

Neighborhood VBS Volunteers June 22-25, Our families and small groups are hosting a VBS right in their own backyard or a neighborhood park. If you're interested in helping in a Neighborhood VBS, contact Shawn McGill 405-919-5081.

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: In *Spiritual Depression*, D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones writes, "Christian people too often seem to be perpetually in the doldrums and too often give this appearance of unhappiness and of lack of freedom and absence of joy. There is no question at all but that this is the main reason why large numbers of people have ceased to be interested in Christianity." Believing that Christian joy was one of the most potent factors in the spread of Christianity in the early centuries, Lloyd-Jones not only lays bare the causes that have robbed many Christians of spiritual vitality but also points the way to the cure found through the mind and spirit of Christ.

Faith@Home Center located in the Commons is our resource center for printed items to help you in your faith journey—it provides both free resources and items for purchase. Contact Pastor Jim Jackson with questions, jim@heritageokc.org.

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

Groups are meeting again in various ways and places! Get more information about a small group or ABF class by calling the church office.

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.

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June 7, 2020

Call To Worship
Pastoral Prayer

Songs of Worship
In Christ Alone
Lord Have Mercy

Scripture Reading
Psalms 73:25-28

Song of Praise
He Will Hold Me Fast

Message

Song of Response
He Will Hold Me Fast

Announcements

Benediction
Ephesians 6:23-24

Living in the Light of Jesus' Return **Life-Defining Encouragements**

“God’s grace is His active favor bestowing the greatest gifts upon those who have deserved the greatest punishment.”

William Hendriksen

“The noun [mercy] and its derivatives always deal with what we see of pain, misery, and distress, these results of sin; and grace always with the sin and the guilt itself. The one extends relief, the other pardon; the one cures, heals, helps, the other cleanses and reinstates. With God [grace] is always first and [mercy] is second.”

R. C. H. Lenski

“What peace can they have who are not at peace with God?”

Matthew Henry

“True spiritual peace is completely different from the superficial, ephemeral, fragile human peace. It is the deep, settled confidence that all is well between the soul and God because of His loving, sovereign control of one’s life both in time and eternity. That calm assurance is based on the knowledge that sins are forgiven, blessing is present, good is abundant even in trouble, and heaven is ahead. The peace that God gives His beloved children as their possession and privilege has nothing to do with the circumstances of life.”

John MacArthur

“God the Father is called the ‘God of peace’ (Hebrews 13:20). God the Son, the ‘Prince of peace’ (Isaiah 9:6). God the Holy Ghost, the ‘Spirit...of peace’ (Ephesians 4:3).”

Thomas Watson

I Thessalonians 1:1

Big Idea of this Series: “Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” I Thessalonians 5:23.

Big Idea of Today’s Message: In the greeting to the believers at Thessalonica, the apostle Paul gives us several life-defining encouragements.

V. 1 – “Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.”

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...in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

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