

HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

Weekly News & Updates

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART . . . FIRM FOUNDATION!

Matthew 7:24-25 ²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

The most critical part of a home or building is its foundations. It must be very carefully and meticulously done. There must be no shortcuts. You want to make sure the people doing it are people of great integrity who will make sure they dig down to the bedrock to make sure your house or building is founded on the rock. Jesus is clear about that.

For the past several months, I have been serving on the Trinity Annual Conference Delegation to the Convening Conference of the Global Methodist Church. I am also serving on the Conference Superintendent and Staff Relations Committee (CSSRC). This is very tedious and detailed work. I am very grateful for the people far more gifted in administration and attention to detail than I am! I am glad they are digging down to the bedrock, "dotting the 'I's' and crossing the 'T's' in our founding documents to make sure we have a well-established foundation upon which the following generations can build a great house that will withstand the storms of life and the assaults of the enemy. Soon after the convening conference, the CSSRC will be interviewing and hiring our first Conference Superintendent for the Trinity Annual Conference. He/She will be like a cross between a bishop and a district superintendent for our region.

Our Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church will be September 19-26 in San Jose, Costa Rica. Pray that all eyes are on Jesus and that He gets all the glory. May every decision reflect His will.

Looking forward to being back with you soon!

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Jesus, Healer Then and Healer Now

This Sunday we are continuing our series on the Book of Mark, The Best News Ever. In Mark 2:1-12, Jesus heals a paralytic man. The paralyzed man's friends show



immense faith and creativity by finding a way to bring him to Jesus. This teaches us the value of persistence in overcoming obstacles and supporting our friends in times of need. We should all strive to be great friends, and find friends who will take us to Jesus in our darkest and hardest times. But Jesus did something before he healed the man physically, He forgave the man of his sins and healed him spiritually. On the surface, it looked easier for Jesus to forgive the man of his sins, but if we look below the surface it cost Jesus everything. We all have some type of healing need whether it is physical, mental, marital, financial, or spiritual. This passage is encouraging and a great reminder that Jesus is still a healer like He was many years ago when He walked the earth. In verses 13-17, Jesus also gives us clues on how we should treat people no matter who they are. Jesus' choice to associate with tax collectors and sinners challenges societal norms and demonstrates a commitment to love. It encourages us to look beyond social labels and biases, extending compassion to everyone, especially those who are often overlooked.

Come join us Sunday and worship the one true King who was **a Healer Then and a Healer Now**.

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Upcoming Opportunities and Announcements

Blood Mobile

Signup in the Great Hall today to donate blood next Sunday, September 29th.



Baptism Sunday

If you would like to be baptized next Sunday, September 29th, contact the church office at 479-474-6424.



Pathway to Freedom Prison Ministry Opportunity

Heritage will travel to the Hawkins Unit at Wrightsville Prison on Friday, November 8th to host the Pathway to Freedom 540 Event. We are looking for a minimum of 20 men from Heritage to join us in this ministry. You will experience an amazing time of worship and have a great opportunity to share the love of Jesus! Background checks for all men are required by the prison. The deadline for turning in background check forms is **Wednesday, October 16th**. For more information, and to complete a background check form, please contact Bobby Boyakin at bboyakin@heritage.church or 479-474-6424.

Bobby



Fall Festival

We will be having our annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 20th from 5-7PM. It takes MANY volunteers to make this event possible. We will have all kinds of fun things for everyone. If you could give an hour of your time to help staff a booth during this event, that would be amazing. Additionally, if you have a group that would like to

participate, please contact me! Signups are in the Fellowship Hall.

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Outreach News

Back to Guatemala

We will be heading back to Sumpango, Guatemala, January 5-11, 2025. We will be partnering with Breaking Cycles once again. We are looking to take a group of people to build homes, do a medical clinic, and/or help with VBS at a local church in Sumpango. If you are interested in going on this trip please contact me for more information. As of right now, the cost will be around \$1600. The price could change depending on the price of plane tickets. A passport is required. The deadline to sign up is October 20th.

A Gathering of Helpers in Time of Need

We want to put together a list of people who would be willing to be called on for help when we have storms or other natural disasters. Some individuals and families could greatly benefit from a helping hand in times of need or situations like the recent storms. If you would like to be added to this list, please send me an email at jsimmons@heritage.church. In the email, please include specialized skills if those apply. The list does not mean you have signed up to help every time something happens. When help is needed, I will simply call the people on the list. If you cannot help that day, it is okay. If you can, then great. I just want an ongoing list so that we know who is willing to be contacted in times of need.

Serving and Outreach Opportunity!

On Saturday, October 5th from 9 am to 11 am we will be doing a cookie delivery in neighborhoods near Heritage to invite them to church. We are looking to give each of the 100 homes 6 cookies so, we'll need 600 cookies total. There will be a sign-up sheet in the great hall starting this Sunday for people who want to bake, help deliver, or do both. You can also email me to sign-up. If you are willing to bake, but cannot deliver, we are asking that you bring the cookies to the church office on Thursday, October 3rd by 5:00 pm. Please package the cookies in a zip lock baggie with 6 cookies in each bag.

On delivery day we will meet on the west side of Heritage at 9:00 am. We will all park our cars at Heritage and use the people mover to shuttle everyone to the neighborhood we are trying to reach. We will give out maps and divide into groups to make sure all the homes get cookies and an invitation to Heritage. If you have any questions about this please feel free to email me.

Jake

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Thank You

A Big thank you to everyone who helped make Back to Church Sunday a huge success. Thank you to our wonderful cooks who provided the many food items, especially Savannah Parker and "The Butterfly Bakery" for wonderful loaves of sourdough and yummy quiche (if interested in ordering please check out [The Butterfly Bakery](#) on Facebook for Savannah's weekly menu), April Simmons for scrumptious sugar

and chocolate chip cookies, and Mike Kneeland for the best sausage balls in Crawford County. It was great to see the Fellowship Hall full of people fellowshipping. Mission accomplished!

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Prison Ministry Opportunity

Kairos Prison Ministry is an International Prison Ministry whose mission is to help establish and support the Body of Christ in prisons throughout the world. We are in preparation for the Grimes Unit Kairos Weekend #6 which will take place October 24-27 in Newport.

The training dates for this weekend are Saturday 9/28, Saturday 10/5, and Thursday-Saturday 10/10-12. There are other opportunities for involvement such as prayer, cookie donations, and financial support. If you are interested in being involved in this outreach, please contact Eddie Prince at 479-414-4910 or Mike McSpadden at 479-651-2902.

NEW EQUIPPING CLASS: Starting Sunday, October 6th at 9 am

Do you desire greater **equipping to minister to others**? Do you want to help others encounter the goodness of God? **Heritage School of Ministry** may be the answer. The focus will be on practical ministry equipping and providing a safe atmosphere to practice and grow in ministry. For more information, reach out to Donovan McClure at 479-270-0081 or donovanbmc56@gmail.com.

New Fall 2024 Heritage Gear!!!

New colors for hoodies, crew necks, t-shirts and now HATS are available to order. Our first order deadline will be Sunday, September 29Th! Get ahead of the holidays or just enjoy some new clothing during the fall season. Order forms are available in the Great Hall!



GriefShare

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one and need help and healing from this hurt? We can help you find hope. If you are interested in

GriefShare, contact the Vesta Everitt at 501-230-0427.

This Week at Heritage and Prayer Concerns

Sunday, September 22

Prayer Time, 8 am
Traditional Service, 9 am
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 Tim Teachers' Meeting, 4:30 pm
Children's Ministry (infant - gr 3), 5:45 pm
FISH (gr 4-5), 5:45 pm
Youth (gr 6-12), 5:45 pm
Inside Out, 5:45 pm

In the Hospital:

Paul Vinsant (QLI Rehab - Omaha, NE)

At Home:

Tammy Belk
Mary Dempsey
Devon Franklin
Phyllis George (Danville - mother of Lary George)
Judy Goodson
Johnnie Ruth Hammontree
Diane Hays
Jerry Hunter
Glenda Jackson

Off the Grid, 6 pm
Gospel of Mark, 6 pm

Monday, September 23

Food Pantry, 9:30 am
Freedom Fighters, 5 pm
Girl Scout Leaders, 6 pm
Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm
Boy Scouts, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, September 24

Band of Brothers, 6:15 am
Preschool, 9 am
Staff Prayer/Meeting, 9:30 am
Keep Moving Exercise Class, 11:30 am
Ladies Paint Night, 6 pm
VFW Meeting, 6 pm
Adonai Tsuru Cowboy Church, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 25

Community Bible Study, 9 am
Prayer Team, 10:30 am
Communion/Healing Prayer Service, 12 pm
Community Meal, 4:30 pm
Handbells, 5:30 pm
Timothy Team, 5:45 pm
Youth Bible Study, 5:45 pm
Adult Bible Study, 6 pm
Sanctuary Choir, 6:30 pm
Praise Team, 7:30 pm

Thursday, September 26

Preschool, 9 am
Experiencing God for Women, 10 am
Seniors Growing with Christ, 10 am
Simply Care Card Ministry, 10:30 pm
Keep Moving Exercise Class, 11:30 am
Food Pantry, 4 pm
Clothes Closet, 4 pm

Friday, September 27

Office Closed

Saturday, September 28

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

Mary Beth Keller
Kay Lockwood
Carolyn Loyd
Judy Spencer-Mariscano
Jean May
Scott Neal
Stephan and Carly Norris
Michael Pitts
Gary Powell
Rodney Roberson
Alan Swaim
Janice Wargo
Dorvan Wiley

Assisted Living:

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

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