

## PHILIPPIANS sermon series

### Sunday, June 26, 2022

It is natural to assume we are saved by our own good deeds. We learn as children we must not fail, lose, or fall short, or we face the consequences. We assume God grades on a curve, too, so we had better perform or we will face His rejection. We feel we are never quite good enough to please God and that He is always angry with us about something. On the other hand, some live as if it is our business to sin and God's business to forgive. Neither extreme promotes the mind of Christ.

In Ephesians 2:1-10, Paul uses the word grace to describe salvation. We do not deserve, earn, or merit God's love. Our good works (deeds, self-effort, or self-righteousness) are insufficient. We cannot do a thing to save ourselves. Instead, God's gracious actions in Jesus Christ save us. We are completely at God's mercy. Scripture is clear that the way of salvation has never been by promoting our own self-righteousness. However, we get to contribute to our salvation. When we abide in Christ, good things naturally follow. Salvation is not just something that happened one-time years ago—it is a continuous and ongoing action now. Birthing a baby is a wondrous thing. However, there is more than just a new birth. The baby must grow and become a functioning adult. Something is wrong when growth does not happen.

Paul says to *"work out your own salvation."* We work it OUT, we do not work it IN. Grace is God's gift to us. We do not work FOR our salvation by striving or achievement. Salvation is not part of a "self-help" improvement course. We do not have to make promises to God that we will clean up our lives so we will be good enough for Him to save us. A drowning swimmer needs a life preserver, not swimming lessons. Working out our salvation is us cooperating with God's love. Because God's power has entered our lives, we can work it out in practical ways. We can become teammates and supporters of Jesus. We can allow God's grace to help us be salt and light in His world. Those who learn to work out their salvation are the ones who enjoy their faith the most.

We are not passive in our workout routine. We don't just watch the teacher, we engage. We are active partners. We are "response able." Like the icing on a cake—it "adds to" the final outcome.



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# APPLICATION:

Our memory verse this week is 2:12: Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. Our theme is **WORK OUT**. First, have you received this precious gift of salvation? Salvation is ours for the asking. Asbury pastors can help you with this. Second, specifically, how are you working for “God’s good pleasure”? Again, we can help direct you.



## MESSAGE

Philippians 2:12-30

Senior Pastor  
Tom Harrison

## SCRIPTURE READINGS:

THE SURPASSING WORTH

JUNE 27

Philippians 3:1-11

JUNE 28

Matthew 13:44-46

JUNE 29

John 20:24-29

JUNE 30

Colossians 1:15-20

JULY 1

Ephesians 1:15-23

JULY 2

Ephesians 3:7-13

# 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

## EVENTS Next Steps

# Tom's Last NEWCOMER MEAL

**June 26 | 12:15 pm**

*An introduction to our mission, sacraments and membership vows.*

**Register at [asburytulsa.org/newcomermeal](http://asburytulsa.org/newcomermeal)**



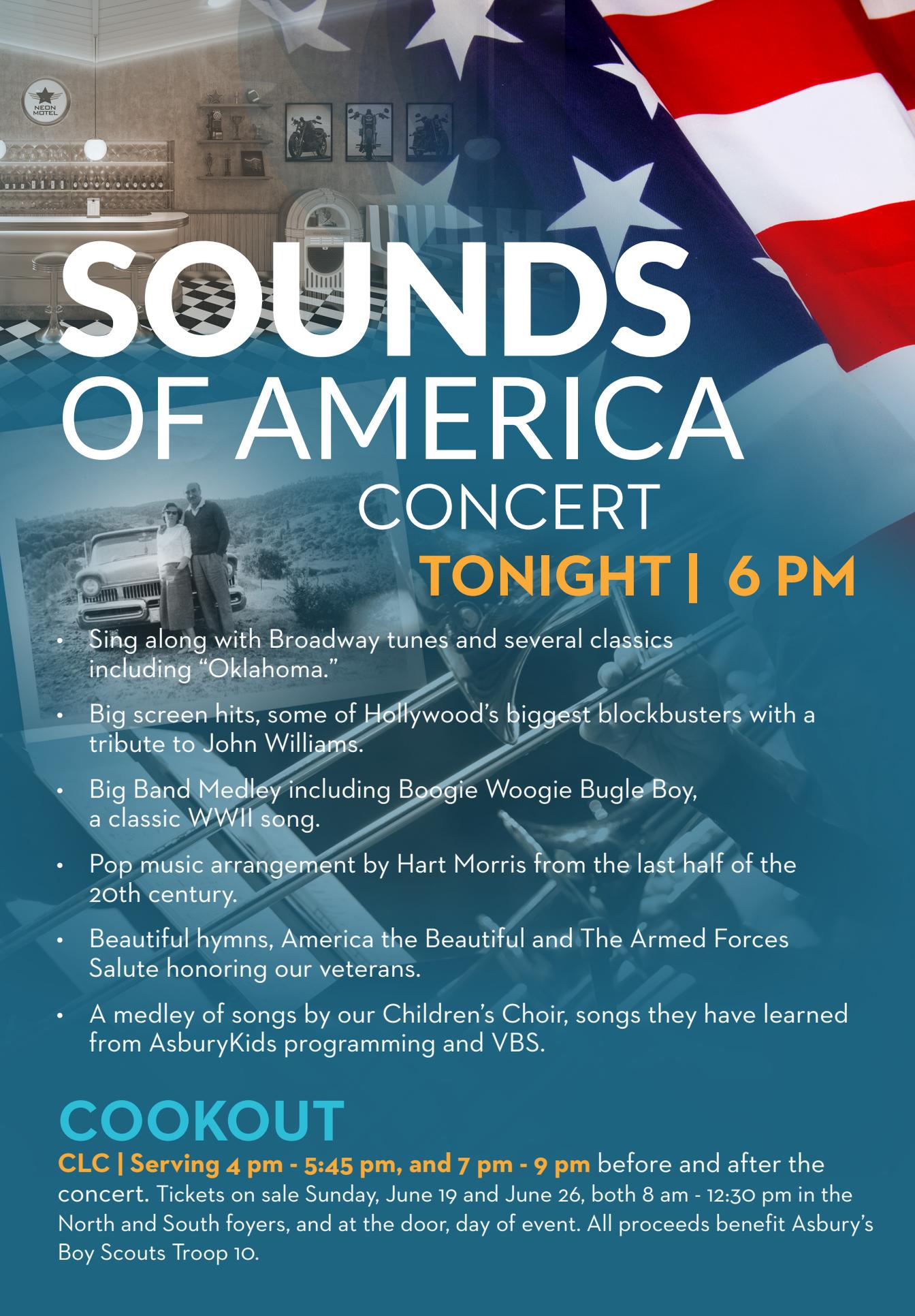
**ASBURY  
Kids**



# SUMMER PLAYDAY

**July 13 | 10 am - 12 pm**

Come meet other parents while your kids play!  
• Water slides • Water games • Snacks



# SOUNDS OF AMERICA

## CONCERT

**TONIGHT | 6 PM**

- Sing along with Broadway tunes and several classics including "Oklahoma."
- Big screen hits, some of Hollywood's biggest blockbusters with a tribute to John Williams.
- Big Band Medley including Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, a classic WWII song.
- Pop music arrangement by Hart Morris from the last half of the 20th century.
- Beautiful hymns, America the Beautiful and The Armed Forces Salute honoring our veterans.
- A medley of songs by our Children's Choir, songs they have learned from AsburyKids programming and VBS.

## COOKOUT

**CLC | Serving 4 pm - 5:45 pm, and 7 pm - 9 pm** before and after the concert. Tickets on sale Sunday, June 19 and June 26, both 8 am - 12:30 pm in the North and South foyers, and at the door, day of event. All proceeds benefit Asbury's Boy Scouts Troop 10.



# TOM'S FAREWELL WEEKEND

*Celebrating 29 Years with Pastor Tom Harrison  
Enjoy Food, Laughter, Tears and Fun*

## July 29

### Tulsa Drillers Game

- The game begins at 7:05 pm.
- Pastor Tom will throw out the first pitch.
- Kylee Eden will sing the National Anthem.
- Dinner is included in the ticket and will be served from 6-8 pm and include: grilled hamburgers, grilled hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, watermelon, potato chips and assorted cookies, iced tea, water and lemonade.
- Fireworks at the end of the ball game.
- If you are riding the bus: The buses will load between 5:30 and 5:45 pm at the South Entrance of Asbury. They will depart PROMPTLY at 5:45 pm. The buses will depart from the Greenwood Gate as soon as the fireworks are over at the Drillers game to return to Asbury.

## July 31

### Pastor Tom Celebration | 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

- Celebrating Pastor Tom and Dana in all three worship services – 8, 9:30 and 11 am
- Food trucks from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm – South Parking Lot
- Possible food items: Philly cheesesteaks, corn dogs, fried pickles, fried cheese sticks, Indian tacos and succotash, traditional Mexican,



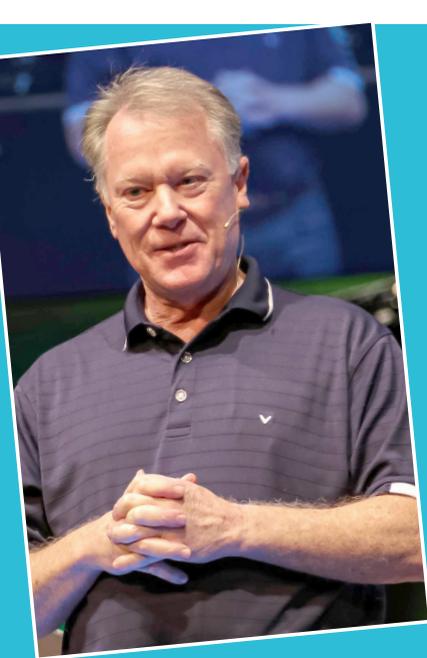
candy store on wheels, BBQ chopped brisket, pulled pork, pulled chicken, hot links and bologna, ice cream, pizza, burgers and cupcakes.

- Cash or credit card needed for food trucks.
- Inflatables: Bounce House, slide and more.
- Games: Soccer Darts, Axe Throwing and Archery Hoverball.
- Photo opportunities: Large cutouts of Pastor Tom through the years.
- Tents, chairs and fans will be available in South Parking Lot to eat, cool off and fellowship.

## Grand Opening of Asbury Development Center | 12 pm

- At noon, Pastor Tom will walk over to the Asbury Development Center for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 12:15 pm.
- Tour through the new Asbury Development Center.
- Partners include: Asbury Theological Seminary, Blessings to Share, Building All Children, Churchcraft Consulting, Circle of Care, Good Samaritan Health Services, Influencers Tulsa and Restore Hope.





# SEND US YOUR MEMORIES!

Share a handwritten letter or note telling us about a special memory you share with Pastor Tom to put into a memory book for him. Please drop off at the Main Office.



# KIDS NIGHT OUT

July 8 | 6 PM

REGISTER NOW!

[asburytulsa.org/kno](http://asburytulsa.org/kno)

# Women's Creativity Night

July 21 | 6 pm | CLC | \$20

Jewelry making, oil painting and succulent bar, come be creative with us! Register at [asburytulsa.org/creativity](http://asburytulsa.org/creativity)