

Welcome to Heritage

Scope and Sequence

Week 1:

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Our Name

Heritage – appreciation of the past but not stuck in it
Baptist – BAPTIST Distinctives

Our History

Beginnings - Woodbury
Buildings - Windham

Week 2:

Philosophy: Centered on God
Worship

Week 3:

Philosophy: Grounded in His Truth
The Bible
Translations

Week 4:

Philosophy: Focused on Others
Programs of Service

Week 5:

Practice: Church Organization
Leadership
Care Groups
Budget
Missions

Week 6:

If necessary

Next Step: Exchange Bible Study



Welcome to Heritage Week 1: History of Heritage

Our Name: "Heritage Baptist Church" was the title given to this ministry when it began in 2001.

- *Heritage:* By this name we recognize that we did not invent the church but stand in a long line of succession of God's people from the time of Christ. While we have a great appreciation for the past, we are not stuck in it.
- *Baptist:* Communicates eight distinctives about our church.
 - Bible as the ultimate authority (2 Tim. 3:15-16)
 - Autonomy of the local church (Acts 13:1-3)
 - Priesthood of the believer (1 Peter 2:5, 9)
 - Two Ordinances:
 - Believer's Baptism (Mt. 28:18-20)
 - The Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-26)
 - Individual soul liberty (2 Cor. 5:10)
 - Saved church membership (Acts 2:41ff)
 - Two Offices: (1 Tim. 3; Phil. 1:1)
 - Pastor/Elder and Deacon
 - Separation of Church and State

Our History

Prayer and Planning:

In June of 2001 Pastor Matt Fagan and his family moved to New England with a desire to plant a biblically based Baptist Church in the region. With the help and guidance of Trinity Baptist Church in Concord, New Hampshire, and the support of other ministries of like precious faith, prayer and planning began for a new work to be started. After seeking the counsel of area pastors, southern New Hampshire was identified as an ideal location with access to a large population and need of a gospel witness. The border town of Salem was further defined as a gateway to southern New Hampshire and having easy access to both southern New Hampshire

and northern Massachusetts. On July 11, 2001, at 7:00 pm seven people gathered at the home of Gabe and Beth Marinelli (5 Sullivan Ave., Salem) to mark the unofficial beginning of Heritage Baptist Church. The weekly prayer meeting continued through July and August and others were soon added to the group. Within one month the prayer meeting had grown to ten. The group continued to ask God for a proper meeting place for worship on Sundays and for the people of Central New England to be reached with the gospel.

Prayer and People:

September 9th, 2001 was the date set for the first Sunday service of Heritage Baptist Church, and a location was secured at Woodbury Middle School, 206 Main Street in Salem. Brochures were printed to advertise the first worship service and canvassing of the area began with the help of young people from Trinity Baptist Church in Concord, New Hampshire, and Cornerstone Baptist Church in Scarborough, Maine. Fifty-three people were in attendance for the inaugural service of Heritage Baptist Church and the work had officially begun.

The first baptismal service of the church was held on July 14, 2002. Three adults and one child publicly professed faith in Christ from the waters of the Marinelli's swimming pool.

On the one-year anniversary of the church, September 15, 2002, twenty-four people signed as charter members of Heritage Baptist Church agreeing to its constitution and by-laws. Later that year the first deacons (Lew Jones and Gabe Marinelli) were chosen by the membership to serve the congregation. By the end of 2002, the average attendance had nearly tripled, and by the end of 2005 the attendance had reached sixty. The Lord soon added others and by 2015 the church averaged over 100 in attendance and began to two services to accommodate growth. By the middle of 2016 attendance had increased to 120 and the Lord was adding to His church.

On June 30, 2013 Andrew French became the churches first assistant pastor and on July 10, 2016 the church voted to ordain Andrew French to the Gospel Ministry, thus holding its first ordination service.

Prayer and Property:

In November of 2003, a property committee was formed to identify potential properties for a permanent meeting place for the church. After much prayer and discussion with several landowners, the Lord provided six acres of land at 108 Rockingham Road in Windham, New Hampshire, just four miles from the churches initial meeting place at Woodbury School. Financing arrangements were made with God's gracious guidance, and on December 9, 2005, Heritage Baptist Church became the owners of six acres of property at a price well-under market value.

On December 14, 2005, the church held its first prayer meeting at the new property. The congregation gathered in makeshift rooms to thank God for his provision and seek His guidance and help for the future. Over the course of the next year plans were made for renovation of the 3,300 square foot building on the lot for church services.

In November of 2006, the owner of an adjacent piece of property on the corner of Rockingham Road and Seavey Pond Road approached the church concerning the sale of his property. Although the church was not seeking more land at the time, the church asked God to make known His will with regard to the valuable piece of land. The church family decided to collect a sacrificial offering on May 20, 2007, and asked God to provide \$33,000 for a down payment and closing costs on the property. The Lord answered by providing \$68,000 for the purchase – more than double what was asked (Eph. 3:20, 21). On October 11, 2007, Heritage Baptist Church owned seven acres of prime real estate on one of the most traveled roads in southeastern New Hampshire.

In January of 2007 renovations began on the existing building. Over the course of the next 18 months the people of Heritage Baptist Church along with the volunteer help of three other churches worked to prepare the building for church services. On August 3, 2008 Heritage Baptist Church held its first service in the newly renovated building at 108 Rockingham Road in Windham, NH.

Over the next few years, the church continued to grow and began to make progress on some long-term goals to accommodate growth. In November of 2011, the church witnessed a mortgage burning ceremony for the 1 Hunt Road property. About one year later in October of 2012 renovations were completed on the ministry house providing housing for staff, missionaries, or guest speakers.

On June 22, 2014, a building committee formed to plan for and guide the construction of a facility that enables HBC to carry out its mission to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ. On November 24, 2019, a groundbreaking ceremony was held on the site of 108 Rockingham road for the construction of a new 14,000 square foot house of worship.

The story of Heritage Baptist Church is a story of people asking of God and God answering to glorify His name among us and our community! We look forward with great anticipation to how God will further glorify His name. To God be the glory great things He has done.



Welcome to Heritage Week 2: Core Values

“A Core value is a fundamental belief of a person or organization that ultimately dictates behavior. These are guiding principles that give direction and keep on target.”

HBC Core Values

We are a church that strives to be:

- Centered on God
 - Honoring God in the eyes of all when gathered for worship and when scattered throughout our community.

- Grounded in His Truth
 - Aligning ourselves with God's Word in order to reproduce the image and character of Jesus Christ in us.

- Focused on Others
 - Showing the love of Jesus Christ by serving others in our church, in our community and around the world.

Why does the church exist?

The Principle of Worship at HBC

What is Worship?

1. Worship begins with ascribing value to someone or something.

2. Worship ends with speaking of or praising the thing or person we value.

The church gathers to affirm who is truly valuable and worthy of praise. Our Lord's Day morning gatherings are to refocus our attention on who is truly worthy of our admiration.

The Parameters of Worship at HBC

The elements of worship in our worship service are derived from the Scripture.

We sing the Scripture (Col. 3:16)

We pray the Scripture (1 Tim. 2:8)

We read the Scripture (1 Tim. 4:13)

We give according to the Scripture (1 Cor. 16:2)

We see the Scripture (Mat. 28:19; 1 Cor. 11:23-26)

We preach the Scripture (2 Tim. 4:2)

Since worship is not only giving God what He wants but in the way He wants we are regulated by the scriptures to have these six elements.

The Pattern of Worship at HBC

1. Adoration (recognition of God's greatness and grace)
Preparation, Vertical songs of praise, call to worship, scripture reading
2. Confession (acknowledgement of our sin and need for grace)
Prayer, scripture reading, song
3. Assurance (affirmation of God's provision of grace)
Scripture reading, hymn of affirmation
4. Thanksgiving (expression of praise and thanks for God's grace)
Offering, Testimony, Scripture
5. Petition (expression of dependence on God's grace)
Song of plea, Prayer
6. Instruction (acquiring the knowledge to grow in grace)
Sermon
7. Charge (living for and in the light of God's grace)
Response

This pattern of worship reflects and reminds us of the true gospel. God is holy, we are sinful but can be reconciled to him by his grace. In thankfulness to Him we ask him to further reveal his will to us that we might live for him.



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What is Truth?

1. Truth is that which accords/corresponds with fact or reality.

2. Whose reality does truth correspond with?

Truth is God's mind, thought, word, about anything. Truth is the self-expression of God.

How do we Know what is True?

1. According to Secular Humanism

2. According to Christian Theism

So what?

At HBC we strive to be grounded in God's Truth

Our approach:

We use an essentially literal translation of the Bible

We practice expositional preaching

We have age graded Sunday School/Discipleship

Kids

Truth Trackers

Teens

Adults

We encourage participation in Growth Groups

We encourage personal Bible study



Welcome to Heritage Week 4: Core Values – Focused on Others

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- **Grounded in His Truth**
 - *Aligning ourselves with God's Word in order to reproduce the image and character of Jesus Christ in us*

- **Focused on Others**
 - *Showing the love of Jesus Christ by serving others in our church, in our community and around the world*

The natural outgrowth of being centered on God and grounded in His truth is Christlike service to others.

Focusing on others was Jesus Mindset

Phil. 2:5-7

Focusing on others was Jesus Mission

Mark 10:45

Focusing on others at HBC

Focusing on others in the church through...

Care Groups
Organic ministry
Benevolence Fund
Youth serving Seniors

Focusing on others outside the church through...

SNHRM
Berkeley/Salehaven
Windham Senior Center
FPU
Freedom that Lasts
Blood Drive

Focusing on others around the world through...

Support of Missionaries

Serving on Mission trips
NYC
Utah
Vienna
Canada



Welcome to Heritage Week 5: Church Organization and Ministries

HBC is organized a congregationally governed body with servant minded leadership.

HBC has a formal Membership

The authority of the church lies in the membership of the church. Members are those who desire to join and have a credible profession of faith in Christ and have been baptized by immersion.

The membership decides on the following:

- Doctrine (Acts 15:1-3; 22-23)
- Membership (Mt. 18:15-17)
- Leadership (Acts 6:1-7; Acts 14:23)
- Finances (1 Cor. 16:3; 2 Cor. 8:19, 23)

HBC has elected Leadership

The leadership of HBC is chosen by the congregation and serves the congregation in a variety of capacities.

- There are two pastoral staff members/elders
 - Pastor Matt – who serves in the areas of Preaching & Vision
 - Pastor Andrew – who serves in the areas of Youth & Music
- There are five deacons chosen by the congregation to serve a three-year term.

Joe Montgomery
Jon Giegerich
Phil Lichtenwalner
Gabe Marinelli
Jason Pileggi

Ministry Opportunities at HBC

Financial practices of HBC

Privacy

The Financial records secretary and assistant are the only ones who count and record the offering.

Stewardship

The Leadership team crafts a budget each year for the membership to review and approve. The fiscal year is July 1 – June 30.

Accountability

Quarterly reports made available to members and regular attenders.

Next Steps: