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God's Lion

It has been said by historians that whereas Christ started the religion, it was Paul who more than anyone else, built the church. There is much truth in this. Paul was one of the most amazing and influential men in Western History. But was the church all he was actually about? Or did he have a larger dream? Join us Sunday, as we examine Paul and his vision and explore how it may still apply to us and the

world today.

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART . . . TIMOTHY TEAM -- Raising Spiritual Champions, Pt. 2*

Two weeks ago I wrote about Timothy Team and our purpose to **transform children into spiritual champions**. We do this by systematically teaching them the Word of God, by showing them how to worship God passionately, and by leading them to receive Jesus as their LORD and Savior. This was inspired and guided by George Barna's breakthrough research and book, **Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions: Why Children's Ministry Should be Your Church's Number One Priority**.

I shared that Barna's research showed this transformation happens best **INTERGENERATIONALLY**. It happens when parents and grandparents study and memorize the same scriptures together with their children and grandchildren, and when children see these values lived out in their home.

Recently, Dr. Barna released what he says may be his last and most important book, **Raising Spiritual Champions: Nurturing Your Child's Heart, Mind and Soul**. He has examined over 200 of his organization's latest research polls among people in the United States. The data suggests that only 3% are living as true disciples of Jesus Christ. This should **ALARM** us!

Barna identifies, seven basic beliefs of a Biblical worldview. A worldview is "*The overall perspective from which one sees and interprets the world* (American Heritage Dictionary). A person's worldview is typically formed **before they reach the age of 13!** Barna's most recent survey shows that a majority of adolescents believes only one of the points of a Biblical worldview.

If a person believes all seven of these worldview pillars, they have an 83% chance of developing a complete biblical worldview and living as a disciple of Jesus. If a person rejects one or more of those seven cornerstones, they have just a 2% probability of developing a full biblical worldview.

At Heritage, we want to foster the pathway to intentional biblical formation and teach these cornerstones to our children, youth and adults to equip them to stand against the rising tide of secular humanism and radical Islam.

“Seven Cornerstones of a Biblical Worldview,”

1. An orthodox, biblical understanding of God.
2. All human beings are sinful by nature; every choice we make has moral considerations and consequences.
3. Knowing Jesus Christ is the only means to salvation, through our confession of sin and reliance on His forgiveness.
4. The entire Bible is true, reliable, and relevant, making it the best moral guide for every person, in all situations.
5. Absolute moral truth exists—and those truths are defined by God, described in the Bible, and are unchanging across time and cultures.
6. The ultimate purpose of human life is to know, love, and serve God with all your heart, mind, strength, and soul.
7. Success on earth is best understood as consistent obedience to God—in thoughts, words, and actions.

Barna is quick to point out that these seven cornerstones are basic Christian tenets, not advanced or sophisticated theological constructs. “What’s so shocking about these beliefs is how basic and simple they are— almost like an outline of what used to be the Sunday school lessons shared with elementary school children,” Barna explained. “These are not advanced theological principles; they’re straightforward principles for how to make the most of the gift of life.”

Barna continued, “Reviewing the data made it clear that these principles, although simple, serve as a foundation on which you can build a more satisfying and influential life, and one that brings glory to God.” till, these deceptively simple biblical principles require more than casual assent. The worldview research indicates that an individual must have both an understanding of the principles and a passionate, thoughtful **ownership** of them in order to build a biblical worldview.

Where do you stand in relation to these cornerstones? Do you have a biblical worldview? If you are uncertain yourself, then your children and grandchildren are in trouble. Please know that in Timothy Team and in all our ministries at Heritage, we are making a concerted effort to impart and solidify a Biblical worldview in all our children, adolescents and adults.

1 Corinthians 15:1-2 says, *“Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken **your stand**. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.”*

Let’s take our **stand** and equip our children to do the same! Sign them up for Timothy Team and join them in the journey (Deadline for children’s registration is July 28th). Children’s ministry is the priority, but **THE KEY** is spiritually mature adults who love Jesus, know the Word, and live out and **impart** this Biblical Worldview to the upcoming generations.

Let's do our part!

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*Much of this article is taken from The Pathway for Children to Become 'Spiritual Champions' by George Barna: <https://georgebarna.com/2023/10/the-pathway-for-children-to-become-spiritual-champions>

And <https://georgebarna.com/2023/03/research-identifies-the-best-starting-point-for-developing-a-biblical-worldview/>

Upcoming Opportunities and Announcements



Summer Updates

Timothy Team Registration is up for the 2024-2025 school year. This year we're studying the book of Acts and it's going to be great! Register [HERE!](#)

It's that time of year to start raising money and supplies for the Matthew 25 Project Back-to-School giveaway. This year we will be collecting supplies for 300 4th and 5th grade backpacks. If you are interested in helping please contact me as we have a **specific list of supplies to purchase**. You can give money or you can purchase a single supply in bulk. And as always, keep your eye out on upcoming dates to help stuff the backpacks and hand them out. The event will be August 5th from 6-8 pm. The event is for Crawford County students in need of some help to kick off the school year. Thank you all for your continued compassion for helping the least of these.



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Awesome Ministry

I wanted to share about a ministry that you may or may not know about. When a mother comes home with her newborn those first few days and weeks can be an adjustment. That's where we step in: we set up a small meal train so they have one less thing to worry about. We send out an email with available dates and then you sign up to provide a meal and deliver it. We always have expectant mothers around here.

If you'd like to be a part of this ministry please let us know.

Thanks so much, Madison Simmons and Madie Green

Youth Ministry:

Swim night at the Boster's on July 24th!

- Pizza



- Games
 - Prizes
- Address: 15 Skyline Dr. VB

Outreach Opportunity

Heritage is responsible for feeding Adult Ed on the following dates:

July 30th

September 17th

November 14th

If you or your life group would like to volunteer to cook or purchase a meal for one of these dates, please contact me and I can give you more information.

Thanks!

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NEW WOMEN'S STUDY COMING SOON!

Do you feel the need to reset your walk with the Lord? Do you feel like you are drifting and need to return to Jesus as your first love? Perhaps you are just looking for a study and small group to grow in your walk with the Lord! Then join us for one of the best Bible studies ever. We invite women to journey with us in the newly updated '**Experiencing God**' study by Henry Blackaby.

Linda Nelson and Marilyn Goins will be leading this women's study beginning Thursday, August 15 at 10 am. This will be an eleven week study and the study guide will be approximately \$20. For more information or to register for this study please contact:

Linda Nelson (linda.nelson2307@icloud.com | 479-414-4967)

Marilyn Goins (Marilyngoins@gmail.com | 479-926-5156)

Please register by August 1st!

Men of Heritage

It is once again time for our quarterly men's prayer breakfast. All men are welcome to attend, and please feel free to invite a friend. The meeting will be held on Saturday, July 20th, at 7:30 am. We will meet in the New Room. Due to construction in the kitchen, we will be catering the meal this time. It will be free to all who attend. A donation jar will be in the room should you want to give in support of the meeting. Russ Aikman will be giving the devotional, and he will continue on the series of fruitfulness. We look forward to seeing you on July 20th!



Full Plates + New Friends = One Great Evening

Don't miss the opportunity to sign up for one of our fabulous dinners/lunches in July. Here is a peek of our latest party with Walt Hansen. They met for lunch at Colton's. Everyone showed up and had a great time with new friends.

We Need You

The food pantry needs volunteers, Mondays 9 am - 12 pm and Thursdays 3:30 - 6 pm. For more information, contact the church office or Roger Burkert at 479-462-3392.

Heritage Riders

It seems summer is upon us and the temps are rising. We will begin our "beat the heat" rides now and go for breakfast.

This Saturday, July 13th, we will be going to Oark General Store. We will leave the west parking lot at 7:30 am and be back before 11:00 am. Oark has good breakfast and PIE.

Bring your motorcycle, trike, muscle car, mini van or what ever you care to ride and have some fun and fellowship.

Here is the map for the route:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=14_We1e_GRU56RPIQKXEDIO6ObNt9CAA&usp=sharing

Max Garrett



Thank You

A HUGE shoutout to the YWAM group consisting of people from Minnesota and Texas. They blessed us by doing some mission work here at the church. They were able to remove the diseased rose bushes in the front of the church. Again, THANK YOU!

This Week at Heritage and Prayer Concerns

Sunday, July 14

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
Children Leave for Camp, 1 pm
Boomers, 5 pm

Monday, July 15

Food Pantry, 9:30 am
Clothes Closet, 9:30 am
Freedom Fighters, 5 pm
Boy Scouts, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, July 16

Band of Brothers, 6:15 am
Staff Prayer/Meeting, 9:30 am
VFW Meeting, 6 pm

In the Hospital:

Paul Vinsant (QLI Rehab - Omaha, NE)

At Home:

Lu Ann Donahu
Edy Farr
Jerry Hunter
Charlie James
Mary Beth Keller
Scott Neal
Michael Pitts
Gary Powell
Rodney Roberson
Leticia Schelm
Alan Swaim

Assisted Living:

Mary Coble (Blossoms)
Norma Day (Methodist Village)
Mary Dempsey (Alma H&R)
Jeanette Elkins VB H&R)

Adonai Tsurì Cowboy Church, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, July 17

Prayer Team, 10:30 am
Children Return from Camp, 11:30 am
Healing Prayer Service, 12 pm
Inside Out, 5:45 pm
Screwtape Letters' Study, 6 pm
Praise Team, 7 pm

Thursday, July 18

Heritage Travelers to Gentry, 9 am
Seniors Growing with Christ, 10 am
Food Pantry, 4 pm
Clothes Closet, 4 pm

Friday, July 19

Office Closed

Saturday, July 20

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

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

Joyce Greig (*Alma H&R*)

Mary Nash (*Legacy Heights Memory Lane*)

Vi Pettit (*Methodist Village*)

Rodney Roberson (*VB H&R*)

Praise:

Landon and Micaela Cates in the birth of their daughter, ***Sophia Cates***. Baby sister to Naomi.

Memorial:

in memory of ***Johnny Parker*** given by:
Donna Parker (*Kitchen Remodel*)

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