

AXIOMS

sermon series

You hang around the barbershop long enough—sooner or later you'll get a haircut.

Leaders eat last.

DON'T CASH THE CHECK UNTIL YOU'VE WRITTEN A THANK YOU NOTE.

AS LONG AS YOU'RE BREATHING IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO DO SOME GOOD.

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Show Me Your Friends, I'll Show

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Sunday, May 8, 2022

Habakkuk 3:17-19 is seldom a Mother's Day text, but it is also rare to hear a Mother's Day sermon on one of my favorite axioms. Lower Your Expectations, Raise Your Commitment has been the one piece of advice I share with couples getting married. This does not mean to lower our STANDARDS, just our expectations. Some expectations are legitimate and appropriate. However, the reality is that people often do not meet (or exceed) our expectations and that can cause conflict. Furthermore, if someone meets my expectation (which may be lofty and unrealistic); they do not get kudos—they are only doing what I think they should do. Ironically, our lofty expectations can crush gratitude.

As an Oral Roberts University graduate (two degrees, one wife), I always feel a bit chagrined when I use this axiom. The motto of ORU was "Expect A Miracle." Miracles are a positive aspect of our faith. While miracles happen, that is what they are—miraculous. They are rare. If we expect them to happen or feel entitled to them, we may set ourselves up for extreme disappointment. Many people are angry with God because life did not turn out as they expected. A friend in my ORU Doctor of Ministry class, Dr. Thomas Mathew, preached, "What Happens in Between Miracles?" I think Habakkuk 3:17-19 expresses it so well—I am committed to the Lord and joyful in Him regardless of whether things go my way or not.

Moms, the truth of the matter is your kids will not always make "straight As" or have straight teeth. They will misbehave, make bad choices, and may break your heart. Being a mom is one of the most difficult roles in all of life. Please know this: you do not have to be perfect. Your kids do not have to be perfect. You may not be the Proverbs 31 woman. You want your kids to succeed, but your identity is more than their performance. Being committed means to celebrate your wins, learn from your mistakes, grow and love together. Being committed means to stay calm, stay connected, stay the course, and above all else, to stay in Christ.



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APPLICATION:

Our theme this week is **COMMITMENT**. Let us give thanks for the women who have loved and nurtured us in many ways. Think of your mom, stepmom, mother-in-law, spouse, other women in your family, teachers, co-workers, fellow Asbury members, etc. How can you show appreciation and affection in ways that would bless them? We also know that some moms have not been sources of affection and strength. Could this be a day you forgive them and release any toxic emotions? Remember to let God's grace empower you on your journey of faith.



MESSAGE

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Senior Pastor
Tom Harrison

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

MINISTRY IS SIMPLE:
LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

MAY 9

MAY 10

MAY 11

MAY 12

MAY 13

MAY 14

Mark 12:28-34

Leviticus 19:1-18

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Luke 10:25-37

Romans 13:8-10

Galatians 5:1-15

WAYS TO GIVE:

Make checks payable to:

General Budget -
Asbury Church Reserve Trust

Designated Giving and Better Together -
Asbury Church

ASBURY CHURCH:

\$177,501

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ASBURY CHURCH
RESERVE TRUST:

\$80,066

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TOTAL WEEKLY
BUDGETED GIVING:

\$257,567

TOTAL WEEKLY
BUDGETED NEEDS:

\$182,538

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 for full listing

EVENTS Next Steps

NEWCOMER MEAL

with Senior Pastor Tom Harrison

May 22 | 12:15 pm

An introduction to our mission, sacraments and membership vows.

Register at asburytulsa.org/newcomermeal





OVERLAP CAMP

May 27-May 31

Camp Egan

Camp is \$300 sign up by May 16

WE NEED LEADERS!

(Camp is FREE for leaders)

Register now!

asburytulsa.org/overlap



SUMMER SONG

Musical arts camp for rising
4th-8th graders

JUNE 6-10

10 AM - 2 PM

Register:

asburytulsa.org/summersong

5TH GRADE PARENT MEETING



Sunday, May 15

12:30 pm

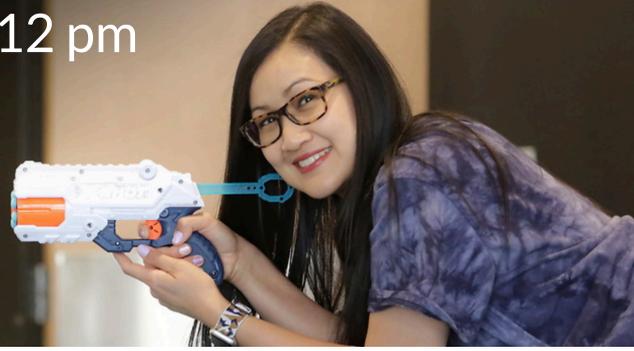
Asbury Students Center

Light Refreshments available

Mother/Son Nerf Fun Event

Saturday, May 21 | 10 am - 12 pm

asburytulsa.org/motherson



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GOD
2022 **vibes**



VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT



May is AsburyKids and Asbury Students volunteer recruitment month. As a loving and dedicated extension of our staffs, volunteers are that additional layer of joy in our ministries each week. We want you to be a part of the amazing lives of our kids and students.

Sign up in the South Foyer!