

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 24, 2017

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.

HBC Notes for the Holidays

- ⇒ Christmas Eve **Sunday, ABF, Youth and Children's Sunday School classes will not** meet as usual at 9:00 a.m. For the worship service at 10:30 a.m., childcare will be provided for birth through 4 years.
- ⇒ The church office is closed on Monday, December 25 & Tuesday, December 26.
- ⇒ On Wednesday, December 27, all activities are cancelled.
- ⇒ **Children's and Youth Sunday School classes will not** meet on **New Year's Eve Sunday, December 31**. Adult Bible Fellowship will be meeting; however, childcare will not be provided—check with your ABF teacher for the impact on your class.
- ⇒ Watch the Calendar Highlights on the next page for the new semester schedule.

The Giving Plate ~ This year at the Christmas Brunch we introduced “The Giving Plate” for an opportunity to connect with one another as the Body of Christ. The Giving Plate will be passed from home to home along with a little treat. All the details are with the plate, but if you have any questions, contact Shawn McGill shawn@heritagefamily.org or 720-1449.

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.

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.

New Studies Beginning Soon

Wednesday—6:30-8:00 p.m.

Women—Seamless Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story by Angie Smith (Karen Cowan) Room 420; Begins January 10-April 11. Seamless covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. You will gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of the Bible. Books are available through Lifeway. Contact Karen Cowan with questions 405-751-2464.

Men—4MEN (Rocky Hails, Eric Schrock, Greg Rader & Dennis McGee) Room 401; Begins January 10 through May 2. **“We are all value-oriented beings. We point ourselves towards whatever we love most. That thing, person, or circumstance will control your heart and, in turn, dictate your words and actions. Jesus calls that thing our treasure” ~Paul David Tripp. Setting our hearts on the right treasure, basing our actions on the right understanding, all this proceeds from understanding “faith.”**

Share & Prayer (Marty Brown) Room 415; Begins January 10 ~ The church at Corinth assembled together in **smaller informal groups (normally in someone's house) for the purpose of mutual edification. A small group of adults experience this “house church” model as they open the Word of God to share what He is saying. Those who attend have found it a rich source of encouragement from the Scriptures spoken through one another and the blessing of praying for (and being prayed for by) one another.**

Thursday—6:30-8:00 p.m.

Women—*No Other Gods: The Unrivaled Pursuit of Christ* (Revised and Updated) Room 104; Begins January 11 through March 8 includes fresh content, activities, recipes, and eight video teaching sessions. This study written by Kelly Minter will challenge women to evaluate the modern-day idols in our culture and embrace a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Jesus. Often, idols are obvious—money, power, fame. But subtler idols can sometimes take the form of sweet loved ones, Instagramable interiors, and busy seasons of ministry. But if your heart is prioritizing any of those pursuits before God, they are taking up space meant for Him alone. In this 8-session study, learn to identify the functional gods you are serving daily and the lies they tell. Only when you learn to dethrone modern-day idols can you pursue a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Jesus. Books will be available in class for \$7.50 each. Contact Darise, darise58@gmail.com or 630-7422.

ABF—Sunday 9:00 a.m.

H.I.S. Women (Kim Rothaus) Room 103 ~ **So much of our confusion and pain results because we don't truly know God—who He really is and how He works in our lives. But we can know God more fully and gain power to stand strong!** We invite you to join us as we gain knowledge of the Lord by studying His names—Creator, Healer, Protector, Provider, and many others—to **find strength for times of trial, comfort for pain, and provision for our soul's deepest needs. Our walk with God will be transformed!**

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.

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.

Heritage Adoption Assistance Ministry ~ This ministry provides financial grants and encouragement to Heritage members whom God has led to adopt, and desires to 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.

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 sign up.

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.

Calendar Highlights

Sunday, 12/24

10:30 a.m. Worship Service / No Children's or Youth Sunday School or ABF

Monday, 12/25 Merry Christmas!

Tuesday, 12/26

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, 12/27

No Activities

Coming Up!

12/31 No Youth or Children's Classes

1/1/18 New Year's Day 2018!

Church Office Closed

1/3 AWANA, The Bridge & Students Resume

1/10 Adult Classes Begin

1/11 Women's Bible Studies Begin

2/16-17 Deep Impact (Students)

3/21 No Activities

5/9 AWANA Commencement