

Heritage Weekly

“ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13

Church Wide

December 3, 2017

GriefShare Continues Dec 6 and Dec 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Room 416 ~ This group will walk alongside you through **one of life's most difficult experiences—the death of a loved one. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.** GriefShare is led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. Please know we hurt for you and want to offer you comfort and support. Family and friends are welcome to join you. Please RSVP and to get more information, contact Pastor Jimmy Jackson at 720-1449 or jim@delightinGod.org.

HBC Christmas Brunch, December 17, 9:00 a.m. in the Education Building ~ What a great time we have when we can gather a family in the Body of Christ to celebrate the arrival of our great Hope and Redemption! Enjoy gathering to **literally “break bread” together with delicious Christmas goodies and the smiles of those who prepare it!** Following this at 10:30 a.m., led by our orchestra and choir, we will sing out to the Lord in songs and hymns and together gather around the Word. (Note: Childcare is provided during the worship service only for birth through 4-years.) We come together to celebrate His birth, His death, His burial and His resurrection, and declare anew our remembrance of Him until He comes again! What a great day! What a great Savior!

HBC Notes for the Holidays ~ Since Christmas Eve **falls on Sunday, our ABF, Youth and Children's Sunday School** classes will not meet as usual at 9:00 a.m. The Christmas Brunch is on December 17 at 9:00 a.m. so, ABF, Youth and **Children's SS Classes will not meet.** Wednesdays, December 20 and 27, all activities are cancelled (youth will have a Christmas party on the 20th). On **New Year's Eve Sunday, Children's and Youth Sunday School classes will not meet.** Adult Bible Fellowship will be meeting; however, childcare will not be provided—check with your ABF teacher for the impact on your class. On both holidays, for the worship service at 10:30 a.m., childcare will be provided for birth through 4 years.

The Storybook Bible is in! If you ordered the *Jesus Storybook Bible* and curriculum during our combined ABF a few weeks ago, stop by the Welcome Center to pick up your copy. Just a reminder that they are \$13 each, and if writing a check, you may make it out to Heritage Baptist Church with Storybook Bible on the memo line. This will be the last Sunday to pick the books up at the Welcome Center; after this Sunday you may contact Mary at 720-1449 in the church office.

Important Notice ~ Donors must deliver checks to Heritage on or before December 31st, (the office is closed December 29-30) or postmarked before Sunday, December 31st in order to claim a charitable contribution for 2017. Checks that are given to the church after December 31st will not qualify for a charitable contribution for 2017, even if the check is predated or was actually written in 2017. To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2017 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. You may lose a deduction for some contributions if you file your tax return before receiving your record of contributions. This will be mailed to you in January.

Senior Adult Ministry

Heritage Single Women 55 & Better ~ You are invited to join our group in celebrating the birth of Jesus on Saturday morning, December 9th in the House at 11:30! This get-together will be different from others as it is strictly a birthday party with many surprises. We pray you will come and enjoy it all and perhaps see something new in yourself and in others. If convenient, bring tote bags with gifts for the homeless (Positive Tomorrows)—a list of suggested gifts is available if you need it. Bring a light lunch for yourself; dessert and drinks are provided by our hostesses Diana Plum, Jewell Mitchell and Patsy Cates. Call Patsy if you have any questions at 749-1115.

Ministry Opportunities

Women's Shelter ~ We are collecting new gift items for women and children at the shelter for battered women. You may pick up a list of suggested items at the Welcome Center; unwrapped gifts will be collected in the Commons and may be brought any time by Sunday, December 10th.

“In His Hands” Knitting/Crocheting Ministry ~ Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to renew your skills or learn this craft from scratch? We would love for you to join our group in providing hand-made gifts and sharing great fellowship. The Lord has impressed upon us that we are to share them with anyone in our church or in the community that would be blessed by them. Special requests for knitted or crocheted items are welcomed! We meet the first and third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Room 103. If you cannot attend, you may still knit/crochet at home and your work will be appreciated; or you may participate by donating washable yarn. Call Patsy Cates (749-1115) for more info.

Kingdom Kids Christmas Backpack Outreach ~ Each year Harvest Evangelistic Association (HEA) located in Chiapas, Mexico (HEA is a mission organization Heritage supports), reaches out to over 420 remote mountain villages with the Kingdom Kids Christmas parties. Last year they prepared 20,000 backpacks to give away for the purpose of sharing

the gospel in these difficult, hard to get to places; 11,271 children, moms, dads and village folks gave their lives to Jesus, and 17 new missions were planted, two in severely persecuted communities. To help with this ministry, pick up an envelope at the Welcome Center; \$10 purchases a backpack. Please make checks out to Harvest Evangelistic Association.

H.O.W.D.Y. Ministry ~ The first person anyone coming to visit Heritage encounters on Sunday morning 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.

Groups@HBC Highlight

Adult Bible Fellowship classes at 9:00 a.m. meet every Sunday! Wednesday Groups at 6:30 p.m. and other Small Groups for men and women meet at various times. 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."** For all group descriptions look for a Groups Brochure at the Welcome Center or on our website.

ABF—Sunday 9:00 a.m.

The Launch Class (Greg & Tracy Rader and Rich & Kathy Smith) Room 415 ~ We're studying how to build a solid foundation for life based on the truth of God's Word. Whether you are "launching" alone or as a nearly/newly married couple, join us as together we seek to strengthen our faith, our love, our hope and the spiritual disciplines that will be needed for a lifetime of walking with Christ. We also meet at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of every month at the Rader Ranch (10300 NW 122nd) for dinner and relationship-oriented studies and discussions.

Homebuilders (Jim & Sherry Jackson) Room 405 ~ "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain" Psalm 127:1. This class is for young marrieds beginning their family and with toddler and preschool children. Although God is Sovereign in every area of our lives, He has given us responsibilities to carry out according to His plans. HomeBuilders' aim is to understand and work with God as He unfolds His plans, building our lives, marriages and families.

Journey (Kevin & Amy Brown and Jeff & Molly Plangman)

Room 420 ~ **Journey with us as we walk through life together applying the truths of God's Word to the daily challenges we face.** We are currently doing the series *Story Thru the Bible*. For centuries, people have passed on their heritage and history through storytelling. In *Story Thru the Bible*, you will learn an easy hands-on approach to oral teaching that engages the listener while sharing a biblical worldview.

Next Steps (Ike & Peggy Burrell, Jermal & Ceretta Bridges, Marty & Jan Brown) Room 401 ~ Primarily for 40-somethings with children in the Bridge (pre-teen). The Apostle Paul exhorted Christians that as they had been walking **so as to please God, to "excel still more."** **That thought will guide us as we search the Scriptures to continue the next steps in our walk with God personally, with our families, and in our work and church.**

Home Groups

Jesus' mission is to make disciples; His method of making disciples was spending time with a few to build a lasting relationship with them. They came to know Him as their Lord and learned to follow Him in every area of their lives. The early church patterned themselves after Jesus' method and met in their homes for the very same reason. At Heritage, this is our aim at what a Home Group is to become—to implement Jesus' method of building relationships so others can come to know Jesus as their Lord, and then grow together in following Him in His mission to make disciples of all nations. Contact Pastor Jim Jackson for more information about beginning a home group or being part of one, jim@delightinGod.org.

Announcement

On November 7, Davita Faith Howell was born to Jeremy & Angela! She weighted 4 lbs. 9 oz. Congratulations to the Howells for this precious gift from our Lord—we rejoice with you!

Fellowship Meal for Wednesday, December 6 ~ Join us Wednesday, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. in the Education Building for our Fellowship Meal. Adults are \$4.00 and \$2.50 for children; family maximum is \$20. On the Menu is Almond-Chicken Casserole, Veggie, Salad & Dessert.

Calendar Highlights

Sunday, 12/3

8:30 a.m. Prayer in Marty's office

9:00 a.m. Bible Study for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

12:00 p.m. Sr Adult Christmas Luncheon

Elder Meeting

4:00 p.m. Servant Ldrshp Trg (Grds 11-12)

Tuesday, 12/5

9:00 a.m. BSF Meets at Heritage

10:00 a.m. Prison Ministry

11:30 a.m. Quilting Ministry

Wednesday, 12/6

5:15 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. AWANA (3 yrs-4th grade)

The Bridge (5th-6th grades)

Students (7th-12th grades)

GriefShare

One In A Million Women's Bible Study

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Share & Prayer

Music & Instrumental Practice

Thursday, 12/7

10:00 a.m. In His Hands Ministry

3:00 p.m. Whiz Kids

Saturday, 12/9

11:30 a.m. HBC Single Women 55 & Better

Coming Up!

12/17 HBC Christmas Brunch

No ABF, Youth or Children's Classes

12/20 Student Christmas Party

No Other Wednesday Activities

12/24 No ABF, Youth or Children's Classes

12/25-26 Church Office Closed

12/27 Wednesday Activities Cancelled

12/31 No Youth or Children's Classes

1/1/18 Church Office Closed

1/3/18 AWANA resumes

2/16-17 Deep Impact (Students)