

## NEWS+EVENTS

May 23, 2021

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**Current Memory Verse, Romans 1:16** “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.” Find the Bible Reading Plan on our website or at the Welcome Center.

**Mission Arlington Trip '21, June 13-18.** Visit our website for more information and to sign up for this mission trip for students, grades 7-12. **Sign up deadline is this Wed., May 26.**

**HBC's Picnic May 30, 5pm, Mitch Park:** (1501 W Covell, Edmond). This park features playgrounds, a disc golf course, basketball courts, etc. Most importantly, this is an opportunity to get to know better the folks in our church body and build relationships. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring the side dish corresponding to your last name as follows: **A-H** Salad; **I-P** Dessert; **Q-Z** Vegetable.

**Vacation Bible School June 21-24, 6:15-8:30pm** (ages 3 through completed 6th grade)! Join us this summer for a week of discovering how Jesus' love provides a foundation that will last. **Registration now open online.**

**Heritage Retreat October 15-17** Join us for this church-wide get-away at New Life Ranch in Concord, OK (brochure at the Children's Desk). Whether you are in a family of one or many more, this is great opportunity for recreation and spending quality time with your family and church family. We expect registration to fill up quickly—space is limited. **Register online by July 7.**

**Kanakuk Kampout July 12-16:** Registration is open online at [cometokamp.org](http://cometokamp.org) for kids 5-12 years old! A few ways to help with Kampout: Be a host home for staff, help provide staff lunch, or serve as a healthcare professional. If you have questions Contact [shawn@heritageokc.org](mailto:shawn@heritageokc.org) or 773-3333 x109.

**Get more information** about a small group or ABF class on the [groups page](#) on our website or at the Welcome Desk.

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

## 2 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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**May 23, 2021**

**Call To Worship**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Songs of Worship**

*Let Your Kingdom Come*

*The King in All His Beauty*

**Scripture Reading**

*Isaiah 43:1-5*

**Songs of Worship**

*How Firm A Foundation*

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

**Message**

**The Lord's Supper**

**Song of Response**

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

"Brothers and sisters, the coming of Christ is near. The ultimate epiphany is just around the corner. If we think otherwise, we tragically impoverish our souls. Most Christians think little of Christ's return, or if they do think about the day they will see Christ, they associate it with the day of their death. This is a proper hope, but death is not a pleasant thing, and thus the expectation of seeing Christ is mixed with a certain fear of the dark veil. But it is not so with His Second Coming. It is all joy! And that singular joy is meant to be a boon to our souls."

*Kent Hughes*

"The great doctrine of the second advent has in a sense fallen into disrepute because of... this tendency on the part of some to be more interested in the how and the when of the second coming rather than in the fact of the second coming."

*David Martyn-Lloyd Jones*

"Apostasy isn't an unintentional departure or personal struggle with doubt. It is deliberately abandoning the truth for erroneous teaching. 'The faith' refers specifically to the body of Christian doctrine, not the act of believing. Some will depart from 'the faith which was one delivered unto the saints' (Jude 3). People who understand and outwardly affirm Christian doctrine but don't have a heart for God are prime candidates for being seduced by demons away from the faith."

*John MacArthur*

"The essence of apostasy is changing sides from that of the crucified to that of the crucifier."

*John Stott*

## Encouragement From the Second Coming of Jesus Christ

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5

**Big Truth of this Series:** *A healthy church is steadfast while waiting for Christ's return.*

**Big Truth of Today's Message:** *Jesus Christ is coming again to judge the living and the dead, but He will not return before the great apostasy and the revelation of the antichrist.*

V. 1 – "Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to Him, we ask you, brothers..."

V. 2 – "...not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come."

V. 3 – "Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction..."

V. 4 – "...who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God."

V. 5 – "Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?"