



THE *Magnificent* STORY

Sunday, October 24, 2021

YOUR FUTURE STORY

Asbury is pleased to welcome Dr. Ben Witherington III on Sunday. Dr. Witherington taught a class at our Asbury Theological Seminary satellite campus this week. One of his books, “Encounters with Jesus,” is a creative narrative of people who met Jesus (similar to “The Chosen” TV series). It goes behind the plain account of the Gospels and tries to imagine what factors precipitated the crisis of those who met Jesus.

Ben will preach from Paul’s marvelous text of encouragement to Christians who were suffering persecution. While suffering is part of the faith, Paul reminded the Corinthians of the goodness of God through Jesus. Paul uses startling images: “light out of darkness,” “treasure in jars of clay,” “surpassing power,” and “afflicted.” At the heart of this passage is the vital importance of the resurrection of Jesus. The Resurrection changes everything—including us and our future.

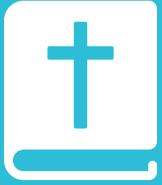
Paul warned Timothy that following Jesus was costly: “... indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” (2 Timothy 3:12) He repeatedly emphasized this. However, death (by any means) is not the end of the story. Those who trust in Jesus, the resurrected Lord, also share in His resurrection. Of all the reasons that Asbury’s mission is Helping Others Follow Jesus, this one is vitally important. As is said, “Begin with the end in mind.” No matter what else happens in life, our story ends with victory in Jesus.



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MESSAGE

2 Corinthians 4:1-18

**Guest
Speaker**

Ben
Witherington

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

YOUR FUTURE STORY

OCT. 25

Isaiah 40:27-31

OCT. 26

John 11:17-27

OCT. 27

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

OCT. 28

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

OCT. 29

1 Peter 5:6-11

OCT. 30

James 5:7-11

WAYS TO GIVE:



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to 73256



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

NEW LOCATION!

If you ordered a nametag,

you can pick them up at the table in the
MAIN FOYER near the Guest Services desk.

Thank you for helping Asbury "Grow Together."





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 for full listing

EVENTS Next Steps

NEWCOMER MEAL

with Senior Pastor Tom Harrison

TODAY | 12:15 pm

An introduction to our mission, sacraments and membership vows.

Register at asburytulsa.org/newcomermeal



Dr. Ben Witherington Preaching today.

What's your future story?
Find out today.

8, 9:30 and 11 am



PHOTOS FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY

It is time to update our pictures for our directory!

- We will be taking pictures on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.
- You will be able to receive a digital copy as well as order additional prints of your pictures. We will print a directory with your picture and name only and this will be available late spring to early summer.
- Pictures will be taken at different locations each week so please take notice of the signage.
- If you have questions, please contact Michelle Rafferty at 918.392.1122 or mrafferty@asburytulsa.org or visit asburytulsa.org/photosignup.

EVENTS
Outreach



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FREE EVENT

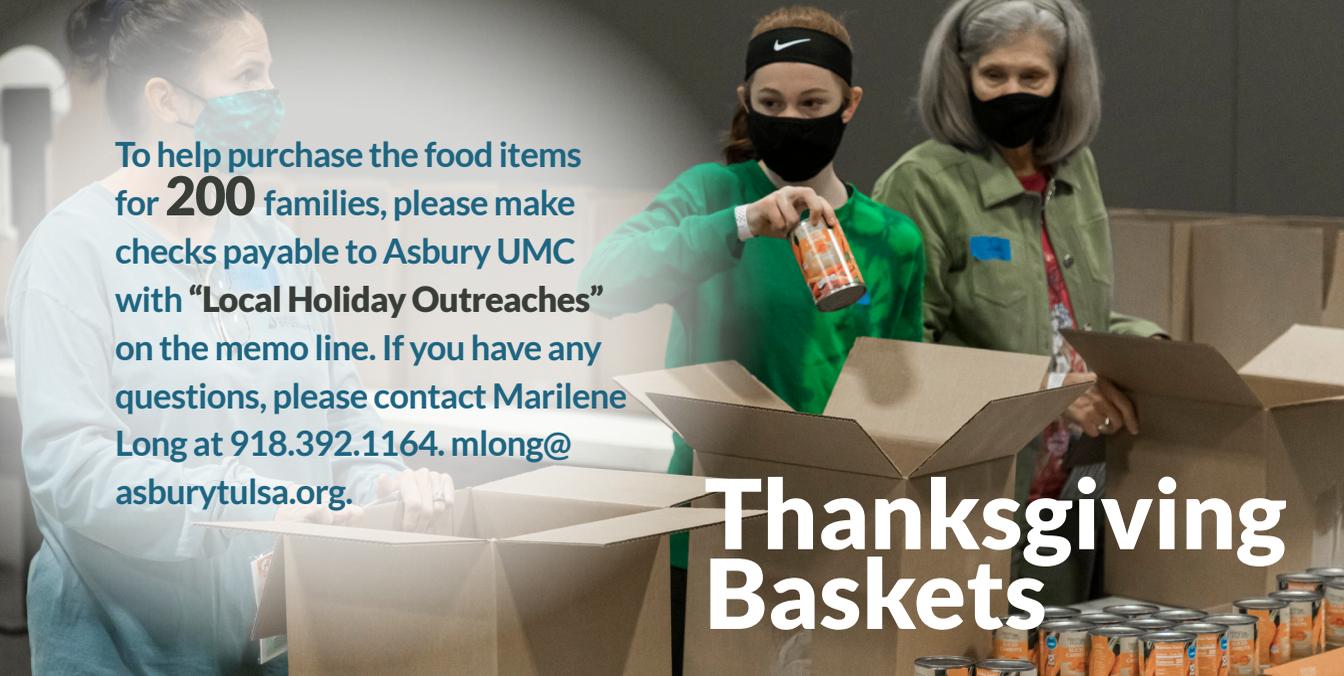
Saturday, October 30, 2021
11 am - 2 pm

Trunk or Treat

Food Trucks will be on-site
for food purchases.



If you would like to
participate with a
trunk, pick up a form
at the south table
and sign up today!



To help purchase the food items for **200** 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. mlong@asburytulsa.org.

Thanksgiving Baskets



Pastor Tom's Birthday is next Sunday!

October 31 marks the celebration of three things: Halloween, Reformation Day and Pastor Tom's birthday. Asbury is celebrating our beloved senior pastor throughout the morning of October 31, and the CLC gallery is party central.

Come by to enjoy a cupcake, take a picture, drop off a card, or make a gift to Asbury Theological Seminary in Pastor Tom's honor.



Asbury Women's

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Friday, November 5
6:30 – 8:30 pm | CLC
Cost: \$25

Space is limited. **Pre-register required** at asburytulsa.org/holidayworkshop



PARENTOLOGY

ALL PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

November 12, 6-8 pm in the Family Room

This November's Parentology will be called "Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll; the Next Generation."

Sex: Brett Hendrix with Changing Lanes ministry

Drugs: Rusty Gillette, Licensed Professional Counselor, MHR, LPC, LADC

Rock and Roll: Ross Crawford, Artist and songwriter

We will have dinner catered and then open up to discussion. AsburyKids will be open for 6 weeks - 5th grade. Pizza will be served. FREE!



Blake Brewer

The Encore Years

November 18, 6:30-8 pm | Family Room

ALL PARENTS are invited to this inspiring event to strengthen their relationship with their children. After the unexpected death of his father, Blake Brewer received a letter his father had written him just before his death. This incredibly meaningful letter led Blake to create the Legacy Letter Challenge. Many parents have turned to Blake to create Legacy letters for their children, and Blake has even been featured on Good Morning America. Join us to learn more about creating your own legacy letter.

Register: asburytulsa.org/encore