

# HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Online Bulletin –SUNDAY, February 21, 2021

## Sunday Worship Services

at 9:00 am & 10:45 am

*9:00 service is live streamed*

**Wednesday service – 6:30 pm**

**Check our web-site- [hbcjc.org](http://hbcjc.org) for updates to our services and scheduling!**

**GIVING-** You can give electronically to Heritage from your mobile device or PC thru [TITHE.LY](https://tithely.com) (or thru your bank's bill pay service.) You can also give by mail or in person while on campus.

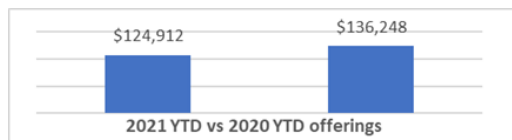
### **Also – text to GIVE:**

**Our text to give phone number:  
Heritage Baptist Church  
Johnson City: (855) 766-8150**

Thank you for your faithful giving!

### **Offering Envelopes and Contribution Statements**

- Offering envelopes and contribution statements have been mailed out this year due to Covid-19.
- Please contact Ginger at [ginger.cox@hbcjc.org](mailto:ginger.cox@hbcjc.org) if you did not receive your offering envelopes or contribution statement.



### **HERITAGE PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Text HBCJC to 833-498-1732**

Any time you text your prayer request, the Heritage intercessory prayer ministry will join you in asking God for His grace in your life.

### **HBC TEXT ALERTS**

Would you text HBCALERT to [844-959-4455](tel:844-959-4455)? This will subscribe you to the number and give you access to any alert that is sent with essential information from Heritage. I'm saving the number in my phone as "HBCALERT" so that I will recognize the alert when it comes to my phone. This presents our leadership with one of the easiest and quickest ways to reach our members. Pastor Reggie

### **Calling all 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**TODAY** at 12:00, after the second service, all 4th-6th graders are invited to a pizza party and derby racing fun. We will build cars and race them! For more info contact Pastor Joel at [joel.miller@hbcjc.org](mailto:joel.miller@hbcjc.org).

### **LADIES - Something to Look Forward to!!! Heart 2 Heart Service Project**

Ladies, please mark your calendars for **THIS Saturday, February 27th 10am - noon**. We will be having coffee and a time of much needed fellowship as we also assemble care packages for the Agape Ministry.

There will be 3 homes available.....

[Kathy White](mailto:Kathy.White@hbcjc.org) (423 773-9045, [Angela Scalf](mailto:Angela.Scalf@hbcjc.org) (423 773 4495), and [Teresa Patton](mailto:Teresa.Patton@hbcjc.org) (865 748 3610)...just make sure to let one of these ladies know you'll be attending so they can plan accordingly.

### **LIBRARY CORNER - Exciting News!**

The Heritage Library and Rosebud Room Children's Library have a new operating system! Heritage folks can browse the collection from your computer.

Heritage's OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog) can be found at this link: <https://hbcjc.booksys.net/opac/hbcjc/>

Save an icon on your desktop for quick navigation. Use the last 3 digits of your library patron barcode for both username and password and sign in! Don't have or know your barcode number? Then please contact the Heritage library at [library@hbcjc.org](mailto:library@hbcjc.org).

## Sharing Christ in Your Athens

Acts 17:16-33

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Our 2021 Bible reading plan is in the Connect  
and on our web-site.



### First: The Context. 1-9 & 10-15

Romans 1:18-32 – The world will ‘cancel’ anything that does not support its ‘debased mind.’

### Second: A Word about Athens

Paul met:

- Sterile orthodoxy – A ‘God-less’ church produces a godless culture
- Superstitious idolatry – 30,000 different gods but when referring to their gods collectively, the people called it simply, ‘Mammon’ – Matt 6:24
- Sophisticated philosophy – love of knowledge

**Vs 16-17** - All of this moved Paul to engage both Jews and pagans.

- Epicureans were lovers of pleasure –
- Stoics were pantheists – God is in everything
- They were also fatalists

### Third: Paul’s Response to Athens 22-31

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 - *And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup> and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.*

### Fourth: The Athenian Response to the Gospel. 32-34

- Unbelief – 32a
- Interest – 32b
- Belief – 34

### Conclusion:

Because we understand that conversion is the work of the Holy Spirit, we know that we are not responsible for how people respond to the Gospel. We share Christ with people because we know personally of the benefit the Gospel brings with it. We love God and want his name to be known. And we know the terrible results of dying without Christ.