

Heritage Weekly

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Church Wide

Cultivate Report ~ Praise the Lord for blessing our church ladies and women from surrounding areas at the Cultivate event, featuring Kelly Minter! We worshipped together, heard the Word, prayed together, and were invited to participate in ministry opportunities locally and abroad. In preparation for the event, Ephesians 3:20 had been our theme and prayer, that God would do immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine. How precious it was to note that the sign-up matched the same number: 320! Kelly's messages centered on God's creation blessing and command to multiply spiritual fruit. She traced the history of fruit bearing throughout Genesis and shared from John 15 what impacts true fruitfulness and its benefits. Kelly's words were divinely fitting, following the "seed, sower, and soil" sermons recently given by Pastor Marty. Oh, that we might experience fruitfulness in the same vein of abundance as our conference prayer--that the Father would do beyond all our prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, and dreams! To Him be the glory!

Update on Worship Pastor Search ~ Zach Sprowls will be at HBC to lead our music in the worship service on April 30, and will meet with those who might be interested in being a part of the music ministry (the choir, band/orchestra, and audio/visual) on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 in the auditorium. He will also meet with various groups throughout the weekend. More information about the process and Zach is in your email inbox, HBC website or [this link](#). HBC members will be asked to respond with a vote of affirmation after the Sunday worship service on May 7. Join us in welcoming Zach to Heritage Baptist Church on April 30 and continue to ask the Lord to guide us through this process.

Senior Adult Ministry

Our monthly **Senior Adult Luncheon is Sunday, April 23** in the Chapel/Café at 12:00 p.m. after the worship service. Please bring a side dish of salads, vegetables or desserts--enough to serve eight people (someone will be at the door under the awning on the north side between 8:45-9:00 to pick up your dish, or you may bring your dish to the east kitchen). For those signed up for the Jubilee Conference in Branson there is an important informational meeting immediately following the luncheon on April 23.

Student Ministry

Mission Arlington, June 11-16 ~ This summer our students (grades 7-12) head back to Mission Arlington. This is an awesome local missions organization in Arlington, Texas, whose goal is to take the church to the people. While we will be helping with several service opportunities throughout the week, most of our time will be spent serving in their Rainbow Express ministry (their version of "Backyard Bible Club"). Our students and sponsors will divide into groups of 10-12 and go to two apartment complexes each day for four days. Each of our students will play a vital role in leading the Rainbow Express and will be assigned tasks like inviting the neighborhood children, leading songs, sharing Bible stories and personal testimonies, leading game time and supervising craft time. I am grateful for the opportunity this provides our students with face-to-face ministry with children and their families. Sign-up will start in early May. **Everyone going is expected to attend Training Sessions on Wednesdays, May 31st and June 7th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School June 25-28, 6:15-8:30 p.m. ~ Galactic Starveyors VBS! This summer the kids will discover the God who created everything there is—the known and unknown, visible and invisible—wants a relationship with them! Preparations are underway now for VBS for children 3 years through 6th grade; find out how our Lord would use you in serving our children during this week of in-depth teaching and fun. Stephanie Rigdon and Shawn McGill would love to have you be part of VBS at Heritage; contact them at stephanie.rigdon@gmail.com or shawn@heritagefamily.org.

Kanakuk KampOut, July 17-21, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ~ This summer we are pleased to be again hosting KampOut, a Day Camp Adventure for kids 5-12 years old! KampOut is a high energy, non-stop excitement, traveling day Kamp experience from Kanakuk Kamps! Every KampOut Kamper will see and hear that God is a loving Father and wonderful Creator who loves them and desires for us to love Him and others. The kids will have a blast on the zipline, climbing wall, inflatables and laughing at crazy skits! Sign up online at cometokamp.org. A few **ways you can help with Kampout**: Host home, help provide staff lunches, or overnight security (partial scholarships when helping with security). If you have questions, contact Shawn McGill shawn@heritagefamily.org; or 773-3333 x109.

Missions Update

The **MOT (Missions Oversight Team)** has been in a state of evaluation and transition over the past year and we are still working toward streamlining missions at Heritage. We are excited to have two new people join this team, Jacob Whitney and Peggy Cooksey. As we continue to realign and narrow our focus the name of the team will now be called **MMOT (Ministries & Missions Oversight Team)**. We have divided missions as a whole into two different areas—"domestic" and "global" and our aim is to create onramps for the Body to become more engaged in what the Lord is doing from the neighborhoods to the nations. Please be praying for this team as we continue to seek how best to support our missionaries, reach our community and the nations with the hope of the gospel.

Ministry Opportunities

Believing that the Lord's commission in Acts 1:8 continues through his witnesses today, Heritage Baptist Church is engaged in ministries as close as the room next to you, all the way to continents and people groups spread around the globe. The following represents some of those ministries. There is indeed a place of service and prayer for us all!

"Stamp Out Starvation" ~ Come and be blessed by the fellowship and by knowing you are making a difference in someone's life. Stamp Out Starvation ("SOS") comes to Heritage again on **Saturday, April 29 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** for a "packaging" event. SOS's mission is to provide meals primarily to children in Haiti, the Philippines, Africa, and right here in Oklahoma. The goal is to "fund" and package 20,000 meals (ingredients cost approx. \$4,600). Ways to participate 1) donations of any amount; make checks out to *Stamp Out Starvation* (give checks to Dennis McGee), 2) help package food from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on the 29th in the church gym, and 3) pray that God would bless and expand this ministry to the poor.

Children's Ministry ~ There are several age groups in our Children's Ministry in need of volunteers to help with teaching and training the next generation for AWANAs on Wednesday evenings and childcare as well. Please pray about responding to this opportunity for ministering and connecting with others; contact Shawn McGill for more info: shawn@heritagefamily.org.

Prayer Room ~ "Satan dreads nothing but prayer. His one concern is to keep the saints from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, he mocks our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray." ~Samuel Chadwick. Hebrews 4:16 says, "Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Our church's Prayer Room Ministry gives us a special opportunity to draw near to the throne of grace with requests for others. Would you like to commit to coming to our Prayer Room in the House one hour per week to intercede? Contact George Gilbert at 607-0808 with questions.

Come & Pray Sunday Mornings ~ An opportunity open to the entire congregation is to gather together at the front of the auditorium every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. to pray for our church body, our leadership in ABF, youth and children's ministries and worship service.

H.O.W.D.Y. Ministry ~ The first person anyone coming to visit Heritage encounters will probably be someone from this group. Heritage's Opportunity to Welcome and Direct You is a vital ministry of folks who love to greet with a smile and help get you wherever you want to go at Heritage! Join our ranks—we need you! Each person is on duty once or perhaps twice a month; you will be reminded by email. Contact Harold Stansberry at 354-7695 or stnsbry@cox.net with questions.

Heritage Adoption Assistance Ministry ~ This ministry provides financial grants to Heritage members whom God has led to adopt and to encourage and inform the Body of Christ of the benefits of adoption. Please pick up an information sheet at the Welcome Center. You can participate by making a contribution to HBC and noting that it is for the Adoption Ministry Fund, one of the five designated funds at Heritage.

Groups@HBC Highlight ~ Adult Bible Fellowship at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays, Wednesday Groups at 6:30 p.m., Small Group Bible studies, and Home Groups are about seeing all adults in every stage of life grow in their walk with Christ and each other. Our intention is to develop folks who will delight in God and declare His glory. Consider today where you could join your brothers and sisters in Christ to connect with those who are "well-pleased to impart to you not only the Gospel of God, but their very lives also." Stop by the Welcome Center to pick up the Groups Brochure or visit <http://delightingod.org/adult-bible-fellowship/> for specific group descriptions.

Note for HBC

"Words cannot express how much your love, support, hugs, calls, and messages have meant to me during the loss of my sister Nancy. The Lord has used you to sustain me, Rocky, our children, and Nancy's family. My sister was a woman of faith who dearly loved her Lord and Savior and people. We heard story after story of the impact of her life. Many heard the gospel at the graveside and memorial services. We grieve, but not without hope. We will see her again. Our Heritage church family is so special to us. Thank you for being the arms of Christ to us." ~**Darise Hails for our family.**

Fellowship Meal for Wednesday, April 19 ~ Join us Wednesday, 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. in the Education Building for our Fellowship Meal. Adults are \$3.50 and \$2 for children; family max is \$15. **On the Menu is Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Casserole, Green Beans, Salad & Dessert.**

Calendar Highlights

Sunday, 4/16

8:30 a.m. Prayer in Auditorium
9:00 a.m. Resurrection Day Brunch
No Adult or Children's Classes
10:30 a.m. Resurrection Day Service

Tuesday, 4/18

9:00 a.m. Prison Ministry
BSF Meets at Heritage
11:30 a.m. Quilting Ministry

Wednesday, 4/19

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6:30 p.m. AWANA (3 yrs-4th grade)

6:30 cont. The Bridge (5th-6th grades)
Discovering the Author's Intent
4-Men
Parenting Class
Share & Prayer
Students (7-12 grades)
Women's Bible Study (Cowan/McGee)

Thursday, 4/20

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
(McWilliams)
10:00 In His Hands Ministry
11:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group in Yukon
3:00 p.m. Whiz Kids
6:00 p.m. Perspectives @ Bridgeway

6:30 p.m. College/Career Bible Study

Friday, 4/21

6:30 p.m. The Way of the Master

Coming Soon!

4/23 Senior Adult Luncheon
4/26-28 Jubilee Conference in Branson
4/29 Stamp Out Starvation
5/27-6/3 MOH Haiti Trip
6/4 Membership Matters Class
6/11-6/16 Mission Arlington—Students
6/25-6/28 Vacation Bible School
7/17-7/21 Kanakuk Kampout