

## NEWS + EVENTS

January 24, 2021

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**Sanctity of Human Life Sunday** - Today we use this day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit to protecting human life at every stage.

**Membership Matters Class, Sunday, Jan. 31**, 9am, House Room 202. If you have an interest in joining our local church body or have questions about our church, register online by **Jan. 27** for the next class; lunch will follow in the Café. Contact [katy@heritageokc.org](mailto:katy@heritageokc.org) with questions.

**Parent & Baby Dedication** is coming up on **Sunday, February 7**. There is a required parent class on **Sunday, January 31**. Please provide two or three pictures and sign up at [heritageokc.org/news-events](http://heritageokc.org/news-events). Contact Shawn with questions [shawn@heritageokc.org](mailto:shawn@heritageokc.org).

**New Women's Bible Study Begins Wed, Feb 10, 6:30-8:00pm** (Karen Cowan, Lisa McGee, & Shannon Schulz) Room 416, *Open Your Bible* by Myers & Williams. This study will leave you with a greater appreciation for the Word of God, a deeper understanding of its authority, and a stronger desire to know the Bible inside and out. Register online; books are \$8 at the Welcome Desk.

**Big Weekend** (7-12 grades) **Saturday, February 13**, 10:00am-8:30pm and **Sunday, February 14**, 9:00-10:30am. This is one of our most anticipated events! Typically, several area churches gather under one roof for teaching and worship, but this year the same teaching and worship will be via video with each church meeting at their own location. Sign-up is online; cost is \$15. Contact [kicker@heritageokc.org](mailto:kicker@heritageokc.org) for more details.

**4MEN: Wednesdays, 6:30pm** in Herndon Hall, Room 407 or **Tuesdays at 6:30pm** through Zoom (contact [mary@heritageokc.org](mailto:mary@heritageokc.org)). This group is focusing on *9 Ways Scripture Reveals How God Can Use Us*, and together searches Scripture, prays, and looks to Christ to empower their walk.

**Thursday Women's Bible Study** (9:30-11:30am) in the House: This class is studying, *Jeremiah, Daring to Hope in an Unstable World* and is led by Cindy McWilliams and Linnie Skeen. Signup is online with a Zoom option.

**Counseling Discipleship Conference** by the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC) begins in OKC Mar. 5. This training takes place over three weekends and aims to equip Christians to divide the Word of Truth rightly helping others best glorify God in all aspects of life. More info is at [biblicalcounseling.com](http://biblicalcounseling.com). Use promo code "Discipleship" to receive 10% off.

# 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 and place it in an offering pedestal in the back of the Worship Center.

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# Becoming a Healthy Church, Part 3

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**Call to Worship**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Songs of Worship**

*Psalms 150 (Praise the Lord)*

*Be Thou My Vision*

**Scripture Reading**

*Psalms 16*

**Songs of Worship**

*Christ Our Hope in  
Life and Death*

*Yet Not I But Through  
Christ in Me*

**Message**

**Announcements**

**Song of Worship**

*Yet Not I But Through  
Christ in Me*

“Christian joy is not a giddy, superficial happiness that can be devastated by illness, economic difficulties, broken relationships, or the countless other vicissitudes and disappointments of life. Instead, it flows from the deep, unshakable confidence that God is eternally in control of every aspect of life for the good of His beloved children--a confidence rooted in the knowledge of His Word. God’s character, the saving work of Christ, the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, divine providence, spiritual blessings, the promise of future glory, answered prayer, and Christian fellowship all cause the believer to rejoice.”

*John MacArthur*

“The strength and happiness of a man consists in finding out the way in which God is going, and going that way, too.”

*Henry Ward Beecher*

“Communion (prayer) with God makes bitter things sweet; and massive things light.”

*Thomas Brooks*

“Thankfulness to God is a recognition that God in His goodness and faithfulness has provided for us and cared for us, both physically and spiritually. It is a recognition that we are totally dependent upon Him; that all that we are and have comes from God.”

*Jerry Bridges*

“God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say, ‘Thank You?’”

*William Ward*

**I Thessalonians 5:16-18**

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

**Big Truth of Today’s Message:** As Children of Light it is God’s will for us that our spiritual health in life and ministry is grounded in joy, prayer, and thanksgiving.

*V. 16 – Rejoice always.*

*V. 17 – Pray without ceasing.*

*V. 18 – Give thanks in all circumstances; for (all of) this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*