

NEWS+EVENTS

September 11, 2022

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September Memory Verse, Romans 6:23: “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” The **2-year Bible Reading Plan for September** can be picked up at the Welcome Desk or accessed on our website.

“Sketch To Reach” Life Adult Luncheon (60 & Up) **today, Sept. 11**, in the Chapel/Café after the worship service.

Kingdom Kids Christmas Mission Trip to Chiapas, Mexico

Join Pastor Jim Jackson for a 45-minute informational meeting today, **Sunday, Sept. 11 at 2:00pm in the House**. If you have interest in learning more about the KKC mission trip scheduled for Nov. 26-Dec. 3, come learn more of the details—we will begin promptly at 2pm.

Stamp Out Starvation (SOS) comes to Heritage on **Saturday, Sept. 17** in the **HBC gym at 9:00 a.m.** for a Packaging Event (*please wear your ball cap*). SOS' mission is to provide meals to children around the world and right here in Oklahoma. The goal is to "fund" and package 20,000 meals. You can participate by 1) making checks out to Stamp Out Starvation (give to Dennis McGee); 2) help package food from 9:00-11:00am; and 3) pray that God would bless and expand this ministry to those in need. Contact Dennis with questions, dennislmcgee@yahoo.com.

Mid-Week Bible & Activity Groups have begun! It's not too late to take advantage of the opportunity to study as we fellowship and connect with other believers. Details are at the Welcome Desk and on our website.

Save the Date, Nov. 6, for the next Membership Matters Class!

This is an opportunity to learn about Heritage—some of our distinctives and how we aim to help you grow in godliness. Register online.

You are invited to serve in the Music Ministry! Please contact Jonathan Dirrim, jonathan@heritageokc.org, for info on the praise team, the a/v team, or choir & orchestra.

Lost & Found Items will be donated **after Sept. 25**, so please stop by the table in the commons to see if any of the lost things belong to you.

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NEHEMIAH

Rebuilder of Broken Walls

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**

*Kicker Kositzky
Student Pastor*

Songs of Worship

*Who Is Like the Lord
(Psalm 113)*

*My Soul Will Wait
(Psalm 62)*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 96:7-9

Songs of Worship

The King in All His Beauty

There Is A Fountain

Message

*Marty Brown
Teaching Pastor*

Song of Response

There Is A Fountain

“Literally the Greek word for perseverance means to ‘remain under the weight.’ Perseverance is the ability to press on with Jesus, despite the obstacles we daily face. It’s being steadfast, goal-oriented, and focused. It’s the opposite of backsliding. It’s the marathon runner refusing to quit, take a short-cut or fall off the pace in the test of endurance. It’s finishing strong.”

~Randy Smith

“God does not approve of the marriage of a believer to an unbeliever. In 1 Corinthians 7:39, Paul says that Christians must marry only ‘in the Lord.’ That phrase means within the common faith that Christians hold toward Jesus Christ, that faith which identifies them as a part of the body of Christ. Thus, they can be said to be ‘in Christ,’ or ‘in the Lord’ together. Nothing in Scripture in any way relaxes the clear-cut command that believers must not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. Christians may marry only in the Lord; that is, only within the faith.”

~Jay Adams

“In my experience, the most effective parents have a clear grasp of the cross and its implications for daily life. The implications are manifold. They include fear of God, a marriage that preaches the gospel to its children, deeply ingrained humility, gratitude, joy, firmness coupled with affection, and consistent teaching modeled by parents daily.”

~William Farley

“No church is healthy enough to resist contamination from persistent sin in its midst, any more than the healthiest and most nutritious bushel of apples can withstand contamination from even a single bad one. The only solution in both cases is separation.”

~John MacArthur

Dealing with Spiritual Defection – Part 3

Nehemiah 13:23-31

Big Truth of this Series: God is working to glorify Himself by sending a deliverer to rebuild our broken walls and call us to worship and obedience in the face of opposition.

Big Truth of Today’s Message: The third area of Israel’s defection was in the area of marriage. God holds a high view of the sanctity of marriage and so must we. Failure to do so results in devastating consequences.

Introduction:

When marriage is not held in honor, there will be the tendency to be “unequally yoked” in marriage. (13:23)

When marriage is not held in honor, children will be more conversant with the world than with God’s Word. (13:24)

When marriage is not held in honor, there will be no legacy of biblical separation. (13:25)

When marriage is not held in honor, future generations will likely experience destruction, dissolution, and degradation. (13:26)

When marriage is not held in honor, perversion will be normalized. (13:27-28)

When marriage is not held in honor, there will be indifference to true worship. (13:29)

When marriage is not held in honor, how should we respond. (13:25, 28, 30)