

NEWS+EVENTS

December 24, 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.

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 begin Jan. 9 & 10 continuing with the book, *Concise Theology* by J. I. Packer on Tues. (*new day beginning Jan. 9*) @6:00am. in the House and Weds. @6:30pm in room 407. More info is 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.

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Living In the Light of His Appearing

Titus 2:11-14

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
Teaching Pastor*

Songs of Worship

*In the Fullness of Time
O Come All Ye Faithful*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Songs of Worship

*O Holy Nights
Let All Mortal Flesh
Keep Silence*

Message

*Marty Brown
Teaching Pastor*

The Lord's Supper

Song of Response

*Come Behold the
Wondrous Mystery*

“A stable once had something inside it that was bigger than our whole world.”
~C. S. Lewis

“We preach not one advent of Christ, but a second also, far more glorious than the former. For the former gave a view of His patience; but the latter brings with it the crown of a divine kingdom. In His former advent, He was wrapped in swaddling clothes in the manger; in His second, He covers Himself with light as with a garment. In His first coming, He endured the cross, despising shame; in His second, He comes attended by a host of angels, receiving glory. We rest not upon His first advent only, but look also for His second. And as at His first coming we said, ‘Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord,’ so will we repeat the same at His second coming; that when with angels we meet our Master, we may worship Him and say, ‘Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!’”
~Cyril of Jerusalem

“What we have said will be clearer once we understand that the role of Mediator was no ordinary one, in the sense that His task was to so restore us to God’s grace as to make us, the children of men, children of God, and to make us who were heirs of hell, heirs of the heavenly kingdom. Who could have accomplished that except the Son of God who was made Son of Man, who so took our condition upon Himself that He transferred His to us, and who made what was His by nature ours by grace?” ~John Calvin

“I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God; begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man... and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead.”

~Nicene Creed

The Grace of God Appearing, Part 2

Titus 2:11, 14a, 13

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

Big Truth of Today’s Message: We celebrate the grace of God that burst upon the scene in full brilliance in the birth of Jesus Christ, the Messiah and we anticipate yet another “epiphany” at the return of our Lord.

“For the grace of God has appeared...” (2:11)

“Bringing salvation for all people... He gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness...” (2:11, 14a)

“(We are) waiting for the blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...” (2:13)