

# Heritage Weekly

*“We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.”*

Colossians 1:28

## Church Wide

July 30, 2017

Serving in our Neighborhood, August 6, 6:30-8 p.m. ~ The Back-to-School Bash for Will Rogers Elementary is next Sunday! The children of Will Rogers will enjoy a back-to-school party hosted by Heritage on the school's west playground. Hot dogs, chips, snow cones, inflatables, games, etc. will be provided, and backpacks with school supplies will be given to the students. Volunteers are still needed—please take advantage of this unique opportunity to get out of the pew and into our neighborhood. Drop off your donations of school supplies by this Sunday, July 30 in the Commons. You may email Lauren Naylor, [lnaylor10@gmail.com](mailto:lnaylor10@gmail.com) for information.

**Children's Ministry** ~ On August 13 many of our children will be promoting to new classes with new teachers! This is an opportunity where the Body of Christ can volunteer to join our children's ministry team in using God-given gifts to positively impact the lives of children. We have a huge responsibility and privilege to pour into the next generation the truths from God's Word. Would you consider how our Lord can use you to impact the next generation? There are opportunities on Sundays and Wednesdays. Volunteers for teachers and helpers are needed to serve weekly or on an every other month rotation in classes from Birth to 6th Grade. Please pray about how our Lord can use you to impact them. Contact Shawn McGill, she would love to share more details, [shawn@heritagefamily.org](mailto:shawn@heritagefamily.org). See the insert in Sunday's worship guide for specific opportunities.

Sharpening Your Ax, a Workshop for Biblical Teachers Wednesdays, August 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 6:30 p.m., Room 401 ~ Our most effective biblical teachers have taught us that we need to constantly be honing our skills—seeking excellence. Whether you are an “old-timer” or a “rookie” or a “hope-to-be-one-day,” take time to “sharpen the ax.” This class is led by Pastors Marty Brown, Jimmy Jackson and Rocky Hails. Contact Pastor Rocky Hails at [rockin@delightinGod.org](mailto:rockin@delightinGod.org) or Mary [mary@delightinGod.org](mailto:mary@delightinGod.org) to sign up.

Cooperation, Consequences and Keeping Your Sanity, Saturday, August 26 (9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) Heritage will be hosting a parenting conference with Dr. Jim Dempsey from the National Center for Biblical Parenting. He will present this interactive seminar that can radically change the atmosphere of your home and give you hope. The cost is \$20/adult, \$30/couple; includes lunch and materials. There is more info on our website/children's ministry tab and there are flyers at the Children's Desk. To register visit [biblicalparenting.org/register](http://biblicalparenting.org/register) or stop by the Children's Desk.

Music Ministry Kickoff! Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium ~ Musicians, please come check it out! If you are currently involved in any part of the music ministry at Heritage, were involved in the past, or even just curious, we urge you to come to this meeting. Zach will have the opportunity to share more in depth a theological foundation for worship and how it will impact the music ministry at Heritage. Snacks provided; no RSVP required.

## Groups@HBC Highlight

Adult Bible Fellowship classes at 9:00 a.m. meet every Sunday! Consider today joining your brothers and sisters in Christ connecting with those who are “well-pleased to impart to you not only the Gospel of God, but their very lives also.” Wednesday Groups and other Small Groups for men and women will be starting up again soon at various times. For all group descriptions look for a Groups Brochure at the Welcome Center or on our [website](http://website).

## Recommended Resources

Vacations and more time indoors during the hot summer months require something productive to do—making wise use of the time. The following books/devotionals are HBC staff member picks:

*The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions* ~ First published in 1975, this selection of prayers and meditations draws upon the inspiration of such Puritans as John Bunyan, Isaac Watts, David Brainerd, Augustus Toplady, and Charles Spurgeon. You'll relish these writings as they transport you to the heavenly throne of grace. This is a favorite devotional because it “communicates well the frailty of man and the blessed hope of our Savior.”

*The Satisfied Heart: 31 Days of Experiencing God's Love* by Ruth Meyers ~ Deep within, many of us sense a longing for fulfillment—a hunger that cries out to be satisfied. Wonderfully, God in His infinite love can satisfy this passionately felt need. Better still, He will—as we let Him. For when we seek to pursue Him first of all, writes author Ruth Myers, our satisfaction with life, ourselves, and our Creator truly is guaranteed.

*New Morning Mercies: A Daily Gospel Devotional* by Paul David Tripp ~ Paul David Tripp wants to energize readers with the most potent encouragement imaginable: the gospel. Forget “behavior modification” or feel-good aphorisms. The author knows that what we really need is an encounter with the living God. Then, we'll be prepared to trust in God's goodness, rely on his grace, and live for his glory each and every day.

*Future Grace: The Purifying Power of the Promises of God* by John Piper ~ Piper shows that a true life for the follower of Jesus really is a moment-by-moment trust that God is dependable and fulfills his promises. This is living by faith in future grace, which provides God's mercy, provision, and wisdom—everything we need—to accomplish His good plans for us. In *Future Grace*, chapter by chapter—one for each day of the month—Piper reveals how cherishing the promises of God helps break the power of persistent sin issues like anxiety, despondency, greed, lust, bitterness, impatience, pride, misplaced shame, and more.

*Lost in the Middle—MidLife and the Grace of God* by Paul David Tripp ~ You will face things in midlife that beat at the borders of your faith, but you do not have to be lost in the middle of your story. You do not have to be paralyzed by regret, defeated by aging, and discouraged by the passing of your dreams. This time of life, which can seem like the end of many things, can actually welcome you to a brand new way of living. As is so often the case in your walk with the Lord, this moment of pain is also a moment of grace. Because of this, we all need to occasionally step back, slow down, and consider where we are going.

*Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts* by Jerry Bridges ~ In an effort to strengthen his own trust in God during a time of adversity, Navigator author Jerry Bridges began a lengthy Bible study on God's sovereignty. The revelations changed his life. He shares the scope of God's power to help you come to know Him better, have a relationship with Him, and trust Him more—even when unjust things happen. Tragedy, grief, loss, and death are part of life. Discover how trusting God can reveal biblical truths about God.

*Spiritual Depression* by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones ~ "Christian people," writes Lloyd-Jones, "too often seem to be perpetually in the doldrums and too often give this appearance of unhappiness and of lack of freedom and absence of joy. There is no question at all but that this is the main reason why large numbers of people have ceased to be interested in Christianity." Believing that Christian joy was one of the most potent factors in the spread of Christianity in the early centuries, Lloyd-Jones not only lays bare the causes that have robbed many Christians of spiritual vitality but also points the way to the cure that is found through the mind and spirit of Christ.

## Opportunities for Ministry

*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!*

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 or to sign up.

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.

Prison Ministry ~ Are you looking for a place to serve? You can share your faith with inmates and their family members every Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00—a group of volunteers meet at Heritage in Room 409 to grade inmates' Bible lessons. We share God's Word with them as we teach, correct and encourage with our comments on their papers. You will be BLESSED by their appreciation, their growing faith and the fellowship with this group of God's servants. At this time we are in need of someone to help with data entry beginning about 8:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. We keep track of the basic information on those taking the Bible studies. Please contact Bobbie at 728-1139.

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.

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## Calendar Highlights

Sunday, 7/30

8:30 a.m. Prayer in Auditorium  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study for All Ages  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, 8/1

9:00 a.m. Prison Ministry  
11:30 a.m. Quilting Ministry

Wednesday, 8/2

6:30 p.m. Biblical Teachers Workshop  
5:00 p.m. Students Paint Fight  
No other HBC activities

Saturday, 8/3

10:00 a.m. In His Hands Ministry

Coming Soon!

8/6 Will Rogers Back to School Bash  
Journey Class Luncheon

8/13 Children's Promotion Sunday

8/20 Elders' Meeting

Senior Adult Luncheon

8/23 AWANA Leaders' Meeting

Music Ministry Kickoff

8/26 Parenting Seminar @ HBC

8/30 AWANA Begins

AWANA Parent Meeting

9/4 Labor Day—Church Office Closed

9/17 Parenting Class for Baby Dedication

9/24 Baby Dedication

10/20-22 HBC Retreat

10/25 Fall Festival

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