



Heritage Bible Church

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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Heritage Bible Church - Panama City

Weekly Services

Sunday School - 9:15 AM

Worship Service - 10:30 AM

Sunday Night Service - 6:00 PM

The Pursuit of God Book Study

Kids Missions Program

Youth

Wednesday Night Community Group:

Meal - 6:15 PM

Study - 6:30 PM

Board Meeting

Thursday, October 24

6:00 PM

Landscape Design Contest

As we rebuild from Hurricane Michael, we have a blank slate for our property, and we want your input on the future design! If interested, please sketch your proposed property design and submit it to us for review by Nov. 1. Drawings of the property are available on the foyer table. Contact us if you would like a digital copy.

FROM THE PASTOR

October holds a special place in my heart. It was Saturday, October 3rd, 2015, just after 6PM that Rachel, Audrey, Juliet, and I pulled into our new home in Panama City to fulfill God's calling for our lives to serve at Heritage Bible Church. Incidentally, this would be the first time Rachel and the girls would step foot in the house that God had miraculously provided for us, just 4/10 of a mile from Heritage Bible Church. On October 3rd, 2016, just after 6PM, God brought Caleb into our lives. The little boy we didn't know we needed, whom God blessed us with and was our Panama City "anchor baby".

Thank you all for being with us, praying for us, and loving us for these first four years together. Thank you for your prayer for Caleb with his seizures/recovery! Praise God that Caleb has been seizure free for 29 months, and is now discharged from his pediatric neurologist at Shands as well as from his speech therapist here in town because he is now at age level with his vocabulary!

Of course, we cannot forget October 10, 2018 when Hurricane Michael struck our community. No one in our church was left unaffected. Many of us are still working with insurance and construction companies to rebuild our homes. The potential of another storm reveals the unhealed wounds inside that we didn't realize were there. Please ask for help if you need it. There are many willing to help.

We have been through a lot together as a church family in these four short years, and I write to you more committed than ever to be your pastor! I am greatly encouraged by the work that God has started to do in many hearts in the church. Through the first four weeks of our Sunday Evening study into the deeper life through A.W. Tozer's book, *The Pursuit of God*, many are experiencing deep conviction in their spirits in regards to their personal experience with God. Much in this world keep God from the centers of our hearts: things, self-righteousness, pity, confidence, sufficiency, admiration, love, etc. as well as the fact that we falsely reckon the physical world to be more real than the spiritual world. If you haven't joined us yet, it's not too late, we still have six more weeks left.

I am also greatly encouraged by the hours spent with the elders these past few months seeking God's vision and will for Heritage Bible Church as well as implementing it. "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs. 29:18) I firmly believe that God has placed you and me here in Panama City to "Seek, save and make disciples who seek, save and make disciples." (Luke 19:10, Matthew 28:19-20) The fields are ripe for harvest. Join us as we step outside of our comfort zone, in humble obedience toward Christ in reaching the lost and hurting in our community. God is not done with Heritage Bible Church. Continue to be salt and light for our community.

The Pursuit of God

Sunday Nights at 6 PM

This 10 week study will follow A.W. Tozer's book *The Pursuit of God* in which we will pursue the aspect of God's holiness in our lives, and prayerfully seek Him for renewal and transformation.

While the adults are meeting on Sunday nights, kids up through 6th grade are invited to join us for our kids missions program where we will learn about missions around the world!

Youth group also meets at this time for teens in grades 7-12.



If you would like to donate to help fill Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, we are collecting toys and clothes this month, including:

Small Blanket

Outfit

Hats

Gloves , hat and scarf sets

Sunglasses

Doll and clothes

Toy tea set

Small cars and trucks

Stuffed animals

Jump rope

Chalk

Deflated soccer ball with pump

Harmonica or recorder

Finger puppets

Slinky's

Yo-yos

Jacks

Kick ball deflated with pump

Foam balls

Check the operation Christmas child website for more ideas

Men on a MISSION



All men 13 and older are invited to join us for our men's ministry. Come as we intentionally pursue God, Biblical community, and the mission that God has called every man to through dinner, fellowship, study of His Word, and prayer for one another. We will continue our 6-week study: *A Man and His Design*. "There are so many voices out there that are telling you what it means to be a man. Discover God's design for men with a clear definition and inspiring vision of Authentic Manhood." Suggested cost for meal \$5/person.

Oct 8 - Create and Cultivate

Oct 22- Manhood Definition

Nov 5 - King/Warrior

Nov 19 - Lover/Friend

Dec 3 - Seasons



Our Oct. 5th work day has been cancelled.

Join us for our next work day on Oct 19th.
Future Dates: Nov 2 & 23, and Dec 7

FACTS & FIGURES

Finances for Sep

For Sep 1 to Sep 30

General Operating Fund (GOF) Monthly Budget:	\$ 18,200.00
GOF Tithes and Offerings Received (5 Sundays):	\$ 16,625.23
General Operating Fund Weekly Budget:	\$ 4,200.00
GOF Avg. Weekly Tithes and Offerings (5 Sundays):	\$ 3,325.05

For Year to Date 2019 (based on 9 months and 39 Sundays):

GOF Year to Date (YTD) Tithes and Offerings Budget (monthly basis):	\$ 163,800.00
GOF (YTD) Tithes and Offerings Budget (weekly basis):	\$ 163,800.00
GOF YTD Tithes and Offerings Receipts-	\$ 146,062.42
GOF YTD Other Receipts:	\$ 2,861.00
GOF Year to Date Disbursements and Transfers to Other Funds:	\$(155,129.22)
GOF Receipts vs GOF Disbursements and Transfers to Other Funds:	\$ (6,205.80)
GOF Balance as of Sep 30 (230% of monthly budget):	\$ 41,817.78
Average Weekly Tithes and Offerings Received (39 Sundays):	\$ 3,745.19
YTD Avg Weekly GOF Disbursements & Transfers:	\$ (3,977.68)
Missions YTD Income: Receipts (\$9,012) + 24% of Tithes & Offerings (\$35,054.99):	\$ 44,066.99
Missions YTD Disbursements and \$400 transfer to Missions Peru Trip	\$ (45,715.69)
Missions Fund Balance:	\$ 4,799.71
Missions Peru Trip Balance:	\$ 2,816.67
Building Fund YTD Receipts: (Including \$1,550 In Memory of Gifts)	\$ 2,819.71
Building Fund Disbursements: (Replacement Shed):	\$ (1,205.85)
Building Fund Balance:	\$ 18,369.17
Bridge Fund Balance:	\$ 6,485.00
Hurricane Relief Fund Balance: Disbursements: (14,791.41)	\$ 3,518.25