

Heritage Retreat October 16-18: The retreat provides an opportunity to step back from our normal routine and take a deep breath as we enjoy the beauty of God's creation and spend time with one another. Join us for this church-wide get-away at the New Life Ranch in Concord, OK (pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center). **Register online by July 6;** \$15 deposit per person is due by Aug 16. Contact Shawn McGill with questions, shawn@heritageokc.org.

Camp Barnabas July 12-16: Students (grades 7-12) will be helping with projects like painting, power-washing, staining, flower beds, etc., at this Christian camp that ministers to people with special needs (not meeting this year). Each evening we will spend time in the Word, singing, and praying. The cost for the trip is \$115 but we are only asking for a \$15 deposit to secure your spot. Register online by Wednesday, July 1st.

Recommended Reading: *True Worshipers* by Bob Kauflin ~ The intention of this book is to help people in the congregation understand how to become the kind of worshiper God is seeking. He covers what he believes are some of the basic misunderstandings and challenges Christians face in this area including: *Is worship about giving or receiving? What is the essence of worshiping God? Why is it so important for Christians to gather? What's the relationship between Sunday worship and everyday worship? How can I sing in a way that brings glory to God? What does God's presence have to do with worship?*

Minibooks ~ If you have yet to glance at these great resources, please take a minute to stop by the Faith@Home Center and look through some of the 20 different mini-books that are available for a quick read or for purchase for \$2. Each one biblically addresses any number of topics from divorce recovery to parenting to eating disorders to grief to caring for aging parents and on and on. The clear and compassionate and biblical truths expressed in these books are sure to minister to you and equip you to minister to others. These and other tremendous counseling related resources can be found at ccef.org.

Visit <http://heritageokc.org/serve/> to find more ways you can be part of what God is doing at Heritage Baptist Church.

1 THESSALONIANS

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.

Develop Delight Declare



Living in the Light of Jesus' Return

Good Reasons to be Grateful

June 14, 2020

Call To Worship

Pastoral Prayer

Baptisms

Songs of Worship

How Rich a Treasure

I Then Shall Live

Scripture Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Song of Worship

*Christ Our Hope in Life
and Death*

Message

Song of Response

*Christ Our Hope in
Life and Death*

Benediction

I Corinthians 15:58

“The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.”
~George Mueller

“The first sign of love at work is a changed attitude. Instead of wearisome complaining about their afflictions, the Thessalonians found ‘joy given by the Holy Spirit.’ Not that there wasn’t good reason to complain! These young believers were ostracized at their work, hounded out of their homes, arrested, and put into prison because of their newfound faith. But, says Paul, they had learned to see these afflictions in a new way. They saw them as privileges, given to them for Jesus’ sake. The result was joy!”
~Ray Stedman

“Endurance is the ability to stand up under adversity; perseverance is the ability to progress in spite of it. These two English words are translations of the same Greek word and simply represent two different views of the same quality: a godly response to adversity.”
~Jerry Bridges

“There can be no grace when there is no sovereignty. Deny God’s right to choose whom He will and you deny His right to save whom He will. Deny His right to save whom He will and you deny that salvation is of grace. If salvation is made to hinge upon any merit or fitness in man, seen or foreseen, grace is at an end.”
~Horatius Bonar

“God...will not lightly or easily lose His people. He has provided well for us: blood to wash us in; a Priest to pray for us, that we may be made to persevere; and, in case we foully fall, an Advocate to plead our cause.”
~John Bunyan

I Thessalonians 1:2-5

Big Idea of this Series: *God will keep and sanctify his own until Jesus returns (I Thessalonians 5:23).*

Big Idea of Today’s Message: *Do you have a grateful heart that remembers what God has done in you (your working faith, laboring love, and enduring hope) and for you (your election and response to the gospel)?*

V. 2 – A grateful heart is a praying and a remembering heart.

V. 3 – Grateful for a true salvation that is revealed in three ways:
A faith that works.

A love that labors.

A hope that endures.

V. 4 – Grateful for a true salvation that grows out of being loved and chosen by God.

V. 5 – Grateful for a true salvation that receives the gospel in Word, power, and in the Holy Spirit with full assurance.