

NEWS+EVENTS

December 17, 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: Wed. PM classes—Adventure Club, Youth, Men’s, and Women’s—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) 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 for more information.

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

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

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

*Zach West
Elder*

Songs of Worship

*Sing We the Song of
Emmanuel*

Exult in the Savior's Birth

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

Songs of Worship

Make our Sight Clear

*Come Thou
Long-Expected Jesus*

Message

*Kyler Smith
Senior Associate Pastor
Hickory Grove Baptist
Charlotte, NC*

Song of Response

*Come Thou
Long-Expected Jesus*

“The infinite became finite, the eternal and supra-temporal entered time and became subject to its conditions, the immutable became mutable, the invisible became visible, the Creator became the begotten, the Sustainer of all became dependent, the Almighty infirm. All is summed up in the proposition, ‘God became man.’”

~John Murray

“The story of Christmas celebrates the fulfillment of God’s promises and the incarnation of God in human flesh. That meaning is memorably captured by John 3:16. God loves, and God gives in order to save... It meant giving rather than getting, and Christ gave until He was empty; but His obedience led to an empty tomb and ultimate vindication that will culminate when throngs in heaven and on earth and under the earth, not just a host of angels, will bow down and sing glory in the highest to the One whose name is above every name.” ~David Garland

“Redemption is a greater work event than creation, and especially when we consider the way in which God has achieved it, even through the sending of His only Begotten Son into this world in all the marvel and wonder and the miracle of the Incarnation, but above all in delivering Him up to the Death upon the Cross. This is the supreme thing – that sinful fallen man can be redeemed and restored, and ultimately the whole of creation also.”

~David Martyn Lloyd-Jones

“Jesus, the incarnation of love and truth, knows there is nothing more loving than telling people The Truth.”

~Randy Smith

Believe The Unbelievable

Luke 1:26-38

Big Truth of Today’s Message: The Call of Christmas Is to Believe the Unbelievable (1:26-38).

1. Christ Came **By** a Miracle (1:26-31a).
 - In An Unlikely **Place** (1:26).
 - To An Unlikely **People** (1:27-29).
 - With An Unlikely **Plan** (1:30-31a).
2. Christ Came **For** a Miracle (1:31b).
 - For We **Naturally Born**
 - As One **Supernaturally Born**
 - So We Might Be **Supernaturally Reborn**
3. Christ Came **As** a Miracle: (1:32-26).
 - With a Miraculous **Identity** (1:32a).
 - With a Miraculous **Authority** (1:32b-33).
 - With a Miraculous **Purity** (1:34-35).