

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 17, 2017

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!

Heritage Playlist ~ If you're a Spotify user, you can subscribe to our "Heritage Songs" playlist which consists of all the songs we sing at Heritage. This playlist offers a super convenient way for you and your family to worship together, learn songs you're unfamiliar with, find new music you wouldn't hear on the radio, and help prepare yourself for worship on Sundays. The easiest way to find this playlist is through the link on our website: heritageokc.org/music.

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.

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.

Ministry Opportunities

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.

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 Tuesday morning group of God's servants. We'd love for you to join us!

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 or to sign up.

Novo Bible Clubs are a great opportunity to invest in boys and girls from the inner-city. Novo is a Latin word meaning “make new.” This program is a time for building relationships with the children, mentoring them, having fun, and sharing the life-changing message of Jesus Christ with kids who may have never heard it. You can volunteer each week in a variety of different ways—help with snacks, teach a small group, develop relationships with parents, serve on the prayer team, or play games with the children. Our club meets Thursday evenings at Forest Creek Apartments with a commitment of approximately one to four hours per week, depending on the role you fill. Contact Shawn at shawn@heritagefamily.org or 720-1449. Visit the Novo website novoministries.org.

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 Burress, 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.

Recommended Resources

Faith@Home Center ~ Our elders and pastors believe God designed the family as the primary place for discipleship. The **church exists to partner with you to equip you in whatever life stage you are in and as you guide your child's faith journey** one step at a time. Faith@Home located in the Commons is our resource center for items to help you in your faith journey—it provides both free resources and items for purchase. All resources are for everyone, and also to use to minister to family members, neighbors and friends. Contact Pastor Jimmy with questions at jim@delightinGod.org or 720-1449.

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 sayings. 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.

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.

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.

Calendar Highlights

Sunday, 12/17

9:00 a.m. Christmas Brunch/No Children's
or Youth Sunday School or ABF

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

Tuesday, 12/19

10:00 a.m. Prison Ministry

11:30 a.m. Quilting Ministry

Wednesday, 12/20

6:30 p.m. Christmas Party for Students

(7th-12th grades)

No Other Activities

Coming Up!

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)

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00-5:00; Closed on Friday and major holidays

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