Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 19. Churches around the U. S. use this day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage.

Elder & Deacon Nominations. Please be in prayer about men who are qualified to be nominated for these offices based on the biblical qualifications. Forms are at the Welcome Center.

Jubilee Conference 2020 (60 & Up) Your completed registration card and deposit are due this Sunday, Jan 19th at the Welcome Center.

Women's Thursday AM Bible Study, 9:30-11:30 in the House led by Cindy McWilliams & Lynnie Skeen. We will learn a method to study the Scriptures on our own using the Book of Ephesians. No DVD or workbook to purchase.

Membership Matters Class, January 26 9am-12pm in the Heritage House, Room 202. If you have an interest in joining our local church body or have questions about our church, please sign up on our website for the next class scheduled Sunday, January 26. Contact Lauren at *lauren@heritageokc.org* with questions.

Baby Dedication is coming up on Sunday, February 9 There is a **required parent class on Sunday, February 2**. Get more info and sign up at <u>heritageokc.org/news-events</u>.

Financial Peace University Informational Meeting Feb 5, Ed. Building Room 420. Class begins Feb 12. Join others who've used FPU to pay off debt, save, and invest for the future.

Key Men Invitational Conference Feb 20-22 held in Wichita Falls, TX for men who have a serious desire to be who God created them to be. Contact Chip McWilliams for more info, *heymac333@gmail.com*.

Wednesday Meal on Jan 22, 5:15-6:15pm in the Café On the Menu is Chicken Chili, Baked Potato Soup, & Salad cost for adults is \$4, and children \$2.50.

Find more information about a small group or class on the <u>groups</u> <u>page</u> on our website or at the Welcome Desk.

Develop Delight Declare



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.

January 19, 2020

Call To Worship

Philippians 2:5-11

Songs of Worship

Crown Him with Many Crowns I Stand Amazed

Pastoral Prayer

Ministry Highlights & Welcome

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:12-17,28

Song of Praise

Behold Our God All I Have is Christ

Message

Song of Response

Behold Our God

Benediction

I Timothy 1:17

"In the ascension, the Son of God in the flesh, the incarnate second person of the Trinity, was raised visibly. The disciples saw it—locally, from one place to another and bodily, in His flesh, from Earth into the heavens. Think about it. Jesus came into this world and He had to depart this world somehow. The way that God chose for Him to depart the world is uniquely appropriate in order to emphasize the truth that God wanted to emphasize to the disciples – that Jesus was going to heaven to reign." *~J. Ligon Duncan*

"Without the ascension of Jesus, the gospel possesses no preset power. When Jesus sat down at the right hand of God, He inaugurated a new age of hope founded upon His completed ministry. Indeed, this thunderous component of the Apostles' Creed affirms essential truths, without which the church could not possibly stand. Christians must, therefore, orient their lives around the splendor of Christ's ascension into Heaven and His coronation as King of the universe. Few words should be as comforting to the Christian as 'He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God."" ~Albert Mohler

"The Bible describes Christ as seated in heaven. But we should not mistake this seated position for inactivity. He is a triumphant king, not a recumbent one. Jesus is still active throughout the book of Acts, even after He ascends, continuing to support His beloved children and confront His enemies. Stephen, while he was being stoned, "saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God (Acts 6:55). And Saul of Tarsus was accosted by the ascended Lord (Acts 9:3-6)." ~John Piper

"He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty" The Apostles' Creed

Acts I:I-II

Big Idea of this Series: The Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of the main points of the Christian faith and will help us avoid and correct error and be strengthened and matured in our faith.

Big Idea of Today's Message: Jesus' bodily departure from earth and ascension into the Father's presence is designed to exalt Him and to encourage us.

A chronology of events.

Jesus is vindicated and exalted.

Jesus is preparing our eternal home.

Jesus has given gifts to His church.

Jesus is continuing to minister.

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended to the dead. The third day He arose again from the dead; **He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty**; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.Amen." ~The Apostles' Creed