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Sharing the Fruit of the Spirit

The Grape Vine

Heritage Baptist Newsletter

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Dates to Remember:

- July 3: Women's Ministry Meeting 5:00 p.m.
- July 3: Men's Ministry Meeting 5:00 p.m.
- July 3: Mission Trip Report 6:00 p.m.
- July 10: Last day to sign up for Teen Camp @ www.hbc-youth.org
- July 11-15: Vacation Bible School 9:00 - noon
- July 17: Music Reading Class 6:-05 p.m.
- July 24: Music Reading Class 6:05 p.m.
- July 24-29: Teen Camp in Bogg Springs
- July 28: Deacon Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- July 31: Music Reading Class 6:05 p.m.



Music Notes



KUDOS TO THE SANCTUARY CHOIR! I am so proud of our Sanctuary Choir! They have faithfully attended rehearsals and prepared the music offered in praise to God. Through the month of July the choir will not rehearse, but when we resume I hope to see new faces who would like to help us give our gift to the Lord.

WHO, ME? LEARN MUSIC? You can have some fun and learn something in the Music Fundamentals class I am teaching on Sunday evenings at 6:05. The remaining dates are July 17, 24, and 31. Here's what others are saying; "It was fun!" "I learned something!" "Do you have any more M&Ms?"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - On August 7 Shawn Drewitt will lead our music worship in the morning service. Shawn loves to sing about the Lord and encourage the Lord's family. Be here and bring a guest!

Bro. Dennis Bell, Minister of Music



Consider the Thirteen Folds of the American Flag

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in Eternal Life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country and to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weak nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, the United States of America, for in these words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but she is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold represents where our hearts lie as we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces who have protected our country and flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the One who entered the valley of the shadow of death so that we might see the light of day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood and mothers, for it is their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that help form the character of the men and women who have made this country.

The tenth fold is a tribute to fathers, for they too have given their sons and daughters for the defense of our country.

The eleventh fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in the Hebrews' eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of the Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The thirteenth fold has the stars at the uppermost and reminds us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

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Summer is here. Thank you for faithfully supporting this special ministry. Until next time....B.C.

Carl E. Fitzgerald, President Heritage Baptist Institute

Youth News

Two major events are occurring in July!

1. The youth are encouraged to take an active part in Vacation Bible School, July 11-15. They will be acting as guides for the various age groups and helping in other ways.

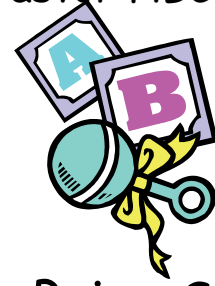
2. Teen Camp! July 24-29 at Bogg Springs.

In addition to these events, don't forget the regular Praise Band Practice at 5:00 P.M. every Sunday evening followed by the CORE Bible Study at 6:05 P.M.

To keep up with the youth news and events go to the youth website:

hbc-youth.org.

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Announcement!

The usual author of our Pastor's Corner, Brian Simmons, was excused this month. He has been just a little bit busy, as he and his wife Cheryl have been welcoming their new baby boy, Gavin Gene Simmons. Congratulations Brian and Cheryl and new big brother Ethan! We look forward to having Brian's column back next month.

Prayer Ministry



Keeping Our Eyes Upon Jesus:

A recent study of the subject "Meditate" led me to the book of Genesis chapter 24. Verse 63 of this chapter in reference presents Isaac as he "went out to meditate in the field at the eventide." During meditation one concentrates attention on some subjects of awareness. It usually involves turning attention inwardly to some points of reference. This is what Isaac was doing and his point of reference was nature.

Of great relevance are his choices of place and time. These choices are the field and eventide. The field presents us with a study woven around texts of reflection. It presents pictures such as cedar and hyssop, soaring eagle and chirping grasshopper, blue expanse of heaven with rainbows and drops of dew. All this scenery of nature, when seen with eyes that are divinely opened, will reveal teaching flashes upon the mind more vividly than from pages of written books.

Also in the text of reference the time or season is noteworthy; it was "at the eventide." The time when sunset draws a veil over the day and reveals the tranquility of the soul that yields the joys of heavenly communion. Learning from Isaac I have made Sky-gazing a worthy routine.

It is an adventure that further presents the opportunity to appreciate the awesomeness of our God. It allows us to understand that all created things point to their maker and to "count nothing common or unclean" (Acts 10:14). Their maker is the Great I Am- The omnipresent, The omnipotent and omniscient. The good news for Isaac is that he was able to find his wife Rebekah (vs 67).

As Christians, Jesus should be our theme and focus. May He be the focus in all our public and private prayers.

Hezekiah Orisafunmi Church-wide Prayer Ministry.



Vacation Bible School

Come Join the

SonSurf Beach Bash

July 11-15 9:00 am to 12 Noon

Here at Heritage Baptist Church

**Ages: Just finished Kindergarten to
Just finished 5th Grade**



Visit the VBS table in the foyer for further information.

