

Heritage Weekly

“We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.”

Colossians 1:28

July 16, 2017

Church Wide

Meeting of the Membership Report ~ Last Sunday our membership met to conduct business and vote on affirming elder candidate, Dennis McGee; deacon candidate, Josh Williams; and a proposed change of the HBC Bylaws to remove term limits for those serving as deacons. The new elder and deacon candidate were affirmed by 100%; and the change to the HBC By-laws passed by 85%.

Pray for Kanakuk KampOut, July 17-21 ~ Every day this week from 9:00 to 4:00 over 170 children and staff will be here at Heritage enjoying a high energy, non-stop excitement Christian day camp adventure. Every camper will hear that God is a loving Father and wonderful Creator who loves them and desires for us to love others. Pray the hearts of the children will be prepared to receive the Truth of the Gospel and the seeds planted will flourish. The counselors have been hand-picked for their Christ-like patience and sensitivity; pray for them as they creatively share the importance of a life lived for Jesus Christ!

Sharpening Your Ax, a Workshop for Biblical Teachers ~ Our most effective biblical teachers have taught us that we need to constantly be honing our skills—seeking excellence. **Whether you are an “old-timer” or a “rookie” or a “hope-to-be-one-day,”** take time to “sharpen the ax” at this **Wednesday evening workshop during the month of August.** The prerequisite is to read the book, *Saving Eutychus*; **RSVP (rockin@delightinGod.org or mary@delightinGod.org)** and get the book at half price. This class is led by Pastors Jimmy Jackson and Rocky Hails.

Cooperation, Consequences and Keeping Your Sanity, Saturday, August 26 (9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) ~ Heritage will be hosting a parenting conference with Dr. Jim Dempsey from the National Center for Biblical Parenting. He will present this interactive seminar that can radically change the atmosphere of your home and give you hope. The cost is \$20/adult, \$30/couple; includes lunch and materials. There is more info on our website/children’s ministry tab and there are flyers at the Children’s Desk. To register visit biblicalparenting.org/register or stop by the Children’s Desk.

HBC Game Night, Sunday, July 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Children’s Building ~ Every now and then it's good to just get together to laugh and enjoy time together connecting hearts as the Body of Christ—HBC Game Night provides the opportunity to do just that! Whether you're a big fan of board games, cards, volleyball, or Ping-Pong, or not, just getting together with friends and family for a low-key evening sounds like something worth putting on the calendar. The gym will be set up for volleyball, and we'll have several rooms open to play games and just hang out together. **Pizza is provided at no cost; families please bring your favorite homemade ice cream to share!**

Serving in our Neighborhood, August 6, 6:30-8 p.m. ~ Mark your calendar for the **Back-to-School Bash for Will Rogers Elementary.** The children of Will Rogers will be invited to a back-to-school party hosted by Heritage on the school’s west playground Sunday evening August 6 from 6:30-8 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, snow cones, inflatables, games, etc. will be provided, and backpacks with school supplies will be given to the students. Join us as we love, serve, get to know, and minister to the people living in our community. Please take advantage of this unique opportunity to get out of the pew and into our neighborhood. We will need help with food prep, monitoring inflatables and games, set-up and clean-up. To donate school supplies, stop by the table in the Commons for more information or email Lauren Naylor, lnaylor10@gmail.com.

Senior Adult Ministry

Our **Senior Adult Luncheon is TODAY, Sunday, July 16** in the Chapel/Café at 12:00 p.m. after the worship service. Please bring a side dish of salads, vegetables or desserts—enough to serve eight people. Someone will be at the door under the awning on the north side between 8:45-9:00 to pick up your dish, or you may bring your dish to the east kitchen.

Groups@HBC Highlight

Adult Bible Fellowship classes at 9:00 a.m. meet every Sunday! Consider today joining your brothers and sisters in Christ connecting with those who are “well-pleased to impart to you not only the Gospel of God, but their very lives also.” **Wednesday Groups** and other **Small Groups** for men and women will be starting up again soon at various times coming up. For all group descriptions look for a **Groups Brochure** at the Welcome Center or on our [website](#).



Small Group Study

The Way of the Master (Jeremy Howell) Heritage House, 6:30 p.m. two Fridays per month ~ This new group is to inspire and equip Christians—to teach them how to share the gospel simply, effectively and biblically—the way Jesus did. This group began last Friday, July 14 and will meet every other Friday in the Heritage house at 6:30 p.m. for four months. For more information contact Jeremy Howell at communicateone@icloud.com.

Opportunities for Ministry

Believing that the Lord’s commission in Acts 1:8 continues through his witnesses today, Heritage Baptist Church is engaged in ministries as close as the room next to you, all the way to continents and people groups spread around the globe. The following represents some of those ministries. There is indeed a place of service and prayer for us all!

H.O.W.D.Y. Ministry ~ The first person anyone coming to visit Heritage encounters will probably be someone from this group. Heritage's **O**pportunity to **W**elcome and **D**irect **Y**ou is a vital ministry of folks who love to greet with a smile and help get you wherever you want to go at Heritage! Join our ranks—we need you! Each person is on duty once or perhaps twice a month; you will be reminded by email. Contact Harold Stansberry at 354-7695 or stnsbry@cox.net with questions or to sign up.

Heritage Adoption Assistance Ministry ~ This ministry provides financial grants and encouragement to Heritage members whom God has led to adopt, and desires to inform the Body of Christ of the benefits of adoption. Please pick up an information sheet at the Welcome Center. You can participate by making a contribution to HBC and noting that it is for the Adoption Ministry Fund, one of the five designated funds at Heritage.

In His Hands Knitting/Crocheting Ministry ~ We would love for you to join our group in providing hand-made gifts and sharing great fellowship. The Lord has impressed upon us that we are to share them with anyone in our church or in the community that would be blessed by them. Special requests for knitted or crocheted items are welcomed! **We meet every other Thursday at 10:15 a.m. in Room 103.** If you cannot attend, you may still knit/crochet at home, or you may donate washable yarn. Call Patsy Cates (749-1115) for more information.

Come & Pray Sunday Mornings ~ An opportunity open to the entire congregation is to gather together at the front of the auditorium every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. to pray for our church body, our leadership in ABF, youth and children's ministries and worship service.

Recommended Resources

These books are highly recommended by Pastor Jim Jackson who personally refers to them often:

When I Don't Desire God—How to Fight for Joy by John Piper ~ "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him." Many people find this truth both liberating and devastating. It's liberating because it endorses our inborn desire for joy, and it's devastating because it reveals that we don't desire God the way we should. What do you do when you discover the good news that God wants you to be content in Him, but then find that you aren't? Piper argues that joy is so much more than icing on the cake of Christian commitment. Our being satisfied in God is necessary to show God's worthiness and to sustain sacrifices of love. Jesus endured the cross for the joy that was set before Him. He tasted it. It sustained Him through the deepest suffering. His Father was glorified. His people were saved. That is what joy in God does.

Spiritual Depression by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones ~ "Christian people," writes Lloyd-Jones, "too often seem to be perpetually in the doldrums and too often give this appearance of unhappiness and of lack of freedom and absence of joy. There is no question at all but that this is the main reason why large numbers of people have ceased to be interested in Christianity." Believing that Christian joy was one of the most potent factors in the spread of Christianity in the early centuries, Lloyd-Jones not only lays bare the causes that have robbed many Christians of spiritual vitality but also points the way to the cure that is found through the mind and spirit of Christ.

Lost in the Middle—MidLife and the Grace of God by Paul David Tripp ~ You will face things in midlife that beat at the borders of your faith, but you do not have to be lost in the middle of your story. You do not have to be paralyzed by regret, defeated by aging, and discouraged by the passing of your dreams. This time of life, which can seem like the end of many things, can actually welcome you to a brand new way of living. As is so often the case in your walk with the Lord, this moment of pain is also a moment of grace. Because of this, we all need to occasionally step back, slow down, and consider where we are going.

Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts by Jerry Bridges ~ In an effort to strengthen his own trust in God during a time of adversity, Navigator author Jerry Bridges began a lengthy Bible study on God's sovereignty. The revelations changed his life. He shares the scope of God's power to help you come to know Him better, have a relationship with Him, and trust Him more—even when unjust things happen. Tragedy, grief, loss, and death are part of life. Discover how trusting God can reveal biblical truths about God.

Calendar Highlights

Sunday, 7/16

8:30 a.m. Prayer in Auditorium
9:00 a.m. Bible Study for All Ages
10:30 a.m. Worship Service &
The Lord's Supper
12:00 p.m. Senior Adult Luncheon
12:15 p.m. Elders' Meeting

Monday 7/17

9:00-4:00 Kanakuk Kampout

Tuesday, 7/18

9:00 a.m. Prison Ministry
9:00-4:00 Kanakuk Kampout

Wednesday, 7/19

9:00-4:00 Kanakuk Kampout
5:00 p.m. Students at Baseball Game
No other HBC activities

Thursday, 7/20

9:00-4:00 Kanakuk Kampout
10:00 a.m. In His Hands Ministry

Friday, 7/21

9:00-4:00 Kanakuk Kampout

Coming Soon!

7/23 HBC Game Night

8/2 Workshop for Biblical Teachers Begins
8/6 Will Rogers Back to School Bash
Journey Class Luncheon
8/13 Children's Promotion Sunday
8/20 Elders' Meeting
8/26 Parenting Seminar @ HBC
8/29 Deacons' Meeting
8/30 AWANA Begins Again
9/4 Labor Day
9/17 Parenting Class for Baby Dedication
9/24 Baby Dedication
10/20-21 HBC Retreat
10/25 Fall Festival