

NEWS+EVENTS

April 23, 2023

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Orchestra Rehearsal, Wed. April 26, 7:15-8:00pm: If you would like to be a part of the choir or orchestra, please contact jonathan@heritageokc.org.

Guys Night Sunday, April 30, 5-7pm - Our focus for this event is *Purity*. BBQ Sandwich, Chips, and Dessert will be served for \$1/guy. *This time, attendance is for teenagers and above only.* Please sign up online or with the QR code on the poster.

AWANA Commencement Wed. May 10 at 6:30pm

The kids have been memorizing Scripture all year, join us as we celebrate their accomplishments in the Worship Center.

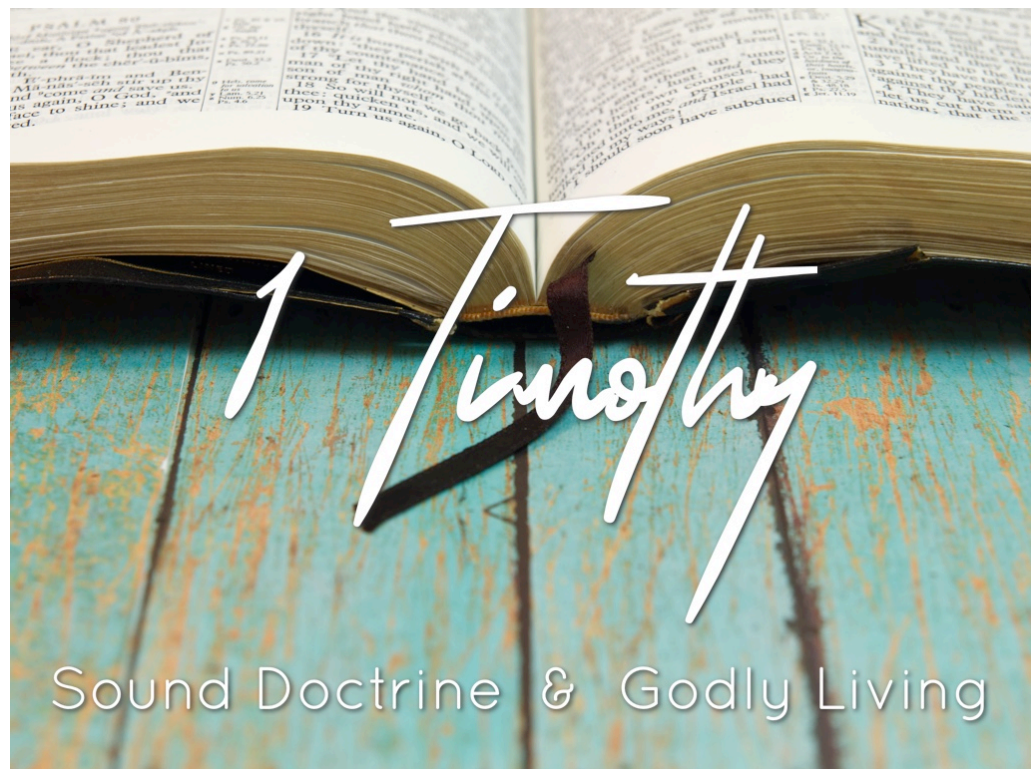
Parent/Baby Dedication May 14 during the worship service. There is a *required parent class on Sunday, May 7 in Room 316.* Get more info at heritageokc.org/news-events. The deadline to sign up is May 1.

Membership Matters Class May 21, 9:00-11:45am in the House Room 202. We exist to *Develop People who Delight in God and Declare His Glory!* This class is an opportunity for us to further explain some of our distinctives and how we aim to help you grow in godliness as you seek to make disciples. If you have an interest in joining our local church body or have questions about our church, join Pastors Marty Brown, Jim Jackson, and Rocky Hails for our next membership class followed by lunch in the Café. Please register online by **Wednesday, May 17** in order for us to plan for class handouts, the meal, and childcare. Contact Kicker at kicker@heritageokc.org or 405-720-1449 with questions.

Mexico Mission Trip '23 - If you are interested in getting more information on this upcoming trip, Nov. 25-Dec. 2, please join Pastor Jim Jackson (jim@heritageokc.org) in the **House at 2pm, May 21.**

HBC Picnic May 28 at 5pm at Mitch Park. The early church gathered daily for teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayer. Don't miss this opportunity to be with one another as a church family—Come for an evening of food and fellowship at Mitch Park (1501 W Covell Rd) in Edmond. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. *If your last name begins with:*
A-H bring Salad; I-P Dessert; Q-Z Vegetable/side dish.

Shower Invitation - Please join us in celebrating a new baby boy honoring Brooke Oursbourn on Sunday, May 7, 3pm at the Jacksons' Home, 2590 Parker Mill Trail, Piedmont. Children's books are requested.



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.

Develop Delight Declare



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Call To Worship

Pastoral Prayer

*Chad “Kicker” Kositzky
Student Pastor*

Songs of Worship

*How Great (Psalm 145)
Come Praise And Glorify*

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:9-17

Songs of Worship

*Now Why This Fear
Be Thou My Vision*

Message

*Marty Brown
Teaching Pastor*

The Lord’s Supper

Song of Response

Hallelujah What A Savior

“The universal witness of the New Testament is that apostasy if persisted in not only damns but shows that salvation was never real in the first place. The New Testament reveals how close one may come to the kingdom – tasting, touching, perceiving, understanding. And it also shows that to come this far and reject the truth is unforgivable.”
~D.A. Carson

“Apostasy isn’t an unintentional departure of personal struggle with doubt. It is deliberately abandoning the truth for erroneous teaching. ‘The faith’ refers specifically to the body of Christian doctrine, not the act of believing. Some will depart from ‘the faith which was once delivered unto the saints’ (Jude 3). People who understand and outwardly affirm Christian doctrine but don’t have a heart for God are prime candidates for being seduced by demons away from the faith.”
~John MacArthur

“Remember that if you are a child of God, you will never be happy in sin. You are spoiled for the world, the flesh, and the devil. When you were regenerated there was put into you a vital principle, which can never be content to dwell in the dead world. You will have to come back, if indeed you belong to the family.”
~Charles Spurgeon

“The essence of apostasy is changing sides from that of the crucified to that of the crucifier.”
~John Stott

A Prophecy of Apostasy

I Timothy 4:1-5

Big Truth of this Series: God has commissioned the people of God, the church, to be grounded in sound doctrine and to live in a godly manner according to His truth.

Big Truth of Today’s Message: Apostasy results from the powerful demonic deception promoted by false teachers who are oblivious to moral distinctions and legalistic in commanding false ascetic practices.

We must constantly be on the alert for the increase of apostasy at all times. (4:1a)
“Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith...”

Apostasy results from devotion to deceitful demons and their doctrines. (4:1b)
“...by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons...”

False teachers do not care about godliness because their consciences are seared. (4:2)
“...through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared...”

The doctrine of demons promoted by false teachers promotes empty asceticism. (4:3)
“...who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.”

The antidote for the false teachings of asceticism is truth and a thankful heart for the good gifts of God. (4:4-5)
“For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.”