NFWS+FVFNTS

September 8, 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.

Life Adult Retreat: September 14th at 4pm. Jeff Plangman will be our speaker. Stop by the Welcome Desk or call the church office to sign up.

Join us for a **Baby Shower** honoring **Cassy Wolfram** in celebration of **Luke Hudson** on Saturday, September 14 at 10am at Paula Cooksey's Home, 10705 NW 40th Ter., Yukon.

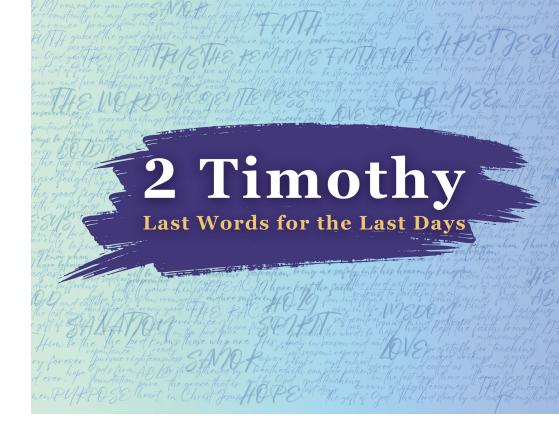
Membership Matters Class: Sunday, September 22, 9:00-11:45am in The House. This class offers an opportunity to understand some of our distinctives and how we aim to help you grow in godliness as you seek to make disciples. If you want to learn more about membership or have questions about our church, please register online by Wednesday, September 18; lunch will follow. Contact Chad at <u>kicker@heritageokc.org</u> with questions.

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. Sign up NOW online!

Mission Trip Update: Last month, several members served with a recovery outreach in Costa Rica, sharing the gospel on city streets and witnessing God's transforming power in the lives of men and women trapped in addiction.

Missions Highlight: Smyrna Global Ministries reaches unreached people through church planting and leadership training in Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka, while operating two orphanages, and supporting relief work and 13 churches in Bangladesh. For more info about this ministry or others we support, email <u>missions@heritageokc.org</u>.

Stay connected: find us on Facebook at hbc.okc and on Instagram at hbc_okc.



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

Romans 3:21-26

Pastoral Prayer

Chad "Kicker" Kositzky
Student Pastor

Songs of Worship

Run and Run (Christ Is All My Righteousness)

O Church Arise

Scripture Reading

Psalm 96:1-9

Songs of Worship

The King in All His Beauty

It Is Well with My Soul

Message

Marty Brown
Teaching Pastor

Song of Response

O Church Arise

"What the Lord laments and opposes, Satan applauds and fosters. Few things demoralize, discourage, and weaken a church as much as bickering, backbiting and fighting among its members... Because of quarrelling, the Father is dishonored, the Son is disgraced, His people are demoralized and discredited, and the world is turned off and confirmed in unbelief. Fractured fellowship robs Christians of joy and effectiveness, robs God of glory, and robs the world of the true testimony of the gospel. A high price for an ego trip!"

~ John MacArthur

"Many of us [in the church] are like porcupines trying to huddle together on a bitter cold night to keep each other warm, but we continually poke and hurt each other the closer we get."

~ Howard Hendricks

"Light entertainment, easy familiarity and jocularity are not compatible with a realization of the seriousness of the condition of the souls of all men by nature, the fact that they are lost and in danger of eternal perdition, and their consequent need of salvation. Not only that, such methods cannot bring out the Truth; and our business is to preach the Truth. These methods may affect people psychologically and in other respects, and they may lead to 'decisions'; but our object is not merely to get decisions, it is to bring people to a knowledge of the Truth."

~ Martyn-Lloyd Jones

"No verse of Scripture yields its meaning to lazy people."

~ Arthur W. Pink

Portrait of a Faithful Christ-Follower: Approved Worker II Timothy 2:14-18, 23

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: We must continually be reminded of and do our best to handle with great accuracy God's Word, avoiding meaningless and destructive "word warring" and pursuing being God-approved workers in the Word.

The wrong way to handle God's Word:

- v. 14 Don't quarrel about words. It does no good and ruins hearers.
- v. 16-18 Avoid irreverent chatter. It spreads like cancer and leads people to ungodliness.

v. 23 - Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies. They breed quarrels.

The right way to hand God's Word:

- v. 15 As an approved worker in the Word:
- 1. Be diligent.
- 2. Be accountable.
- 3. Be faithful.
- 4. Be competent.