

### Forgiveness!!

A new movie came out this week. It is a suspense action thriller; I love that kind of movie. When I went to a website I use to check out content, I discovered it used the world's F word 155 times (more than once a minute). I decided I didn't need to expose myself to that.

Patty was outside the library the other day and a bunch of middle school kids were using the word over and over again. They were probably just trying to show they were mature.

The world's F word is offensive and crude. But the church of Jesus Christ is called to be a redemptive force in the world. Our October series, "Forgiveness: the *Real F Word*", is designed to do just that. People desperately need to know about forgiveness. They need to offer forgiveness. They need to experience forgiveness. You are the church's connection to them.

The first week of the series I'll be talking about experiencing God's forgiveness and coming to faith in Him. This would be a great sermon to bring a friend!

Incredible Pizza has offered a FREE lunch to anyone who attends a Heritage Church service the weekend of October 2/3. This FREE lunch will be available on Sunday, October 3 from 11:00am–2:00pm at Incredible Pizza in Davenport. Invite a friend to church and then take them out for this FREE lunch!!

### Wow! Wow! Wow!

In August Heritage had the privilege of baptizing 187 people in the Rock River! Praise the Lord!

Baptism is an outward testimony of what God has done in our hearts. It is a step of obedience identifying us with Jesus. It is symbolic of the burial of our sin nature and the power of God in our lives to help us live beyond deliberate sin.

It was great to watch whole families be baptized together. It was great to watch couples come up out of the water with joy on their faces. Listening to the stories and testimonies of changed lives is inspiring. It reminds me of why I do what I do! If you'd like to check out some of the pictures from the baptism, go to the following link: <http://www.heritageqc.com/resources/links.aspx>. (This requires a free sign up to snapfish.)

If you haven't been baptized since accepting Christ as your Savior, I want to urge you to take this step of obedience as soon as possible. Mark that you're interested in baptism on the tear off section on the weekend bulletin and we'll contact you with the information.

Check out our WEBSITE at [www.heritageqc.com](http://www.heritageqc.com) for information about various activities & events at Heritage.

### The Caring Heart at Christmas

Christmas is a great time to express our love to Christ by caring for others who are in need. We're going to be emphasizing three opportunities this year.

During our Heritage Christmas event we'll take an offering at the door each night to help people who are in need. We've discovered this is a great opportunity, even for guests, to minister to hurting people.

In November we're going to be collecting massive amounts of food so we can give food baskets to hundreds of people. Every year, when we distribute food baskets, we see tears of joy on the faces of people.

In October we will partner with Samaritan's Purse to put together shoeboxes full of gifts for needy children around the world. Our goal is to pack 1,000 shoe boxes as an expression of love for Christ.

Watch your weekend bulletin and listen for announcements about how you can be involved.

