

HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

Weekly News & Updates

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... WHEN AM I LOSING GROUND?

A constant danger in our spiritual lives is “losing ground.” What I mean by that is, we can be doing great and making great progress in our spiritual growth and restoration, but if we don't keep at it, we stall and fall back into areas of disobedience. This leads to oppression, destruction, bondage, depression, sin, financial loss, lukewarmness and other signs of spiritual deterioration. We need to be aware of these threats and be prepared to confront them in our lives and in the life of our family, church, and nation.

Sunday we will see four areas that eroded the spiritual passion of the people of Judah and Jerusalem. These are common in our day too. We'll learn to spot and confront these threats so we can continue to move toward full restoration and victory! Let's not let down after the celebration! Let's not let down when our leaders are away. Let's keep the spiritual fire stoked!

Come Holy Spirit! Send your fire! Keep us burning brightly!

Let us press in together Sunday!

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Upcoming Opportunities and Announcements



Timothy Team Sunday - April 28

Join us at **both** services as our students will sing, recite scriptures, and share what they have learned this past year studying the Gospel of Luke.

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Blood Drive

This Sunday, April 21, the blood mobile will be parked in the west parking lot from 8:30 am - 12 pm. Please consider donating blood to help save a life. *All donors get a stand TALL t-shirt and one free entry to the OKC Zoo.

Second Hand Seeds

As many of you know, Heritage has partnered with area churches to provide a 'shower ministry' for those in need. Jim and Jamey Garner are volunteering with the clean clothes portion. In order to help fund shoes, clothes, and toiletries they have started Second Hand Seeds where they grow, harvest, and package Zinnia flower seeds. This Sunday, they will have a table outside the sanctuary after each service. Please stop by to purchase seeds, make a donation and check out this ministry. We take cash, check, or cash app; **\$2handseeds**.

Thanks in advance. May God bless you.

Jim and Jamey Garner

Worship in the Park - Saturday April 20

Bring your chair and a bottle of water and join others across the River Valley for a time of worship led by Jon Hamby and prayer led by Pastor Wes at the Celebration Garden and Wellness Park from 1-4 pm. The park is located at 1531 Loretta Parker Lane in Barling.

Heritage Day - Sunday, May 5

Exciting News! We will have a **one combined outdoor service at 10 am** and lunch after. Bring your lawn chair and join us for a great time of worship, BBQ, and fellowship! We are asking for volunteers to provide an easily served dessert (brownies, cookies, lemon bars...etc. Nothing that requires cutting or someone to serve). If you would like to volunteer to help with this, please contact Becki Kneeland at bkneeland@heritage.church.

Baptism Sunday

If you are interested in being baptized on Mother's Day, May 12th, contact Beck Kneeland at bkneeland@heritage.church.

Stepping Out Life Group

Here are two exciting opportunities to join us:

May 4th - **Lunch – 11 a.m. - Joe's Grill & Cantina**, 3400 S. 74th St., Ft. Smith

- RSVP by April 29th

May 18th – **Branson, MO Day Trip** – Lunch - Tanger Outlets – Esther at Sight & Sound Theater 3:30 showtime (Tickets \$64 for floor seats)

- Departure from Heritage 8:00 a.m., \$10 per person travel expense.

For more information, contact Coleen Jarrell at cbiscamp13@hotmail.com.

Introducing a New Ministry

The Christian faith can be communicated through music, stories, and symbols. This is especially true at Christmas. A Chrismon tree symbolizes God's love.

Coming soon will be a display of pre-made ornaments, as well as, what they symbolize that we would like to purchase. If you would like to be a part of this ministry by a memorial or honorarium of birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, we are collecting contributions to purchase supplies to make the Chrismons, as well as, purchase some pre-made ornaments.

What a beautiful way to honor our loved ones as we celebrate the greatest gift - Jesus. If this is a ministry that you would like to a part of, please call or text Vesta Everitt at 501-230-0427.

A workshop for life groups, Sunday school classes, youth groups or Bible studies are in the planning stages. What a fun way to fellowship, as well as, provide a way to learn about Crimsons to honor Christ.



C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* – Wednesdays from 6 PM to 7 PM this summer

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.”

Preface to *The Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis

A Masterpiece of Satire on Hell's Latest Novelties and Heaven's Unanswerable Answer

C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* has entertained and enlightened readers the world over with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the unique vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to “Our Father Below.” At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C.S. Lewis gives us the correspondence of the wordly-wise devil to his nephew Wormwood, a novice demon in charge of securing the damnation of an ordinary young man. *The Screwtape Letters* is the most engaging account of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written.

“Readers are advised to remember that the devil is a liar. Not everything that Screwtape says should be assumed to be true even from his own angle...There is wishful thinking in Hell as well as on Earth.” Preface to *The Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis

Thanks, Michael

For more information please contact Michael at:

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This Week at Heritage and Prayer Concerns

Sunday, April 21

Blood Drive, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Prayer Time, 8 am

Traditional Service, 9 am

In the Hospital:

Paul Vinsant (*Craig Hospital in CO*)

Fae Dyer

Jamie Hartley (*Baptist FS*)

Children's Ministry, 9 am
Growth Groups (*SS Classes*), 9 am
Contemporary Service, 10:30 am
Children's Ministry, 10:30 am
Growth Groups (*Adult SS*), 10:30 am
Timothy Team Teachers' Meeting, 4:30 pm
Firestarters Youth Prayer Group, 5:15 pm
Youth Worship (*gr 6-12*), 5:45 pm
Children's Ministry (*infant - gr 3*), 5:45 pm
FISH (*gr 4-5*), 5:45 pm
Inside Out, 5:45 pm

Monday, April 22

Food Pantry, 9:30 am
Heritage Garden Ministry, 6 pm
Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 23

Band of Brothers, 6:15 am
Preschool, 9 am
Blanket Team, 9:30 am
Staff Prayer/Meeting, 9:30 am
Strengthening Class, 11:30 am
Girl Scouts, 4:30 pm
Boy Scouts, 6:30 pm
Adonai Tsuru Cowboy Church, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 24

Community Bible Study, 9 am
Clothes Closet Work Day, 10:30 am
Prayer Team, 10:30 am
Healing Prayer Service, 12 pm
Community Meal, 4:30 pm
Handbells, 5:30 pm
Timothy Team, 5:45 pm
Youth (*gr 6-12*), 5:45 pm
Adult Bible Study, 6 pm
Sanctuary Choir, 6:30 pm
Praise Team, 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 25

Preschool, 9 am
Seniors Growing with Christ, 10 am
Simply Care Card Ministry, 10:30 am
Strengthening Class, 11:30 am
Food Pantry, 4 pm
Clothes Closet, 4 pm

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

Outreach Current (*So. Campus*), 8:30 am

Have a prayer request? Email it
to: prayerchain@heritage.church

Rodney Roberson (*Baptist SR Care*)
Diana Peer (*Baptist FS*)

At Home:

Steve Blythe
Ed Buckalew
Natasha Davis
Mary Dempsey
Dale Edmonds
Jeanette Elkins
Neal Ellison
Sue Franklin
Janis Gipson
Darrell Goodlin
Johnie Ruth Hammontree
Jerry Hunter
Mary Beth Keller
Myron Kirksey
Jerry McBride
Scott Neal
Bonnie Sher
Scott Neal
Alan Swaim
Bertha Swindell
Janice Wargo

Assisted Living:

Mary Coble (*Blossoms*)
Norma Day (*Methodist Village*)
Joyce Greig (*Alma H&R*)
Mary Nash (*Legacy Heights Memory Lane*)
Vi Pettit (*Methodist Village*)

In Sympathy:

Kimberly Holman and family in the death of
her beloved father, **Kenneth Barnett**.

Honorarium and Memorials:

In honor of **Kathy Goins' Birthday** by:
Roger Goins (*Missions: Bakery Doumouya*)

In memory of **O.H. Wilkerson** (*father of Mark
Wilkerson*) by:
Barbara Carter (*UMC Disaffiliation*)
Rick and Laura Batey
Jim and Linda Udouj

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