

NEWS+EVENTS

September 19, 2021

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Current Memory Verse, James 1:2-4 (ESV)

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” Find the Bible Reading Plan on our website or at the Welcome Center.

Choir Rehearsal Wed. Sept 22, 7:15-8:00pm If you would like to be a part of the choir or orchestra, please contact jonathan@heritageokc.org.

GriefShare Meets Sundays in the Heritage House, 4-5 p.m.

This group will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences—the death of a loved one. Please contact Jimmy Jackson at 720-1449 or jim@heritageokc.org with questions.

The Lord's Supper will be observed **September 26** during the worship service. We do this in remembrance of the Lord, and thus proclaim His death until He comes.

Flee the City, September 24-25 ~ Our annual father/son campout at beautiful Salyer Lake just 45 minutes from the church. Contact Pastor Jimmy at jim@heritageokc.org or 720-1449 with questions; find more info at the Children's Desk; [sign up online](#).

Lost & Found Articles: Have you or anyone you know misplaced belongings while here? Please check at the table in the Commons for your items which will be donated after September 30, if still not claimed.

Save the Date! HBC's Fall Festival is coming Wednesday, October 27! Be in prayer about how you can be part of this outreach. More information will be coming.

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 Wed PM groups, small groups, or ABF classes on the groups page on our website or at the Welcome Desk.



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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Call to Worship

Pastoral Prayer

Songs of Worship

Facing A Task Unfinished

The Solid Rock

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 5:8-11

Songs of Worship

*Christ the Sure and
Steady Anchor*

He Will Hold Me Fast

Message

Song of Response

He Will Hold Me Fast

“If you serve in Gospel ministry (that’s all of us!) there will be loads of opposition. Even Jesus Christ faced it! And since staying disengaged is not an option, it’s wise to ready yourself right now to be prepared for the pitfalls toward discouragement and armed with reasons to persevere with a resolute heart.” *Randy Smith*

“Discouragement is dissatisfaction with the past, distaste for the present, and distrust of the future. It is ingratitude for the blessings of yesterday, indifference to the opportunities of today, and insecurity regarding strength for tomorrow. It is unawareness of the presence of beauty, unconcern for the needs of our fellowman, and unbelief in the promises of old. It is impatience with time, immaturity of thought, and impoliteness to God.” *William Ward*

“When you live to please yourself, circumstances that God designs to teach you to trust and obey Him instead become temptations for you to fear and worry.” *John Broger*

“Our first priority in times of adversity is to honor and glorify God by trusting Him. We tend to make our first priority the gaining of relief from our feelings of heartache or disappointment of frustration. This is a natural desire, and God has promised to give us grace sufficient for our trials and peace for our anxieties... We honor God by choosing to trust Him when we don’t understand what He is doing or why He has allowed some adverse circumstance to occur. As we seek God’s glory, we may be sure that He has purposed our good and that He will not be frustrated in fulfilling that purpose.” *Jerry Bridges*

Expect Opposition to God’s Work, Part 3

Ezra 4:4-24

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: When the world cannot infiltrate and pollute your worship of and work for God, it will openly oppose and hinder your obedience and growth.

The world openly opposes God and His people. We must stand and not yield to discouragement, fear, and frustration (v. 4-5).

The world will persistently, relentlessly, and increasingly oppose God and His people. We must obey God rather than man (vv. 6-23).

Unfortunately, sometimes God’s people are intimidated into temporarily stopping God’s work. Jesus promised that He would finish building His church (v. 24).