

MOUNTAINS VALLEYS and CAVES

sermon series

Sunday, March 20, 2022

If you ever go to Israel, you'll understand why Jesus preferred the Sea of Galilee to Jerusalem. The "Holy Land" is far more than rocks and sand. While it is about the size of New Jersey, those who have been to Israel often say it reminds them of California—a coastal plain, a mountain ridge that creates a desert, and a northern area that is plush and fertile. The Sea of Galilee is the largest freshwater lake in the Middle East though it is not a large area, about 13 miles long and 8 miles wide. In the northwestern part of the lake is where Jesus performed this amazing miracle. The Feeding of 5,000 was truly a mountaintop experience. Jesus put Philip on the spot. The disciple who got second billing, Andrew (Peter's brother), always seemed to be bringing people to Jesus. This time it was a little boy. Some say this miracle is their favorite of all (other than the Resurrection, of course). Jesus wasn't finished with the miraculous, either. Next, He walked on the water and calmed a storm.

However, John 6 tells the rest of the story. The great victory turned south the next day when many of "His disciples" left Him. His sayings were too difficult. Some just wanted the goodies but truly weren't interested in following Him. They were fickle followers. Their departure is a classic case of, "Lower your expectations; raise your commitment."



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APPLICATION:

Our theme this week is **discipleship**. Jesus said the mission of the church was to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. Are you a disciple? Why? How are you Helping Others Follow Jesus? When in your discipleship have you felt like you were on a mountaintop, multitude-feeding, water-walking experience; and when have you felt confused and thought of dropping out? Disciples have mountains, valleys and sometimes caves.



MESSAGE

John 6:1-15

Senior Pastor
Tom Harrison

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

JESUS ON THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION

MARCH 21

MARCH 22

MARCH 23

MARCH 24

MARCH 25

MARCH 26

Matthew 17:1-13

Isaiah 6

Matthew 16:1-20

Matthew 16:21-28

2 Peter 1:16-21

Revelation 1

WAYS TO GIVE:

Make checks payable to:

General Budget -
Asbury Church Reserve Trust

Designated Giving and Better Together -
Asbury Church

PREVIOUS WEEK'S GENERAL BUDGET GIVING

ASBURY CHURCH:

\$155,385

ASBURY CHURCH RESERVE TRUST:

\$19,171

TOTAL WEEKLY BUDGETED NEEDS:

\$127,680

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

March 27 | 12:15 pm

An introduction to our mission, sacraments and membership vows.

Register at asburytulsa.org/newcomermeal



GRAD SUNDAY MAY 1, 2022

High School seniors, please join us for a Graduation Celebration and Grad Luncheon in YOUR honor on Sunday, May 1. Registration is required at myasburytulsa.org by April 24 for this special event.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Communion Service

Thursday, April 14
7 pm | Sanctuary



ASBURY WOMEN'S SPRING GATHERING



OLYMPIC LEGEND

MADELINE MANNING-MIMS

Friday, March 25

6:30 pm

asburytulsa.org/women2022

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

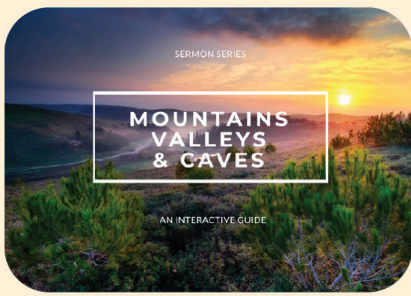
Healthy Lifestyle | Angela Parris

ABC's of Financial Freedom | Sara Rogers

Single and Thriving | Sydney Black

Reception following breakout sessions.

FREE EVENT



SERMON JOURNAL AND INTERACTIVE GUIDE

asburytulsa.app/interactive



UKRAINE SUPPORT

As of Tuesday, we have raised \$4,350. Thank you so much for your generosity. Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, relief organizations are actively placing medical orders to send to the crisis zones and over half a million Ukrainian refugees. As these teams aid the Ukrainian people, Blessings International is assisting them by way of our Emergency Disaster Relief fund.

\$100 given to the Emergency Disaster Relief fund can provide medicines and supplies for 460 patients!

Would you consider giving to our disaster relief fund? Asbury has partnered with Blessings International for a number of years to provide needed medical aid for our mission teams and for other medical needs around the world.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Asbury Students Center
TODAY | 9:30 am



THE ENCORE YEARS FOR EMPTY NESTERS

Tuesday, March 22 | 6:30 pm
Room 2820

Have your children “grown and flown,” or are they on the verge of leaving the nest? If you answered “Yes,” come connect with others.



FREE EVENT

K-1 Pajama Party

Friday, March 25 | 6:30 pm

AsburyKids Area

This is a Kindergarten and First Grade special event. We will have a PJ party, where we will be serving breakfast for dinner and making stuffed animals. Register at asburytulsa.org/pjparty.



EASTER SPRING FAIR

Saturday, April 16 | 10 am-12 pm

- Indoor fun, rain or shine
- Ages 0-3 Egg Hunt
- 4 years -5th grade Easter Putt Putt
- Candy, prizes, fun activities

FREE EVENT

For more information, contact Shanon Brown at sbrown@asburytulsa.org or 918.392.1170.