

## NEWS+EVENTS

November 7, 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.

**Hope Is Alive Ministry**—a local ministry in which Heritage is now investing support. HIA exists to radically change the lives of those struggling with drug and alcohol addiction, and those who love them. Please visit their table in the Commons this Sunday and meet their representatives.

**Prayer Meeting Tonight, Sunday, Nov. 7** at 5:00pm in the Chapel. Join us for an hour of prayer, seeking the Lord’s will through His revealed truth. We will be focused on praying for the persecuted church.

**Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal Wednesday, Nov. 10, 6:30 to 7:30pm** If you would like to be a part of the choir or orchestra, please contact Jonathan Dirrim, [jonathan@heritageokc.org](mailto:jonathan@heritageokc.org).

**Life Adult Luncheon Nov. 14, Chapel/Café** right after the worship service. Our emphasis will be on penetrating our city’s poorest with the Gospel. After our lunch we will fill backpacks with items that can minister to the physical needs brought on by the approaching winter. **Sign up is necessary** at the Welcome Center or call the church office, 405-720-1449.

**CareShare:** Heritage has the opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for students of Will Rogers Elementary and their siblings through the CareShare program. You may sign up to “adopt” a child for CareShare in ABF classes or contact Joy at [JoyFischer@me.com](mailto:JoyFischer@me.com).

**Whiz Kids** is a faith-based, one-on-one mentoring/tutoring program for inner-city children. Heritage partners with Portland Avenue Baptist Church at NW 12th & Portland. They meet 32 weeks during the school year on Thursday afternoons from 2:45-5:00. Ongoing training is provided, so no prior experience is necessary. Come, make a visit and determine if this is a good fit for you. You can make a lasting impact on the life of a child. Contact Joy Fischer (405) 822-4401 or [joyfischer@me.com](mailto:joyfischer@me.com).

**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 on the groups page on our website or at the Welcome Desk.

# ESTHER

*No Reserves, No Retreats, No Regrets*

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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**Ministry Report**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Songs of Worship**

*Doxology*

*Praise to  
the Lord the Almighty  
His Mercy Is More*

**Scripture Reading**

*Psalms 42:1-5*

**Songs of Worship**

*Lord, from  
Sorrows Deep I Call  
All I Have Is Christ*

**Message**

**Song of Response**

*Lord, from  
Sorrows Deep I Call*

*Question: "What do you understand by the providence of God?" Answer: "The almighty, everywhere present power of God, whereby, as it were, by His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth with all creatures and so governs them that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things come not by chance, but by His Fatherly hand." - Heidelberg Catechism, Question 27*

*"Worry is the sin of distrusting the promise and providence of God, and yet it is a sin that Christians commit perhaps more frequently than any other."  
- John MacArthur*

*"Let me encourage you to take those 'if onlys' and draw a circle around them. Then label the circle, 'The providence of God.' The Christian believes that God is greater than our 'if onlys.' His providential hand encompasses the whole of our lives, not just the good days but the 'bad' days, too. We have the word 'accident' in our vocabulary; God does not." - Erwin Lutzer*

*"God loves details! It is in the details that we discern His hand of providence – ruling, directing, providing, sustaining, preventing, surprising. What may look catastrophic from one point of view will appear from another angle to be the outworking of a plan in which God is in full control."  
- Derek Thomas*

## God's Providence Displayed in an Orphan Becoming a Queen

Esther 2:1-23

**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:** God works His sovereign plan of redemption through wicked, disadvantaged, and flawed people and through unfair circumstances.

– God is at work through arrogant and wicked leaders (2:1-4).

– God is at work through weak and disadvantaged people (2:5-7).

– God is at work through compromising and flawed people (2:8-18).

– God is at work through life's injustices (2:19-23).