

## NEWS+EVENTS

December 10, 2023

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**December Memory Verse:** “The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure enlightening the eyes” ~Psalm 19:8. The 2-year Bible Reading Plan for December can be picked up at the Welcome Desk or accessed on our website.

**Christmas Season Schedule:** The last day this year for Wed. PM classes—Adventure Club, Youth, Men’s, and Women’s—is **Dec. 13**; all classes will resume **Jan. 10**. The church office will be closed Dec. 25, 26, and Jan. 1. No Children, Youth, or ABF classes Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

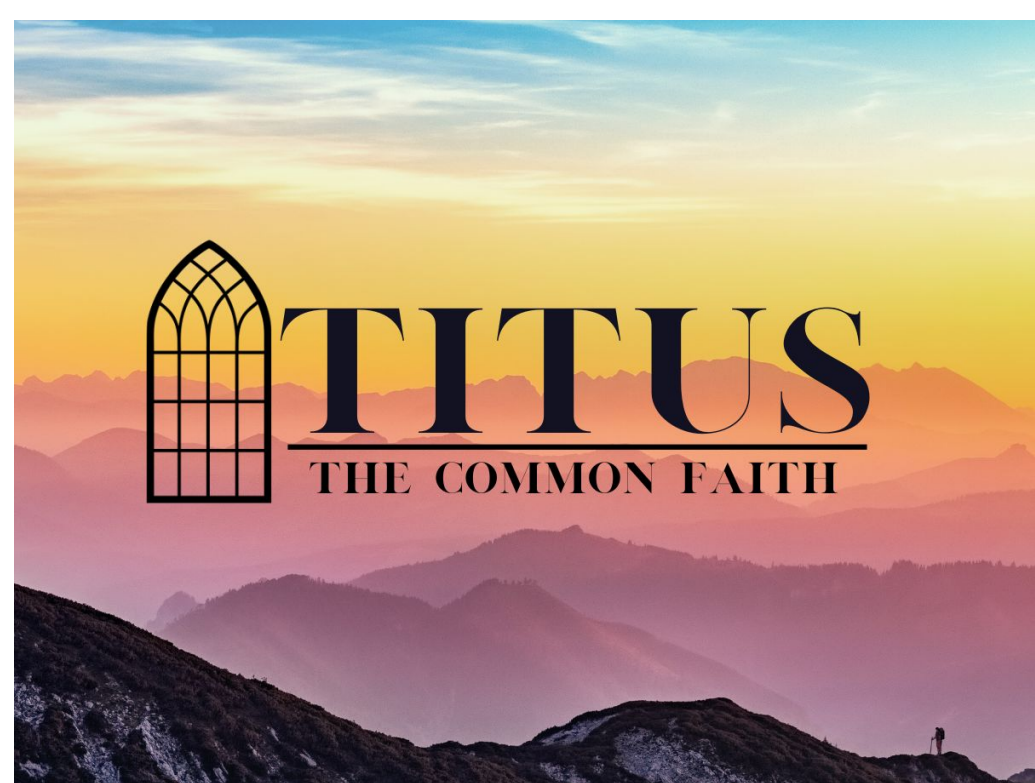
**Membership Matters Class Sunday, January 21, 9:00-11:45am House Room 202.** The Membership Matters class is an opportunity for us to further explain some of our distinctives and how we aim to help you grow in godliness as you seek to make disciples. If you have an interest in joining our local church body or have questions about our church, please register online by **Wednesday, Jan. 17**; lunch will follow. Contact Chad Kositzky ([kicker@heritageokc.org](mailto:kicker@heritageokc.org)) with questions.

**Children’s Ministry is looking to hire** a part time worker to help with different aspects of Children’s Ministry. Contact Shawn McGill, [shawn@heritageokc.org](mailto:shawn@heritageokc.org) for more information.

**Women’s Bible Studies** begin Jan. 10, 2024! Options include *Gospel of Luke* on Wed. evenings; *Mark: Son of God* on Thursday mornings; and *Faith: A Bible Study on James* on Thursday evenings. Visit our website to find more information and to sign up.

**Men’s Bible Studies** also begin Jan. 9 and 10 continuing with the book, *Concise Theology* by J. I. Packer on Tues. (note new day) @6:00 a.m. in the House and Weds. @6:30 p.m. More is info online.

**Important Notice:** In order to claim a charitable contribution for 2023, donations must be made online or postmarked by Sunday Dec. 31. Checks may also be delivered to Heritage on or before Thursday, Dec. 28. Checks received after Dec. 31 will not qualify for a charitable contribution, even if the check is predated or was actually written in 2023. A record of your contributions to Heritage will be mailed to you in January.



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**

*Marty Brown  
Elder*

**Songs of Worship**

*Little Drummer Boy  
To Us a Child is Born  
Joy to the World*

**Scripture Reading**

*Luke 2:8-14*

**Songs of Worship**

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing  
O Come O Come Emmanuel*

**Message**

*Marty Brown  
Teaching Pastor*

**Song of Response**

*Joy to the World*

“God’s grace didn’t just get us going then leave us to get by on our works. Grace didn’t just justify us in the past, it sustains us in the present and will deliver us in the future.”  
~Randy Alcorn

“The exclusive claim of Christianity about Christ is not centered on our beliefs that Jesus was right about God. It is centered on our claim that God was fully present in Christ to reconcile the world to Himself (II Corinthians 5:18). It is the theological claim about Jesus (that He is God) that makes the spiritual claims of Jesus potent. Jesus’ words are right because those words are God’s words (John 14:10b). Jesus’ way is not superior because it promotes a higher ethic or because it champions values that resonate with our spiritual sensitivities. Jesus’ way is true because in Him we find God drawing us to Himself.”  
~Gary Burge

“O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire Thee with our whole heart; that, so desiring, we may seek, and seeking find Thee; and so finding Thee may love Thee; and in loving Thee, may hate those sins from which Thou has redeemed us.”  
~Anselm

“On the one hand, Christianity is the most exclusive religion imaginable. It insists that belief in Jesus Christ is absolutely necessary for salvation. Jesus is the only way. You must go to Him to get eternal life. On the other hand, Christianity is the most inclusive religion possible because it makes salvation accessible to everyone. Salvation is offered for all people through one Person. Whoever believes in Him will not perish. Anyone who receives and believes in Jesus will live forever with God. There are no racial, social, intellectual, or economic criteria that prevent anyone from joining God’s family. One of the problems with the other religions of the world is that they all smack of elitism... Only Christianity offers salvation to everyone as a free gift.”  
~Philip Graham Ryken

**The Grace of God Appearing, Part I  
Titus 2:11, 14a**

**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:** The grace of God is His unmerited favor shown to those who deserve the opposite. It is God’s initiative to redeem those who cannot lift a finger to save themselves.

*“For the grace of God...” (2:11)*

*“Has appeared...” (2:11)*

*“Brining salvation for all people...” (2:11)*

*“He (Jesus) who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness....” (2:14a)*