

HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

Weekly News & Updates

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART . . . THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Charles Armour hit a home run last Sunday with his message on Mark 8:1-26. This Sunday, we hit the **pivot point** of Mark's Gospel when Peter confesses who Jesus is, "*You are the Christ/Messiah!*" The Gospel writer, Matthew, includes Peter saying, "*the Son of the living God*" (Matt. 16:16). Immediately after this, Jesus begins teaching the crowds that He must suffer, be rejected, be killed, and rise again after three days. Peter could not take this, so he takes Jesus aside and begins to rebuke him. But Jesus rebuked Peter and gave the most profound statement in the Bible of what it means to follow Jesus, "***Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me***" (Mark 8:34). This is the cost of discipleship ... but He is worth it!

Join us Sunday as we discover what **Living as Followers** really means. We will look at the lives of some brothers and sisters who have done this well through the ages!

I pray you had a meaningful Christmas and New Years. Allison and I were blessed to spend time with our immediate and extended family (see picture). Thank you to all those who made Heritage Christmas Eve and Epiphany services so special.

I love the privilege of getting to be your lead pastor! 2025 will be a year of great spiritual breakthrough!

Wes

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P.S. All Heritage activities start back Sunday and the week following. Check our website, social media and/or sign up for text message alerts ([click here](#)) when winter weather hits.

Upcoming Opportunities and Announcements

Inclement Weather Policy

It's that time of year when winter weather can be unpredictable!

In case of inclement weather on Sunday, the Heritage Leadership Team will make the decision about what we do by 7 am. We will get the word out by website, email, text, Instagram, Facebook, and local news channels.

STAY WARM AND SAFE!

If you haven't signed up to receive text alerts and would like to, please click below to provide your phone number. You will receive a confirmation text. **Reply YES to complete the sign-up.**

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Women of Heritage

We hope you'll join us for a **Women's Brunch** in the New Room, Saturday, January 18, 10am-12pm. We're excited to announce that this will be the first of several gatherings we'll be hosting throughout the year! Our heart is to see each woman equipped to live boldly in the truth of God's Word, becoming who He has created them to be, and growing deeper in their relationship with Him. We would love for you to come and experience the joy and strength that comes from being rooted in Christ and growing in grace. This is a great opportunity for women of all ages to come together in community to share a time of fellowship, devotional and prayer.

Come ready to be encouraged, uplifted and strengthened in your faith. We can't wait to see you there. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

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Parents with Toddlers to Teenagers

Make plans to be here on January 26th from 5:45-7:30PM! Dr. Robin Finley will be making a presentation that I strongly believe every parent in our age needs to hear. She will talk about how to navigate parenting in the digital age with scripture weaved throughout- covering things like brain development, the 4 most dangerous apps, sextortion, screen time, and much more. We will have children & youth ministry that evening and we will provide dinner for you! This is **no cost** to you, but it would be helpful if you would let me know if you're coming so we can plan food. I know this information will be **invaluable** to you and you won't want to miss this.

Dr. Robin Finley has been an educator in Arkansas for 36 years. She has been a teacher, coach, athletic director, counselor, district administrator, adjunct professor, and digital learning coordinator for the Arkansas Department of Education. She travels around the state sharing about this topic with school districts, churches, and city leaders.

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Clothes Closet Needs

We are in need of men's pants and warm ups of all sizes, coats of all sizes and shirts (small and medium). You can drop them off in the bin in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Back to Colorado, we go!

Mark your calendar and get your students signed up for Spring Break 2025. The dates are March 22-28. We will be skiing at Purgatory Resort and it will be an amazing trip that your student does not want to miss.



The trip is available for all students in 8th-12th grade. I have passed out registration forms. If you have not received this from your student, please contact me!

Jake

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Great Opportunity for Teen and Young Adults

On January 19th we will be starting a class for youth exploring worship and how it extends beyond our praise at church. We will be growing deeper in our understanding of our Creator, Biblical worship, and how worship is meant for everyone, not just those with musical abilities! We will be meeting at 4 on Sunday afternoons and would love to have teens and young adults attend! If you have any questions please reach out to Haley at crutcherh12@gmail.com or catch me after services on Sunday morning!

Jake

Updates to the Heritage Leadership Team

A special "Thank You" to Sue Weege who served as a lay leader and John Symonds who was Trustee Chair. They completed their terms, and we appreciate their service and all they do to support Heritage.

Welcome to new leadership team members, Michael and Emily Shepherd, lay leaders, and to Tim Weege and Scott Weege who will be our new Trustee Co-Chairs.

This Week at Heritage and Prayer Concerns

Sunday, January 12

Prayer Time, 8 am
 Traditional Service, 9 am
 Growth Groups (*Adult SS*), 9 am
 Children's Ministry, 9 am
 Contemporary Service, 10:30 am
 Growth Groups (*Adult SS*), 10:30 am
 Children's Ministry, 10:30 am
 TT Teachers' Meeting, 4:30 pm
 FISH (*gr 4-5*), 5:45 pm
 Children's Ministry (*infant - gr 3*), 5:45 pm
 Youth (*gr 6-12*), 5:45 pm
 Inside Out, 5:45 pm
 Gospel of Mark, 6 pm

Monday, January 13

Food Pantry, 9:30 am
 Moms in Prayer, 11 am
 Boy Scouts, 6:30 pm
 Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 14

Band of Brothers, 6:15 am
 Preschool, 9 am
 Blanket Team, 9:30 am
 Staff Prayer/Meeting, 9:30 am
 Keep Moving Exercise Class, 10:30 am
 Adonai Tsuru-Cowboy Church, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 15

Stock the Food Pantry, 8:30 am
 Community Bible Study, 9 am
 Prayer Team, 10:30 am
 Clothes Closet Work Day, 10:30 am
 Communion/Healing Prayer, 12 pm
 Community Meal, 4:30 pm
 Timothy Team, 5:45 pm
 Youth Bible Study, 5:45 pm
 Adult Bible Study, 6 pm
 Handbells, 5:30 pm
 Sanctuary Choir, 6:30 pm
 Praise Team, 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 16

Preschool, 9 am
 Seniors Growing With Christ, 10 am
 Keep Moving Exercise Class, 11:30 am
 Food Pantry/Clothes Closet, 4 pm

Friday, January 17

Office Closed

Saturday, January 18

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

In the Hospital:

Paul Vinsant (*QLI Rehab - Omaha, NE*)
 Wayne Minnick (*Baptist Health*)
 Ronnie Dodson (*Baptist Health*)

At Home:

Staci Aikman
 Mary Dempsey
 Patsy Ellison
 Tom Fite
 Jamey Garner
 Johnie Ruth Hammontree
 Jerry Hunter
 Betty James
 Mary Beth Keller
 Jean May
 Pam Merchant
 Scott Neal
 Jerry Pittman
 Michael Pitts
 Rodney Roberson
 Rick Scott
 Jacob Smith
 Randy Teltow
 Sandy Thompson

Assisted Living:

Richard Childers (*Legacy FS*)
 Mary Coble (*Blossoms*)
 Norma Day (*Methodist Village*)
 Joyce Greig (*Alma H&R*)
 Mary Nash (*Legacy Heights Memory Lane*)
 Vi Pettit (*Methodist Village*)
 Alta Poppe (*Legacy Heights*)
 Jeremiah Smith (*Legacy FS*)

In Sympathy:

Lucy Barry and family in the death of her brother, **Bert Briones**.

In Thanksgiving:

Jack and Gizelle Matthews in the birth of their daughter, **Audrey Noelle Matthews**. Proud big brothers are Noah and Henry, and great-grandmother is Marilyn Goins.

Collin and Jessica Cinkosky in the birth of their son, **Cooper Lee Wayne Cinkosky**. Proud big brother is Michael, and great-grandparents are Ron and Cindy Cinkosky.

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

Heritage Women's Brunch, 10 am

Men of Heritage - Save the Date!

Our 1st quarter Prayer Breakfast will be
February 22 at 7:30am. More details to come.

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