

## Welcome to Aspire Church!

February 12, 2023

We aspire to love everyone, always! This is much harder than it sounds. That's why we gather here to learn how to do it from the only One who did it perfectly, Jesus! We're glad you are here today.

### Let's Connect!

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a regular attender, we want to connect with you! Fill out this form and place it in a Joy Box following worship.

Circle the service you are attending:

9:00

11:00

Name:

Phone:

Email:

I would like more information about:

Connect with us digitally by texting VIP to 904-441-8650.

## Week at a Glance

### Sunday, February 12

9:00 a.m.

Classic Service | Sanctuary

10:00 a.m.

Next Steps | Second Step | D300

Small Groups for all ages

11:00 a.m.

Modern Service | Sanctuary

3:45 p.m.

Master Ringers Handbells | Choir Suite

5:00 p.m.

San Marco Singers | Choir Suite

### Monday, February 13

6:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study | A211

7:00 p.m.

Friends of Bill | MFC

### Tuesday, February 14

10:00 a.m.

Senior Table Games | MFC

6:00 p.m.

Pickleball Open Play | Gym

### Wednesday, February 15

6:00 p.m.

Crew Nights | Aspire Kids | Kids Cove

Student Worship | Aspire Students

Casket Empty | Aspire U | D300

The New Frontier | Aspire U | B304

Developing a Worldview | Aspire U | B301

### Friday, February 17

6:30 p.m.

Community Game Night | A205

### Sunday, February 19

9:00 a.m.

Classic Service | Sanctuary

10:00 a.m.

Next Steps | Third Step | D300

Small Groups for all ages

11:00 a.m.

Modern Service | Sanctuary

12:30 p.m.

Theatrics Auditions | Heritage Chapel

3:45 p.m.

Master Ringers Handbells | Choir Suite

5:00 p.m.

San Marco Singers | Choir Suite



## New at Aspire?

Join us Sundays

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. | Room D300

## Upcoming Events

### Community Game Night

February 17, 2023 | 6:30 p.m. | A205

Community Game Nights are here! Join us every third Friday of the month for board, card, and interactive games. Bring friends or come solo; we've got a place for you!

### St. Patrick's Theatrics Auditions

February 19, 2023 | 12:30 p.m. | Heritage Chapel

Calling ASPIRE-ing performers of all ages! Whether your talent is topnotch or something that will make folks want to cover their eyes and erase it from memory, we need your act for our Sort-of-Annual St. Patrick's Theatrics! This entertaining show and dessert auction is a major fundraiser for our Student Ministry summer camp. If you'd like to showcase your talent for a worthy cause, come to Heritage Chapel on Sunday, February 19, between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m., or email Bryan Cunningham at [bryanc@aspirejax.org](mailto:bryanc@aspirejax.org) for more information.

### Christ in the Passover Training Event

February 22, 2023 | 6:00 p.m. | MFC

Join us for a special Ash Wednesday event, where we will explore how Jesus is the fulfillment of the ancient Passover Celebration. This event will provide materials and training for deacons, small group leaders, or anyone interested in hosting their own Christ in the Passover dinner. Use the link in the email you received or call Cindy in the church office, 904-396-6633.

### Deacon Ordination & Quarterly Celebration

February 26, 2023 | 5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Join us for a special night of worship and a time of dedication as we ordain several new deacons who have completed one year of apprenticeship in our Deacon Ministry. Afterward, be sure to come by the Maguire Fellowship Center for our annual chili cook-off and Quarterly Celebration!



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# Tipping Point

A sermon series based on Luke 19 - 21

Gary Lee Webber

February 12, 2023

# Small Group Questions

Use this outline for personal reflection, as a couples or family devotion, or with a small group.

## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Our Deacon Ordination and Annual Chili Cook-off will be on Sunday, February 26, at 5:00 p.m.
2. Discuss your group's plan to host a Jesus in the Passover meal during Lent (Feb. 22 – April 8). A training session will be offered on Wednesday night, February 22, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the MFC for those who volunteer to host and/or lead the event for your group.

## HANGOUT

3. What is the greatest act of faith you have ever personally witnessed? How did that affect your faith?

## HEAR

4. **Read Luke 7:1-10**
  - What was unique about the centurion?
  - Does our faith have the potential to impact the well-being of others? If so, how?
  - Compare your faith to the faith of the centurion.
5. **Read Luke 7:18-35**
  - Why did John send his disciples to Jesus? How do you interpret the question they asked Jesus? Do you think this question reveals a lack of faith? Why or why not?
  - How did Jesus answer the question? What did His answer mean? Does Jesus indicate that John's question revealed a lack of faith? Why or why not?
  - Based on Jesus' parable, what was the difference between the ministries of Jesus and John? How did people respond to their ministries? What does this reveal about them? What does this tell you about God?
6. **Read Luke 7:36-50**
  - Compare the situations and the faith of the centurion, John the Baptist, and the sinful woman.
  - With which of these three do you most easily relate right now and why?
  - Finish this statement, "I am most like Simon when ...."

## HUDDLE

7. What is the biggest challenge to your faith right now? Talk about it, invite accountability, and take time to pray together.

# Setting the Trap

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When life approaches a tipping point, the decision-making process can feel overwhelming. Simple choices become more complex as every decision we make has the potential to instigate significant change. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the religious leaders were at a tipping point. How they responded to Jesus could incite the people to riot or lead to war with the mighty Roman Empire. Join us for part five of **Tipping Point**, where Pastor Gary explores three questions every follower of Jesus should ask when approaching a tipping point.

## Passage

Luke 20:19-44

## Principle

Don't confuse the \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_.

Don't confuse your earthly \_\_\_\_\_ with your heavenly \_\_\_\_\_.

Don't confuse the \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_.

## Tipping Point

Three questions to ask when you've reached a tipping point:

1. What will the consequences of this decision be in 5, 10, 20, or 1,000 years?
2. Does my decision reflect faith in my Heavenly Father?
3. What does choosing life mean in this situation?

## Daily Readings

This week's scripture readings highlight Jesus' interaction with religious leaders. As you read each passage, invite the Holy Spirit to show you how Jesus came to shut down religion and what that means for us today.

- o Day 1: Matthew 22
- o Day 2: Matthew 23
- o Day 3: Mark 12
- o Day 4: John 7
- o Day 5: John 8
- o Day 6: John 9
- o Day 7: John 10

## Think Deeper

1. Have you ever tried to make a deal with God? What happened?
2. How do you understand the separation of church and state? Do you think Jesus agrees with you?
3. Based on Jesus' teachings, how do you think we will relate to each other in heaven?

## Suggested Resources

*The Story Luke Tells*

by Justo L. González

*Luke for Everyone* by Tom Wright

*The Jesus I Never Knew*

by Philip Yancey

Check out these and other suggested books at <https://bit.ly/AspireSMB>

Use this for your daily reading

## Prayer Requests and Praises

We would be honored to pray for or with you! Fill out the information on the back of this card and write your prayer request below.



Check here if this request is confidential (shared only with the pastors)

Tear this card and drop it off in a Joy Box.