



THE *Magnificent* STORY

Sunday, September 12, 2021

THE TRINITY AND BEAUTY

We cover chapters 3 AND 4 this week in “The Magnificent Story.” These two chapters describe the Trinity and the beauty of the relationship within the godhead. Several people in the Bible are mentioned as being beautiful (Sarai, Rebekah, Rachel, Tamar, Job’s daughters, Vashti, Esther, and Moses as a baby). Yet, beauty has as much to do with relationships and function than with appearance. It’s not often we say feet are beautiful, but Romans 10:15 says, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” Our appearance is important but is not ultimate. We should be good stewards of our bodies, but people deemed beautiful by the culture may be deficient in more important traits like hospitality, kindness, faith, and love. Proverbs 11:22 says: “Like a gold ring in a pig’s snout is a beautiful woman without discretion.” We have memories and awareness of the “cool kids” (of any age) who reject those they deem inferior.

Like every believer, I have wrestled with the concept of the Trinity, but I have seldom thought about “beauty” in spiritual terms. I was intrigued to find the word in several Psalms. Our culture stresses beauty, especially for women. Women can be led to believe they are only significant if they are outwardly beautiful as defined by the culture (and fashion is always changing, keeping us addicted to buying new products). Since beauty can lead us astray, some Christians take the other extreme. They use 1 Peter 3:1-6 to resist outward beauty. Both are shrunken stories.

The redemptive note of beauty is seen in the relationship of the Trinity. It is fascinating that the New Testament never hints at the appearance of Jesus. The Scriptures don’t focus on what He looked like; it was His magnificent story and gracious invitation to all that attracted so many people to follow Him.



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MESSAGE

John 1:14-18

Senior Pastor
Tom Harrison

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

THE TRINITY AND BEAUTY

SEPT. 13

Psalms 27:1-4

SEPT. 14

Psalms 96:1-6

SEPT. 15

Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

SEPT. 16

Matthew 3:13-17

SEPT. 17

Acts 17:22-31

SEPT. 18

Philippians 2:1-11

WAYS TO GIVE:



Electronic Giving
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"asburygive"
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Cash or Check:
Offering box
or any time in
the main office or
the South Guest
Services Desk.



HURRICANE IDA DONATION

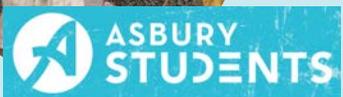
A \$5,000 gift has been made on behalf of the congregation to UMCOR to provide relief to those affected by Hurricane Ida.

If you would like to contribute further, you may give through Asbury with the designation, "hurricane relief."

SUNDAY MORNING



9:30 & 11 am



9:30 am
Asbury Students Center



8, 9:30 & 11 am
Check asburytulsa.org/communities for full listing

EVENTS Next Steps

NEWCOMER MEAL

with Senior Pastor Tom Harrison

September 19 | 5 pm

An introduction to our mission, sacraments and membership vows.

Register at asburytulsa.org/newcomermeal



2ND & 3RD GRADE TAKEOVER



ASBURY Kids
FREE EVENT!

Friday, September 24 | 6 - 8 pm
GAMES | FOOD | MAGIC SHOW

Register at asburytulsa.org/23takeover

The Encore Years for Empty Nesters

6:30-8:30 pm, Sept.21 | Room 2820

This group is for those whose children are “grown and flown” or are on the verge of leaving the nest. Guest speakers are Brent and Janis Sharpe who are licensed family and marriage therapists.

Register: asburytulsa.org/encore



Brent and Janis Sharpe

FALL (MID-WEEK) DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES



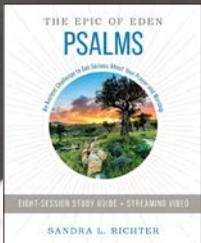
Mothers Fellowship

**ROMANS
PART 2
CHAPTERS 6-8**



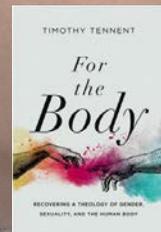
**Confident
FAITH**

**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 or pick up a brochure at the Resource Area



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



NEW COMMUNITY

Join us today!

Chapel Community | 9:30 am
Mason Chapel



ADOPT-A-TEACHER

Please come to the CLC on September 19 or September 26 to adopt a teacher/support staff for the 2021-2022 school year from one of our Partners in Education, Grove Elementary or Walt Whitman Elementary. **Questions?** Contact Linda Furman, jnlfurman@cox.net or Jana Annett, jsannett@swbell.net.



Hosted by Asbury's International Ministry

Williamson Branch Musical Event

7 pm | September 17 | CLC Register today!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

PRACTICE:
Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 pm
AsburyKids Rooms 2944 & 2945
Kindergarten-5th



ASBURY WOMEN'S GATHERING

NIGHT OF JOY

Friday, September 24, 7 pm

Register at asburytulsa.org/nightofjoy



Musical guests:
Sweet Adeline's
Vocal Audacity
Quartet

Special Guest:

Amy Barnes
She's Funny!



Blessing of the Pets

October 2 | 10:30 am - 12 pm
South Lawn (the gravel area)

Music | Message from John Vick | Prayer
Ask a Vet Table | Giveaways and more!

All animals welcome!

