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Sharing the Fruit of the Spirit

The Grape Vine

Heritage Baptist Newsletter



This publication will keep you an informed member of Heritage Baptist.

Upcoming Events

- June 7:** Church-wide Women's Ministry Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- June 7:** Belize Mission Team Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- June 14:** Belize Mission Team Meeting 4:00 p.m. in Library
- June 14:** Missions Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- June 14:** Sunday Night Music Service 7:00 p.m.
- June 15-19:** Kid's Kamp at Pine Springs Camp
- June 20:** Belize Mission Team Workday
- June 21:** Belize Third Sunday Breakfast 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- June 21:** Belize Mission Team Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- June 21:** All art for Child's Art Contest Due TODAY
- June 21:** Prayer Dedication for Belize Mission Team 10:45 a.m.
- June 25:** Deacon Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- June 27:** Mission Team Departs to Belize
- July 5:** Mission Team returns from Belize

Announcements

National Day of Prayer

A great big "God Bless You" to all who participated in National Day of Prayer! To those who came to the church: we more than quadrupled the number who attended last year. A big group of our church family went to Sugar Land Town Square to hear our pastor and others from various denominations pray for our country. It was heart-swelling. Brother Murphy was wonderful as were the others. There were several hundred people there with smiles on their faces and tears in their eyes. I believe that our big old Red, White, and Blue still has power to pull us all together if it is backed by God-fearing and believing people.

There were so many who couldn't leave their jobs, but they prayed with us, as did others not able to attend. We also had many who chose to fast along with praying. For them, I know that they received a special blessing.

I am already looking forward to next year. Please put it on your calendar to be there. God just loves us so much, especially when we join together as a church family to tell Him all that is on our hearts.

Vivian Hays for Prayer Ministry, Citizens Committee

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jared and Jennifer Murphy on the birth of their precious son Jayce. Welcome Baby Jayce!



Music Notes



"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King." Psalm 98:4-6

Joyful noise alert!

A pleasing and joyful noise was reported to have been heard on Sunday evening, May 10. The Lord heard the sound of violins, cellos, tone bars, piano and voices giving their praise to Him at our very first Second Sunday Night Singing. Comments were heard such as, "I loved it!", "It was too short", and "What will we hear next month?". I am so eager to see how our church will express itself in praise to the Lord on June 14 at 7:00 p.m., our next Second Sunday Night Singing. Remember, it's a time for all ages and skill levels to make a joyful nose. Contact Bro. Bell to schedule your participation.

You could get into this -

Jackie Lorino instructs the hand bell choir each Sunday night at 6:05 in Room 113. Ringers are not required to have any previous experience with hand bells. Contact her right away!

Worship Strings Captured!

The Worship Strings ensemble of Heritage Baptist Church concluded its 2009 tour with a worship program on March 18 in our sanctuary. The program is now available on DVD! The music from that evening is also available on CD. A huge thank you goes to Larry Lorino for video production and to Brad and Donna Bonnette for audio mixing and production. Contact Bro. Bell to request your copy.



Prayer Requests

The Belize Mission Team leaves June 27 and returns July 5. Please pray for those who are going, that they will have safe travel and will be able to reach many people with the gospel message. The Belize Mission Team:

Sophia Chu	Tammy Schmitz	Jesse McPeek	Ben Woodward
Lindsey Deramo	John Strader (HBI Student)	Shannon Landwehr	Amber Woodward
Michelle Garza	Becky Wood	Dave Kissoon	Wendy Wood
Adrian Joseph	David Wood		

Got News...

Or an announcement or thank you? If so, please submit your information to Lavena Deramo no later than June 15 so it can be put into the July newsletter. Please be aware that since our space is limited we may be forced to edit your submission for length. We are not able to accept editorials, poetry, devotionals, etc. at this time. When that changes you will be the first to know because it will be reported in this newsletter! You can contact Lavena in person at church, or by phone at 281-499-5780.

Children's News



Kid's Kamp is Koming! (deliberate misspelling)

Parents, remember Kid's Kamp is June 15-19 this year. If your child is registered to attend, please contact Michelle Garza with any questions.



Art Contest

There will be a VBS art contest again this year. The contest will be open to all children who have just completed grades K through 5. To enter the contest, draw a picture of a **forest scene** or your favorite **forest animal**. If you need some help or a few ideas, there will be an art class on June 7 at 5:00 PM at the church. You need to submit your picture to Becky Wood by June 21. All drawings will be displayed in the VBS craft room. There will be a separate contest for preschoolers; their drawings will be displayed in the preschool VBS rooms. So kids, crack out those crayons, markers, or colored pencils and start drawing!

HBI News



The spring semester of classes at HBI was completed on May 5, with graduation on May 15. If you are interested in a summer class, there is an ongoing Bible Study class in the book of Hebrews taught by Brother Carl Fitzgerald every Monday morning at Heritage Baptist Church. Plans are continuing for correspondence courses that may be offered in the fall semester. Remember HBI is your school; please partner with us in prayer that young men will be called to the ministry and will commit to furthering their education in preparing to answer that call.



Looking Ahead

Remember **Vacation Bible School** will be July 13-17. If you have not signed up to help, there is still time to do so. Contact Becky Wood to find out where you can serve in this important ministry.



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Pastor's Corner



In Joshua 1, we see the Lord giving commands to Joshua, who had been chosen by God to be the leader of the Israelites after Moses' death.

The Israelites would soon begin battling for the land God had promised them. Their new leader, though he had seen the unbelief of his people and the way they treated Moses, was ready for the task before him.

Notice what God says to Joshua in these verses.

In Verse 3, God says, "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses."

He continues in verse 5 and says, "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee or forsake thee."

These had to be comforting words to Joshua, who had already proven to be a man of great faith. He wasn't depending on his own strength and intelligence to lead his people in battle. He could rely on God's strength.

God said he would be with Joshua as He was with Moses. What kind of relationship did Moses have with God? Exodus 33:11 tells us the Creator of the universe, Almighty God, spoke with Moses as a man does with his friend.

Joshua had nothing to fear. Did he have a daunting task ahead of him? Of course. But God was going to see that His will was accomplished and He had chosen Joshua as a means of executing that will.

When God chooses you to be part of His plan and you feel Him calling you to service, know that He will be with you every step of the way – just like He has been with His children throughout time.

Also note in Verses 7-8 God told Joshua to follow the law and to not stray from it. We need to do the same. While having the faith of Joshua is vital to a successful relationship with God, knowing and following God's Word goes hand in hand with that faith.

God doesn't say "I've chosen you and no matter what, you'll be successful, Joshua." That success came under the condition of keeping God's commands.