

February is often a month of hanging on. It's still cold. Winter is hanging on. And you are probably hanging on too. You're likely super tired of winter and you might be thinking, "If I can only endure another month, things will start to get better."

Let me suggest a way to make it better.

Get some light! SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) is sometimes known as winter depression. It is thought to be the result, in some people, of the affects of lack of sun light. There are special bulbs you can get which simulate the effects of morning sun.

Dig for some Light. Notice the upper case L. I'm talking about Light from God. Make a special effort this month to spend extra time in the Bible. And think about picking up that great Christian book you bought but never quite picked up because it was football playoff season or you got hooked on another season of The Bachelor. Dig a little deeper this month spiritually.

Spread the Light! Instead of hunkering down with a bunker mentality ("If only I can survive four more weeks..."), why not think about how you can make a difference? As I look back over 30 years of leading a growing church one of the things that surprises me is that attendance starts growing around the end of January. I'm not sure exactly why. Maybe it's because people have made it through the holidays (barely) and now they're looking for ways to make life better. All I know is that there is a statistical pattern at Heritage which suggests people are open to an invitation to church right about now! Why not invite them? We still have a few more weeks in the "No Perfect People Allowed" series.

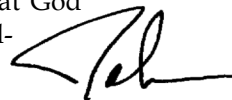


90 Days!!

Someone once told me that the best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second best time is now. The best time to start being obedient is when you learn you should. The second best time is now.

Do you remember when I preached about tithing back in November? Many of you made 90 day commitments to live in financial obedience. You made commitments to tithe (10% of your income) for 90 days. I made the commitment that if God didn't bless you we'd give the money back if you were fully obedient and God did not bless you.

In three weeks the 90 days will be up. Have you been faithful to give? Have you fulfilled the promise you made to God? If so, I'm thrilled for you because God always finds a way to bless us. Plus, your obedience allows Heritage to have the funds it needs to accomplish God's purpose for us. If you haven't been obedient, I want to encourage you to start doing what God wants. It's a matter of trusting God...and trusting God always makes sense!



Baptism Service!!

Our next baptism services are scheduled for the weekend of February 19 & 20 during our worship services. If you are interested in baptism, sign up by contacting Naomi at the RI Campus at 309.732.0006 or naomi.ballard@heritageqc.com. Or, for the Bettendorf Campus, contact Cindy at 563.449.5530 or cindy.lage@heritageqc.com. A packet of information and further instructions will be sent to you.