#### **Church Wide**

Update on Pastor of Worship in Music Search ~ Zach Sprowls has been unanimously recommended by the elders to serve our church as Pastor of Worship in Music. There is specific information about Zach at the Welcome Center and on our website. He will be at HBC to lead our music in the Sunday worship service on April 30, and will meet with all those who might be interested in being a part of the music ministry (choir, band/orchestra and audio/visual, etc.) on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m., April 26 in the auditorium. Important note: If you would like to sing in the choir on April 30, please RSVP to <a href="mailto:kicker@delightinGod.org">kicker@delightinGod.org</a>—he will send the music audio for you to prepare in advance of the rehearsal on Wednesday April 26. Zach will also be available to meet with individuals or groups throughout the weekend. HBC members will be asked to respond to the elders' recommendation of Zach Sprowls with a vote of affirmation at the conclusion of the morning worship service on May 7.

"Stamp Out Starvation" ~ Come and be blessed by the fellowship and by knowing you are making a difference in someone's life. Stamp Out Starvation ("SOS") comes to Heritage again on Saturday, April 29 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. for a "packaging" event. SOS's mission is to provide meals primarily to children in Haiti, the Philippines, Africa, and right here in Oklahoma. The goal is to "fund" and package 20,000 meals (ingredients cost approx. \$4,600). You can participate by I) making checks out to Stamp Out Starvation (give checks to Dennis McGee), 2) help package food from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on the 29th in the church gym, and 3) pray that God would bless and expand this great ministry to the poor.

**Cultivate Report** ~ Praise the Lord for blessing our church ladies and women from surrounding areas at the Cultivate event, featuring Kelly Minter! We worshipped together, heard the Word, prayed together, and were invited to participate in ministry opportunities locally and abroad. In preparation for the event, Ephesians 3:20 had been our theme and prayer, that God would do immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine. How precious it was to note that the sign-up matched the same number: 320! Kelly's messages centered on God's creation blessing and command to multiply spiritual fruit. She traced the history of fruit bearing throughout Genesis and shared from John 15 what impacts true fruitfulness and its benefits. Kelly's words were divinely fitting, following the "seed, sower, and soil" sermons recently given by Pastor Marty. Oh, that we might experience fruitfulness in the same vein of abundance as our conference prayer--that the Father would do beyond all our prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, and dreams! To Him be the glory!

#### **Senior Adult Ministry**

Our monthly **Senior Adult Luncheon** is this **Sunday**, **April 23** in the Chapel/Café at 12:00 p.m. after the worship service. Please bring a side dish of salads, vegetables or desserts--enough to serve eight people (someone will be at the door under the awning on the north side between 8:45-9:00 to pick up your dish, or you may bring your dish to the east kitchen). **For those signed up for the Jubilee Conference in Branson there is an important informational meeting immediately following the luncheon on April 23.** 

Heritage Single Women 55 & Better will meet in The Heritage House on Saturday, May 6 at 11:30 a.m. This will be "Game Day" and we ask you to bring an item you have enjoyed but don't mind donating to give as prizes for the winners of the games. Bring what you'd like for your lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided by the hostesses, Marge Babb and Shirley Burroughs. Please contact Willis Loyal (808-5859) if you need a ride. Hope to see you on Saturday, May 6!

### **Student Ministry**

Mission Arlington, June 11-16 ~ This summer our students (grades 7-12) head back to Mission Arlington. This is an awe-some local missions organization in Arlington, Texas, whose goal is to take the church to the people. While we will be helping with several service opportunities throughout the week, most of our time will be spent serving in their Rainbow Express ministry (their version of "Backyard Bible Club"). Our students and sponsors will divide into groups of 10-12 and go to two apartment complexes each day for four days. Each of our students will play a vital role in leading the Rainbow Express and will be assigned tasks like inviting the neighborhood children, leading songs, sharing Bible stories and personal testimonies, leading game time and supervising craft time. I am grateful for the opportunity this provides our students with face-to-face ministry with children and their families. Sign-up will start in early May. Everyone going is expected to attend Training Sessions on Wednesdays, May 31st and June 7th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### **Children's Ministry**

Vacation Bible School June 25-28, 6:15-8:30 p.m. ~ Galactic Starveyors VBS! This summer the kids will discover the God who created everything there is—the known and unknown, visible and invisible—wants a relationship with them! Preparations are underway now for VBS for children 3 years through 6th grade; find out how our Lord would use you in serving our children during this week of in-depth teaching and fun. Stephanie Rigdon and Shawn McGill would love to have you be part of VBS at Heritage; contact them at stephanie.rigdon@gmail.com or shawn@heritagefamily.org.

Kanakuk KampOut, July 17-21, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ~ This summer we are pleased to be again hosting KampOut, a Day Camp Adventure for kids 5-12 years old! KampOut is a high energy, non-stop excitement, traveling day

Kamp experience from Kanakuk Kamps! Every KampOut Kamper will see and hear that God is a loving Father and wonderful Creator who loves them and desires for us to love Him and others. The kids will have a blast on the zip line, climbing wall, inflatables and laughing at crazy skits! Sign up online at *cometokamp.org*. **A few ways you can help with Kampout**: Host home, help provide staff lunches, or overnight security (partial scholarships when helping with security). If you have questions, contact Shawn McGill *shawn@heritagefamily.org*; or 773-3333 x109.

# **Ministry Opportunities**

Believing that the Lord's commission in Acts 1:8 continues through his witnesses today, Heritage Baptist Church is engaged in ministries as close as the room next to you, all the way to continents and people groups spread around the globe. The following represents some of those ministries. There is indeed a place of service and prayer for us all!

**Children's Ministry** ~ There are several age groups in our Children's Ministry in need of volunteers to help with teaching and training the next generation for AWANAs on Wednesday evenings and childcare as well. **Please pray about responding to this opportunity for ministering and connecting** with others; contact Shawn McGill for more info: shawn@heritagefamily.org.

**Prayer Room** ~ "Satan dreads nothing but prayer. His one concern is to keep the saints from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, he mocks our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray." ~Samuel Chadwick. Hebrews 4:16 says, "Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Our church's Prayer Room Ministry gives us a special opportunity to draw near to the throne of grace with requests for others. Would you like to commit to coming to our Prayer Room in the House one hour per week to intercede? Contact George Gilbert at 607-0808 with questions.

**H.O.W.D.Y. Ministry** ~ The first person anyone coming to visit Heritage encounters will probably be someone from this group. Heritage's Opportunity to Welcome and Direct You is a vital ministry of folks who love to greet with a smile and help get you wherever you want to go at Heritage! Join our ranks—we need you! Each person is on duty once or perhaps twice a month; you will be reminded by email. Contact Harold Stansberry at 354-7695 or stnsbry@cox.net with questions.

**Heritage Adoption Assistance Ministry** ~ This ministry provides financial grants to Heritage members whom God has led to adopt and to encourage and inform the Body of Christ of the benefits of adoption. Please pick up an information sheet at the Welcome Center. You can participate by making a contribution to HBC and noting that it is for the Adoption Ministry Fund, one of the five designated funds at Heritage.

# Groups@HBC Highlight

Adult Bible Fellowship at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays, Wednesday Groups at 6:30 p.m., Small Group Bible studies, and Home Groups are about seeing all adults in every stage of life grow in their walk with Christ and each other. Our intention is to develop folks who will delight in God and declare His glory. Consider today where you could join your brothers and sisters in Christ to connect with those who are "well-pleased to impart to you not only the Gospel of God, but their very lives also." Stop by the Welcome Center to pick up the Groups Brochure or visit <a href="http://delightingod.org/adult-bible-fellowship/">http://delightingod.org/adult-bible-fellowship/</a> for specific group descriptions.

#### 4MEN (Rocky Hails, Eric Schrock, Greg Rader & Dennis McGee Room 401

A discipleship group for men of all ages. Men, young in their faith or mature disciples of Jesus Christ will benefit from this class as iron sharpens iron. We will discuss Lordship, Godly Character, The Gospel, and God's Love & Forgiveness. Prayer requests are held in confidence.

Fellowship Meal for Wednesday, April 26 ~ Join us Wednesday, 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. in the Education Building for our Fellowship Meal. Adults are \$3.50 and \$2 for children; family max is \$15. On the Menu is Beef Tacos, Nachos, Guacamole, Salad & Dessert.

## Calendar Highlights

**Sunday**, 4/23

8:30 a.m. Prayer in Auditorium 9:00 a.m. Bible Study for All Ages 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 12:00 p.m. Senior Adult Luncheon 4:00 p.m. Servant Ldrshp Trng (11-12 Grs)

Tuesday, 4/25

9:00 a.m. Prison Ministry BSF Meets at Heritage 11:30 a.m. Quilting Ministry

Wednesday, 4/26

Jubilee Conference at Branson (Sr Adults) 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal 6:30 p.m. **Music Ministry Meeting with Zach** AWANA (3 yrs-4th grade) 6:30 p.m. cont.

The Bridge (5th-6th grades)
Discovering the Author's Intent
4-Men
Parenting Class
Share & Prayer
Students (7-12 grades)
Women's Bible Study (Cowan/McGee)

Thursday, 4/27

Jubilee Conference at Branson (Sr Adults)
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
(McWilliams)
10:00 In His Hands Ministry
11:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group in Yukon
3:00 p.m. Whiz Kids
6:00 p.m. Perspectives @ Bridgeway
6:30 p.m. College/Career Bible Study

Friday, 4/28

Jubilee Conference at Branson (Sr Adults)

Saturday, 4/29

9:00 a.m. Stamp Out Starvation

**Coming Soon!** 

5/6 HBC Single Women 55 & Better
5/7 Special Meeting of HBC
Elder Meeting
5/10 AWANA Commencement
5/21 High School Senior Recognition Sunday
5/27-6/3 MOH Haiti Trip
6/4 Membership Matters Class
6/11-6/16 Mission Arlington—Students
6/25-6/28 Vacation Bible School
7/8-7/14 Students at Barnabas
7/17-7/21 Kanakuk Kampout