

Here's what's coming up



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The other day I was at the store and as I cleared the check-out lane the clerk said, "Thank you for shopping at *whatever-mart*" (name disguised to protect the guilty). But not once did she look at me during the transaction. And not once did she smile. And not once did she give any evidence that she wanted to be there. I didn't really believe the check-out clerk cared.

I want to use this Newsflash to say "thank you." But it's not a mechanical "thank you for shopping at *whatever-mart*" thank you. It's real and heartfelt. I wish I could look you in the eye. I wish I could shake your hand. I wish I could pat you on the back. I wish you could feel my thanks.

We are six months into our church year (for some reason our denomination starts our year on May 1 J).

Thank you for reaching out to your friends. Attendance is up by over 200 people compared to last year.

Each of those people has a story. Each of those people, like you, needs the grace of Jesus. Thanks for caring for them.

Thank you for volunteering in so many places. Each week several hundred volunteers contribute vast numbers of hours which allow the ministry to people to go forward. Some of you work with infants, some with children, some with numbers, some with facilities but all of you are serving the Lord. Thank you!

The Carnival in Rock Island took a huge amount of work. But over 3,000 people were on the grounds that day. 1200 of those people were not in our data base of names and addresses. Thanks for helping us fulfill the vision to reach our community.

Over 100 people have made a personal faith decision to accept Jesus Christ as Savior in the last six months.

Praise the Lord! And thank you for helping this to be the kind of church where people who need Jesus are welcomed.

We were concerned that the economy would put a huge strain on giving this year. In fact, we prepared for a 5% decrease in contributions. You have been so faithful. Week to week giving is actually slightly ahead of last year despite the tough economic times. Giving for Global Ministries and the Stewardship Journey (building construction) remain strong. Thanks for your sacrificial support of the vision.

### November Events

- 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 1 Angel Tree Sign Up Begins
- 2 Heritage Spirit Nite at Chick-fil-A
- 7 LeadNow Simulcast
- 13 & 14 Wesleyan Stewardship Services
- 15 Welcome to Life at Heritage
- 16 Heritage 101 Membership Class
- 21 & 22 Baptism
- 26 & 27 Thanksgiving/offices closed

For a more detailed calendar of events, visit our website at [www.heritageqc.com](http://www.heritageqc.com).

Your faithfulness in giving has allowed us to help dozens of families who have been hit hard by the economic downturn. I am thankful that those who are blessed have remembered those who are distressed.

I am so thankful that I get to share this ministry journey with people like you. We still have lots of work to do for Jesus. We still have lots of opportunity. I am still excited about God's plans for us. I'll keep calling us toward sacrifice. But for now, please hear this: "Thank you for being Heritage Church. It is a blessing to share life with you."