

NEWS+EVENTS

September 17, 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. The **2-year Bible Reading Plan for September** can be picked up at the Welcome Desk or accessed on our website.

Choir Rehearsal, Wed. Sept. 20, 7:15-8:00pm: If you would like to be a part of the choir or orchestra, please contact Jonathan Dirrim, jonathan@heritageokc.org.

The Lord's Supper will be observed **Sunday, Sept. 24** during the worship service. We do this in remembrance of the Lord, and thus, proclaim His death until He comes.

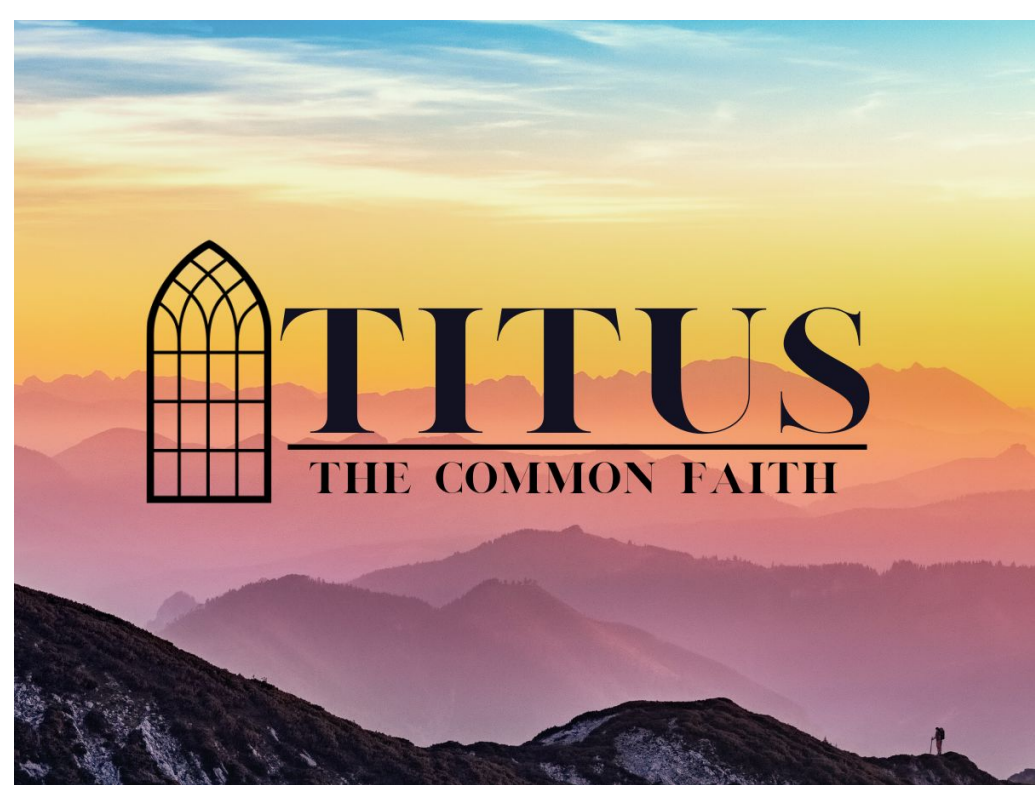
Mid-Week Bible & Activity Groups have begun! It's not too late to take advantage of the opportunity as we fellowship and connect with other believers. Classes include Adventure Club (3 years old through 6th grade); Students (7th-12th grades); and Women's and Men's Bible studies. Details are at the Welcome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

Glory Bound Adult Bible Fellowship Highlight: Presently, we are doing a study of the book of Philippians which includes word study, an application of the Scripture, and a historical background of that time and culture; teachers, Don Duncan and Gaylord Babb. (*Primarily aged 60 and up senior adults.*)

"Sketch To Reach" Life Adult Luncheon (60 & Up) Oct. 15 in the Chapel/Café after the worship service. A variety of artistic work will be on display as we together consider ways to communicate the Gospel through the way that He has designed us. Sign-up coming soon.

Upcoming Events: All-Church Prayer Meeting is **Oct. 1**; "Sketch To Reach" Life Adult Luncheon is **Oct. 15**; Heritage Fall Festival is **Oct. 25**; Guy's Night is **Oct. 29**; Ladies Coffee is **Nov. 4**; and the next Membership Matters Class is **Nov. 5**. More information coming soon!

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



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

*Phil Bruce
Elder*

Songs of Worship

*Who Is Like the Lord
(Psalm 113)*

*All Creatures Of Our
God and King*

Scripture Reading

James 1:19-21

Songs of Worship

Plant Your Word

None Are Righteous

Message

*Marty Brown
Teaching Pastor*

Song of Response

Plant Your Word

“Fundamentally, God intends the local church to be a corporate display of His glory and wisdom, both to unbelievers and to unseen spiritual powers (John 13:34; Ephesians 3:10-11). More specifically, we are a corporate dwelling place for God’s Spirit (Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17), the organic body of Christ in which He magnifies His glory (Acts 9:4; 1 Corinthians 12). The Greek word for church is *ekklésia*, a gathering or congregating of people. The church is God’s vehicle for displaying His glory to His creation.”

~Mark Dever and Paul Alexander

“False teachers are not made outside Christianity. They are always bred in the church, half in and half out; but eventually they reject the truth and try to seduce others in their attempts to fulfill their self-gratification.”

~John MacArthur

“Teaching about the various cults in our churches is undoubtedly a useful enterprise and helps Christians understand the errors that are so prevalent in our own day. But it is ultimately positive teaching about the Christian faith that will serve as the best protection against heresy, for we can never cover all the possible errors that false teachers might come up with.”

~Douglas Moo

“God’s holiness lies at the very heart of the need for discernment. Our passion for God’s holiness, our desire to keep ourselves pure from sin, will motivate our practice of discernment. The greater our understanding of God’s holiness, the greater will be our understanding of the importance of discerning truth from error. We will desire to cast off all that is wrong so that we can be unsullied, unspoiled by sin.”

~Tim Challies

Healthy Churches and Leaders

Instructing, Protecting, Discerning

Titus 1:5, 9-16

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: For God’s church to be healthy, godly leaders must be appointed who will hold firmly God’s Word to instruct and protect God’s people and to expose and stop false teachers.

For a church to be healthy, it must be set in order and have godly leaders. (v. 5)

Godly leaders must hold God’s Word firmly, instructing saints and rebuking deceivers. (v.9)

False teachers must be silenced or they will bring confusion and destruction to the Church Family. (vv. 10-11)

Christians live in a fallen and corrupt culture and must learn discernment: You will know them by their fruits. (vv. 12-16)