



Heritage Bible Church

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Matthew 25:23 (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

“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’” (Matthew 25:23) As followers of Christ, I believe that we all desire to be obedient to God, however our flesh, tainted by sin, gets in the way of that obedience. So when the appeal of sin is greater than the appeal of obedience we choose sin over faithfulness to God. Obviously, my heart’s desire as your pastor is that we individually and as a body are characterized by obedience, so that when we come face to face with God, He may say, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

This summer we have lost two women who were good and faithful servants to the Lord, Betty Ashbrook and Julie Marsh. Both women were characterized by faithfulness in raising their children and faithfulness in loving and respecting their husbands. Both Betty and Julie loved this church and the people in it. Both women were faithful to the Lord until the very end of their wonderful lives. Betty faithfully prayed for members of the church, making phone calls to see how folks were doing, and was a bright light for the Lord in the Beehive. Julie was faithful in her ministry to the children, teaching first through fourth grade as well as being an ambassador for Christ through the Emmaus Prison Ministry by discipling countless hundreds of inmates and overseeing the ministry operations at Heritage Bible Church. These women lived their life for Jesus Christ! I’m sure when they entered into heaven, they received from God, “Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your master.”

My desire is that each of us would leave behind a life with this kind of impact. But that does not happen by accident. In addition to having a heart for Him, it requires intentional development to become a faithful servant of our Lord Jesus Christ. That is why this fall, beginning Sunday September 23 at 6:30PM, we are rolling out two programs to help develop and further develop the body of Heritage Bible Church.

We will be starting a Children's Missions Program for nursery-6th grade on Sunday nights beginning September 23rd at 6:30. Being an affiliated Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) church with a heart for missions, this is a strength of ours, and it is our privilege and responsibility to pass on this heart for missions to the next generation. The children will learn about missionaries, missions work, and the cultures of a variety of countries around the globe. We are looking for one volunteer to assist with this program now and future volunteers for rotation. Contact Rachel Rice for more information.

As the Children’s Missions program launches on September 23rd, the adults will be launching a 6-week Evangelism series. My goal of this series is to help equip/further equip Heritage Bible Church to share the gospel as the Lord opens those doors. To do so we will focus on “What is the Gospel?” so that you can be equipped to share God’s truth about Jesus Christ no matter what the situation. We will look at a variety of ways to share the gospel, and learn how to share your testimony, evangelistically, in under 3 minutes.

As you evaluate your life in light of what God has called you to do, what trajectory are you currently on? When you stand before the judgment seat of Christ, will he say, “Well done, good and faithful servant”? I desire to encourage, equip, and lead each of you to that place of faithful service to our King.

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.

Celebration of Life for Julie Marsh – To honor her life and devotion to the Lord, we will be having a celebration of Julie's life as our Sunday morning service on September 9. After her life narrative and opening up the Scriptures we will open up the microphone to you all, her church family, to share a favorite memory of Julie, how she has impacted your life, or whatever the Lord lays on your heart in regards to her (similar to 5th Sunday). We will also take up a love offering for Emmaus Prison Ministry to give to them in memory of Julie.

Not a Labor Day Fellowship – We will be having an outdoor dinner fellowship on Sunday, September 9 at 4 PM at the Crowe's house (2362 Foxworth Dr.). Sign up on the sheet on the foyer table or by contacting the secretary and bring a side dish to share!

New Sunday Night Kids Program – We will be starting a children's missions program for nursery-6th grade on Sunday nights beginning September 23rd at 6:30. We are looking for one volunteer to assist with this program now and future volunteers for rotation. Contact Rachel Rice for more information

New Sunday Night Study – On September 23rd at 6:30 PM, we will begin a new 6-week study on evangelism to help equip/further equip Heritage Bible Church to share the gospel as the Lord opens those doors. To do so we will focus on "What is the Gospel?" so that you can be equipped to share God's truth about Jesus Christ no matter what the situation. We will look at a variety of ways to share the gospel, and learn how to share your testimony, evangelistically, in under 3 minutes.

Dinner Groups – We will be starting dinner groups at the end of this month. We will have four separate groups throughout the last week of September. See the sign-up sheets on the foyer table for more information and to sign up. Contact Stephanie Starke if you have questions.

Ladies Tea & Start of Secret Sister – Saturday, September 22nd at 11 AM. See separate section following this for more information.

Young @ Heart – Pastor Hazard will be sharing about His and Cynthia's trip to Canada this month on Friday, September 21 at 11:30 AM. All ages are welcome to come join the fun, food, and fellowship.

Men's Dinner & Great Commission Women – Wednesday, September 19th at 6:30 PM

Kingdom Kids – September 2nd & 23rd

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.

LADIES TEA & SECRET SISTER KICKOFF



Saturday, September 22, 2018 @ 11 AM

RSVP: Sign up on sheet on foyer table or via email (secretary@heritagebiblechurch.net) by Sunday, September 16th.

(IMPORTANT: This event is for ALL Heritage Bible Church Ladies - age 0-99+ and is not limited to those wanting to participate in Secret Sisters.)

DETAILS:

❖ Bring:

- Light lunch dish to share
 - Beverages will be provided. We will have a variety of hot teas, coffee, iced tea, and water.
- Your favorite fancy hat if you have one. 😊
- A nice mug (with filled out Secret Sister info sheet folded up inside) wrapped in an opaque bag.
 - **ONLY IF you are participating in Secret Sister.** *Details below.*

❖ Looking For:

- Table Hosts
 - A table host will be responsible to decorate 1 – 5 ft. round table & provide approximately six place settings. (There are dishes available at church to be used if you'd like.) She will also be the hostess at her table during the tea.
 - **Let Stephanie Starke know by Sunday, September 9th, if you would like to host.**
- Secret Sister Coordinator
 - This person would facilitate the exchange of mugs & info sheets at the Ladies' Tea as well as write down who each person's secret sister is. Then would be the Secret Sister POC until the Reveal in December. She would also be in charge of the Big Reveal. 😊
 - **If interested, contact Stephanie Starke for more details.**

❖ Secret Sister Details:

- **PLEASE NOTE:** You do NOT have to participate in Secret Sisters to come to the Ladies Tea! ALL are welcome!
- This ministry will kick off at the Ladies Tea and continue until the December Ladies' event where we will have the big reveal.
- Those who would like to participate will:
 - Fill out a Secret Sister Questionnaire, which is located on the foyer table.
 - Procure a mug that you like (can be one you own or have purchased).
 - Fold questionnaire so that you cannot see any writing and place in mug.
 - Wrap mug in an opaque bag and bring to the Ladies' Tea on September 22nd.
- At Ladies' Tea, mugs will be brought in, and you will be able to select a mug you like. You are now the secret sister of the person who filled out the questionnaire inside the mug you selected. 😊
- As a Secret Sister, you will
 - Pray for them.
 - Give them a periodic gift or card to let them know you are thinking of them.
 - Doing this once or twice a month is recommended.
 - In December, you will bring a gift for your Secret Sister to the December Ladies' event and will be able to reveal your identity.



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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 August

For Aug 1 to Aug 31

General Operating Fund (GOF) Monthly Budget Revised:	\$ 19,175.00
GOF Tithes and Offerings Received (4 Sundays):	\$ 14,909.03
General Operating Fund Weekly Budget Revised:	\$ 4,425.00
GOF Avg. Weekly Tithes and Offerings (4 Sundays):	\$ 3,727.26

For Year to Date 2018 (based on 8 months and 34 Sundays):

GOF Year to Date (YTD) Tithes and Offerings Budget Revised (monthly basis):	\$ 153,400.00
GOF (YTD) Tithes and Offerings Budget Revised (weekly basis):	\$ 150,450.00
GOF Year to Date Tithes and Offerings Received:	\$ 144,680.01
GOF Year to Date Budgeted Disbursements and Transfers: to Other Funds:	\$(151,401.21)
GOF NonBudget, Board Approved Project-Foundation Stabilization	\$ (3,000.00)
GOF Receipts vs GOF Disbursements and Transfers to Other Funds:	\$ (9,721.20)
GOF Balance as of Aug 31 (218% of monthly budget revised):	\$ 41,745.97
Average Weekly Tithes and Offerings Received (34 Sundays):	\$ 4,255.30
YTD Avg Weekly GOF Budgeted & Non Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers:	\$ (4,541.22)
Missions YTD Income: Receipts (\$5,473.00) + 24% of Tithes & Offerings (\$34,723.21):	\$ 40,196.21
Missions YTD Disbursements & Transfers Out:	\$ (38,356.57)
Missions Fund Balance:	\$ 10,068.09
Building Fund YTD Receipts: (Including \$1,481 In Memory Of Gifts--T.K. and B.A)	\$ 2,612.08
Building Fund Disbursements:	\$ 0.00
Building Fund Balance:	\$ 8,071.76
Bridge Fund Balance:	\$ 3,385.00