, a black grand piano sits on a wooden stage. The walls are covered in light-colored wood paneling, and the ceiling has recessed lighting.

McKenna Chapel

McKenna is a large chapel that houses a magnificent pipe organ. McKenna is often used for teaching or drama events because of the stadium seating and stage lighting. During the 40 days of Lent, the community often vacates Estes Chapel and gathers in McKenna to mark the days of the passion of Christ.

Prayer Walk

Exit McKenna Chapel toward the Asbury Inn. Across from the Inn is the Stanger/McPheeters building. Walk through the doors and down the hall. On the right you will come upon the Carruth Prayer Chapel.



The image shows the interior of the Carruth Prayer Chapel. On the left wall, there is a large, dark-framed oval mirror. A floor lamp with a warm-toned shade stands in the center. To the right, a white banner is hung, displaying a litany of prayer phrases in green and black text. A light-colored armchair with wooden legs is positioned in the lower right, and a large white cushion lies on the patterned carpet in the foreground.

Carruth Prayer Chapel

The Carruth Prayer Chapel is situated off a busy hallway and is designed to create soul deep quiet in the midst of life. Many students stop by on their way to the Counseling or Intercultural Studies departments to orient themselves to the Spirit of God before taking up their books. If you have time, pause and read the 'litany of a person' scripted on the banner. Prayer connects us with our true humanity in the presence of God.

Prayer Walk

Continue down the hall. Just beyond Carruth Prayer Chapel is Fletcher Chapel behind the double doors.

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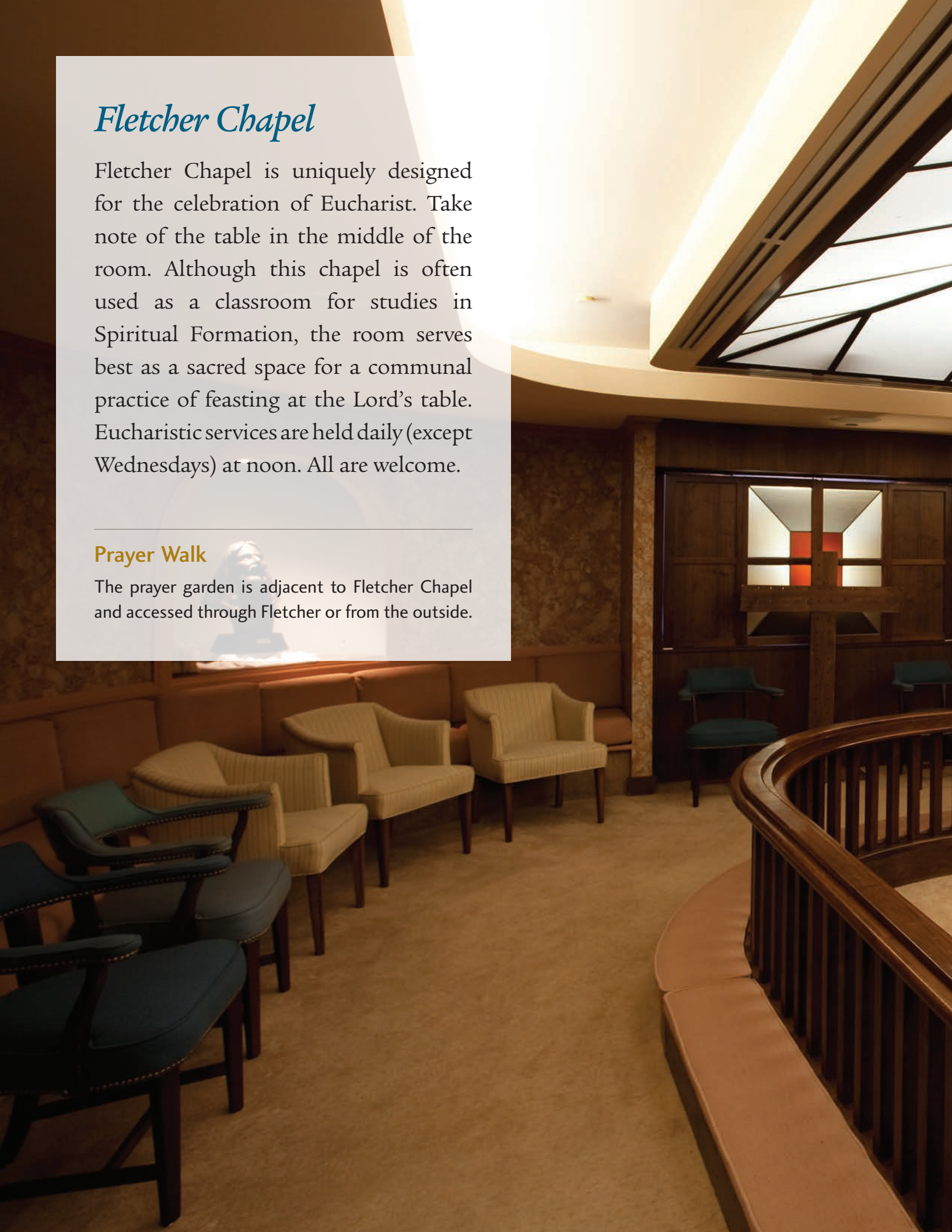


Fletcher Chapel

Fletcher Chapel is uniquely designed for the celebration of Eucharist. Take note of the table in the middle of the room. Although this chapel is often used as a classroom for studies in Spiritual Formation, the room serves best as a sacred space for a communal practice of feasting at the Lord's table. Eucharistic services are held daily (except Wednesdays) at noon. All are welcome.

Prayer Walk

The prayer garden is adjacent to Fletcher Chapel and accessed through Fletcher or from the outside.





Prayer Garden

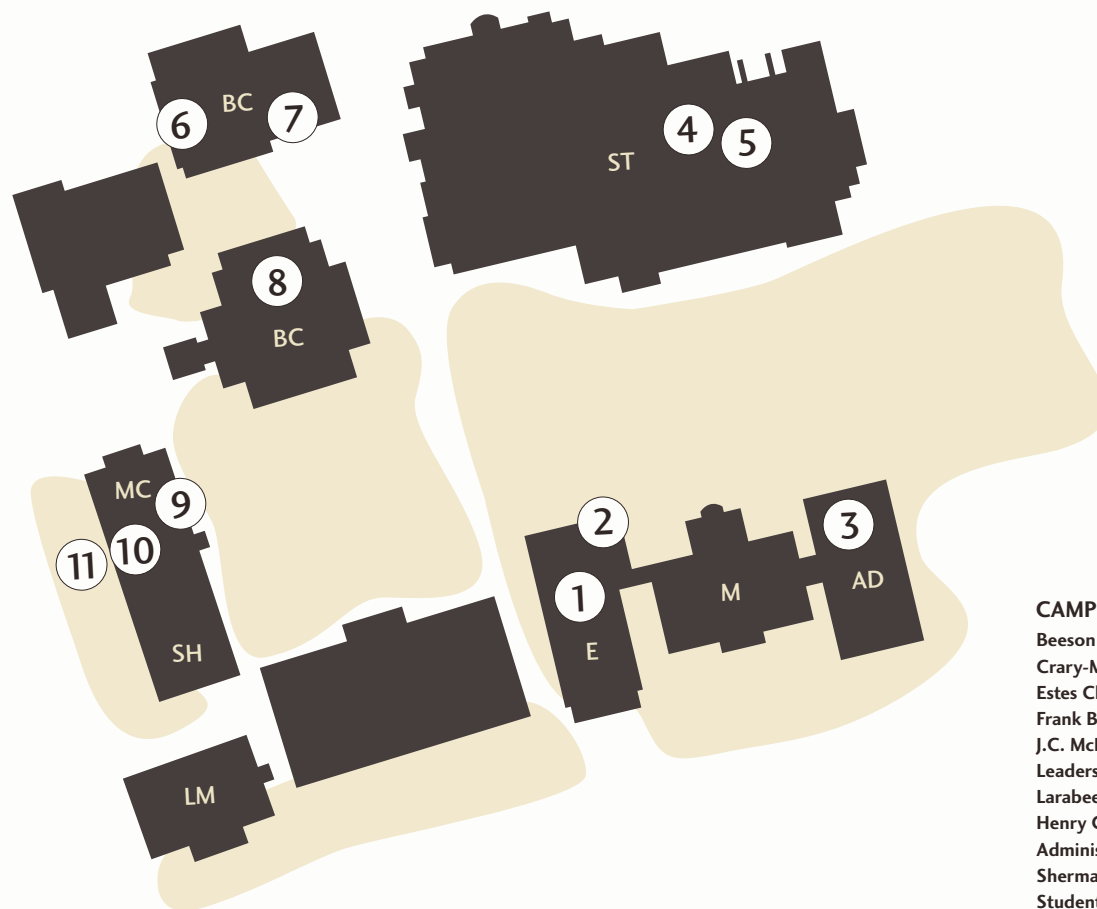
Outside the Fletcher Chapel is a small prayer garden built in memory of Lanny Carroll Spears II (late son of staff member Lanny Spears). Notice the small labyrinth painted on the ground. If you are unfamiliar with the labyrinth as a spiritual symbol, read the short explanation of a labyrinth on the door leading out to the garden.

Prayer Walk

This is the final sacred space on the prayer journey. We hope you enjoy your time touring around the Kentucky Campus.







CAMPUS BUILDINGS

Beeson International Center (BC)
 Crary-McPheeters Building (M)
 Estes Chapel (E)
 Frank Bateman Stanger Hall (SH)
 J.C. McPheeters
 Leadership Center (MC)
 Larabee-Morris Hall (LM)
 Henry Clay Morrison
 Administration Building (AD)
 Sherman-Thomas
 Student Center (ST)

It is our prayer that as you linger with the Lord in these various sacred places, you will grow in awareness of His constant presence and care in your life. Each of these chapels is soaked with prayer and conducive to inner stillness and a sense of holy presence, but the Spirit of God is with us even in the whirl of our lives. Leave this Chapel Prayer Walk knowing that God is lovingly and actively attending to all of your days.



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