

NEWS+EVENTS

September 22, 2024

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September Memory Verse: *“The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” ~ Psalm 18:2* Find the September 2-Year Reading Plan at the Welcome Desk and on our website.

HBC Members Special Meeting: A Members Special Meeting will be held on September 29, immediately following Sunday morning worship to affirm the recommendation of the elders to call Tom Treat to serve as a deacon. See Tom's bio and a brief description of a deacon's role at the Welcome Desk.

Guys Night: September 29, 5:00pm in the Chapel/Cafe – Join us for fellowship, and a word from Rich Smith. Jason Brown will be smoking BBQ. Sign up online; \$2/guy.

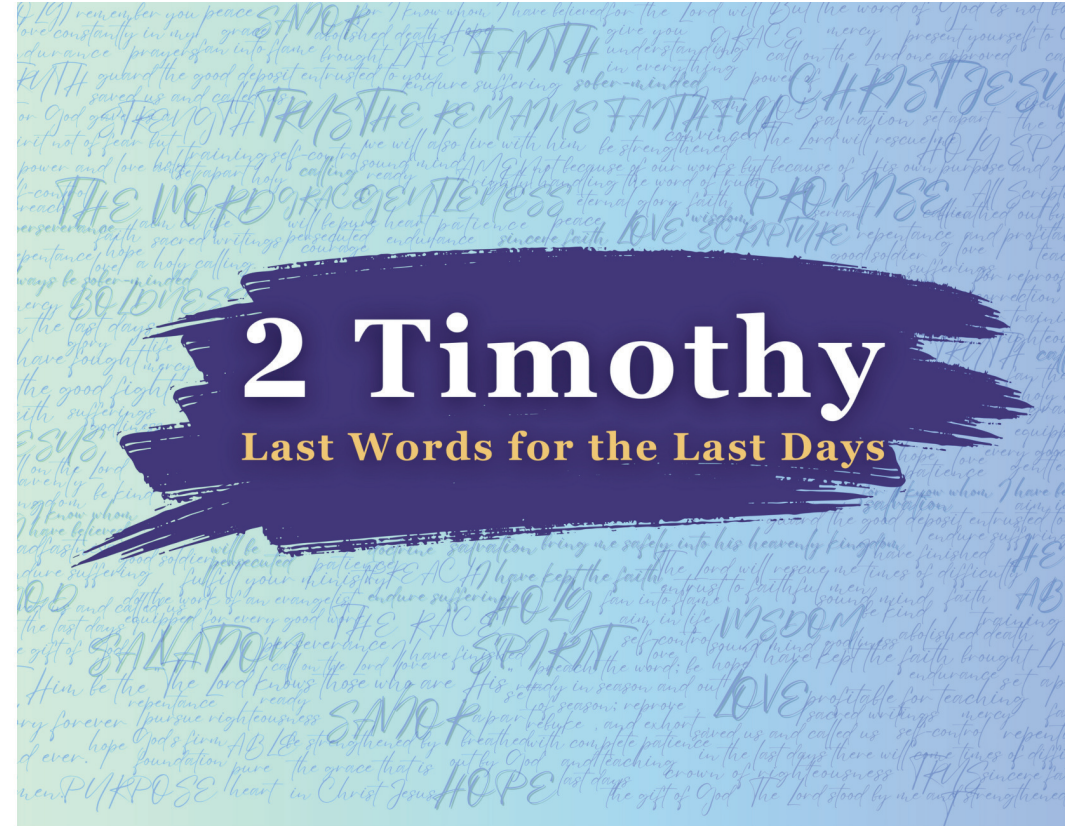
HBC Fall Festival - October 30 from 6-8pm. Join us for free food, games, a *Walk Through the Bible*, and inflatables! Invite friends/neighbors and share the good news of Jesus Christ. **Sign up to volunteer** in your ABF class or at the Children's Welcome Desk. Donations of individually wrapped candy and trinket toys are needed and can be dropped off at church by October 27.

SAVE THE DATE: Fill Your Cup Women's Coffee - November 2, 9:30am

Missions Highlight: Whiz Kids! is a faith-based mentoring and tutoring ministry. We need additional volunteers to teach the Bible, plant seeds, and impact more students. Curious or want more information? See Joy Fischer in the Commons or contact her at 405-822-4401 or joyfischer@me.com.

Resource Center — Develop Delight Declare: Cultivating a biblical worldview has never been more vital with the deluge of information we face in the media age. Stop by this updated area in the Commons to find resources to help in your faith journey. Each mini-book biblically addresses different topics from divorce, recovery, parenting, eating disorders, grief, caring for aging parents, etc. Each booklet is available for a \$2 donation.

Check out <http://heritageokc.org/serve> to see more ways you can be involved in 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.

Develop Delight Declare



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Call to Worship

Psalm 18:1-3

Pastoral Prayer

*Marty Brown
Teaching Pastor*

Songs of Worship

*May the Peoples
Praise You*

Blessed Assurance

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:11-15

Songs of Worship

*My Worth Is Not
in What I Own*

Help Us See Christ

Message

*Marty Brown
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The Lord's Supper

Song of Response

*My Worth Is Not
in What I Own*

“This is a paradox, of course, as Augustine, Luther, Edwards, Pascal, and others have pointed out. When individuals rebel against God, they don’t achieve freedom. They fall into bondage, because rebellion is sin, and sin is a tyrant. On the other hand, when men and women submit to God, becoming his slaves, they become truly free. They achieve the ability fully to become the special, unique beings that God created them to be.”

~ James Montgomery Boyce

“A life once spent is irrevocable. It will remain to be contemplated through eternity... The same may be said of each day. When it is once past, it is gone forever. All the marks which we put upon it; it will exhibit forever... How shall we then wish to see each day marked with usefulness! It is too late to mend the days that are past. The future is in our power. Let us, then, each morning, resolve to send the day into eternity in such a garb as we shall wish it to wear forever!”

~ Adoniram Judson

“Experience tells me that people’s hearts are seldom changed if they are not changed when young. Seldom, indeed, are men converted when they are old. Habits have deep roots. Once sin is allowed to settle in your heart, it will not be turned out at your bidding. Custom becomes second nature, and its chains are not easily broken.”

~ J. C. Ryle

“Satan watcheth for those vessels that sail without a convoy.”

~ George Swinnock

Portrait of a Faithful Christ-Follower:

Vessel of Honor

II Timothy 2:19-22

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: A faithful Christ-follower is like an honorable vessel or instrument created to be holy and useful in the Master’s hands, running from iniquity and contamination and pursuing righteousness, faith, love, and peace with other believers.

v. 19 – The true church, the body of Christ, is made up of those who are known by Christ and who depart from iniquity.

v. 20 – Paul illustrates the makeup of the local church as a house in which there are both “vessels” of honor and dishonor.

v. 21 – Every true believer must cleanse himself to be a vessel which is honorable, set apart as holy, useful, and ready for every good work.

v. 22 – Useful and fruitful believers must continually flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace in fellowship with other like-hearted believers.