

PHILIPPIANS sermon series

Sunday, July 17, 2022

Paul uses the word “rejoice” eight times in Philippians. The word, “rejoice,” is in all four chapters. He uses “joy” an additional five times. Such frequent use of this word for Paul is unparalleled in his writings. Philippians is “The Epistle of Joy.”

Hebrews describes Jesus enduring the cross *“for the joy that was set before Him.”* James begins his wonderful little book by saying, *“Count it all joy, my brothers...”* You would think he would say something like “when everything is going your way” but he completely reverses the narrative. Jesus said in the Beatitudes that we are not blessed because of favorable circumstances, but because we are approved by God.

In 4:4, Paul says to rejoice in the Lord. He did not say rejoice in your circumstances, situations, feelings, experiences or successes, but to rejoice IN THE LORD. The secret of joy for a Christian is to be “in Christ” or to let Christ be in us. We can be joyful because we know that whatever else happens, Jesus wins. Since we are “in Christ,” we will be *“more than conquerors through him who loved us.”* The power of His Resurrection is what gives us confidence that all things will work together for good for those who love Him (Romans 8:28).

Paul practiced joy, too. In Acts 16:25-26: *“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake...”* I would have been calling for a lawyer, complaining about how unfair and rude the Philippians were, praying for God to get me out—but Paul had a different mindset. Amid suffering, he was singing and praying. Having such mentors and examples is humbling. Few of us look at life this way. Galatians 5:22 transitions from our ways to the way of the Holy Spirit, *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love...”* The first fruit of the Spirit after love is joy. When God’s love is in us, joy follows.



APPLICATION:

Memorize verse 4:4 this week: *Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice.* Paul repeated this twice. **JOY** is our theme. How would you describe Paul's practical advice in Philippians 4:1-9 on how to be joyful? What serious problem does he address that so often sucks joy out of life? How is your joy factor? Do you tend to be more conflicted, complaining, combative, or joyously content? What can you do differently?

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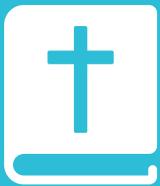
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MESSAGE

Philippians 4:1-7

Senior Pastor
Tom Harrison

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

**I CAN DO ALL THINGS
THROUGH HIM**

JULY 18

Philippians 4:8-13

JULY 19

Acts 20:17-34

JULY 20

2 Corinthians 1:8-11

JULY 21

2 Corinthians 4

JULY 22

2 Corinthians 11:21-30

JULY 23

1 Timothy 6:6-10

SUNDAY MORNING



9:30 & 11 am



9:30 am
Asbury Students Center

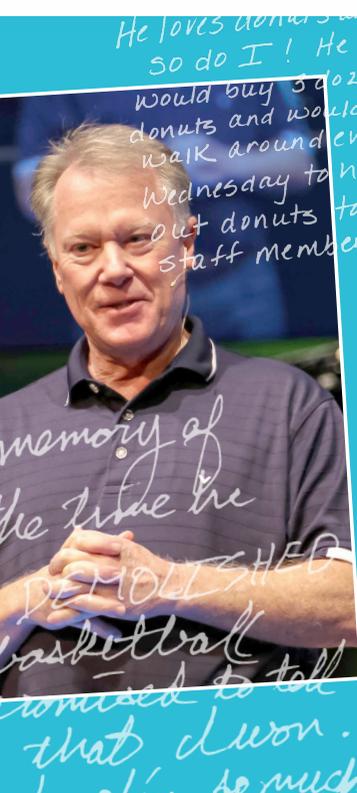


8, 9:30 & 11 am
Check asburytulsa.org/communities for full listing

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



TELL US WHAT YOU LOVE ABOUT PASTOR TOM!

Your favorite joke, axiom, funny or sentimental story, Perceptions, birthday call or time you have spent with him at a wedding, funeral, baptism or baseball game.

Bring in your handwritten note to the Main Office today! You can also mail your letter or note to the church. Please note on the envelope that your memory is for Tom's memory book.



TOM'S FAREWELL WEEKEND

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

July 29

Tulsa Drillers Game

As the Tulsa Drillers game gets closer, tickets might become available because people's plans change. If you would like to be placed on a waiting list for these tickets, please call the Asbury Main Office at 918.492.1771 and let them know. **The ticket value is \$25 so if your plans do change, please make sure to return your ticket back to the Main Office.** If you have any questions, please contact the Main Office at 918.492.1771.

- 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. Also, you are welcome to sit in the air conditioning at the tables in the Main Foyer.

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.





FAMILY BINGO TONIGHT

6 - 8 pm | CLC

FREE TO PLAY!



All are invited to join the Chapel Community, July 10 - 31, at 9:30 am in Mason Chapel, for a special study, "How to Do Christian Community with No Curriculum."

This class is for anyone interested in a new/old way of doing Christian community. You'll learn practical ways to follow Jesus in your day-to-day life as you watch over one another in love.



WELCOME EVENT

On August 4 at 6 pm, we will be hosting a WELCOME event for the Forrest family. Come and get to know the family! You will have the opportunity to text in questions at the event.

There will be ice cream available afterwards.

High School Burgers, Bibles and Basketball

Tuesdays (through July 28), 11 am

Girls Summer Bible Study

Tuesdays (through July 28), 11 am

Middle School Burgers, Bibles and Basketball

Thursdays (through July 28), 11 am

Dodgeball Tournament

July 20, 6:30 pm

Night of Worship with Pastor Tom

July 27, 6:30 pm

Middle School Retreat

August 19-21



CELEBRATING 29 YEARS!

We want to bless Pastor Tom and Dana Harrison for their years of service to Asbury.

asburytulsa.org/lovetom to give.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES



**ASBURY
Kids**



The **BLUE AWNING ENTRANCE** for AsburyKids is now open for families to check-in.

Josh's Sno Cone Day
Laser Tag

July 20 | 10 am-12 pm

July 27 | 10 am-12 pm

Register at asburytulsa.org/events

Sunday, August 7 starts an exciting chapter in Asbury's history. Join us for **ONE** worship service at 10 am with our new pastor, Andrew Forrest. This will be a monumental and moving occasion for the whole congregation.

AsburyKids Early Childhood for infants 6 weeks to PreK will be open, however, the following will not be meeting:

- Discipleship Communities
- Asbury Students Programming
- AsburyKids Elementary Programming