



GROW OUT

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Jesus went to them whether they were in big cities or tiny villages. He taught, preached and healed. He met people where they were. Jesus had compassion for them. He told His disciples to pray for the laborers to go to work.

We live in an attention-deficit society. We have so much noise going on that it is easy to disconnect from others. COVID-19 did not help our isolation. It's disconcerting to see a family of four seated in a restaurant with all heads down and paying more attention to their devices than to each other. Technology is only a symptom of our deeper problem of not paying attention to the people we are with.

Prayer is paying attention to God. It involves being quiet. It is a move away from our own agenda into another's. Poor listening skills and habits break down trust. Teams do not perform well when they do not listen to the coach and their teammates. A failure to listen, to hear, and to heed instructions often results in poor decisions, errors, and hurt feelings. **As the saying goes, Two ears—one mouth. We should listen twice as much as we talk.**



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APPLICATION:

How well do you pay attention to others? Do you tend to look at a screen instead of the person you are talking to? Do a word study on “listen” and “hear.” The Bible has a lot to say about paying attention. Here is a link: <https://www.biblegateway.com>



MESSAGE

Matthew 9:35-38

Senior Pastor
Tom Harrison

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

OUTREACH
MEANS INVITATION

- AUGUST 23** John 1:43-51
- AUGUST 24** Matthew 11:25-30
- AUGUST 25** Luke 5:27-32
- AUGUST 26** Luke 18:15-17
- AUGUST 27** John 1:35-42
- AUGUST 28** Colossians 4:5-6

WAYS TO GIVE:



Electronic Giving
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:
\$124,960

YTD GIVING BUDGET:
\$5,033,725

YTD GIVING ACTUAL:
\$5,083,775

SUNDAY MORNING



 **ASBURY
Kids**

9:30 & 11 am



 **ASBURY
STUDENTS**

9:30 am
Asbury Students Center



 **Discipleship
Communities**

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



**FIRST
TIME
GUESTS**

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

GUEST SERVICES

**Would you love to
welcome guests to
Asbury? We only
need 20 volunteers
almost to our goal
of 140.**

Please stop by the Main Foyer's Guest
Services Table or contact Lauren
Brown at lbrown@asburytulsa.org.



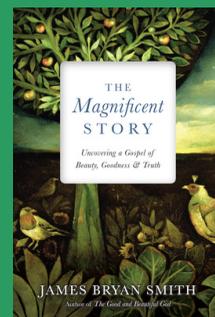


The Magnificent Story **Small Group Gatherings**

Stories help us make sense of our world. They also help shape who we are. But some stories are better than others. Pastor Tom and author Jim Smith will be preaching messages based on the book, *The Magnificent Story*, this fall. The congregation is invited to journey through this story by forming or joining a small group. Groups will begin the week of September 5 and meet approximately one hour a week, for six weeks. Facilitators choose the time, place, and people. We can help fill groups, too. Discussion guides are provided.

Willing to form a group?
asburytulsa.org/facilitators

Wanting to join a group?
asburytulsa.org/joingroup



Small group facilitators are invited to a special luncheon with author, Jim Smith, on September 5.

For books and information visit the CLC tables on Sunday mornings, or contact Pastor James: jlambert@asburytulsa.org.

August Teaching Series:



THE **TRUTH** ABOUT SEX



Rumors



Discredit



Lies



Incite



Distortion



Chaos



Confusion

TONIGHT! 6 - 7:30 PM | Sanctuary

August 22

Fake Fantasy: The Truth about Pornography

What is Pornography?

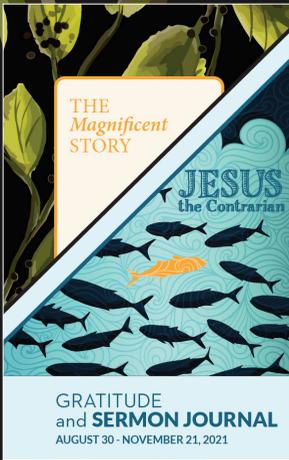
What does God say about porn?

- Every second of every day 30,000 users look at porn.
1.8 million people per minute.
- Average over \$3,000 spent on porn on internet every second.
- 400 people type adult into search every second.

*From webroot.com

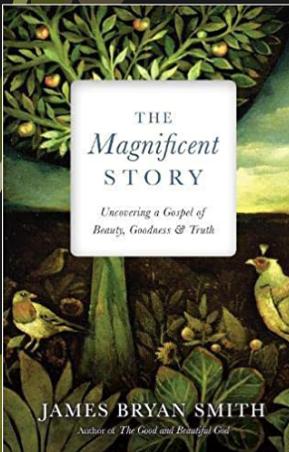
- 47% families report it as serious problem.
- 40 million regularly watch.
- 35% of internet downloads related to porn.
- Increases marital infidelity rate by 300%.
- 40% of addicts divorce from spouse.
- 58% users experience considerable financial loss.
- 33% loss their jobs.

*From National Coalition for Protection of Families



Get Your New Gratitude and Sermon Journals Today

This special edition provides small group discussion questions for the “The Magnificent Story” book study. To accommodate our small group gatherings, the readings for this journal will FOLLOW, not precede, the Sunday preaching text. Journals are available at Guest Services and the main office. A \$5 donation is suggested to cover printing costs.



The Magnificent Story sermon series begins September 5

“The Magnificent Story” is JESUS’ STORY. It is all about Him. We are stuck in what author Jim Smith calls “SHRUNKEN STORIES.” God created us as good, but sin has diminished God’s original intent. The GOOD NEWS is Jesus invites us to participate in His magnificent story. Together we will learn what it means to live “happily ever after.”



September 5 – Author Jim Smith preaching at Asbury

James Bryan Smith, author of “The Magnificent Story,” is a United Methodist pastor, a theology professor at Friends University, and an associate pastor at a local church in Wichita. He has written a series of excellent books. He also leads the “Apprentice Institute for Christian Spiritual Formation.” We are delighted to have Dr. Smith kick off our “Magnificent Story” series on September 5.



ASBURY
Kids



ASBURY
STUDENTS



Feed yourself physically and spiritually

WEDNESDAYS

asburytulsa.org/wednesdays

at ASBURY

Starting September 1. Becoming a strong disciple means learning Scripture and applying it to your everyday life. We will be offering a wide variety of learning opportunities for the whole family. Or do you sing? Play an instrument? Experiencing or joining one of Asbury's choir, orchestra or music teams is something you don't want to miss.



Dinner

Start the evening off with a home-cooked meal



Mid-Week Recharge

6:30-8 pm



Mid-Week Classes

Sign up now!
Details below



Choir & Orchestra

Children's Choir



Wednesday Night Live

6:30-8 pm



Wednesday Night Greeting Team

Beginning September 1 FALL (MID-WEEK) DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

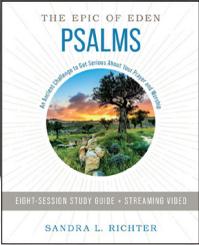


**ROMANS
PART 2
CHAPTERS 6-8**



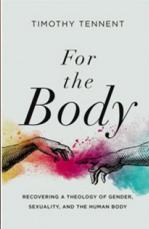
Confident
FAITH

Fun Ways to
Tell People
About Jesus



Serie
Juan Wesley

UNLOCKING
the Scriptures



Register at myasburytulsa.org
View all options at asburytulsa.org/events/list



If you ordered a nametag, you can pick them up at the main office. Thank you for helping Asbury "Grow Together."



SMALL GROUPS

Beginning September 19 | 4-5:30 pm



Welcome Home, Asbury Family!

HOMECOMING

AUGUST 29 | 9 AM - 12:30 PM

FREE breakfast! Donuts, breakfast burritos, sausage rolls, yogurt and juice

Opportunities to view Better Together in fruition – including the Asbury Students Center and the North Portico

Social and snacks with Discipleship Communities – Meet community members and learn which one is the best Sunday morning fit for you!

Digital Scavenger Hunt across the entire Asbury campus (with prizes!)

Pastor Meet & Greet – Get-to-know Asbury's newest pastors.