

NEWS+EVENTS

December 19, 2021

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Bible Reading for the New Year –We will start a 2-year reading plan in January which can be accessed on our website. Go to heritageokc.org/bible-reading to find daily readings and audio recordings. For those who wish to stick with the 1-year reading plan, you can find it there as well.

Important Notice: In order to claim a charitable contribution for 2021, donations must be made online or postmarked by Friday, Dec. 31. Checks may also be delivered to Heritage on or before Wednesday, Dec. 29 (the church office will be closed Dec. 30-31). Checks received after Dec. 31 will not qualify for a charitable contribution, even if the check is predated or was actually written in 2021. A record of your contributions to Heritage will be mailed to you in January.

For Upcoming Seasonal Schedule Changes see our website. Dec. 22-23: the church office is closed and all activities are cancelled. Sunday, Dec. 26, 9:00am, ABF, Children, & Youth classes do not meet.

Women's Bible Study, Better, Begins Jan. 6, 9:30-11:30am
This is a verse-by-verse study in *Hebrews* by Jen Wilkin and led by Cindy McWilliams and Lynnie Skeen. Please sign up online.

Membership Matters Class, Sunday, January 30, 9:00-11:45am in the House Room 202. This Membership Matters class is an opportunity for us to further explain some of our distinctives and how we aim to help you grow in godliness as you seek to make disciples. If you have an interest in joining our local church body or have questions about our church, please register online by Wednesday, Jan 26; lunch will follow in the Café. Contact ron@heritageokc.org with questions.

Kingdom Kids Christmas 2021 is a powerful evangelistic church planting tool in southern Mexico. We are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to help purchase backpacks filled with 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, jjm@heritageokc.org.

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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**Call To Worship/
Pastoral Prayer**

Songs of Worship

Come And Worship

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Scripture Reading

Romans 5:6-11

Song of Worship

O Holy Night

*The First Noel
(Born Is The King)*

Message

The Lord's Supper

Song of Response

Come And Worship

“Don’t ever try to convince me that some situation in this life is absolutely permanent. God can move in the heart of a king. He can move an entire nation. He can bring down the once-impenetrable Iron Curtain. He can change the mind of your stubborn mate. He can move in the affairs of your community. He can alter the decisions of presidents and prime ministers and present-day kings and dictators. No barrier is too high, no chasm too wide for Him, because He is not limited by space or time, by the visible or the invisible.”

Chuck Swindoll

“God has no malice in His purity, no maliciousness in His actions. God does not ‘delight’ in the death of the wicked—even though He decrees it. His judgments upon evil are rooted in His righteousness, not in some distorted malice in His character. Like an earthly judge weeps when he sends the guilty for punishment, God rejoices in the justness of it but gets no glee from the pain of those justly judged.”

R. C. Sproul

“All caricatures of God which ignore His intense hatred for sin reveal more about man than about God. In a moral universe God must of necessity oppose evil.”

Robert Mounce

“In the day that we stand before our Master and Maker, it will not matter how many people on earth knew our name, how many called us great, and how many considered us fools. It will not matter whether schools and hospitals were named after us, whether our estate was large or small, whether our funeral drew ten thousand or no one. It will not matter what the newspapers or history books said or didn’t say. What will matter is one thing and one thing only—what the Master thinks of us.”

Randy Alcorn

Esther’s Plan Unfolds and Haman’s Plot Unravels

Esther 7:1-10

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: Esther steps up! She not only identifies herself with and seeks mercy for her people, she also reveals wicked Haman and his evil plot.

– Queen Esther, believing that she is where she is for “such a time as this,” continues to unfold her well-woven plan (7:1).

– Queen Esther asks for mercy for herself and her people, and confronts wicked Haman and his murderous plot to destroy them (7:2-6).

– Haman receives the king’s wrath and the retribution due him (7:7-10).