



Heritage Bible Church

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Rev. Brian Rice, Pastor

Rev. Henry Hazard, Pastor Emeritus



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Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV)

Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

9:15 Prayer
9:45 Sunday School
10:45 Worship Service

Sunday Evening

6:00 Youth
6:30 Service

Wednesday Evening

6:15 Meal
6:45 Exodus Study

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FROM THE PASTOR

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21)

It has already been three years since I began my ministry here at Heritage Bible Church on October 1, 2015 as the Associate Pastor under Pastor Hazard. Now six months have already come and gone as your Senior Pastor. As I reflect upon these three years, I can't help but take a step back and think of the larger picture of what God has been doing in my life, bringing me into ministry, developing me, and launching me. Ephesians 3:20 quickly comes to mind that God does do “far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.” This is true in all of our lives, not just for those called into professional ministry. I did not envision myself pursuing any senior pastor positions, until the opening for Heritage Bible Church came up.

It was the Spring of 2011, I was working as a contractor for the FAA in Washington D.C. with my meteorology degree. I would take the Metro subway an hour in and an hour out of the city every day. It gave me a great opportunity to listen to sermons and grow in the Lord. I was also actively serving in my church, and the Lord was growing in me a desire to serve Him. One day as I exited the subway I cried out in my heart “I want to preach the gospel for a living!” There was a pause before I conceded my position “But I'm just a meteorologist...” A few months later, on July 16, 2011 I came on staff with my church. God does “far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.”

The church had brought Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) to its campus to provide seminary education for those in the D.C. Metro area, so I figured I should probably apply since my meteorology degree wouldn't be very helpful at the church. If I get in, great If not, that clearly was not God's calling for me. I was accepted and for the next three and a half years I pursued my seminary degree, while working for the church that was able to pay enough for Rachel to stay at home while we started a family (Audrey and Juliet). God does do “far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.”

I was loving my job, working with adults with disabilities, then in January of 2014, I met up with a professor for breakfast and he told me that he did not think I was a disability ministry guy, but more of an Associate Pastor. This sent me down a road of soul searching and lots of prayer, “God, what do you want me to do?” In the coming months I became convinced that this was true, so as graduation came closer in May 2015, I began sending out my resume to various churches. On April 10, 2015 I saw that Pastor Hazard was looking for an Associate Pastor to develop into the Senior Pastor as he approached retirement. This opportunity excited me, and on June 28, 2015, I accepted the offer from Pastor Hazard to be his Associate Pastor here at Heritage Bible Church. Having the opportunity to be your senior Pastor proves that God does do “far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.”

On October 3, 2016, shortly after 6PM, one year, nearly to the minute after we pulled into our new home in Panama City, Caleb was born. A child that God knew that we needed, and in my opinion sealed even more so that God has called the Rice family to join the Heritage Bible Church family. I am excited for what God has done in the history of this church and I am excited for what God is going to do in and through each of us. “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21)

EVENTS

Ladies Book Club – Fridays at 10 AM at the Rice's house (3022 Malone Dr). We are reading the book "Horizontal Jesus" by Tony Evans.

Sunday Night Kids Program – Our children's missions program continues through the month of October. Join us to learn about what missionaries are doing around the world.

Sunday Night Study – Our 6-week evangelism study continues throughout the month of October. Join us for weeks 3-6.

Potluck – Sunday, October 7th at the Rice's house after the morning service. Come join the fun! Bring a dish to share and a bathing suit if you would like to swim.

Men's Dinner & Great Commission Women – Wednesday, October 17th at 6:30 PM

Young @ Heart – Friday, October 19th at 11:30 AM at PoFolks on 15th Street

Southern District Women's Retreat – October 19-21, 2018 at Springville Camp and Conference Center in Odenville, Alabama. Cost is \$115 – RSVP by Oct. 8th.

Board Meeting – Our next quarterly board meeting will be Tuesday, October 23rd at 6:30 PM. If you have anything you would like added to the agenda, please let the secretary or Pastor Brian know.

Dinner Groups – Continue this month throughout the last week of October (25th, 26th, 27th). If you have already signed up, don't forget to attend your group! If you did not sign up last month but would like to attend a group this month, we still have spaces! See the sign-up sheets on the foyer table for more information.

Kingdom Kids – October 14th & 28th

Mall Outreach – We will have a table at the Panama City Mall to hand out candy on October 31st. If you would like to help, contact Li Trinh. If you would like to donate candy, you can drop it off in the box in the foyer.

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Join our group at HBCmemorization. Contact Pastor Brian with questions or if you would like help getting set up.

FACTS & FIGURES

Finances for September

For Sep 1 to Sep 30

General Operating Fund (GOF) Monthly Budget Revised:	\$ 19,175.00
GOF Tithes and Offerings Received (5 Sundays):	\$ 15,764.77
General Operating Fund Weekly Budget Revised:	\$ 4,425.00
GOF Avg. Weekly Tithes and Offerings (4 Sundays):	\$ 3,152.96

For Year to Date 2018 (based on 9 months and 39 Sundays):

GOF Year to Date (YTD) Tithes and Offerings Budget Revised (monthly basis):	\$ 172,570.00
GOF (YTD) Tithes and Offerings Budget Revised (weekly basis):	\$ 172,575.00
GOF Year to Date Tithes and Offerings Received:	\$ 160,644.78
GOF Year to Date Budgeted Disbursements and Transfers: to Other Funds:	\$(173,266.90)
GOF NonBudget, Board Approved Project-Foundation Stabilization	\$ (3,000.00)
GOF Receipts vs GOF Disbursements and Transfers to Other Funds:	\$ (15,550.12)
GOF Balance as of Sep 30 (187% of monthly budget revised):	\$ 35,845.05
Average Weekly Tithes and Offerings Received (39 Sundays):	\$ 4,119.10
YTD Avg Weekly GOF Budgeted & Non Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers:	\$ (4,519.67)
Missions YTD Income: Receipts (\$6,816.50) + 24% of Tithes & Offerings (\$38,554.76):	\$ 45,371.26
Missions YTD Disbursements & Transfers Out:	\$ (44,558.57)
Missions Fund Balance:	\$ 9,041.14
Building Fund YTD Receipts: (Including \$2,481 In Memory Of Gifts--T.K. and B.A)	\$ 3,659.05
Building Fund Disbursements:	\$ 0.00
Building Fund Balance:	\$ 9,041.14
Bridge Fund Balance:	\$ 3,860.00