

# Website Content

## Pastoral Welcome (Video, Front Page?)

My name is Evan. I have the privilege to pastor here at Heritage Baptist Church. Thank you for taking the time to learn about us.

I assume that you are here watching this because God has created within you a desire to worship God in community with His people. This is an evidence of God's working in your life. We aren't supposed to live an independent lifestyle. God created us for fellowship – with Him and with one another.

So let me invite you to come and join us at one of our gatherings. They are pretty simple. We study the Bible, pray, and sing.

The Bible is central in our gatherings, because it is how God tells us about Himself. We pray because we believe that we actually have a relationship with God – we are not just performing religious rituals. And we sing, because we believe that Jesus Christ is worthy of praise – because of Who He is and What He has done for us.

Church is not about us – it's about God. So we trust that if you join us you will be equipped to take the next step in your relationship with God.

Whether you have been a Christian for years or just started considering Christ, you are welcome here at Heritage. We hope to see you soon!

## Pastor Evan's Bio (Text, "Our Pastor" Page)

Pastor Evan began pastoring at Heritage in August of 2025. He came to serve here in California after pastoral roles in Charlotte, NC and Long Island, NY.

As a shepherd of God's flock, Evan prioritizes expository preaching and personal relationships. He has learned that God uses weak things and simple faith to build up His church. And he anticipates what God has in store for Heritage.

In family life, God has blessed Evan with Jamie, his co-adventurer through life and best friend. Through their marriage, God has provided four children to accompany them on the journey. Landon, Blair, Layton, and Chelsea bring excitement and joy to the Charles household. You will probably find the Charles family hiking, reading books, or enjoying a quiet (read: "loud") evening at home together.

## Why “Heritage”? (Text or Video, About Us Page)

Welcome to Heritage.

A heritage is an inheritance. Here at Heritage Baptist Church we believe that the best inheritance a person could ever possess is a relationship with God (Psalm 16:5–6).

This inheritance doesn't come through traditional estate-planning, though. Deep down we all realize that we need something more than what the physical world around us offers – money doesn't satisfy; our personal plans and pursuits don't fill the void within; And even the relationships that we hold on to so dearly are susceptible to the separation of death.

God tells us that He created us in His image (Genesis 1:27). We were made to display how great He is and to share in the greatest blessing possible – a joyful, satisfying, & fruitful relationship with Him. Yet we have rejected the greatest *inheritance* we could ever desire. Instead we live life like the One True God doesn't exist. From a spiritual perspective, not only do we lack spiritual wealth, but we have an unfathomable debt – sin.

We all need a lasting, satisfying inheritance – one that will wipe away our debt and sustain us forever. We need an inheritance that is never-ending – one that is untouched by death. This inheritance of eternal life is real. This is what David got a taste of in Psalm 16 and what Jesus Himself describes in John 17: “This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

How do we get this priceless inheritance? How can we know the only true God?

Just as with an earthly inheritance, the knowledge required is the knowledge of relationship. We must know *Him*. This inheritance can only come with a restored relationship. And that comes only by faith in Christ as He is revealed to us in Scripture.

We must turn from living life for sin and self and turn to follow Him. This life, this discipleship, starts in a moment but lasts for a lifetime. And, since our inheritance is God Himself, it will continue forever. This is the greatest inheritance and this what we are all about at Heritage!

## Tag Line / Commitments (Text, About Us Page?)

(If we like this, maybe we could even incorporate the tagline on the front page.)

## **WORSHIPPING CHRIST IN COMMUNITY**

### **LEARNING:**

as Disciples of Christ, we are committed to studying the scriptures to Learn God and His ways.

### **LOVING:**

as the body of Christ, we are committed to showing his love to one another through acts of sacrifice and service

### **LOOKING:**

as ambassadors for Christ, we are committed to looking outward, seeing the need of our world for Christ and seeking to make a difference in individual lives as a result.

### **LONGING:**

as the bride of Christ, we are longing to see Him, waiting for his return and believing that this world is not our home.