

Membership Matters Class This Sunday, October 8, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the House, Room 202 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. 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 at 773-3333, x116 with questions.

## Fall Festival Wednesday, October 25 6:30-8:00 p.m.

While providing a fun and safe environment for children and their families to enjoy free food, games and inflatables, this is an opportunity for HBC to invite neighbors and friends, connect with them on a relational level, and engage them with the good news of Jesus Christ. As the Fall Festival approaches, we ask you to begin praying and planning:

- \* Pray for a family you will invite and for open hearts and intentional, spiritual seeds to be planted.
- \* Plan to attend and serve in one of many capacities such as volunteering at a booth, serving food, cleaning facilities, and greeting guests with a smile and a conversation.
- \* Community ~ Help us get the word out and invite the community to the Fall Festival.
- \* Information cards to pass out in your neighborhood will be available for pick up on October 8th at the Children's Counter in the Commons.
- \* Supplies for Fall Festival ~ Individually wrapped candy and trinket toys are needed. You can drop these items off at the Children's Counter in the Commons.

#### 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.

# 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.

**Oklahoma Baptist Disaster Relief** ~ Disaster relief is still on-going and all Oklahoma Baptist churches are asked to help in Houston. "Oklahoma Baptist Disaster Relief will help volunteers find work. We will help train them, house them and get them connected with churches and people that need help. We need as many people who are willing to come." Visit the website for more information, <a href="http://www.okdisasterhelp.org/">http://www.okdisasterhelp.org/</a>. You may donate now through the Oklahoma Baptist Disaster Relief website or mail to BGCO, Attn: Disaster Relief, 3800 N. May Avenue, OKC, OK 73112.

# **Ministry & Serving Opportunities**

**Mexico Mission Trip '17** ~ For years now Harvest Evangelistic Association has used the Kingdom Kids Backpack project to reach deep into the mountains of Chiapas in southern Mexico. Heritage Baptist Church will be taking a team to help with packing and distributing the backpacks **November 26-December 3**. If you would like to be part of the team or if you would like more information, please contact Pastor Jim Jackson at jim@delightingod.org.

#### **Senior Adult Ministry**

**Heritage Single Women 55 & Better, Saturday, October 14th in the House at 11:30 a.m.** ~ You are invited to this women's group that meets once a month to share in life and fellowship to the glory of God. Margaret Creighton from Positive Tomorrows will be our guest speaker (Positive Tomorrows is a school for homeless children from pre-k through 5th grade). If you would like, you can make a donation of small soaps, hand sanitizer, hand wipes, or tissues. If you'd rather, you may make a monetary donation. Guests are always welcome. Bring what you'd like for your lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided by the hostesses, Freddie Jayne (603-5031) and Dodie Little (728-0413).

**Senior Adult Luncheon, Sunday, October 15th in the Chapel/Café at 12:00 p.m.** after the morning 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). Join us for this special time of fellowship!

# 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 website.

#### Next Steps (Ike & Peggy Burress, Jermal & Ceretta Bridges, Marty & Jan Brown) Room 401

Primarily for 40-somethings with children in the Bridge (pre-teen). The Apostle Paul exhorted Christians that as they had been walking so as to please God, to "excel still more." That thought will guide us as we search the Scriptures to continue the next steps in our walk with God personally, with our families, and in our work and church.

Introduction to Discovering the Author's Intent (Derrick Pemberton) Room 412, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Continues through November I ~ Covered in this new class: I) God Speaks—Exploring the different ways God speaks to us today and how He uniquely and authoritatively speaks through good Bible study. 2) Discovering the Message—Using your Bible and good tools to discover God's intended message. 3) Applying the Message—Arriving at applications consistent with God's intended message. 4)Types of study, Types of Writing—Hearing God speak by applying good Bible study methods to the different types of biblical writings through different types of studies.

## **Opportunities for Ministry**

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.

**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 or to sign up.

**Prison Ministry** ~ Are you looking for a place to serve? You can share your faith with inmates and their family members every Tuesday morning from 10:00-11:30—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 9:00 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.

Fellowship Meal for Wednesday, October II ~ Join us Wednesday, 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 **Beef or Chicken Enchiladas, Queso, Refried Beans, Salad & Dessert**.

### **Calendar Highlights**

Sunday, 10/8

8:30 a.m. Prayer in Auditorium

9:00 a.m. **Membership Matters Class**Bible Study for All Ages

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service / The Lord's Supper

12:00 p.m. Bridge Class

4:00 p.m. Servant Ldrshp Trng (students)

Tuesday, 10/10

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

Wednesday, 10/11 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 4MEN

Share & Prayer Music Practice

Thursday, 10/12

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

Saturday, 10/14

I I:30 a.m. Single Women 55 & Better

Coming Up!

10/15 Senior Adult Luncheon Elder Meeting 10/20-22 HBC Retreat

10/25 Fall Festival 11/5 Daylight Savings Ends

II/15 Grief Share BeginsII/23 Thanksgiving

11/26-12/3 Mexico Mission Trip '17 12/17 HBC Christmas Brunch

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