

Church Wide

Zach Sprowls Affirmed as Next Pastor of Worship in Music. God moved in the congregation and united our hearts around the recommendation from the elders that we call Zach Sprowls to serve as our next Pastor of Worship in Music. The affirmation was an overwhelming 96.5% YES votes that Zach is the right man, God's man, to lead us in this important position. There has also been a wonderful unity of spirit in our church family as we have worked through the details of this process. A big "thank you" goes to the Search Team (Josh Duggan, Joy Fischer, Dennis McGee, Cindy McWilliams, Tracy Rader and Pierson Whittington) for all the time and effort they invested in identifying and interviewing Zach. Another "thank you" is due Chad (Kicker) Kositzky for doing an outstanding job of leading us during this interim time. After completing his duties at his current church, Zach, Beth, Lydia and Darren will be moving to Oklahoma City the week after Memorial Day. His first Sunday to lead us in music worship will be Sunday, June 11. Please be in prayer for them as they get ready to join us.

Membership Matters Class Sunday, June 4 ~ If you have an interest in joining our local church body or have questions about our church, please join Pastors Marty Brown, Jim Jackson and Rocky Hails for our Membership Matters Class Sunday, June 4, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Heritage House, Room 202. Please pick up a Membership Packet at the Welcome Center in the Commons. There is important information in it for you about Heritage and a registration card to fill out and place in an offering pedestal or take to the church office. Contact Carolyn Dittmer at 773-3333, x116 with questions.

HBC Game Night, Sunday, June 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Children's Building ~ Every now and then it's good to just get together and laugh—HBC Game Night provides the opportunity to do just that! Whether you're a big fan of board games, cards, volleyball, or Ping-Pong, or not, just having an opportunity to get together with friends and family for a low-key evening sounds like something worth putting on the calendar. The gym will be set up for volleyball, and we'll have several rooms open to plays games and just hang out together. Fun food will be available—\$3 adults/\$2 children.

HBC Note ~ The End of the School Year brings a few changes to the church's activity calendar on Wednesday evenings during the summer. On Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. the Women's Bible study will have their last class; the 4MEN meet as well and will continue to meet through June 21. Then, to give volunteers a bit of rest from the usual schedule for July and August on Wednesday evenings, the pastors and elders encourage us to use the extra time for renewal and connecting with family and friends. Our students (7-12 grades) continue through the summer as usual in the Chapel except when on mission trips, as well as for an occasional off campus meeting. Please keep an eye on the **Calendar Highlights** on the back page.

Heritage Retreat October 20-22 ~ Join us for this church wide get-away at the beautiful New Life Ranch in Concord, Oklahoma, just a few minutes from Siloam Springs, Arkansas (pick up a brochure at the Children's Desk). Whether you are in a family of one or many more, prayerfully consider coming to a beautiful setting with great opportunities for recreation and spending quality time with your family and your church family. Last year was truly tremendous, and we expect registration to fill up quickly-space is limited. Register at the Children's Desk **by July 2**. Contact Shawn McGill *shawn@heritagefamily.org*.

Sharpening Your Ax, a Workshop for Biblical Teachers ~ Our most effective biblical teachers have taught us that we need to constantly be honing our skills—seeking excellence. Whether you are an "old-timer" or a "rookie" or a "hope-to-be-one-day," take time to "sharpen the ax" at this Wednesday evening workshop during the month of August. The prerequisite is to read the book, Saving Eutychus; <u>RSVP</u> (mary@delightinGod.org or rockin@delightinGod.org) for the workshop by July 12 and <u>get the book</u> at half price. Class led by Pastors Jimmy Jackson and Rocky Hails.

Save the Date August 26 ~ Heritage will be hosting a parenting conference with Dr. Jim Dempsey from the National Center for Biblical Parenting, who will present "**Cooperation, Consequences, and Keeping your Sanity,**" an interactive seminar that can radically change the atmosphere of your home and give you hope.

Senior Adult Ministry

Our monthly **Senior Adult Luncheon is Sunday, May 21** 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).

Children's Ministry

The **Children's Ministry** is in need of volunteers to help with **nursery rotation** on Sundays (serving once every six weeks). Please pray about responding to this opportunity for ministering to our children and connecting with others; contact Shawn McGill for more info: *shawn@heritagefamily.org*.

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 again be hosting KampOut—a high energy, non-stop excitement, day camp adventure for kindergarten through 6th grade! Register online at **cometokamp.org**. **Ways you can help with KampOut** ~ Be a **host home** for at least three of the dedicated college students from across the country who are committed to pouring their lives out and showing kids what it looks like to follow Christ. Another way to be involved is to **help provide Kanakuk staff lunches** during the week. If you would like more information, please contact Shawn McGill *shawn@heritagefamily.org*; or stop by the Children's Desk.

Student Ministry

Mission Arlington, June 11-16 ~ This summer our students (grades 7-12) head back to Mission Arlington. This is an awesome 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. You may sign-up in the Cafe. Everyone going is expected to attend Training Sessions on Wednesdays, May 31st and June 7th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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!

Prison Ministry Need ~ Are you looking for a place to serve? You can share your faith with inmates and their family members every Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00—a group of volunteers meet **at Heritage in Room 409** to grade inmates' Bible lessons. We share God's Word with them as we teach, correct and encourage with our comments on their papers. You will be BLESSED by their appreciation, their growing faith and the fellowship with this group of God's servants. At this time we are in need of someone to help with data entry beginning about 8:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. We keep track of the basic information on those taking the Bible studies. Please contact Bobbie at 728-1139.

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.

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 http://delightingod.org/adult-bible-fellowship/ for specific group descriptions.

The Potter's Clay (Todd Jackson & Asir "Jeba" Jebaraj) The House, Room 201 ~ How does the Old Testament point us to the Gospel? And how does the New Testament not only fulfill the Old Testament, but is magnificent because of it? How is the Old Testament applicable to us in the light of the New Testament? Join us in the **Study of Hosea** and see the timeless truths about God and man, and sin and salvation. Hosea, almost a thousand years before Christ's incarnation, saw the Gospel—salvation by grace and faith alone through the eyes of faith. It is a fitting study after our journey through the Book of Hebrews. We welcome you to join us as we study truth given to us in the Bible, the Word of God.

Calendar Highlights

Sunday, 5/14 Mother's Day! 8:30 a.m. Prayer in Auditorium 9:00 a.m. Bible Study for All Ages 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, 5/16 9:00 a.m. Prison Ministry 11:30 a.m. Quilting Ministry

Wednesday, 5/17 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Cowan) Wed. Cont. 6:30 p.m. 4MEN Students' Cookout (7-12 grades)

Thursday, 5/18 10:00 In His Hands Ministry 11:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group in Yukon 3:00 p.m. Whiz Kids

Friday, 5/19 6:30 p.m. The Way of the Master Coming Soon! 5/21 Senior Adult Luncheon 5/27-6/3 MOH Haiti Trip 6/4 Membership Matters Class The Lord's Supper Journey Class Luncheon HBC Game Night Elder Meeting 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 8/13 Children's Promotion Sunday 8/26 Parenting Seminar @ HBC

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