

NEWS+EVENTS

September 10, 2023

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September's Memory Verse: "Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls" ~James 1:21.

Mid-Week Bible & Activity Groups have begun! It's not too late to take advantage of the opportunity as we fellowship and connect with other believers. Classes include Adventure Club (3 years old through 6th grade); Students (7th-12th grades); and Women's and Men's Bible studies. Details are at the Welcome Desk and on our website.

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

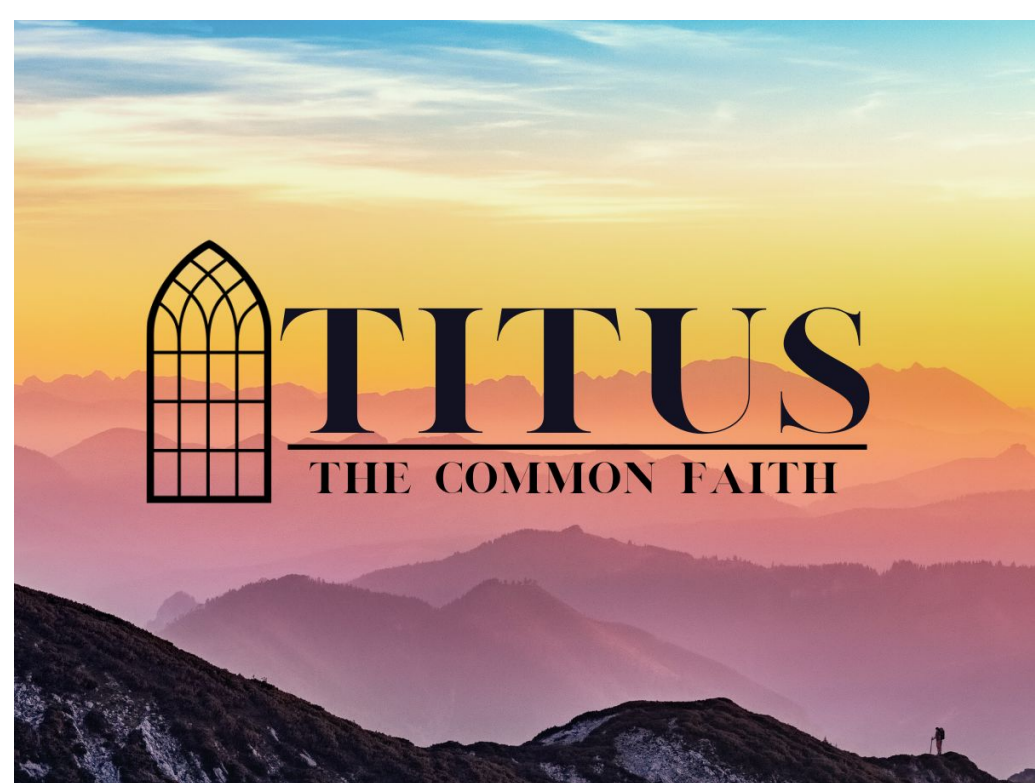
Whiz Kids! Are you looking for a good investment opportunity? Would you like to see public school children taught God's Word and shown His love in tangible ways? Heritage participates in Whiz Kids, a faith-based one-on-one mentoring/tutoring program, on Thursday afternoons. We would love to tell and show you more about it. Contact Joy Fischer (405.822.4401) or JoyFischer@me.com for more information.

The Potter's Clay ABF Highlight! (Asir "Jeba" Jebaraj & Wil Glenn) Room 415: Adults, young and old are welcome in this class. We study through each book of the Scripture and have lots of interaction. In our study in Genesis, we will search for the many obvious and subtle references and prophecies about Jesus. We will also learn that these references to the Messiah were not inventions of the Christian but known to ancient Jews before Christ. Join us and may the Holy Spirit open our eyes to see wonders in this ancient book.

Visit <http://heritageokc.org/serve> to find more ways you can be part of what God is doing at Heritage Baptist Church.

Stay connected: find us on Facebook at [hbc.okc](https://www.facebook.com/hbc.okc) and Instagram at [hbc_okc](https://www.instagram.com/hbc_okc).

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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 in the chair pocket near you and place it in an offering pedestal in the back of the Worship Center.

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Call To Worship
Pastoral Prayer

Jim Jackson
Family Pastor

Songs of Worship

Come Christians Join To Sing
By Faith

Scripture Reading

1 John 1:5-10

Songs of Worship

Lord Have Mercy
(What We Have Done)
He Will Hold Me Fast

Message

Marty Brown
Teaching Pastor

Song of Response

Come Christians Join To Sing

“Each generation of Christians must look to its beliefs. While truth itself is unchanging, the minds of men are porous vessels out of which truth can leak and into which error may seep to dilute the truth they contain. The human heart is heretical by nature and runs to error as naturally as a garden to weeds. All a man, a church, or a denomination needs to guarantee deterioration of doctrine is to take everything for granted and do nothing. The unattended garden will soon be overrun with weeds; the heart that fails to cultivate truth and root out error will shortly be a theological wilderness; the church or denomination that grows careless on the highway of truth will before long find itself astray, bogged down in some mud flat from which there is no escape.” ~A.W. Tozer

“The most extraordinary things about the biblical prerequisites for elders is that they are not all that extraordinary.” ~D.A. Carson

“According to Scripture, virtually everything that truly qualifies a person for leadership is directly related to character. It’s not about style, status, personal charm, clout, or worldly measurements of success. Integrity is the main issue that makes the difference between a good leader and a bad one.” ~John MacArthur

“Do not desire to be the principle man in the church. Be lowly. Be humble. The best man in the church is the man who is willing to be a doormat for all to wipe their boots on, the brother who does not mind what happens to him at all, so long as God is glorified.” ~Charles Spurgeon

**God’s Requirements and
Responsibility for Godly Leaders**
Titus 1:5-9

Big Truth of this Series: With the saints through the ages, we share a common faith in gospel doctrine that inspires gospel duty and gospel duty that adorns gospel doctrine.

Big Truth of Today’s Message: In order for God’s church to be healthy, godly leaders must be appointed who attain to certain character requirements and the ability to handle Scripture to instruct and protect God’s people.

For churches to be healthy, they must be set in order and have godly leaders.

⁵ This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—

God’s requirements for leadership in the church begin in a man’s marriage and home.

⁶ if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination.

God’s requirements for leadership in the church have to do with putting away fleshly vices and possessing godly virtues.

⁷ For an overseer, as God’s steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain,⁸ but (he must be) hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.

God’s requirements for leadership in the church have to do with handling God’s Word to both instruct and protect the flock.

⁹ He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.