NEWS+EVENTS

January 14, 2024

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January Memory Verse: "Then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment" (2 Peter 2:9). Bible Reading for the New Year —The 2-year Bible Reading Plan for January and the I-Year Plan can be picked up at the Welcome Desk or accessed on our website.

Costa Rica Mission Trip – Informational Meeting, Sunday Jan. 28 immediately following the service in the Chapel. We will be taking another group to serve alongside a ministry that has developed a residential discipleship program for men and women in recovery. Opportunities includes: evangelism, encouragement of new believers and various work projects. Trip dates: June 29-July 7. Contact Jeremy Howell, jeremyh@communicateone.net.

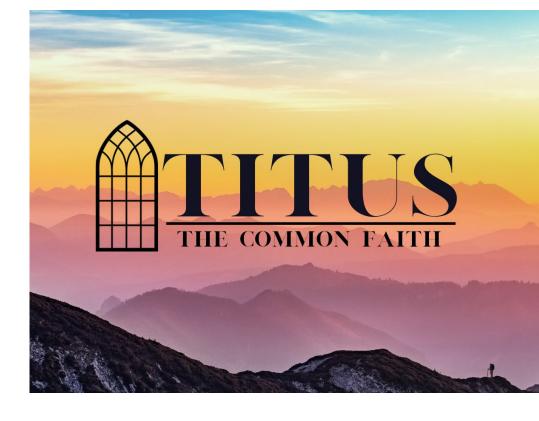
February is Missions Month at HBC. Each Sunday we will host a class called *On-Ramp to Missions*, with teaching on the biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic foundations of missions and testimonies from some of our missionaries. On Sunday, February 11, Michael Johnson will join us again to expand on his excellent *Jesus: Master Discipler* course that he introduced this past July. Mark your calendar now for this impactful time!

Orchestra Rehearsal Wed. Jan. 17, 7:15-8:00pm: If you would like to be a part of the choir or orchestra, contact Jonathan Dirrim, jonathan@heritageokc.org.

Wed. Classes 6:30pm: Adventure Club (pre-k thru 6th); Students (grades 7-12); Women's Bible study; 4MEN; a marriage class, and 2:7 Series. There's also a men's class on **Tues. 6am** and women's classes **Thurs. 9:30am** and **6:30pm** to check out. Find more info at heritageokc.org/new+events.

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 in need of volunteers for Sunday and for Wednesday. Please pray about your place in the ministry of our church body; contact Shawn McGill for information, shawn@heritageokc.org.



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

How Great (Psalm 145)

I Will Glory In My Redeemer

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

Songs of Worship

Blessed Assurance Lord, From Sorrows Deep I Call

Message

Marty Brown Teaching Pastor

Song of Response

How Great (Psalm 145)

"I do not necessarily understand every decision or agree with every action the various levels of government have taken. But that's the very nature of submission. God doesn't call us to follow leadership only when we fully agree with it. It has struck me that the New Testament's posture toward civil leaders is generally positive. It seems to nudge us toward the assumption that... our response to their decrees should generally be submissive, not resistant. Romans 13:1-7 is not about the limits of governmental authority, but about the goodness and necessity of Christian obedience."

"In regard of God, patience is a submission to His sovereignty. To endure a trial, simply because we cannot avoid or resist it, is not Christian patience. But to humbly submit because it is the will of God to inflict the trial, to be silent because the sovereignty of God orders it, is true godly patience." ~Stephen Charnock

"A Christian is not one who simply 'buys fire insurance,' who signs up just to avoid an unpleasant afterlife. A Christian... repeatedly, is one whose faith expresses itself in submission and obedience. A Christian is one who follows Christ, one who is committed unquestionably to Christ as Lord and Savior, one who desires to please God. His basic aim is to be in every way a disciple of Jesus Christ. When he fails, he seeks forgiveness and wants to move forward. This is his spirit and his direction." ~John McArthur

"When I submit to the leaders God places over me, I do so not in trust of them, but in trust of God who placed them. My trust is not that they will always make the right decisions, but rather, that God is able to work in their hearts and in my life even in their mistakes. The bottom line of submission on every level is not 'Can I trust this leader,' but 'Can I trust God to work in, through and in spite of this leader?"" ~Eddie Rasnake

How On Earth Are We to Live?

Titus 3:1-2

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: The apostle Paul moves from how we are to live as believers in the church, to how we are to live in the family, and now how we are to live in society.

"Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities..." (3:1a)

"To be obedient, to be ready for every good work..." (3:1b)

"To speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people." (3:2)