# NEWS+EVENTS

November 21, 2021

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**Current Memory Verse, John 15:7 (ESV)** "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." Find the Bible Reading Plan on our website or at the Welcome Center.

**Please Note** that this **Wednesday, Nov. 24**, the church office closes at noon and all evening classes and activities are cancelled but will resume on Dec. 1st when we have our monthly fellowship meal.

**Kingdom Kids Christmas 2021** is a powerful evangelistic church planting tool in southern Mexico. In 2019, 54,259 attended Kingdom Kids Christmas; 11,671 (2,411 adults) surrendered their lives to Jesus, and 49 new churches were planted! We are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to help purchase backpacks filled will school supplies, toys, and the gospel to be given to children in remote communities. More info is in the Commons; contact Pastor Jim with questions, jim@heritageokc.org.

**Life Adult (60 & up) Christmas Luncheon Dec. 5** right after the worship service in Herndon Hall. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the coming of our Savior, and for good food—Grilled Tri-Tip and all the fixings. <u>Sign up through Nov. 30th</u> at the Welcome Center; \$10 per person.

**Parent's Night Out, Dec. 10, 6-9pm.** The Student Ministry will be providing childcare so parents can have an evening out! There is no cost, however, tax-deductible donations will go toward the Scholarship Fund to help students pay for mission trips. <u>Sign up by Dec. 8th</u> by emailing shawn@heritageokc.org.

HBC Christmas Brunch, Dec. 12, 9:00am in Herndon Hall

What a great time we have when we can gather as family in the Body of Christ to celebrate the arrival of our great Hope and Redemption! Enjoy gathering together for a delicious brunch followed by our 10:30 service. This is a great opportunity to invite friends & family. Youth, Children, and ABF classes are cancelled this day. **Note:** To volunteer to help serve, please contact Shawn, 720-1449 ext. 109.

**Get more information** about Wed PM groups, small groups, or ABF 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.





# **A Defining Moment**

Esther 4:1-17

**Big Truth of this Series:** God is always working behind the scenes in every detail of life to accomplish His redemptive purposes.

**Big Truth of Today's Message:** Even flawed believers who struggle with compromise, sadness and weakness can resolve to do the right thing.

-The reality of distress and appropriateness of lamentation (4:1-3).

- The awakening of concern and compassion (4:4).

- The discovery of an "impossible" dilemma (4:5-8).

-A struggle with the cost of doing the right thing (4:9-12).

-A call to arms (4:13-14).

-A defining moment of a firm and reasoned resolve (4:15-17).

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**Call To Worship** 

**Pastoral Prayer** 

#### **Songs of Worship**

Christ Our Glory

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

### **Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 43:10-11

#### **Songs of Worship**

I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)

God Moves in A Mysterious Way

# Message

# The Lord's Supper

#### **Song of Response**

God Moves in A Mysterious Way "No one acts apart from the sovereign plan of God. Every choice, every act, every decision made by every human in the world, including the most evil, heinous behavior against the truth and against the Lord, God overrules and fits into His plan for His own ends and His own glory. There is not one rebellious molecule in the universe that operates independently of His purpose." John MacArthur

"How can all things be worked together by God for good? It is because God's ultimate purpose is to make us like Christ. His goal is the complete restoration of the image of God in His child! So great a work demands all the resources which God finds throughout the universe, and He ransacks the possibilities of joys and sorrows in order to reproduce in us the character of Jesus." Sinclair Ferguson

"Cowardice asks the question, 'Is it safe?" Consensus asks the question: 'Is it popular?" Courage asks the question: 'Is it right?"" Rod Rogers

"At each stage of spiritual growth, more selfdenial is required, more painful blows to self, more reckless decisions to serve the Lord Christ with consequent abandonment of one's own life." Walter Chantry