

Children's Ministry Need: Please consider how you might serve in the Children's ministry this fall—specifically, teachers for crawlers, twos, and fours to serve every other month (kids@heritageokc.org).

All Church Prayer August 2, 5pm: “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer” (Romans 12:12). Join us for an hour of prayer, seeking the Lord through the lens of Scripture Sunday, August 2 at 5:00pm in the Chapel.

Membership Matters Class, August 30, 9am-12pm in the Education Building, Room 407. 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, August 30. Contact Katy at katy@heritageokc.org with questions.

Will Rogers Back to School: In previous years HBC has hosted this event for Will Rogers Elementary while providing school supplies. But, this year it will look a little different. Heritage will gather school supplies to hand out to Will Rogers families in their cars. If you would like to sign up to donate school supplies visit heritageokc.org/news+events for the list and then drop donations off at the church by **Aug 2**. For more information, contact Shawn McGill at shawn@heritageokc.org.

Hope From The Scriptures (Room 407): Adults of all seasons of life—couples and singles are welcome to join us for this study, **Psalms 119: Mirror of a Gracious Heart**. We are seeking to look into this divine hymn with hearts prepared to delight in the application of God's Word. Get connected with folks that are “well-pleased to impart to you not only the Gospel of God, but their very lives also.”

Items in the Lost & Found Cabinet (under the children's check-in stations) will be donated **after today, July 26**. Please check at the table in the Commons to look for your items you have been missing.

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

Get more information about a small group or ABF class by calling our church office (720-1449), picking up a brochure at the Welcome Center, or visiting our website.

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. Please take a moment to fill out the Communication Card located under the pew in front of you.

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Paul's Desire, Hindrance, and Joy

July 26, 2020

Call to Worship

Pastoral Prayer

Songs of Worship

*Christ Our Hope in
Life and Death*

Oh How Good It Is

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:14-16

Song of Worship

It Is Well With My Soul

Message

Announcements

Song of Response

Oh How Good It Is

“As long as we maintain meaningful face-to-face relationships, especially with fellow Christians, then our electronic relationships will remain in a good and healthy place. But if we interact with people primarily through glass or some sort of technological screen--such as a television or computer monitor--we shouldn't be surprised that our relationships begin to seem distant, shallow, or artificial.”

~Donald S. Whitney

“Satan is most effective in the church when he comes not as an open enemy, but as a false friend; not when he persecutes the church, but when he joins it; not when he attacks the pulpit, but when he stands in it.”

~John MacArthur

“Satan is still ‘alive and well’ on planet earth. But he is bound with a rope than can be lengthened or shortened. He cannot do that which God does not permit him to do, and even in his evil schemes will be finally used by the sovereign God to achieve ultimate good.”

~Ajith Fernando

“Lest we be ‘terrified by our adversaries,’ it is well to remember that Satan's power is not inherent but permitted (Rom. 13:1). It is not unlimited, but controlled (Job 1:12; 2:6). It is not invincible, but broken (Luke 11:21-11). It is not assured of success, but is surely doomed (Rev. 20:2-3). Satan knows well that there is no ultimate victory for him. The pronounced sentence has only been postponed. But he works to hinder and postpone Christ's final triumph. We can rejoice in the certainty of John's assurance: ‘Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world’ (1 John 4:4).”

~Oswald Sanders

I Thessalonians 2:17-20

Big Truth of this Series: *Live in the Light of Jesus' Return*

Big Truth of Today's Message: *While Paul's great desire to be with his Christian friends was hindered by Satan, he focused on hope, glory, and joy at Jesus' return.*

V. 17-18a – Out of sight but definitely not out of mind!

V. 18b – Give the devil his due.

V. 19-20 – Looking forward to Christ's return.