

Here's what's coming up



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It seems like yesterday...

...It seems like yesterday that I was 23. It's been longer than that. I turn 60 on June 5.
...It seems like yesterday that I preached my first sermon at Heritage. It's been longer than that. This week marks my 37th anniversary as pastor of this congregation.
...It seems like yesterday that only a handful of people gathered to worship. Our first Sunday here there were 24 people. It took 17 years to get to 200. We were a little church for a *long* time.
...It seems like yesterday that we moved to our Rock Island campus. It's actually been over 13 years. Wow! Lots of lives have been changed in that time.
...It seems like yesterday that we began in Bettendorf. Almost three years have passed and that campus now hosts over 600 people every weekend.

Time passes; there is no getting around that. But vision and passion and excitement are not limited by age or tenure. I'm more excited about the church today than I have been in a long time! We are planning some exciting things in the next five years! I can hardly wait to see what God is going to do!

I am so thankful I've been able to walk this journey with you over the past 37 years. I'm looking forward to what God still has in store!

Engage...

A few weeks ago the church gathered to celebrate what God has been doing at Heritage.
-We celebrated as 40 people walked across the stage with "cardboard testimonies" of God's grace in their lives.
-We celebrated 399 salvation decisions during one 12 month period.
-We celebrated growth in attendance at all our campuses.
-We celebrated total contribution income of nearly \$3.9 million!
-We celebrated as we shared new vision together for the next five years.

By 2016, we believe...

-Heritage will be a church with 6000 worshipers.
-Heritage will partner with 15 new locations.
-We will have salvation decisions equal to 10% of our attendance each year.
-70% of us will be in small groups.
-Most of our adults will have a Life Development Plan with identified areas of spiritual growth needed and a roadmap to get there.

Thanks for all you are doing to make Heritage what God wants us to be!

Stuck? What works when life doesn't?

This new sermon series starts the weekend of June 12 & 13. This 8 week series, based in a study of the Letter to the Philippians, is one of those invite your friends events.

Everybody feels stuck at some point in life. Sometimes relationships get stuck and can't get going again. Sometimes our jobs dead end. Sometimes we can't get past an obstacle in our lives. John and the team will unpack scriptural principles to help get you "unstuck".

We know that it is easy to get lazy in the summer and miss a week or two. Don't do that! Do your best to get to church every weekend! And bring a friend along with you!