NEWS+EVENTS

August 18, 2024

For more details and registration, go to *heritageokc.org/news+events*

August Memory Verse: "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." ~ Isaiah 43:19 Find the August 2-Year Reading Plan at the Welcome Desk and on our website.

Wednesday Children and Student Activities begin August 28 at 6:30pm! Adventure Club SIGN UP ONLINE (pre-k – 6th); Students (grades 7 – 12)

Fall Midweek Adult Classes Starting August 27 & 28:

<u>4Men</u>: Tuesday AM or Wednesday PM – "Called to Lead" confronts worldly leadership styles, focusing instead on 26 biblical traits of a genuine leader from Paul's life, including taking initiative, motivating others, leading by example, and handling adversity.

<u>Marriage Class</u>: Wednesday PM – We'll study, discuss, and apply Biblical solutions to common challenges using the video series "What Did You Expect?" For questions or to sign-up, contact Chip & Cindy McWilliams at hepmac333@gmail.com.

Women's Bible Studies starting September 4 & 5:

Wednesday PM – "Judges: From Chaos to Kingship" Despite Israel's disobedience and rebellion, God relentlessly pursues them, offering grace amid murder, violence, lust, and adultery.

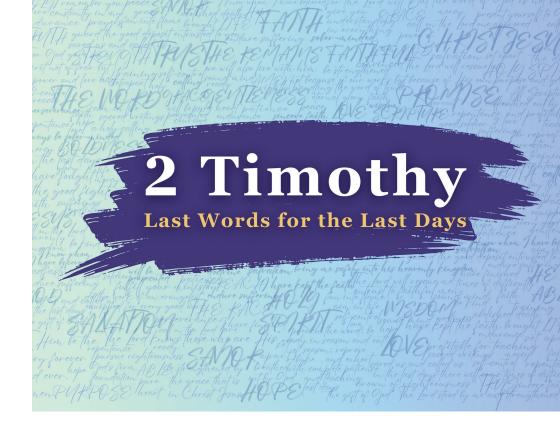
Thursday AM – "Finding God Faithful" examines Joseph's life in Genesis, recognizing God's sovereignty in dark times. Learn to see and trust His plan, rest in His presence, and know His provision and purpose are unwavering.

Thursday PM – "Grace: A Bible Study on Ephesians for Women" This inductive Bible study will help us learn to read God's Word carefully, understand it clearly, and apply it prayerfully.

Choir & Orchestra Rehearsals begin this fall! Choir will rehearse on Aug 28, 7:15-8:00pm; Orchestra practice begins on Sept 4, 7:15-8:00pm. If interested in serving in the Music Ministry, email *jonathan@heritageokc.org*.

Volunteers Needed: We need a few more volunteers for Wednesdays in Children's Ministry. Prayerfully consider committing to a season of service and impacting the next generation. Email shawn@heritageokc.org.

FLEE THE CITY Campout: September 20-21 at Salyer Lake. Men, don't miss this incredible opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth while bonding with your sons/grandsons and other HBC men.



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.

Develop Delight Declare



August 18, 2024

Call to Worship

1 Peter 1:13-21

Pastoral Prayer

Phil Bruce Elder

Baptism

Jacob Haggerty

Songs of Worship

By Faith

Christ Is All

Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:9-16

Songs of Worship

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Help Us See Christ

Message

Marty Brown
Teaching Pastor

Song of Response

Rock of Ages

"When the reality of sin and its radical effects on the whole man are bypassed, the idea takes over that it simply takes a decision for Christ to bring about the new birth. A decision for Christ is all that is needed. This is 'easy-believism,' in which repentance from sin is sidelined. Those who make a decision receive a pronouncement that they are saved. This proves premature. False converts are the outcome. The theory of the carnal Christian has been invented in order to accommodate those who have made a decision but who bear no marks of the new birth."

"If you believe what you like in the gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself." ~ Augustine

"Contemporary theologians have fabricated an entire category for this type of person – the 'carnal Christian.' Who knows how many unregenerate persons have been lulled into a false sense of spiritual security by the suggestion that they are merely carnal? Christians can and do behave in carnal ways, but nothing in Scripture suggests that a real Christian might pursue a life-style of unbroken indifference or antagonism toward the things of God. Christians do not masquerade as children of the devil. The very reverse is true; Satan pretends to be an angel of light, and his servants imitate the children of righteousness (2 Corinthians 11:14-15)." ~ John MacArthur

"The individual who professes to be a Christian but who continues to practice sin should realize that he may not be a Christian at all, according to I John 2:3 and 3:6, 9." ~ Bill Bright

The Truth about Being a Biblical Christian: Part 1 II Timothy 2:14

Big Truth of this Series: The apostle Paul encourages and warns Timothy and all believers to follow, entrust, and be always ready to proclaim God's Word with confidence and joy as days of difficulty lie ahead.

Big Truth of Today's Message: Words mean something, but words can be used with harmful results. We need to be reminded of "trustworthy words" about true salvation, and avoid useless wrangling over non-essential words that tear down.

v. 14 "Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins hearers."

According to the Bible, a Christian is a person who:

- 1. Has faced realistically the problem of his own personal sin.
- 2. Has seriously considered the divine remedy for sin.
- 3. Has wholeheartedly complied with the terms for obtaining God's provision for sin.
- 4. Manifests in his life that his claims to repentance and faith are real.