NEWS+EVENTS

January 5, 2025

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Bible Reading for the New Year – The 2-year reading plan for January is available on our website. Visit heritageokc.org/bible-reading for daily readings and audio recordings. Do you prefer the 1-year reading plan? Pick up a copy at the Welcome Desk or you can find it online!

January Memory Verse: "Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright." ~ Psalm 33:1

Prayer Meeting: TODAY at 5:00pm in the Chapel. Gather with us for an hour of prayer, seeking the Lord's will through His revealed truth.

Midweek Activities resume this week! <u>Tuesday AM</u>: Jan. 7, 6:00am - 4Men in the House. <u>Wednesday PM</u>: Jan. 8, 6:30pm - Adventure Club (pre-k thru 6th); Students (grades 7-12); Women's Bible study; 4MEN; Marriage class; 2:7 Series; and Choir Rehearsal at 7:15pm. <u>Thursday AM & PM</u>: Jan. 9 - Women's Bible Studies at 9:30am or 6:30pm.

Women's Bible Studies: All studies start this week! If you ordered a book from the church, you may pick it up at the Welcome Desk TODAY. If you have not ordered your book, be sure to order one on your own right away!

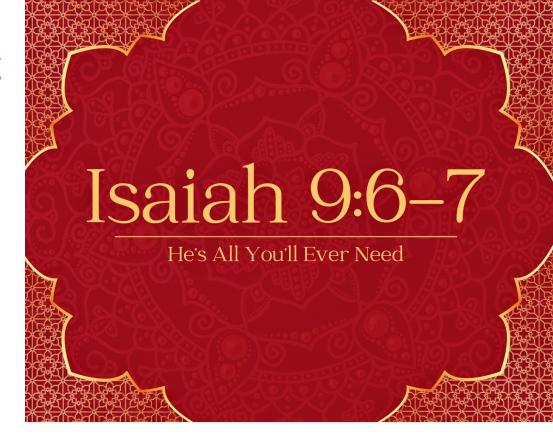
Choir Rehearsal: Wed. Jan. 8, 7:15pm. The orchestra will rehearse Jan. 15 at 7:15pm. If you would like to be a part of the choir or orchestra, contact Jonathan, jonathan@heritageokc.org.

Rocky and Eric's Retirement Party: Please join us on Sunday, January 12th, at 4:00pm in Herndon Hall for a retirement party for Rocky Hails and Eric Schrock as we celebrate their years of service at Heritage.

MEN SAVE THE DATE: Third Thursday Men's Fellowship, Jan. 16 - We will meet at Rudy's on Memorial at 11:30 for food, fellowship, and a brief devotional. Email Jim Jackson at <u>jim@heritageokc.org</u> if you have questions.

GRAVITY (aka Big Weekend) Feb. 14-16 (7-12 grades): A weekend full of teaching, worship, small groups, fun, and fellowship. This year's theme is "reWIRE" More details and registration coming soon!

Volunteers Needed: Looking for an opportunity to serve the Body this year? Prayerfully consider devoting a season of service in Children's Ministry and making an impact on the next generation. Email 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

Hebrews 7:23-28

Pastoral Prayer

Rich Smith Elder

Songs of Worship

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

The Solid Rock

Scripture Reading

Psalm 103:15-19

Songs of Worship

The Everlasting
Love of God

Be Still My Soul

Message

Marty Brown
Teaching Pastor

Song of Response

The Everlasting
Love of God

"As Christian people we must learn to appropriate by faith the fact that God is our Father. Christ taught us to pray 'Our Father.' This eternal everlasting God has become our Father and the moment we realize that, everything tends to change. He is our Father and He is always caring for us. He loves us with an everlasting love. He so loved us that He sent His only begotten Son into the world and to the Cross to die for our sins. That is our relationship to God and the moment we realize it, it transforms everything."

~ David Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"God is the archetypal Father; all other fatherhood is a more or less imperfect copy of his perfect fatherhood." ~ F. F. Bruce

"If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all. For everything that Christ taught, everything that makes the New Testament new and better than the Old, everything that is distinctively Christian, is summed up in the knowledge of the Fatherhood of God the Father." ~ J. I. Packer

"We may feel God's hand as a Father upon us when He strikes us as well as when He strokes us." ~ Abraham Wright

He Is All You'll Ever Need, Part 5 His Name Shall Be Called Everlasting Father Isaiah 9:6

Big Truth of this Series: The prophet Isaiah foretold of the coming Messiah who would deliver His people and who would be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Big Truth of Today's Message: What is God's answer to the darkest times in life? In a way that we would not expect, God has sent His deliverer, the Messiah, and His name shall be called Everlasting Father.

v. 6a – "For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called...Everlasting Father!"

He has given you life.

He provides for you.

He cares for you.