

NEWS+EVENTS

February 9, 2025

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February Memory Verse: “Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.” ~ *Philippians 1:27* Look for the February Two-Year Reading Plan at the Welcome Desk and on our website. A One-Year Plan is also available.

Orchestra Rehearsal: this Wednesday, Feb. 12, 7:15-8:00pm If you would like to be part of the choir or orchestra, please email jonathan@heritageokc.org.

GRAVITY (aka Big Weekend): Feb. 14-16 (7-12 grades) – Please pray for the students that the seeds planted next weekend will take root and grow.

Life Adult (60 & up) Luncheon: Feb. 16 Chapel/Café right after the worship service. Sign up by TODAY at the Welcome Desk!

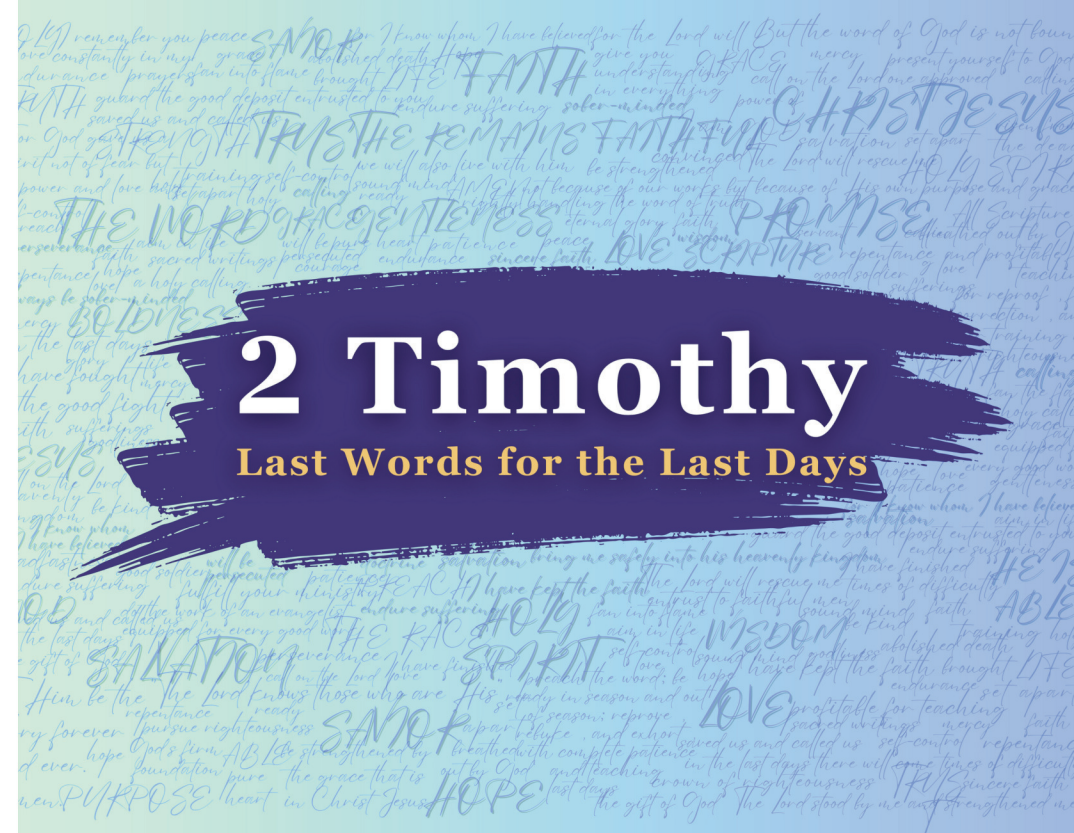
Join an ABF Class! Are you looking to grow in your walk with Christ and build meaningful relationships with other believers? ABF groups meet on Sundays at 9:00am, offering a variety of classes for adults in every stage of life. In ABF groups, we study God’s Word together, encourage one another, and strengthen our faith through fellowship and service. Stop by the Welcome Desk for more information and to find a brief description of our classes!

Generation Why? Apologetics Conference (7-12 Grade): Saturday, Mar. 1 at OBU – What does it mean to be a Christian in the post-Christian age? This apologetics conference offers an opportunity to be encouraged, empowered, and equipped as a follower of Christ in navigating the challenges of today’s culture. For more details and to register, see the Events page of our website.

Life Adult Retreat SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, March 29. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

Volunteers needed for Sundays in our Children's Ministry. Please prayerfully consider committing to a season of service and experience the blessing of impacting the next generation for eternity. For details about various opportunities, email shawn@heritageokc.org or stop by the Children’s Desk.

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As a family of forgiven people, we are honored that you have joined with us today as we seek to develop people who delight in God and declare His glory—from our neighborhoods to the nations. Our prayer is that you will connect with God through Christ this morning and that this would be the beginning of a deep connection with other believers as well. Please take a moment to fill out the Communication Card located in the chair pocket near you and place it in an offering pedestal in the back of the Worship Center.

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Call to Worship

Philippians 1:27-30

Pastoral Prayer

*Phil Bruce
Elder*

Songs of Worship

*Christ Our Hope
in Life and Death*

*Christus Victor
(Amen)*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 62

Songs of Worship

*My Soul Will Wait
(Psalm 62)*

Day by Day

Message

*Marty Brown
Teaching Pastor*

Song of Response

*Christ Our Hope
in Life and Death*

“The carnal mind is at enmity against God (Rom. 8:7), and the more His children are conformed to His image the more they will bring down upon themselves the spite of His foes. Being “persecuted for righteousness sake” (Mt. 5:10) means being opposed because of right living. Those who perform their Christian duty condemn those who live to please self, and therefore evoke their hatred. This persecution assumes various forms, from annoying and taunting to opposing and tormenting.”

~ Arthur W. Pink

“Christians are persecuted for the sake of righteousness because of their loyalty to Christ. Real loyalty to Him creates friction in the hearts of those who pay Him only lip service. Loyalty arouses their consciences, and leaves them with only two alternatives: follow Christ, or silence Him. Often their only way of silencing Christ is by silencing His servants. Persecution, in subtle or less subtle forms, is the result.”

~ Sinclair Ferguson

“Suffering is common for all. However, persecution (which is a form of suffering) can be avoided. All you have to do is compromise.”

~ Voddie Baucham

“Persecution by the devil, through evil men, allowed by God is ordained to strengthen the church whereby Christ’s lampstand will burn brightly as a holy witness. It always separates the true and false believers. It purges away the chaff from the wheat. It strengthens and refines the true children of God (see Rev. 2:10).”

~ Randy Smith

Submitted, Standing, and Suffering

2 Timothy 3:10-13

Big Truth of this Series: The apostle Paul encourages and warns Timothy and all believers to follow, entrust, and be always ready to proclaim God’s Word with confidence and joy as days of difficulty lie ahead.

Big Truth of Today’s Message: Paul encourages Timothy (and all believers) to submit to God, to stand firm in the faith, and to endure the sufferings of persecution from evil people.

v. 10 – “*You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness...*”

v. 11 – “*...my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra – which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me.*”

v. 12 – “*...Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted...*”

v. 13 – “*...while evil people and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.*”