

Reformation Sunday ~ Five hundred years ago God used a man to change the course of Western history for the



good. Born in 1483, Martin Luther was raised in humble circumstances but went on to study law at the age of 13. He graduated with both his baccalaureate and master's degrees in the shortest time allowed by university rules. In 1505, his life took a dramatic turn. He was caught in a fierce thunderstorm and when lightning struck nearby he vowed to give away his possessions and enter a monastery. Luther did everything he could to gain approval before God: prayer, fasting, going without sleep, sleeping in bitter cold without a blanket and even whipping himself. He later would say, "If anyone could have earned heaven by the life of a monk, it was I." But he found no consolation and was increasingly terrified by the thought of God's wrath.

It was during his study of the Book of Romans that God opened his eyes to the truth of Romans 1:17. He said, "At last meditating day and night, by the mercy of God, I... began to understand that the righteousness of God is that through which the righteous live by a gift of God, namely by faith. . . . Here I felt as if I were entirely born again and had entered paradise itself through the gates that had been flung open." Thus, justification by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone according to the Scriptures alone and to the glory of God alone became foundation for the wide-ranging movement of theological and spiritual renewal in the 16th century known as the Reformation.

Important Reminders! 1) All Adult Bible Fellowship classes meet together in the Ed. Building, Room 408 this Sunday, October 29 for teaching from Pastor Marty on Gospel-centered application; and 2) Roll your clocks back next Saturday because on Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 a.m. daylight savings ends.

**Heritage Retreat Report** ~ Last weekend, 40 families attended the Heritage Retreat at New Life Ranch. The weekend was void of cell phone reception, but full of fellowship, worship, and encouragement. The days were filled with a variety of games and activities, and the evenings with conversations by the fire. Getting away for the weekend was a sweet reminder of the importance of intentional fellowship, and our hope is that a renewed spirit of community will carry on through our everyday lives.

**HBC Holy Land Discovery Tour** ~ March 5-14, 2018, Led by Pastor Marty Brown and Bobby Peck Experience Israel. See your Bible come alive as you walk the well-worn paths where the prophets, Jesus and His first disciples walked. Come join Pastor Marty Brown and Bobby Peck on the trip of a lifetime! Brochures are available at the Welcome Center. Please feel free to **contact Marty at the Church 405.720.1449 or Bobby at 405.205.1112**.

#### **Senior Adults**

**Senior Adult & Next Steps Luncheon! Sunday, November 5** ~ This is an exciting opportunity facilitated through our Next Steps ABF class (40-somethings with pre-teen children) to get to know people outside of their class and age group. The hope is to develop friendships with meaning rather than a smile and a nod on Sunday morning. **This luncheon hosted by the Next Steps class will be after the worship service in the Chapel/Café November 5.** 

**Heritage Single Women 55 & Better** ~ You are invited to our next meeting **Saturday, November 11th** in the **Heritage House at 11:30 a.m.** This women's group meets once a month to share in life and fellowship to the glory of God. Zach Sprowls and his family will be our guests; Zach is Heritage's Pastor of Worship & Music. Plan to attend and bring a friend and a light lunch for each. Dessert and drinks will be provided by the hostesses, Cathy Herndon and Ann Green. Contact Willis with questions, 808-5859.

### Groups@HBC Highlight

**Adult Bible Fellowship classes at 9:00 a.m.** meet every Sunday! **Wednesday Groups at 6:30 p.m.** and other **Small Groups** for men and women meet at various times. Consider today joining your brothers and sisters in Christ connecting with those who are "well-pleased to impart to you not only the Gospel of God, but their very lives also." For all group descriptions look for a Groups Brochure at the Welcome Center or on our <u>website</u>.

# ABF—Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Bob Peck's Difference Makers (Clyde Ross) Room 104 ~ When the hurricane winds of adversity strike suddenly and relentlessly, when you are blindsided by forces that knock you off your feet and leave you stunned and bewildered, will your anchor hold? Join us as we begin a new study next Sunday written by Charles Stanley, Standing Strong—How To Storm-Proof Your Life with God's Timeless Truths.

4MEN (Rocky Hails, Eric Schrock, Greg Rader & Dennis McGee) Room 401 ~ The Fruit of the Spirit: How Is This Real In Such A Rough Place? Galatians 5 contrasts the acts of the sinful nature with the fruit of the Spirit. As we cooperate with and cultivate that which the Holy Spirit produces, it leads to a life progressively putting to death the deeds of the flesh and being made alive in the Spirit. We examine the Word as to how our abiding leads to action, how our being leads to our doing.

**Women—One in a Million by Priscilla Shirer (Karen Cowan) Room 420; through Dec. 6** ~ Ladies, if you hunger to experience God's power, hear His voice, and live in the abundance promised to you, this study is for you! This 12-session study makes Joshua's and Caleb's journey your journey to your Promised Land!

**Share & Prayer (Marty Brown) Room 415** ~ Join Pastor Marty and others for an informal, meaningful hour of sharing, fellowshipping and praying as the early church did in Acts 2.

**Intentional Parenting:** Parenting is Heart Work (Jim Jackson) Room 416 through Nov. 8 ~ Whether you are new parents or have been at it for a while, we all tend to fall into patterns that are not producing the outcomes we desire. Our aim is to look carefully at old patterns and intentionally make shifts into more biblical strategic parenting patterns.

GriefShare ~ Wednesdays November 15, November 29, December 6 and December 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Room 416** ~ This group will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences—the death of a loved one. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. GriefShare is led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. GriefShare sessions have three elements—video seminar, discussion, and workbook personal study. Please know we hurt for you and want to offer you comfort and support. Family and friends are welcome to join you. Please RSVP and to get more information, contact Pastor Jimmy Jackson at 720-1449 or jim@delightinGod.org.

## **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!

Kingdom Kids Christmas Backpack Outreach ~ Each year Harvest Evangelistic Association (HEA) located in Chiapas, Mexico (HEA is a mission organization Heritage supports), reaches out to over 420 remote mountain villages with the Kingdom Kids Christmas parties. Last year they prepared 20,000 backpacks to give away for the purpose of sharing the gospel in these difficult, hard to get to places; 11,271 children, moms, dads and village folks gave their lives to Jesus, and 17 new missions were planted, two in severely persecuted communities. To help with this ministry, pick up an envelope at the Welcome Center; \$10 purchases a backpack. Please make checks out to Harvest Evangelistic Association.

Whiz Kids is a faith-based one-on-one mentoring program. Heritage partners with Portland Avenue Baptist Church on Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. You are invited to visit and observe Whiz Kids to see if this is something God is calling you to do. Joy Fischer would like to answer your questions and give you more information, 405-822-4401 or JoyFischer@me.com.

**Novo** is a Latin word meaning "make new." Novo Bible Clubs are a great opportunity to invest in boys and girls from the inner-city. This program is a time for building relationships with the children, mentoring them, having fun, and sharing the life-changing message of Jesus Christ with kids who may have never heard it. You can volunteer each week in a variety of different ways--help with snacks, teach a small group, develop relationships with parents, serve on the prayer team, or play games with the children. Our club meets Thursday evenings at Forest Creek Apartments with a commitment of approximately one to four hours per week, depending on the role you fill. Contact Shawn at shawn@heritagefamily.org or 720-1449. Visit the Novo website novoministries.org.

Fellowship Meal ~ Join us Wednesday, November 1st, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. in the Education Building for our Fellowship Meal. Adults are \$4.00 and \$2.50 for children; family maximum is \$20. On the Menu is Breakfast Casserole, Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit Salad and Dessert.

## Calendar Highlights

Sunday, 10/29

8:30 a.m. Prayer in Marty's office 9:00 a.m. Bible Study for All Ages 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

4:00 p.m. Servant Leadership  $\underline{T}$ raining (11-12 grd)

Tuesday, 10/31

9:00 a.m. BSF Meets at Heritage 10:00 a.m. Prison Ministry 11:30 a.m. Quilting Ministry

Wednesday, I I/I 5:15 p.m. Fellowship Meal 6:30 p.m. AWANA (3 yrs-4th grade)

The Bridge (5th-6th grades)
Students (7th-12th grades)

Intentional Parenting

One In A Million Women's Bible Study Intro to Discovering the Author's Intent

Share & Prayer Music Practice

Thursday, 11/2

9:30 a.m. *Jonah* Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. In His Hands Ministry 3:00 p.m. Whiz Kids

6:30 p.m. Steadfast Love Women's Bible Study

Coming Up!

11/5 Daylight Savings Ends

Senior Adult / Next Steps Luncheon

11/11 Single Women 55 & Better

11/15 GriefShare Begins

11/22 Church Office Closed at Noon

11/23 Thanksgiving

12/3 Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon

12/17 HBC Christmas Brunch

No ABF, Youth or Children's Classes 12/24 No ABF, Youth or Children's Classes

12/26 Church Office Closed

12/31 No Youth or Children's Classes

1/1/18 Church Office Closed

1/3/18 AWANA resumes