

# Romans

Sunday, October 25, 2020

Our readings this week include how Jesus was on mission to find the lost. **He described three lost things – a sheep, a coin and a son.** We experience anxiety, fear, frustration, disappointment and sadness when something or someone is lost. In particular, the story of the “Prodigal Son” creates a yearning for reunion. The son became a slave to his passions and emotions—what Romans 8:13 describes as living according to the flesh. He was as good as dead. He finally came to his senses and returned home where his father joyfully embraced him. We miss the point if we focus solely on the two boys in the story rather than the father. It really could be called, “The Prodigal Father” because a synonym of “prodigal” is “extravagant.” “Abba Father” is prodigious in His love, acceptance and forgiveness of us, His sons and daughters.

It is terrible to be lost. It is wonderful to be found. **Redemption is the theme of the Bible.** From Genesis 3 to Revelation 22, God is seeking His lost and wayward children. Once found, He gives us His Spirit to enable us to live in a completely new way. We are never more Christ-like then when we are Helping Others Follow Jesus.



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# APPLICATION:

Last week's memory verse was Romans 8:1: **"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."** This week's memory verse is 8:14: "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God." (Note: While "sons of God" seems sexist, we make a terrible mistake in judging history according to current standards. In THAT day, women were not respected. The New Testament, Jesus and Paul, elevated the role and position of women. For Paul to say a woman can be raised to the status of being a son of God was a supreme commendation and compliment.)



## MESSAGE

Romans 8:9-17

**Pastor**  
James Lambert

## SCRIPTURE READINGS:

SUFFERINGS AND GLORY

OCT 26

Romans 8:18-25

OCT 27

Job 2

OCT 28

Isaiah 53:1-6

OCT 29

Romans 5:1-5

OCT 30

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

OCT 31

Philippians 1:18-30

## WAYS TO GIVE:



**Electronic Giving**  
[myasburytulsa.org](http://myasburytulsa.org)

**Online Bill Pay**  
Name and address  
on the check



**Mobile:**  
Text the word  
"asburygive"  
to 73256



**Cash or Check:**  
Offering box  
or any time in  
the main office or  
the South Guest  
Services Desk.

## PREVIOUS WEEK'S GIVING:

**WEEKLY GIVING:**

\$125,864

**YTD GIVING BUDGET:**

\$6,400,361

**YTD GIVING ACTUAL:**

\$5,979,684

# SUNDAY MORNING



 **ASBURY  
Kids**

9:30 & 11 am



 **ASBURY  
STUDENTS**

9:30 am



**Discipleship  
Communities**

8, 9:30 & 11 am  
Check [asburytulsa.org/  
communities](http://asburytulsa.org/communities) for full listing

## PRAYER: THREE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED SEASON OF PRAYER



**1 UNITED IN PRAYER**  
**NOVEMBER 1**  
SANCTUARY | 6:30 PM  
In-person and online

**2 31-DAY  
ELECTION  
PRAYER CHALLENGE**



October 4 - November 3

Printed prayer guides  
available in our main  
prayer room and online.

**3 48-HOUR  
ELECTION  
PRAYER WATCH**

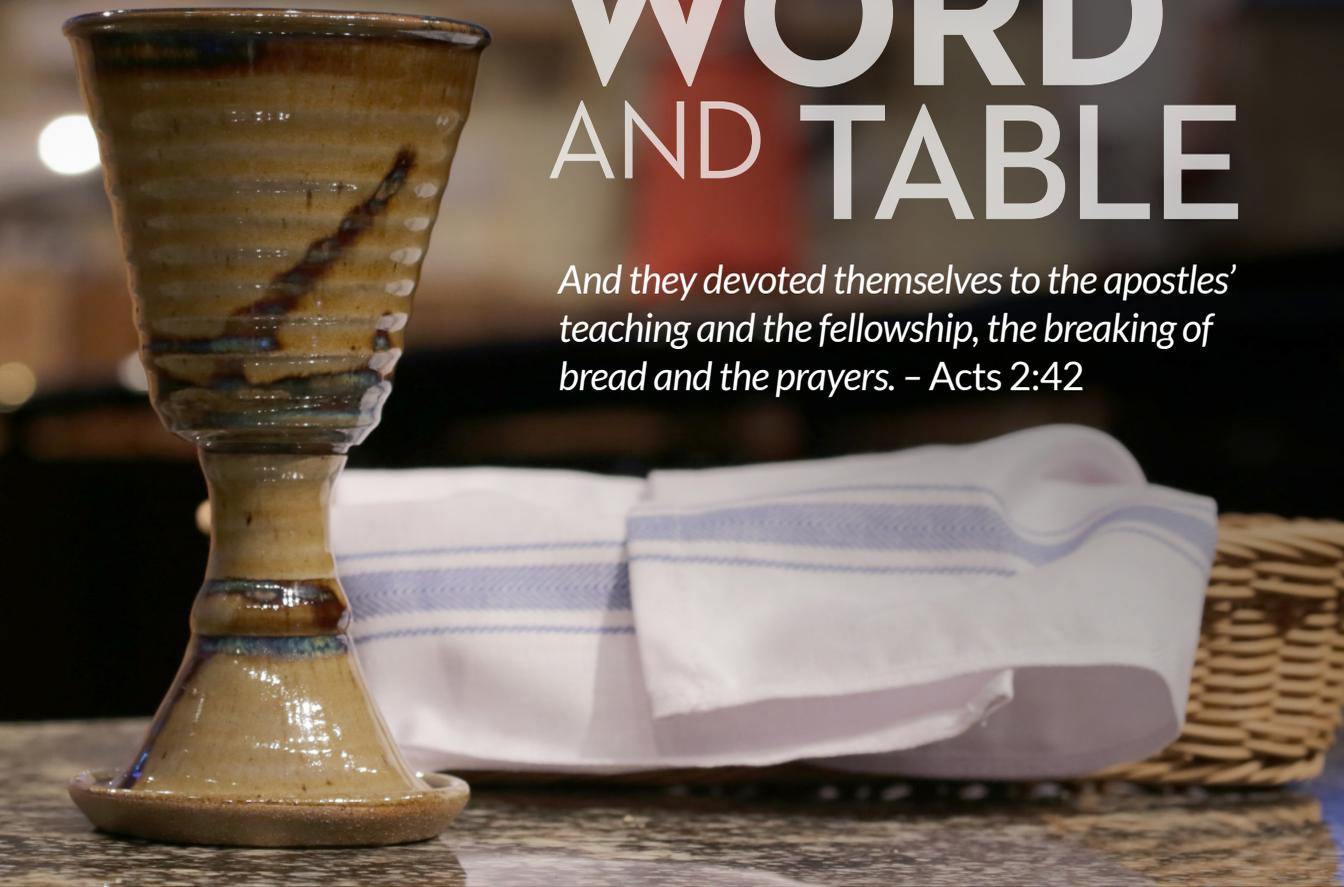


November 1, 7:30 pm  
- November 3, 7:30 pm

Pray 30 minutes from home,  
work or Asbury Prayer Rooms.  
Sign up to pray for 30 minutes  
[asburytulsa.org/prayerwatch](http://asburytulsa.org/prayerwatch).

# WORD AND TABLE

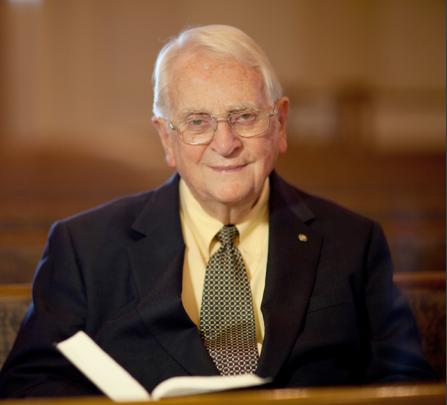
*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers. – Acts 2:42*



## WHAT ARE THE MOVEMENTS OF WORSHIP?

- a. When we dance like no one's watching
- b. When God speaks and we respond
- c. When we sing, the pastor preaches, and we sing some more

**b.** Worship is God initiating a conversation with us and us responding to Him. Worship is based on the divine/human relationship. The living God is always in the room. When we worship, we encounter and respond to His real presence. We begin by gathering in His Name, we hear His Word proclaimed, we respond to Him through Communion (primarily) but also with our offerings, through baptism, joining in membership, serving, and living in obedience. Finally, we are sent back into the world with a blessing and a mission. Worship is a conversation that transforms the worshiper.



Visit [asburytulsa.org/billmason](https://asburytulsa.org/billmason) to share a memory, listen to his music, watch an interview and view a photo album.

## Donuts and Sausage Rolls TODAY!

10:30 - 11 am

**\$1 per donut**

**\$2 per sausage roll**

Proceeds benefit  
**DISASTER RELIEF**

## FIRST TIME GUESTS

Please stop by any Guest Services Desk for a special gift.

## PARENT MEETING

Come hear from Pastor Tom, Daniel and Charlie about our new initiatives for all parents of kids and students age 0-18!

We will be sharing how we can work together as the church and family to help connect our children to God.

**November 1 | 3 pm | Sanctuary**

**EVENTS**  
Next Steps



## NEWCOMER MEAL

with Senior Pastor Tom Harrison

**TODAY | 5 pm**

Register at [asburytulsa.org/newcomermeal](https://asburytulsa.org/newcomermeal)

*An introduction to our mission, sacraments and membership vows.*

**EVENTS**  
AsburyKids



# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Every Wednesday night from 6-7:30 pm for a high-energy, high-impact worship service!

**EVENTS**  
Fellowship



## Native American PowWow Saturday November 7 10 am - 8 pm | Venue

Celebrating Native American Heritage Month

the art of  marriage®

Wednesdays, **Oct. 28-Dec. 9** | 6:30-8 pm

This 6-week class weaves together expert teaching together expert teaching and more to portray the hope and beauty of God's design for marriage. No cost. Child care available. **Register at [myasburytulsa.org](http://myasburytulsa.org).** Questions? Contact Pat and Deborah Calhoun at 918.694.6533.

**EVENTS**  
Outreach



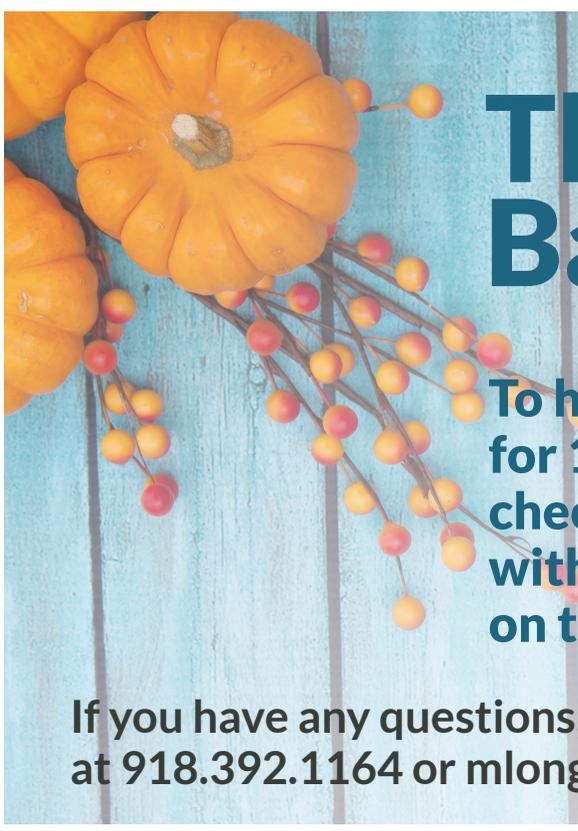
**ASBURY**  
HARVEST HAYDAY

**FREE EVENT**

**Saturday, October 31, 2020**  
**11 am - 2 pm**

**Trunk or Treat**

Food Trucks will be on-site for food purchase



# Thanksgiving Baskets

To help purchase the food items for 199 families, please make checks payable to Asbury UMC with “Local Holiday Outreaches” on the memo line.

If you have any questions, please contact Marilene Long at 918.392.1164 or [mlong@asburytulsa.org](mailto:mlong@asburytulsa.org).

## DIVORCE *Care*<sup>®</sup>

**Surviving the Holidays Workshop** for Divorced/  
Separated Families

**Saturday, November 7**

- 9:30-11:30 am
- Asbury's Family Room
- FREE
- Register online:  
[divorcecare.org/holidays/  
events/34348](http://divorcecare.org/holidays/events/34348)



## Hope for the Holidays

**GRIEF WORKSHOP**

**Saturday, November 7**

- 12:30 - 2:30 pm
- Asbury's Family Room
- FREE
- Register online:  
[griefshare.org/holidays/  
events/34347](http://griefshare.org/holidays/events/34347)