



- *Gayla Kelly, upcoming surgeries.
- *Andi Gibson, recovering from oral surgery.
- *Robert Rivas's mother, recovering from surgery.
- *Freddy Maldonado continued transplant recovery.
- *Betty Whitaker's father and stepmother, recovering from a fall, and many additional medical issues.
- *Mae Ferguson, surgery recovery and possible cancer.
- *Steve Ray as he completes his move to Duncan.
- *Gladys Davis, physical needs.
- *Patrick and Alissa's neighbor, cancer diagnosis.
- *Colton and Logan, Samantha's sons.
- *Our nation and it's leaders as we prepare for the transition of those in authority.
- *Lisa Beshirs passing of her stepdaughter.
- *Betty Whitaker, physical needs.
- *Tami Herman, knee issues.
- *Pastor Jon's Brother Jeff, stage 4 cancer.
- *For our church and it's continued outreach.
- *Colleen's friend Jamie, fighting cancer.
- *Ray's cousin's granddaughter, concerns of infection after kidney transplant.
- *Those who are unable to be in service today.



Today's Message:

Scripture:

Topic:

Unique Perspectives: *(I Never Thought of it This Way.)*

Take Away Points: *(I Want to Remember These Things)*

How Can I apply it This Week?: *(Lord Help Me to Put This into Action)*

Additional Thoughts:



January 19th 2025



Welcome Home!

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Discipleship Class/Sunday School: 9:30 am
Coffee / Fellowship Time: 10:15-10:30 am
Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 am

Wednesday

Bible Study: 6:00 pm
Youth Group: 6:00 pm
Children's Activities: 6:00 pm
Worship Team Rehearsal: 7:00 pm

Pastor Jon Watters: 580-730-9431

Many have been very concerned about the recent change in our services and the disruption of our church schedule. I would like to take a moment to address some of these concerns so that all are informed.

A few weeks ago, it was brought to my attention that there was an unease beginning to form within the congregation of potential bedbugs in the church. Soon there were visible sightings that caused us to act.

While the church has an annual extermination program in place, we immediately called for a second exterminator to come and conduct a inspection. This inspection discovered live bugs in the church.

Here are some facts: No sign of bug activity was discovered in the sanctuary, entryway, children's hallway, youth areas, office spaces, parlor, and majority of our classrooms in these professional inspections. What was found was a handful of live bugs in the Senior Adult Classroom. Aggressive and specific treatment began immediately. To say that no stone was left unturned would be an accurate way to describe what has been done.

At this time here is what has been done: Extermination treatment is ongoing and will be for many weeks. This includes areas that we know have not shown any insect activity, but we want to be safe. Cleaning has intensified. For a few weeks, our cleaning crew has rotated chairs in and out of the sanctuary to try to stop any potential spreading. The Senior Adult Classroom has had all chairs, stools, pews, and curtains thrown out. Additionally, we have paused all activities at the church until March 2nd except for the Sunday Morning Service. We have even gone as far as to treat the church van.

Moving forward, we will not have refreshments as we have in the past to cut down the close gathering in the entryway each week, and the church carpeting will be professionally cleaned when treatment is complete to further help with stopping insect activity. New plastic chairs have been purchased to further assist with deterring insects in our classrooms in the west hallway.

The church then offered home inspections to several of our family. Through the generosity of someone within the church, as the infestations were found in the homes, treatment began for them immediately free of charge. Those affected have been asked to refrain from attending until their houses are considered safe by the exterminator. There will also be follow-up by the church board.

This has been a challenging time. Know that your church is safe, and we are focused with our efforts to keep it this way. -Pastor Jon

General Information for Our Visitors

Nursery: A staffed nursery is available and located in the hallway to the right when entering the front doors, for children under the age of four.

Children's Church: Is offered for children from pre-K to 5th grade and meets in the same hallway across from the nursery.

Restrooms: There is a women's restroom located to the right as you enter, and a men's & women's restroom located at the end of the hallway to the left.

Church Wifi: honguest **Password:** honguest

Live Streaming: Take a moment to visit our YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/@heritageoakschurch-iu6wc> The service can be watched on your smart TV, cell phone, tablet, or computer.

Membership: As we draw to the close of another church year, we look back on the 2024 church year to when we welcomed several new members into the church fellowship. We have one month yet remaining in this church year for those who would like to consider joining the church. Maybe you would like more information and to know what would be involved and required, or perhaps this is something that you have already been praying about and considering. There is no better time than now to take the next step and become a member of Heritage Oaks Church. Please see Pastor Jon if this is something that you would like to know more about.

I Can Help: Would you be interested in making calls to those who have missed a service, or sending a message or card to new visitors? Please see Pastor Jon today and simply say "I Can Help!"



As we look to the final weeks of the 2024 Church Year, we are on track to close with all local church budgets being met and having done more than in recent years with outreach and ministry to our community.

Thank you so much for your giving. With this said, we are in need of funds to meet our obligations to the SWOK District. If you would like to help with this need, just mark your giving as "District Budget" and it will be used to close the year on a positive note.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Night Bible Study /Youth & Children Activities:
(All Wednesday activities at the church are paused until further notice.)

Nominating Committee: Those who have agreed to serve on the 2025 Church Nominating Committee are asked to meet briefly after this morning's service, to review the list of positions that will need to be filled for the upcoming church year. We will not complete this process today but would like to give as much time as possible to those who will be asked to serve. We desire that time is spent in prayer and that their decisions are directed by the Lord.

Annual Church Meeting: Due to the current situation that we are dealing with in the church, there will be some major changes for this year's meeting: On Feb 2nd, packets with all yearly reports and ballots will be handed out after the morning service. If someone is not in attendance that day, they would forfeit their vote as ballots will not be distributed or collected before or after that time. Tellers will tabulate votes over the next week and a written report will be prepared for Feb 9th. Public announcement of the results will subsequently follow. Please be praying for the Lord's direction in all that is done and for those who will be leading in the upcoming year. This year will be different than previous years, but we will do what we can to remain aligned with church polity as described in the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene.

Young Adult Sunday School Fellowship: Since we will be limited in getting together in our classroom at the church, we are trying to find other ways to maintain community. At 6:00 this Thursday, we will be meeting at Rib Crib for a meal together. If finances are an issue, please reach out to Pastor Jon.

Youth & Children: Be watching for some exciting happenings in the days ahead. As mentioned above, just because we cannot meet as we were doesn't mean we can't meet in new ways and still spend time with our church family. Maybe this is God's way of telling us to get outside of our four walls, and to be a witness in our community.

Our Giving

January Budget Needs:	\$ 11,383.00
January Giving:	\$ 2,346.00