

HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

Weekly News & Updates

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART . . . THE BEST NEWS EVER!!!

This week, we launch our new message series on the Gospel of Mark, **The BEST News EVER!!** I can't wait! I will still be sharing some of the new things I learned while I was in Israel this summer. Sunday, we will visit a VERY important site in Israel where several miracles happened. We will try to imagine the excitement, wonder, faith and hope that was inspired by what people heard and saw when *"the voice of one crying in the wilderness declared, 'Prepare ye the way of the LORD!"* And then John the Baptist proclaims as he points to Jesus, *"Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!"*

This is the BEST NEWS EVER! The long Promised Messiah has finally come! How would you feel if you were the people of John the Baptist's day? How do you respond today? What will you do about this Good News? It wasn't just for then. It is for NOW!



Invite friends and family to come and hear SOME GOOD NEWS!

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P.S. In the picture above, Allison and I celebrated our 42nd dating anniversary this past week on the swinging bench beside Sager Creek and the old Siloam Springs Library where we officially became boyfriend and girlfriend 😊.

Upcoming Opportunities and Announcements



Upcoming Children's Ministry Dates

8/28 Timothy Team Open House (mandatory) 5:45PM

9/4 Timothy Team Start Date 5:45PM -7:15PM

9/8 FISH (Faithfully I Serve Him) Start Date 5:45 - 7:30 PM

9/8 Sunday Evening Children's Ministry Start Date 5:45-7:30 PM **The purpose of this ministry is to be an opportunity that supports parents who are involved in ministry or in a Life group or Bible Study on Sunday evenings.

Check out this Book!

Over the past few months, I've read and listened to the book "Habits of the Household" by Justin Whitmel Earley several times by myself and with Jake. We've had discussions about rhythms of prayer, rest, date night, technology, meal times and more. The author is encouraging, grace-filled, transparent about struggles, and brilliant!

This book will inspire you and convict you. I rate it 5/5. It is applicable to every parent no matter the age of the child. Here are a few quotes from the book:

- "The greatest spiritual work happens in the normal moments of domestic life."
- "Gods love inspires our action, but our action does not inspire Gods love. Our family habits will not change Gods love for us, but Gods love for us should change our family habits."

This book is 1/2 off on amazon right now. Also, if you have Spotify premium you can listen to it for free.

Amazon Link: [CLICK HERE](#)

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Outreach News

Back to Guatemala

We will be heading back to Sumpango, Guatemala on January 5-11, 2025. We will be partnering with Breaking Cycles once again. I am 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 last Friday's 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.

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THE GOSPEL OF MARK BIBLE STUDY: DEEP DIVE with Dr. Charles Armour

Beginning Sunday, September 8 at 6:00 pm in the Community Room, we will be offering a course on the Gospel of Mark. Each session will be self-contained so folks can still benefit even if they are unable to attend regularly.

This will be an in-depth Study geared at helping people gain a better and deeper understanding as well as an appreciation of this Gospel. Both the beginning and advanced Bible student will find things they can learn. It will be taught in such a way that it will not be so technical as to get over peoples' heads, while at the same time offering new cutting-edge information.

We shall examine the language and meaning of the text in order to convey Mark's original intent and compare it to the other Gospel traditions. And from that we will ask the question; "What is God saying through this?"

Other writings may also be considered as they pertain to Mark, inclusive of early church fathers, Dead Sea Scrolls and Hellenistic literature. All of Mark will be taught from the perspective of it being "sacred and inspired literature", which we believe it certainly is.

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.



Ushers Needed for the 10:30 Service!

If you or your entire family would like to volunteer to be a part of our usher team on Sunday mornings, please contact Becki Kneeland (bkneeland@heritage.church). We ask that folks sign up for one month a year that they can commit to arriving early, greeting our folks at the entrance to the Sanctuary, helping people find seats, passing out bulletins and ministering communion (1st Sunday of every month). It's a great way to meet people and a great way to serve. We would love to have you!

Becki

Shoes Needed

There are students that are in need of new shoes from time to time throughout the school year. To help out, we are collecting new or gently used tennis shoes for kids of all ages. The shoes we collect will be given to area schools for them to distribute to students in need of new shoes. You can drop them off in the church office. Thank you! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Volunteers Needed

Clothes Closet is in need of volunteers. If interested in helping, please call

LeighAnn Sumner at 479-430-0582, Alice Goodlin at 479-420-4553, or the church office.

We Need You

The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers on Mondays 9:30 am - 12 pm and on Thursdays 4-6 pm. There are plenty of different things for you to do, such as filling sacks with groceries, taking them to the cars, praying for people in line for their food, and much, much more. If you are interested, contact the church office. You will be blessed!

Reminder

Wednesday, September 4th, nightly activities resume with community meal at 4:30 pm, Timothy Team and youth studies for kids at 5:45 pm, and adult studies at 6 pm.

Can't wait to see everyone!

Thank You

Thank you so much for blessing our campus! We look forward to a great year!

The Staff of Thicksten Center for Learning

This Week at Heritage and Prayer Concerns

Sunday, August 25

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
Youth Staff Meeting, 4:30 pm
Timothy Team Teacher's Meeting, 4:30 pm

Monday, August 26

Food Pantry, 9:30 am
Boy Scouts, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, August 27

Band of Brothers, 6:15 am
Preschool Teacher Work Day, 8:30 am
Staff Prayer/Meeting, 9:30 am
Keep Moving Exercise Class, 11:30 am
Preschool Open House, 5:30 pm
Adonai Tsuru Cowboy Church, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 28

Community Bible Study, 9 am
Prayer Team, 10:30 am
Clothes Closet Work Day, 10:30 am
Communion/Healing Prayer Service, 12 pm
Handbells, 5:30 pm
Timothy Team Parent Meeting, 6 pm
Sanctuary Choir, 6:30 pm
Praise Team, 7:30 pm

Thursday, August 29

Experiencing God for Women, 10 am
Seniors Growing with Christ, 10 am

In the Hospital:

Paul Vinsant (*QLI Rehab - Omaha, NE*)
Phyllis George (*Danville - mother of Lary George*)

At Home:

Mary Dempsey
Tedra Gwartney
Diane Hays
Jerry Hunter
Mary Beth Keller
Jean May
Scott Neal
Stephan and Carly Norris
Michael Pitts
Gary Powell
Rodney Roberson
Alan Swaim
Velta Thomas
Janice Wargo

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*)

In Sympathy:

Betty Boyakin, Bobby Boyakin, and family in the death of her brother-in-law and his uncle, **Billy Atwell**.

Margaret Haddock and family in the death of her husband, **Robbie Haddock**.

Keep Moving Exercise Class, 11:30 am
Food Pantry, 4 pm
Clothes Closet, 4 pm

Friday, August 30

Office Closed

Saturday, August 31

Outreach at The Current (So. Campus), 8:30 am
Outreach at Midland Heights, 11 am

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You can also give through the Realm app or by texting **HERITAGEVB** to **73256** or by scanning the QR code.



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

Honorarium and Memorials:

In memory of **Dolores (Dodie) McSpadden** (mother of Mike McSpadden) given by Dorvan and Mikie Wiley (Prison Ministry)

In memory of **Betty Terrell** given by Dorvan and Mikie Wiley (Kitchen Remodel)

In memory of **Roy Elkins** given by Benton and Juanita Cone
Nina Sullivan (Food Pantry)

In memory of **Matthew Carter** (grandson of John and Jomie Carter) given by Tim and Valicia Weege (Campus Crusade for Christ - Jake Hawthorne)

In memory of **Dr. Compton George** (father of Lary George) given by Nina Sullivan (Disaffiliation Fund)

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