

# HERITAGE JOURNAL

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## GOSPEL LEGACY

John 4:35-38

### **TIMELINE OF GLOBAL MINISTRY @ HBC**

See the Lord work in the life of His church over time.

### **3 PASTORS. 1 MISSION.**

Kidd, Kroll, & Smith share about serving at Heritage.

### **PULL OUT THE SCRAPBOOK**

See HBC over the years in this month's collage.

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CELEBRATING  
45 YEARS  
1977 - 2022

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# Gospel Labor

What does the word "Gospel" actually mean?

Very simply, the word Gospel as used in Scripture means the "good news" or "good message." To define it more particularly, it is helpful to define what it is not. **It is not a general notion of God's goodness.** Nor is it simply sharing the various ways that God has shown Himself in our lives. It is not simply talking about the existence of God, nor is it singing songs about God's attributes. Hearing a sermon about strategies for how to cultivate a healthy marriage does not mean that you heard the Gospel. So, what is the Gospel?

**The Gospel has a very particular focus in Scripture.** The Gospel, the "good news" of the Bible, is centered very particularly on the person and work of Jesus Christ.

More specifically, **the Gospel is the message of Christ come into this world, his atoning death on the cross, and His resurrection from the dead through which life is granted to all who believe.** To do the work of the Gospel is to share with peoples everywhere the grace of God in the death and resurrection of the Son.

By God's grace, we as a church have labored to do the work of the Gospel for 45 years. It has been the bastion of our passions and pursuits. **The Gospel baton has been passed to us today, not only in these last 45 years of ministry, but through centuries and millennia of men and women living and dying to make Christ known.** In these uncertain times with devils filled, may we hide ourselves in the mighty fortress of our God, and continue to leave a Gospel legacy, proclaiming the good news of what Christ has done, both here in Virginia and around the world.

**NATHAN SMITH**  
SENIOR PASTOR



# Church Update

Welcome to Heritage



## New Office Entrance

Need to visit the office? Enter through the double glass doors and say hello to Teri in her new reception area! She'll gladly answer your questions or connect you with a pastor or staff member who can help.

## Trivia Night Fun!

On March 18 & 25 we had over 300 people come together for 2 nights of fun, food, & some friendly competition all to support student ministries summer mission trips.



## Gillenwaters embark on a new adventure

In March, Sean and Amelia began a new adventure on the road with a desire to use their RV to begin gospel conversations across the country.

Sean was a vital part of our worship and tech ministries, and while we are sad to see him go, we know God will use him and his family in a mighty way. Continue to pray for his family and our church body as we adjust to his absence.

# Celebrating New Life

## 19 Baptisms this quarter

Scan for details on baptism



# Great is the Lord

...one generation shall commend your works to another...  
on your wondrous works, I will meditate. Psalm 145:3-5

As we celebrate 45 years as a church, we remember God's mighty works in and through Heritage to impact the nations for His glory. What a joy to look back and see a rich history of sacrificial giving, faithful sending, and passionate going. As we recount some of the highlights, we recognize that it is the sheer grace and power of God that has made way for such mighty works. **Rejoice with us at His faithfulness, and as we do, may it propel our faith for the next 45 years...**

1977

1983

## Heritage Baptist Church is Planted

Rod Kidd becomes the first pastor and establishes a vision to impact the nations.

1987

## Heritage commissions Rod & Lindy Kidd to Germany

Rod & Lindy become one of Heritage's first Sent Global Workers



1993

## Heritage holds our first Missions Conference

A significant portion of the budget is committed to global work, with dreams of giving \$1 million annually.

1997

## Dr. Jerry Kroll becomes the full-time Senior Pastor

He continues multiplying efforts to impact the nations through continued sending and training of other local churches.



2007

## Global Ministries Houses Are Built

Shepherding our global workers is amplified with the completion of two global ministries houses (four apartments in total) built by Heritage members.



2012

## Giving at Heritage grows to \$1 Million dedicated to Global Ministries efforts

## Pastor Nathan Smith voted as next Senior Pastor

Pastor Kroll completes his 5 year succession plan with Pastor Nathan Smith being voted as the next Senior Pastor and carrying on the vision to impact the Nations.



2017

## Heritage launches an in-house sending agency

Our agency helps to deepen relationships with our sent workers.

2021

## The Kidds celebrate 37 faithful years among the nations

Rod & Lindy return home to be part of inspiring the next generation of Heritage global workers as we commission 6 new family units to the unreached.

2022

## Celebrate 45 years of God's Goodness @ HBC

We continue to pray for God to raise up workers as well as the financial and prayer support needed to send more to the nations.



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## Pastor Rod Kidd

HBC Pastor 1977-1983

I think that the answer to that question is that it was my conviction that God blesses a church that has a vision for the whole world since His vision is for the whole world. "For God so loved the world..."

Before coming to Lynchburg for my seminary training, Lindy and I had been in Germany while I was in the US Army there and we had seen the need for a stronger gospel presence in that country. After my time in the military we had been impacted by the testimonies of missionaries in the church we were attending while we were in graduate school in New Jersey and the Lord placed world missions on our hearts. When I came to the little group of folks that were wanting to start a new church in Lynchburg (that would become HBC) and when they asked me to help them do that, I told them that I did not know how long I would be staying in Lynchburg because the Lord had called us to go back to Germany as missionaries. So from the very beginning Heritage had a missionary-pastor!

Secondly, I had been brought up in a family that taught me to give. It was my conviction that just as we as individuals ought to be faithful in our giving, a church should be faithful in giving to the cause of Christ in a larger sense than just supporting our own local work. When the church gives a significant portion of its finances to missions, the church begins to experience first-hand what the Lord said in passages like Mt. 6:21 – "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" and Acts 20:35 – "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

We had the joy of hearing from our missionaries when they came back and were able that way to hear about what the Lord is doing in other parts of the world. We had missions conferences and tried to keep world missions in front of the people. And as you know, when a church has a dynamic missions emphasis, it is a blessing that you don't want to miss out on!

WHY HAS MISSIONS BEEN SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF HBC?

## Dr. Jerry Kroll

HBC Pastor 1986-2012

As a teenager, God challenged my heart with the adage "Only one life will soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last." Jesus said, "Lay up for yourself treasures in heaven (Mt. 6:20)." Since the harvest is plentiful and the laborers are few Jesus told the disciples to pray earnestly for the Lord to send laborers into the harvest (Mt. 9:37). The Great Commission commands us to "make disciples of all nations (Mt 28:19)."

With more than 3 billion people who have little or no opportunity to hear the gospel, the task seems overwhelming. Therefore, every local church needs a strategy to most effectively use its resources in reaching the lost.

Based on Romans 10:13-17, God has called every believer to be either a "Sent One" or a "Sender." Believers are either called to be sent or called to send. No one is called to stay. That means every believer, (not just the missionary) is called to be part of God's program of global evangelism.

As the Shema (Hear, O Israel: The LORD Our God, the LORD is one) was recited to the Hebrew child when they got up, went to bed, sat in the house, walked outside (Deut. 6:4-9), so our confession of faith, including missions, must be kept before us at all times. The artifacts, slogans, Scriptures, pictures and multiple missions emphases constantly remind us of the needs of a lost world.

This passion for Christ (Phil. 3:10) and compassion for the lost has been the DNA of Heritage from its inception. Satan, however, consistently attacks the body by trying to get the Church and individual believers to focus on secondary things. The tyranny of the good over the best is a constant battle. Today, many evangelicals have lost their trust in the authority of the Bible. Heritage has maintained its momentum in missions in the midst of Church and cultural change because of its foundation on the inerrant, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. Before the carpet was laid in the Worship Center, we all signed our favorite Scripture on the concrete floor. The pastors and deacons signed on the platform so every future pastor and guest speaker could be told he was literally standing on the Word of God and our desire was to hear Scripture shared not man's opinions.

That legacy has passed on to this day. May it continuously be passed on from generation to generation until Jesus comes.

*"Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." John 4:35-38*

**Dr. Nathan Smith**  
HBC Pastor 2012-Today

I am a big fan of history. I am one of those odd people that will read for leisure on the archaeology and ancient history of Hazor (a small Canaanite town in northern Israel). History shows us how we got to where we are today; it is the trail of footprints of those who have gone before (like watching the "behind the scenes" on your favorite movie). I long to follow the footprints of the Apostle Paul, Adoniram Judson, Charles Spurgeon and countless others in the last two millennia of the history of the church, continuing their Gospel legacy for generations to come.

The proliferation of the Gospel is the work of missions. Missions has long been a part of my life from growing up on the mission field to my own desires to bear the Gospel to North Africa. When I was asked to become Sr. Pastor at Heritage, it was not the size nor the scope of the ministry that drew me, but rather its missionary fervor. Despite these blessings, it has not always been an easy journey keeping missions at the forefront of my passions. I find it insidious how comfort and convenience can unknowingly rise to be the primary values of my daily living! In a culture that prizes stability and comfort, the missionary passions do not always make a lot of sense.

Three things in particular have helped me maintain my focus through the ups and down of culture and ministry. First, the rigorous study and verse by verse preaching of Christ. This may seem like a preacherly answer, but if you truly believe in the worthiness of Christ and in the uniform loveliness of His Gospel, how can you keep such a thing to yourself? The loveliness of the Gospel is missionary by its very nature. Second, choice saints at Heritage have been a constant source of encouragement and partnership. Bearing the mission alone is wearisome; sharing the mission together is a joy. Third, it is helpful to remember that I am but one voice in a historical chorus trying to leave a Gospel imprint on the sands of time for the glory of God. I feel that at Heritage and in ministry in general, I am simply the beneficiary of the faithful labors of previous generations.

I was recently reminded in the words of Christ how we are partners in history in the legacy of the Gospel. John 4:38 says, "For here the saying holds true, One sows and another reaps. I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." I have entered into the labor of those who have gone before, and I pray that I and others with me will leave a Gospel legacy that others will joyfully continue until that day when the Lord comes in glory and power.

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WANT MORE?

## SPECIAL PODCAST

Pastor Mike recently sat down with all three seniors pastors to talk about their time at Heritage. Listen as they share about the joys and difficulties experienced over the years, and how God has shown His goodness since the start.



Visit the journal page to listen & see clips of this special recording.

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# THE LEGACY *Continues*

**"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.**

**Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2**

Did you know you have a role in helping us send men and women to the nations? Whether it's staying and supporting those who go or taking steps to go yourself, Heritage is here to help you take part in the harvest. Learn how you can also be equipped to live the gospel life here in Lynchburg so that more people can hear about the life-altering love of Christ.



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WORK AMONG THE NATIONS?**  
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# Upcoming Events

& more



## SUMMER SERIES

The Gathering continues this summer! Make plans to join us Wednesdays @ 6:45pm for this special time of intentional prayer and study.

[hbclynchburg.com/gathering](http://hbclynchburg.com/gathering)



## NEW & IMPROVED!

Fun Summer Club has been revamped for 2022! Join other kids on Wednesdays @ 6:45 to learn about missionaries & more.

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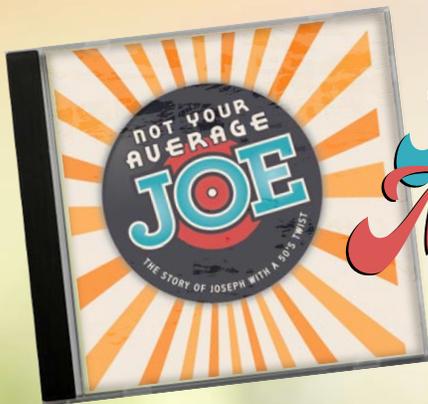


## PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

July 17 - In-person Seminar  
July 26 - Online Webinar

Available for all members of HBC  
Registration is required

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## Kids Musical

June 4 & 5

Join us for an evening of fun and music as the Rejoice Kids Choir presents the story of Joseph like you've never seen before! **If you've never seen a musical at Heritage, then get ready for a treat!**

We at Heritage are so very blessed. One of the numerous categories of that blessing is in **stewardship; we are debt-free!** For a church or a family to be debt-free requires a great deal of intentionality and diligence. Those who have been around HBC for a while can probably still hear Dr. Kroll's words in our heads. When he spoke of building our current Worship Center with the adjoining International Plaza and classrooms, the mantra was, "save as much as we can, borrow as little as we can, pay it off as fast as we can." Heritage lived out that mantra, and we continue to steward His resources with great intentionality and diligence.

Whether as a church, a family, or an individual, we are stewards of God's resources. Although the resources may be in our possession, they are, in reality, owned by God and we simply manage them (Ps. 24:1, 89:11, & 1 Cor 4:2). Good stewardship is to manage them well.

If you would like to volunteer in or benefit from HBC's upcoming **Stewardship Ministry**, please contact Pastor Allen.



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## SUPPORT GROUPS

- Celebrate Recovery | Tuesday @ 7:00pm in Sr. High Room
- Single Moms Ministry | Wednesday @ 6:45pm in Morocco
- GriefShare | Saturday @ 10:00am in Japan
- The Caring Journey | Saturday @ 1:00pm in Israel



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## TEACHING LIBRARY



We are currently working on a searchable teaching library that will allow you to find past teachings on topics, scriptures, & more. Check back often to see what new teachings we have added.

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## RESOURCE CENTER

Stop by the Resource Center in the Plaza and check out books & resources to help you grow. Find center hours, our latest Pastor's Pick, and a link to a free membership to RightNow Media through Heritage online.



[hbclynchburg.com/resourcecenter](http://hbclynchburg.com/resourcecenter)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY LIST

We have a list of nearly 100 ways to serve at Heritage! If you're looking for a way to volunteer, stop by our volunteer page and read through all the amazing ways your talents and passions can be used to build up the body of Christ!



[hbclynchburg.com/volunteer](http://hbclynchburg.com/volunteer)

## WEEKLY BLOG POSTS

Every Monday we publish a new post to our blog as a way to strengthen & encourage you in your walk with Jesus. You can find our posts on Facebook or on the website. After reading, share with others to encourage them! [hbclynchburg.com/blog](http://hbclynchburg.com/blog).



### Recent Blog Posts:

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- *Loving Well...Even When It's Hard*
- *Suffering Servant*
- *Together as Gospel Partners*
- *Conquering King*
- *Why Care About Men's Ministry*
- *Returning Royalty*
- *Memorize God's Word as an Act of Faith*



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## RECENT EPISODES

- Pastor Nathan's Testimony
- The Significance of the Resurrection
- Invited: Single Mom's Ministry
- 4 Wrong Ways to Read Revelation

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