



Heritage Bible Church

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Rev. Brian Rice, Pastor

Rev. Henry Hazard, Pastor Emeritus

Weekly Services

Sunday School - 9:15 AM

Worship Service - 10:30 AM

Wednesday Night Community Group:
Meal - 6:15 PM Study - 6:30 PM

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Heritage Bible Church - Panama City



We have several church work days scheduled between now and the end of the year to help with continued cleanup, hurricane repairs, and other needed projects.

Join us this month on August 10th and 24th from 8-11 AM.

Peru Interest Meeting

There will be a brief interest meeting for our next Peru trip (June 19-29, 2020) after the morning service on August 11. Join us if you would like more information about the trip or might be interested in going.

Bush Wedding Shower

August 24
10 AM - 12 PM

We will be hosting a brunch wedding shower for Logan and Brooke. They are registered at Bed Bath and Beyond and Target.

FROM THE PASTOR

Meaning of Life

“Tennis star Boris Becker was at the very top of the tennis world—yet he was on the brink of suicide. He said, ‘I had won Wimbledon twice before, once as the youngest player. I was rich. I had all the material possessions I needed ... It’s the old song of movie stars and pop stars who commit suicide. They have everything, and yet they are so unhappy. I had no inner peace. I was a puppet on a string.’

*“Becker is not the only one to feel that sense of emptiness. The echoes of a hollow life pervade our culture. One doesn’t have to read many contemporary biographies to find the same frustration and disappointment. Jack Higgins, author of such successful novels and *The Eagle Has Landed*, was asked what he would like to have known as a boy. His answer: ‘That when you get to the top, there’s nothing there.’”*

~ Our Daily Bread, July 9, 1994

Fortunately, as followers of Jesus Christ, there is meaning to life, there is purpose, there is hope. Our meaning, purpose and hope is found in God, it can be found in our relationship with Him, it can be found in His will. This does not prevent us, as followers of Christ, from looking for significance, purpose, meaning, and fulfillment outside of God. We can easily fall into the same traps of this world by making success be defined by career, family, friends, social/church status, finances, etc.

So in Christ, what should our purpose, meaning and mission be? For starters, it should align with Christ’s. Why did Jesus come to earth? It wasn’t to build up, protect, comfort, etc. those that already knew Him, but Jesus Himself said when questioned: “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” (Luke 19:10). If anyone had the right to build their own “castle” here on earth, it is Jesus, but He didn’t. His primary objective was looking outward at those who were far from God, and to be used by God to bring salvation to them. Then Jesus would disciple them so that there would be a great spreading of Jesus’ grace and truth across this whole world. Hence the great commission that Jesus gave to His disciples “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:18).

With this in mind, what is our mission individually and the Church? What is the meaning and purpose of our life? By the power of the Holy Spirit to seek, save, and make disciples who seek, save, and make disciples. What is a fully developed disciple, what does that look like? One who reflects the character and priorities of Christ and is engaged in modeling and reproducing that in others. As followers of Christ, it is the heart of God that our character reflects the character of Christ. Our priorities reflect the priorities of Christ. And just as Jesus did we are exemplarily reproducing this in others.

What could have greater impact and meaning than being an instrument of God for reaching the lost for Christ and making disciples who are doing likewise?!? I would encourage you to meditate on this. Allow this to be your prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to change you, do a great work in you, open your eyes to see this world as He sees it, and boldly step forward as He leads.



Our Alliance Women ministry will be taking over the Operation Christmas Child ministry this year. We plan to collect supplies throughout the rest of this year and have a shoebox packing party on

November 16th. Each month we will be collecting different types of items. You can place donations in the box in the foyer.

July-August—School Supplies:

Pencils
Manual Pencil sharpener
Colored pencils
Pencil cases (small)
Pens
Crayons
Markers
Notebooks
Blank index cards
Solar powered calculator
Scissors
Rulers
Protractors
Coloring pads
Coloring books
Watercolor paint set

Check the operation Christmas child website for more ideas

Hurricane Supply Return

On October 15, 2018, we were incredibly blessed to receive many items by our C&MA brothers and sisters to help us recover and rebuild from Hurricane Michael. While most of these items were consumables we were incredibly blessed by a number tools and other resources that we would like to collect them back so that they can be safely stored by the Southern District of the C&MA and quickly distributed the next time a natural disaster strikes in the Southern District (Panhandle, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee). Please see the list below of items that were lent out that we would like to collect. If you have borrowed something and are still using it please continue to utilize the blessing, but please let us know that you have it.

- Generators
- Poulan Chainsaws
- Cordless Drills, Impact Drills, and their Batteries
- Extension Cords
- Fans/Blowers
- Circular Saws
- Gas Cans
- Multi Outlet Extension Cord Hubs

*So if the Son
sets you free,
you will be
free indeed.*

John 8:36 ESV

Set Free

2019 Southern District Women's Retreat

October 18 - 20
Springville Camp and Conference
Center - Odenville, AL

Join us for the annual Southern District Women's Retreat this October! It will be a great time to get away from the busyness of life and spend time with sisters in Christ from around the Southeast.

Registration is \$130 (double room)

before October 1st with a \$5 discount before August 31st. If you are interested in the zipline or giant swing, waivers are available on the foyer table.

For more information, you can grab a brochure from the foyer table.
Sign up on the sheet on the foyer table.

FACTS & FIGURES

Finances for July

For Jul 1 to Jul 31

General Operating Fund (GOF) Monthly Budget:	\$ 18,200.00
GOF Tithes and Offerings Received (4 Sundays):	\$ 21,241.98
General Operating Fund Weekly Budget:	\$ 4,200.00
GOF Avg. Weekly Tithes and Offerings (4 Sundays):	\$ 5,098.08

For Year to Date 2019 (based on 7 months and 30 Sundays):

GOF Year to Date (YTD) Tithes and Offerings Budget (monthly basis):	\$ 127,400.00
GOF (YTD) Tithes and Offerings Budget (weekly basis):	\$ 126,000.00
GOF YTD Tithes and Offerings Receipts-	\$ 116,715.17
GOF YTD Other Receipts:	\$ 1,555.00
GOF Year to Date Disbursements and Transfers to Other Funds:	\$(116,950.01)
GOF Receipts vs GOF Disbursements and Transfers to Other Funds:	\$ 1,320.16
GOF Balance as of Jul 31 (271% of monthly budget):	\$ 49,343.74
Average Weekly Tithes and Offerings Received (30 Sundays):	\$ 3,890.51
YTD Avg Weekly GOF Disbursements & Transfers:	\$ (3,898.33)
Missions YTD Income: Receipts (\$7,424) + 24% of Tithes & Offerings (\$28,011.64):	\$ 35,435.64
Missions YTD Disbursements	\$(35,974.42)
Missions Fund Balance:	\$ 5,909.63
Missions Peru Trip Balance: (Income YTD—\$2,696.58; Expenses YTD--\$3,651.25)	\$ 115.45
Building Fund YTD Receipts: (Including \$1,550 In Memory of Gifts)	\$ 2,677.34
Building Fund Disbursements:	\$ 0.00
Building Fund Balance:	\$ 19,432.65
Bridge Fund Balance:	\$ 6,035.00
Hurricane Relief Fund Balance: Disbursements: (14,345.81)	\$ 3,869.71