

## NEWS+EVENTS

August 15, 2021

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### Current Memory Verse, 1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." Find the Bible Reading Plan on our website or at the Welcome Center.

### Membership Matters Class, Sunday, August 29, 9am,

**The House Room 202.** If you have an interest in joining our local church body or have questions about our church, please register online by August 25 for the next class; lunch will follow in the Café. Contact [katy@heritageokc.org](mailto:katy@heritageokc.org) with questions.

**AWANA** ministry is tentatively set to begin September 1st. We are looking for volunteers who can make an eternal difference in the kingdom. Please pray about your place of service in our local Body of Christ. Contact [shawn@heritageokc.org](mailto:shawn@heritageokc.org) for specific areas of opportunity.

**The Lord's Supper** will be observed next **Sunday, August 22** during the worship service. We do this in remembrance of the Lord, and thus proclaim His death until He comes.

**Choir & Orchestra Rehearsals** begin this fall! Choir will practice on August 25, 7:15-8:00pm and Orchestra begins rehearsal on Sept 1st, 7:15-8:00pm. Contact Jonathan if you are interested in serving in the Worship & Praise Ministry, [jonathan@heritageokc.org](mailto:jonathan@heritageokc.org).

### Women's Fall Bible Studies! Sign-up is now open online!

**Wednesday 6:30 PM** (begins Sept 1): *God of Creation* by Jen Wilkin.

**Thursday 9:30 AM** (begins Sept 9 w/Zoom option) *I Peter—A Living Hope in Christ* by Jen Wilkin.

The Homebuilders ABF class is hosting a **baby shower honoring Jenny Adams** on Thursday, **August 19** from 6:30pm to 8pm, 6120 Willowridge Dr., Warr Acres. Jenny is having a boy and is registered on Amazon.

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



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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**August 15, 2021**

**Call to Worship**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Songs of Worship**

*How Rich a  
Treasure We Possess*

*It Was Finished  
Upon That Cross*

**Scripture Reading**

*Isaiah 40:25-26*

**Songs of Worship**

*Behold Our God*

*Whate'er My God Ordains  
Is Right*

**Message**

**Announcements**

**Song of Response**

*What'er My God Ordains  
Is Right*

“God hath decreed in himself, from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably, all things, whatsoever comes to pass; yet so as thereby is God neither the author of sin nor hath fellowship with any therein; nor is violence offered to the will of the creature, nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken way, but rather established; in which appears his wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness in accomplishing his decree.”  
(Isa. 46:10; Eph. 1:11; Heb. 6:17; Rom. 9:15, 18; Jas. 1:13; 1 Jhn. 1:5; Acts 4:27, 28; Jhn. 19:11; Num. 23:19; Eph. 1:3-5)

*Philadelphia Confession of Faith, 1742:  
Chapter 3 – Of God's Decree*

“If there is one single molecule in this universe running around loose, totally free from God's sovereignty, then we have no guarantee that a single promise of God will ever be fulfilled.” *R. C. Sproul*

“There is no attribute more comforting to His children than that of God's sovereignty. Under the most adverse circumstances, in the most severe trials, they believe that sovereignty has ordained their afflictions, that sovereignty overrules them, and that sovereignty will sanctify them all. There is nothing for which the children ought to more earnestly contend to than the doctrine of their Master over all creation – the Kingship of God over all the works of His own hands – the Throne of God and His right to sit upon that throne...for it is God upon the Throne whom we trust.”

*Charles H. Spurgeon*

## Ezra 1:1-3 – Welcome to a Well-Run World

**Big Truth of this Series:** God is working to glorify Himself in His people through restoration, revival, and repentance.

**Big Truth of Today's Message:** God sovereignly moves the hearts of people to accomplish His plans and purposes, giving us great hope in every circumstance.

What is the historical context of this event?

Who are the main characters of this passage? Who is the lead character?

What is the theme of this passage?

God's sovereignty illustrated.

How does apprehending the Bible's teaching about God's sovereignty impact you?