

## NEWS+EVENTS

May 14, 2023

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**May Memory Verse** – “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life” ~John 5:39-40.

**Membership Matters Class May 21, 9:00-11:45am** in the House Room 202. 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**. Contact Kicker at [kicker@heritageokc.org](mailto:kicker@heritageokc.org) or 405-720-1449 with questions.

**Life Adult Luncheon (60+up) May 21, Chapel/Café** right after the worship service. The focus will be *The Gospel & Your Story*. **Sign-up is necessary by May 17** at the Welcome Center or call the church office.

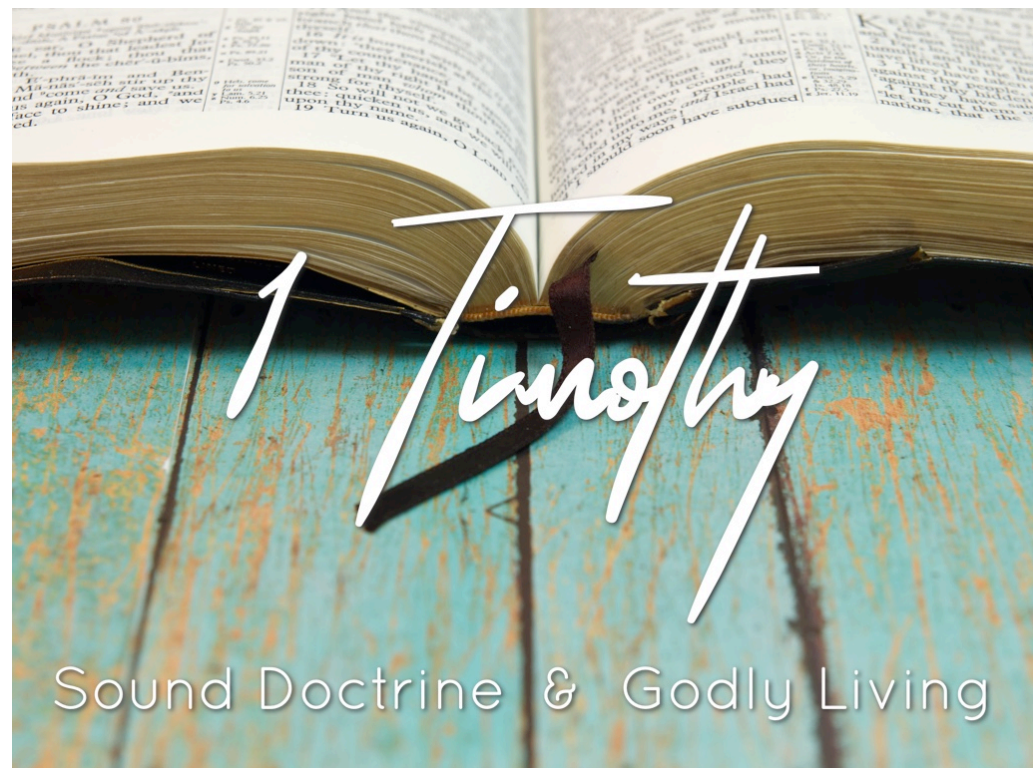
**Mexico Mission Trip '23** - If you are interested in getting more information on this upcoming trip, Nov. 25-Dec. 2, please join Pastor Jim Jackson ([jim@heritageokc.org](mailto:jim@heritageokc.org)) in the **House at 2pm, May 21**.

**HBC Picnic May 28 at 5pm, Mitch Park:** Don't miss this opportunity to be with one another as a church family! Come for an evening of food and fellowship at 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.*

**Vacation Bible School—Keepers of the Kingdom, June 19-22**  
The kids will learn how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom who stand strong in today's battle for truth. Registration is open now online.

**HBC Retreat Oct. 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. Whether you are in a family of one or many more, this is a great opportunity for recreation and spending quality time with your family and your church family. We expect registration to fill up quickly—space is limited. REGISTER ONLINE BY JULY 9.

**Baby Shower:** Please join us in honoring **Meredith Brewer** on Wednesday, **May 31, 6:30pm** at The McGill Home (8316 NW 105th Ter.) Meredith is registered at Target and Amazon.



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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**Parent/Child  
Dedication**

**Songs of Worship**

*My Soul Will Wait  
(Psalm 62)*

*How Firm A Foundation*

**Scripture Reading**

*Hebrews 4:12-16*

**Song of Worship**

*Before the Throne of  
God Above*

**Message**

*Marty Brown  
Teaching Pastor*

**Song of Response**

*Plant Your Word*

“The purpose of reading, explaining and applying a portion of Scripture is to obey the command to ‘preach the Word.’ In no other way may we expect to experience the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our preaching. He did not spend thousands of years producing the Old and New Testaments only to ignore it! What He ‘moved’ men to write He now motivates us to preach. He has not promised to bless our word; that promise extends only to His own Word (Isaiah 55:10-11).”  
~Jay Adams

“I had, then, and at other times, the greatest delight in the Holy Scriptures, of any book whatsoever. Oftentimes in reading it, every word seemed to touch my heart. I felt a harmony between something in my heart, and those sweet and powerful words. I seemed often to see so much light exhibited by every sentence, and such a refreshing food communicated, that I could not get along in reading; often dwelling long on one sentence, to see the wonders contained in it; and yet almost every sentence seemed to be full of wonders.”  
~Jonathan Edwards

“Significantly, spiritual gifts are not the sign of being Spirit-filled. Sanctification is. As believers are sanctified – coming under the Spirit’s control – they are equipped to use their spiritual gifts effectively for the purpose of serving others.”  
~John MacArthur

“God gives gifts and distributes gifts so that He might receive glory in the universe (Ephesians 4:10) through things like: His will accomplished through us, His people ministered to through us, and the mere fact that His people are not selfish, but they serve and they are not useless, but they are equipped. Therefore, when we refuse to use our spiritual gifts, the body of Christ suffers, and God does not receive the glory He deserves. On a cosmic level, any believer not using his or her gifts is a problem of God-sized proportions.”  
~Randy Smith

## **Prioritizing, Practicing, and Persisting in the Word**

**I Timothy 4:13-16**

**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:** Paul’s words to Timothy on the central priority of the Bible, God’s Word, may be applied to every “minister” (every believer) in his or her pursuit of godly worship and living.

**Proclaim the Word of God in every way possible. 4:13**

*“Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to (the) exhortation, to (the) teaching.”*

**Prioritize the spiritual gift given to you by the Holy Spirit. 4:14**

*“Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given to you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.”*

**Practice with great persistence and intensity everything having to do with godliness. 4:15-16**

*“Practice these things, immerse yourself in them so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for in so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.”*