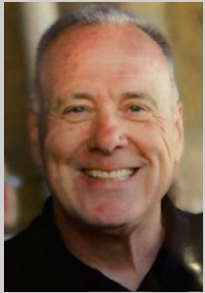


HERITAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

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Pastor's Corner... Mother's Day: A Legacy That Lives On



Dear Church Family & Friends,

May is a beautiful reminder that God is always at work bringing new life, growth, and renewal. As flowers bloom and days grow longer, we are reminded of the quiet, faithful work that often happens beneath the surface, work that doesn't always get noticed right away, but produces something lasting and beautiful in time.

This month, we especially pause to honor and celebrate mothers. Mother's Day is more than a holiday, it is an opportunity to recognize the incredible influence of women who nurture, guide, and shape lives that echo for generations. Whether biological, adoptive, or spiritual, mothers carry a unique calling that reflects the very heart of God.

Scripture reminds us in 2 Timothy 1:5 of the sincere faith that lived first in Lois and Eunice before being passed on to Timothy. What a powerful picture of Legacy! Faith is not just taught, it is lived out daily in conversations, prayers, sacrifices, and unwavering love. Many of us can look back and trace the hand of God in our lives through the influence of a faithful mother or mother figure.

At the same time, we recognize that Mother's Day can bring a mix of emotions. For some, it is a day of great joy. For others, it carries grief, longing, or difficult memories. As a church family, we want to be a place of encouragement, compassion, and support for every person, in every season.

Let's encourage our mothers this month to never underestimate the power of their influence. Their small acts of faithfulness, the prayers whispered, the kindness shown, and the truth lived out are seeds God uses to shape lives and build His Kingdom. Whether you are raising children, mentoring others, or simply living out your faith in your daily walk, God is at work through you.

I encourage you to invite family and friends to join us for this special Mother's Day service.

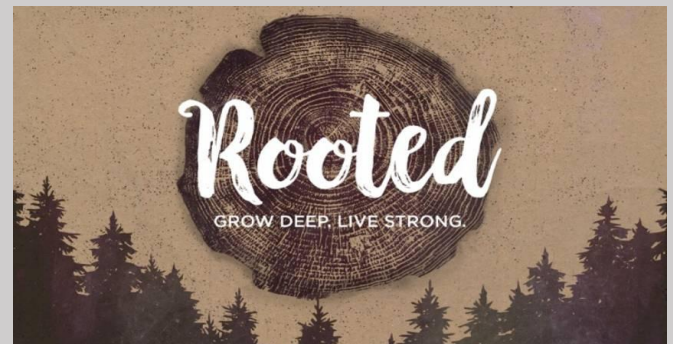
**With gratitude for each of you,
Pastor Darcy**

Honoring the Women Who Shape Our Lives

- **Sunday, May 10th – 10:00 a.m. / Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 a.m.**
- **A Special Time to Honor All Mothers.**
- **Meaningful Recognitions & Gift flowers for every mother.**

Join us with your family and friends!

“Rooted and Built Up in Him...” Begins Sunday, May 17th



Colossians 2:7 tells us to be **rooted and built up in Him...strengthened in the faith.** But in a busy world, it's easy to settle for a shallow connection with God—turning to Him only when we need something. True spiritual growth doesn't just happen on the surface—it starts deep within. Just like a tree needs strong roots to thrive, our faith depends on how deeply we are rooted in Christ.

God is inviting us all to something deeper. If you've been feeling spiritually stagnant; struggling to stay consistent in your faith; wanting a deeper relationship with God this sermon series will help you cultivate a heart open to growth.

Join us in this new sermon series as we build strong spiritual habits and draw closer to Jesus in every season.

Rediscover God's Word



At Heritage we believe that a strong, growing faith begins with time in God's Word. That's why we encourage our church family to take part in a simple but powerful resource—**Read Scripture**.

The heart behind this resource is clear—help people read the Bible themselves and discover the truth and beauty of God's Word. **Read Scripture provides a year-long reading plan that walks through the entire Bible** while highlighting the big picture of Scripture and how it all points to Jesus.

What makes this resource especially helpful is the combination of daily readings along with short, engaging videos from The Bible Project that explains each book of the Bible and key themes along the way. These tools help bring clarity and understanding, making scripture more accessible whether you are new to the Bible or have been reading it for years.

The goal isn't perfection—it's consistency. Even a few minutes each day in God's Word can begin to transform your thinking, strengthen your faith, and deepen your relationships with Christ.

The vision of **Read Scripture** is not telling people what the Bible says, but to teach them how to discover truth for themselves in the Word.

Let's commit together as a church to becoming people who are rooted in Scripture reading, learning, and growing in truth.

Visit [Read Scripture](#) or download the app and be prepared to start reading on your cell phone or computer together on June 1st.

What People Think...

"This app makes reading scripture engaging and accessible for everyone..."

"This app and the videos are incredible! It has opened my mind and heart to understanding God's Word..."

"This is the best Bible reading plan ever!"

"I am a new believer, and I just accessed your app. Thank you! It really helps me begin my study of what and who I am in Christ."

Patriotic Service & Barbeque -- Volunteers Needed!



Make plans to join us for a special Patriotic Service & Barbecue on Sunday July 5th at Heritage Community Church.

This will be a meaningful day as we gather to hear some great patriotic music from our 20 voice choir, give thanks for God's blessings, and honor those who have served our country. Following the service, we'll enjoy a great time of good fellowship, and family fun for all ages.

To make this day a success, we are inviting our church family to be part of the Patriotic Team! There are many opportunities to serve, including setting up tables and chairs, moving a platform to outdoor space, and helping with promoting the event to the community.

We will also need volunteers to help create a fun and welcoming environment for families by assisting with kid's inflatables and youth activities. **There will be a planning meeting after church this Sunday, May 17th 3rd after the morning service for everyone interested in helping.**

Calling all Men – Join us May 16th



Men, you're invited to join us at County Cousin restaurant on Saturday, May 16th at 9 am for another great time of food and fellowship at our monthly's Men's Breakfast.

This gathering has become a highlight for many men at Heritage. Whether it's your first time or you've been coming regularly, you'll find a welcoming group of guys who enjoy real conversation, a few laughs, and meaningful moments that point us back to Christ. It's also a great event to invite a friend, neighbor, or coworker—

Mark it on your calendar now to be part of this special morning. We look forward to seeing you there and continuing to build a strong community of men who encourage one another and live out their faith every day.

HCC Honors Our Graduates. . .



Heritage Community Church would like to honor your graduating seniors during our 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 31st.

Students from high school, college, and those with advanced degrees will all be recognized and receive a gift from the church. If you know of a graduate from last Summer or Winter, or someone graduating in the Spring, please let us know by providing us with specific school and degree information. You can do that by filling out this form at <https://heritagecc.church/graduate/> If you prefer you can use the QR code below. This will help us recognize your graduate on this special day—we'd love to celebrate with them!



You're Invited to the Welcome Table!



There's something special about walking into a room and immediately feeling at home. That's exactly the heart behind our Senior Adult Potluck Welcome Table—a simple but meaningful way to make sure no one walks in unnoticed and everyone

feels invited to come.

At each Senior Adult Potluck, the Welcome Table serves as the first point of connection. Friendly faces are there to greet you with a smile, help you find where to go, and introduce you to others. This space is designed to help build relationships and make meaningful connections.

Our Senior Adult Ministry continues to grow, and the Welcome Table plays an important role in that growth. It reflects who we are as a church—welcoming, caring, and committed to making sure every person feels seen and valued.

If you're attending the **next potluck on May 19th @ 12:00 noon**, be sure to stop by the Welcome Table—We'd love to meet you.

Ladies, What an Opportunity for You!



Our Women's Bible Study continues to be a meaningful and encouraging time for the ladies of Heritage.

Each week, women gather to dive into God's Word, share life together, and grow in faith in a welcoming and supportive place where you can ask questions, build friendships, and be strengthened in your walk with Christ.

There's something special about women coming together to pray, study scripture, and encourage one another through life's ups and downs. It's more than a study—it's a community where lasting relationships are formed and hearts are uplifted.

If you've been thinking about getting connected, this is a perfect opportunity. There's always room for you, and you'll be warmly welcomed. Come and join us.

Give Rachele Bryson a call for more information—360-269-6008.

Youth Meet This Sunday, May 3rd



Our youth will have another great opportunity to get connected, grow in faith, and build friendships **this Sunday, May 3rd from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Event Center.**

Heritage Youth is for students 6th grade through high school and offers a fun environment with food, activities, biblical teaching, and small group discussion.

You're invited to join us for a great time together and invite a friend to come with you!

Thank You for Your Faithful Giving!



At Heritage Community Church, we believe giving is an act of worship and a joyful response to God's faithfulness.

Every gift—large or small helps us share the hope of Jesus, serve our community, and support ministries that are changing lives.

Your generosity makes a difference. Thank you for partnering with us in this mission!

Three Ways to Give

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Simple, Secure, Convenient

Make a one-time gift or set up recurring giving

Give Online at... [Heritage Community Church](#)

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Prefer to send a check?

Heritage Community Church

100 SW Veterans Way

Chehalis, WA 98532

Give in Person

During our Sunday Worship Service, you're welcome to place your offering in the secure giving box at the back of the event center.



Your giving to HCC becomes a tangible expression of love, compassion, and hope in our community. Through your faithful financial support, we are partnering with these three vital local ministries.



Meet Brian & Melissa Richey, Missionaries to Costa Rica



Brian and Melissa's ministry focus is to walk alongside the Church of God in Costa Rica, encouraging and strengthening local pastors and congregations, while also providing special assistance with projects when invited by local leaders.

They also provide on-the-ground oversight and leadership for mission teams who visit the churches in Costa Rica, as well as throughout Latin America as needed.

Their ministry will also focus on supporting children and youth in local churches, including helping local congregations with educational programs. They will also support the needs of missionary children (MK's) throughout the region of Latin America.

At Heritage Community Church, we believe the Gospel was never meant to stop at our city limits. Jesus calls His church to **"go make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19), and that calling shapes who we are.**

Your faithful financial support allows **HCC** to serve our congregation, invest in future ministries, and provide financial support for missionaries in over ninety countries of the world