

HERITAGE NEWS

Monthly Newsletter



Reaching People in the Name of Christ - Discipling People in the Way of Christ - Empowering People in the Service of Christ



Coffee and Conversations

By: Jorie Wright

This year, it's 36th birthday, Heritage Baptist Church celebrated together with Coffee and Conversations, a one room Sunday School event.

Our Congregational Life team planned a fun one room Sunday school event that included church members of all ages. We did a "speed-dating" activity where two people were randomly paired together to answer a question and have a conversation on topics such as interests, hobbies, foods, and what brought them to Heritage.

It was amazing to hear just how many conversations were going on and watch how engaged people were in the conversation with their partner. The idea of the activity

was to help connect people and encourage building relationships within the church.

In a church family, just like any family, we have to stop and be purposeful about connecting with each other. In order to be a healthy family, we have to continuously work to build lasting relationships with each other. People committed to building relationships with God and each other brought Heritage Baptist Church together 36 years ago. Hopefully, as we move into year 37, we'll discover new ways to grow together!



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Believing is seeing

By: Michael Tutterow

Let those with eyes to see...

John's Gospel tells us a story about Jesus giving sight to a man born blind. The irony is that it is a blind man who helps us see Jesus in a whole new light..

It's easy to be blind to others, isn't it? We don't recognize a skill or talent. We miss some detail about a new hairstyle or item of clothing.

We miss other things, too. We get in a rush and miss the beauty of a sunset. Preoccupied, we miss the friend who was waving at us when we drove by. It's hard to see everything if you don't know where to look.

There are also things we don't want to see. People we can see but don't want to see right now. Things that make us uncomfortable, like suffering or injustice. Even things about ourselves that would just as soon ignore. So we turn a blind eye.

Sometimes I find that I need to have my eyes opened so that even the things I'm most familiar with I see anew.

A couple years ago, I was sitting with my friend Randy before surgery. Nurses came in

and out performing various "nursing" tasks. A nurse anesthetist came in and began some preparations and offered some assuring words about what she would be doing during the surgery.

Then, before she stepped out of the room, she added, "My name is Hope, and I'll be back in a few minutes."

Randy and I looked at each other in amazement. Now that's who I want with me when I'm going into surgery: Hope!!

When she told us her name, we saw something new about her. She became so much more than a nurse. We thought we "knew" but then our eyes were opened. Who doesn't want to see "hope" when going into surgery?

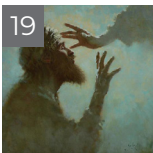
Jesus invites us, His followers, to look at those around us, to look at ourselves no less, and see more than what we "know" about them. Imagine being able to see them and believe that the God of love and grace is at work in and through them too.

Coming up this month, we have an opportunity to see Jesus in a new light. *Cotton Patch Gospel* places the story of Jesus in a modern-day rural south setting. It's an eye-opening take on an ancient story that will get your toes tapping -- and stir your conscience, too.

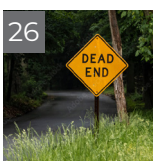
Perhaps it's the fresh take we all need to open our eyes to the true wonder of the Gospel. And to its hope.

So whatever you do, don't blink, or you might miss it. See you Sunday.

Michael



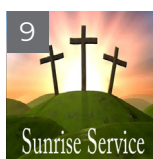
3/19/23
"Praying with Eyes Wide Open"
Eph. 5:8-20
John 9:1-41



3/26/23
"Sisters at a Dead End"
Ezekiel 37:1-14
John 11:1-45



4//2/23 - **Palm Sunday**
"The End of the Road"
Phillipians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:1-27:66



4//9/23 - **EASTER SUNRISE**
"You Will See Him"
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10



4//9/23 - **EASTER (10am)**
"The Garden of Hope"
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18

MARCH 25, 2023

FAMILY LOCAL MISSIONS DAY

Let us love locally and help meet needs in our community. **There will be hands on opportunities for the whole CHURCH FAMILY.**

3 Ways to Participate

- #1 - Support Tranquility House (Domestic Violence)**
Drop Off Children's Pull Ups & Feminine Hygiene Products in the foyer.
- #2 - Participate in the Spring start up of the Community Garden 9am-12pm**
Come till soil, repair boxes, make plant signs & restore beauty to the garden.
- #3 Run the Glow for Life 5K & Support Bartow Family Resource Center**
Sign up at 5Kforlife.org

Celebration Breakfast & Speed Dating by Congregational Life

Photos By: Robyn Rhodes





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Let's Get Together

March 14 - April 10

March - Local Missions Month

- 14 & 21 - Reading Buddies
- 24 - Cotton Patch Performance 7:00 pm - \$10 tickets
- 25 - Family Local Missions Day (3 in 1 Day) 9 am-12:00 pm
 - Tranquility House Collections
 - Community Garden
 - Glow for Life 5K (Bartow Family Resource Center)
- 26 - Cotton Patch Performance 3:00 pm - \$10 tickets
- 30 - Act III trip to the Biblical History Center in LaGrange
 - We will leave HBC at NOON. Eat before you come.

April

- 2 - Palm Sunday
- 5 - **NO Wed. Night** Activities - **Spring Break**
- 6- Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm
- 7- Good Friday Reflections & Readings - Noon in the Sanctuary (Self-Guided)
- 9 - **EASTER SUNDAY**
 - Sunrise Service 7:00 am
 - Easter Worship 10:00 am
- 10 - Church Office **Closed**



General Budget Receipts March 5 & 12 = \$23,998.63
YTD Receipts: \$ 70,500.91
YTD Expenses: \$ 74,699.52
Debt Retirement Receipts March 5 & 12 = \$1,293.43
YTD Receipts: \$ 6,374.91
YTD Expenses: \$ 7432.56
Other Receipts March 5 & 12 = \$115.00
Local Missions = \$1,170.00 (Goal is \$7,000)

Cotton Patch Gospel



Please save the dates & invite your friends.
We will have two performances.
March 24 at 7:00 pm
and March 26 at 3:00 pm
Tickets will be \$10 at the door.

Holy Week - April 2 - April 9



Palm Sunday 4/2/23

Children & Choir
are invited to
wave palms
during the
processional

Maundy Thursday 4/6/23 at 7:00 pm

Choral
Reflections and
Tenebrae
Service



Good Friday 4/7/23 at

Noon
Silent
Reflections
and Readings in
the Sanctuary
(Self-guided)

EASTER SUNDAY 4/9/23

Sunrise Service
at 7:00 am
and EASTER
Worship at
10:00 am

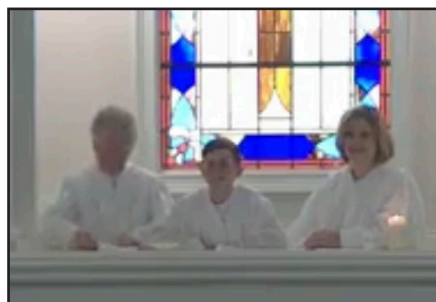
New Baby Welcome!



Feb. 10

Please welcome Gilbert (Gil) Walton Roberts. Gil was born on February 10. He weighed 10 lbs. & 10 oz. and he was 22 1/2" long. Gil is pictured with his parents Kevin & Bonnie & Big Brother Huey.

Baptism of Will Phillips



Feb. 26

Welcome to the family of faith Will Phillips. Thank you for sharing your faith story and inviting your family and friends to join you on this special day.

Being a Good Neighbor



March 3

The youth prepared homemade Chicken Spaghetti, salad and bread to deliver to the Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter. It looked & smelled delicious!