

NEWS+EVENTS

November 3, 2019

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Pray for Marty and Greg as they seek to spend time encouraging the Body of Christ in Riverland. Pray that the local believers would remain faithful in the face of persecution.

Worship & Pastoral Care Pastor, Jonathan Dirrim and his family, will be at Heritage for a brief visit next Sunday, Nov. 10th. He will join the staff and begin leading us on Sunday, Dec 22nd. Please take time to read more about him, his background, and his philosophy of Music Ministry at heritageokc.org/news+events.

Note: All Wednesday classes resume November 6th.

Fall Festival: a huge thank you to all who helped make the Fall Festival possible. May we continue to have a heart for children and the community that surrounds us.

CareShare & Women's Shelter—Heritage has the opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for students of **Will Rogers Elementary** and their siblings through the CareShare program. You may sign up to “adopt” a child for CareShare in ABF classes or by contacting Joy Fischer at JoyFischer@me.com. You may also bless women and children at the **Women's Shelter** by purchasing \$25 Target or Walmart gift cards for their Santa Store through Nov. 24 (place in box at Welcome Center) or you may donate online ywcaokc.org/santa-store through Nov. 30.

Life Adult Christmas Luncheon Dec. 8. Gathering as a family of Life Adults (60 & up) around a Christmas lunch is one of the highlights of the holiday season! Don't miss this opportunity for good food—grilled tri-tip steak, twice-baked potatoes, pies—and celebrating the coming of our Savior right after the worship service in the Ed. Building. You may sign up through December 2 at the Welcome Center; \$12 per person. (There will not be a luncheon in November.)

Wednesday Meal Nov. 6, 5:15-6:15pm in the Café; cost is \$4.00 adults, \$2.50 children. On the menu is **Beef Stroganoff, Veggie, Salad, and Dessert.**

Find more information about a small group or class on the [groups page](#) on our website or at the Welcome Desk.



As a family of forgiven people we are honored that you have joined with us today as we seek to develop people who delight in God and declare His glory—from our neighborhoods to the nations. Our prayer is that you will connect with God through Christ this morning and that this would be the beginning of a deep connection with other believers as well. Please take a moment to fill out the Communication Card located under the pew in front of you.



Dealing with Loss/Grief

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Call To Worship

His Mercy Is More

Scripture

Psalms 16:5, 7-9

Song of Worship

Blessed Be Your Name

Pastoral Prayer

Ministry Highlights & Greeting Time

Song of Praise

Though You Slay Me

Scripture

Proverbs 28:17-19

Song of Praise

Jesus Is Better

Message

Song of Response

O Come to the Altar

Benediction

Psalms 68:1, 3-5

"We should fortify ourselves against the dark hours of depression by cultivating a deep distrust of the certainties of despair. Despair is relentless in the certainties of its pessimism. But we have seen again and again, from our own experience and others, that absolute statements of hopelessness that we make in the dark are notoriously unreliable. Our dark certainties were not sureties. While we have the light, let us cultivate distrust of the certainties of despair."

~From *When the Darkness Does Not Lift* by John Piper

"Obedience is the only path to freedom from the tyranny of loss. Loss tempts us to believe that something has been taken from us, and that nothing could ever be good enough to make up for it. Loss bids us to lock our hearts into grumbling and bitterness, believing that we have been misused and that the best is behind us.

"Loss without obedience breeds despair, but obedience is a declaration of trust. In fact, obedience is the expression of hope because obedience engages the world as if God really and truly is good, and as if the things we do really matter to His plans.

"Obedience in the face of anguish and loss says that the only redemption worth having is the redemption God alone can bring. To walk in obedience is to affirm that God's answer to loss is big enough and deep enough to overcome the grief and disappointment we now taste so keenly."

~Alasdair Groves

_____ was my first unexpected visitor

_____ responses towards others

Ball of _____

1. Receive God's _____

2. Be in _____

3. Be careful not to add _____ to your grief

4. Remember the _____

5. Do the _____

"Grief blocks my ability to see God, but I shouldn't conclude that means He is absent." ~Paul Tripp