

Mission Statement: To Love and to Lead
The Mission of Heritage United Methodist Church is to Love God and people passionately and to Lead people into a passionate relationship with Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP WITH US EVERY SUNDAY!

9:15 AM
Traditional Service

10:45 AM
Contemporary Worship

Nursery provided for all services.

Sunday School for All Ages
9:15 & 10:45 AM

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From Your Pastor's Heart: CHRISTMAS IN NARNIA!



The older I get, the more I appreciate the writings of C.S. Lewis. I read *The Chronicles of Narnia* as a child, but as I re-examine them as an adult, I am evermore thrilled by the depth of Truth which they communicate in story form.

Lewis did not write books that were primarily allegorical but rather explored Christian themes through fantastic worlds. Lewis himself explicitly resisted the label of "allegories" for his Narnia books.

Why? Because for Lewis, allegories denoted direct equivalence between some set of ideas and the events of the story. Instead of this approach, Lewis intended books like *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* as a kind of "what if" story. He wrote, "Supposing there was a world like Narnia, and supposing, like ours, it needed redemption, let us suppose what sort of Incarnation and Passion and Resurrection Christ would have there."

This Christmas season we are going to look at three themes Lewis presents in *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*: **Deliverance, Hope, and Abundant Life!** In each message we will see afresh how Jesus is our Deliverer! Our Hope! And our LIFE! Don't miss a Sunday! Bring your friends and family! Buy tickets to our NARNIA production as gifts for your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers! Bring them with you to Christmas Eve Services too! It is going to be a marvelous Christmas!

This Sunday, we are going to discover "Ten Tasty Tidbits About Turkish Delight!"



Blessed to be living this adventure with you!
 Pastor Wes

On the Inside



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In the Hospital:
 ACH: **Glory Morton**
 Crawford H & R: **Glenn Briley**
 Crawford H & R: **Mary Coble**
 Crawford H & R: **Mary Friday**
 Crawford H & R: **Lena Mae Smith**
 Legacy Rehab in FS: **Richard Childers**

At Home:
Danny Berg, Pat Brodie, Earle Craft, Gerlinda Dibble, Roy Dyer, Debbie Hill, Roy Mosher, Oline and Irene Oxford, Shawn Stumbaugh, Debbie Swaim, Jim Terry

All Military Personnel all around the world

Nursing Home:
Jean Stratton (Legacy Lodge)

Assisted Living:
Billie Jacks (Alma Health Care)
Maxine Fahrner (Hope's Creek)
Mattie Lindsey (Alma H & R)

December Volunteers

Ushers

9:15 am	10:45 am
Tom Konert	Tim Landers
Wayne Stewart	Kip James
John Symonds	Scott Neidecker
David Alexander	Terry Furr
Brodie Kneeland	
Connie Mendenhall	

Greeters

9:15 am:
 Scott and Pam Treece
 Shelly King and Josh Rankin

10:45 am:
 Christy and Greg Wilson
 Laura and Chris Christensen

Worship Notes

December 4: Christmas in Narnia: Turkish Delight	December 11 Christmas in Bethlehem: Children's Christmas Pageant!	December 18: Christmas in Narnia: The Prophecies – Hope to Hold On!
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Have an Announcement for the Bulletin or Newsletter? Email it to office@heritagevb.org.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **A.C. Brown, III** (nephew of Bruce Brown) by:

M/M Benton Cone (Building Fund)

In memory of **Jean Smith** (mother of Guy Tutwiler) by:

M/M Benton Cone (Building Fund)

In memory of **Jim Bell** (brother of Mary Coble and uncle of Alan Swaim) by:

M/M Benton Cone (Building Fund)

In honor of **The Wedding of Chris and Julie Alderson** (daughter of Jerry and Judy Goodson) by:

M/M Gene Rankin (Building Fund)

In honor of **The Wedding of Jon and Ashley Bretch** (son of Bob and Debbie Bretch) by:

M/M Gene Rankin (Building Fund)

In honor of **Allison Hilliard, Ruth Ottinger and Marilyn Goins** by:

Lena Mae Smith (Timothy Team Fund)

BIRTHDAY LIST

A list of December birthdays is available in the Great Hall.

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary during the month of December in honor or in memory of someone, please complete this form and return it to the church office with payment of \$8 per poinsettia.

Placed in (circle one)

In Memory of _____ In Honor of _____

By: _____

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our Heritage family for your generosity in love, prayers, food, gifts and encouraging words for the birth of our precious boy, Levi.

We are so blessed by you all!

Love Josh and Carrie Bull

THANK YOU

to the

Lena Russell Memorial Fund!

Children's Ministry was blessed to receive a wonderful gift to our ministry made possible by the donations made in memory of Lena Russell. We purchased a 40 pager paging system with extended distance capabilities for off campus activities! This means parents can feel comfortable leaving their children with us knowing that they are only a message away. We are so thankful to all those who honored Lena Russell and her precious memory by making this gift to ministry that will reach into the future!

MISSIONARY OFFERING

If you have a birthday in December, you are invited to place an offering in our little white church on the chancel rail during the announcements this Sunday. Currently, all birthday offerings go to support the Rupp Family ministering in the Far East.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Please return your jars to the office no later than this Sunday, Dec. 4th. Thank you!

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday, December 11th 3:00 pm
Heritage Sanctuary

We are offering a special *Blue Christmas Service* to help you get through the Christmas season. If you have had a loss, no matter how long ago, and still find Christmas is a lonely time for you, then the *Blue Christmas Service* will be a blessing to you. It will be a time to honor the memory of your loved ones.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

The Heritage Carillon Ringers will be playing a Christmas Concert at Central Mall, Fort Smith on Saturday, December 3rd at 5 pm. Come out and enjoy some beautiful "Sounds of the Season" and support our choir in this great outreach event!



HERITAGE CHURCH
ISRAEL 2012

Join Your Hosts
Chuck and Louann King
for a life-changing tour of the Land of the Bible
June 11th - 21st, 2012
Complete Ten Day Tour Package
Eight Nights in Israel
\$3900* from Tulsa, OK
Brochure available in the church office

Deposit deadline is December 15th!

NARNIA



Performance Dates and Ticket Prices:

Friday, Dec. 16, 2011 and Saturday,
Dec. 17, 2011

7:30 p.m. Performance

\$12 Adult / \$8 student

Groups of 15 or more \$8

(to get group rate, tickets must be
purchased through Heritage)

Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011

4:00 p.m. Performance

\$6 ticket per ticket sales

Tickets may be purchased through:

Heritage Church at 474-6424

Alma Performing Arts Center

at 632-2129

or

Online: www.almapac.org

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Play practice for the children's Christmas program will be this Sunday, December 4th from 2:15-4:15pm in the sanctuary. ALL speaking parts, directors, as well as ALL children—Preschool thru 6th grade Sunday school classes—will need to be at the practice. Dress rehearsal for ALL children in the play or assisting with the play will be Saturday, Dec 10.

MORE HERITAGE ANGELS ARE HERE!

We support DHS and the foster children in our area by collecting Christmas gifts. After you choose an angel from the wall by the Children's wing, return the gifts to the stage in the Fellowship Hall by Monday Dec. 12th! All gifts must be unwrapped and in a bag with their number attached to the bag. If you have any questions contact Debbie Thomas at 651-0810 or the church office at 474-6424.

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Here is your chance to update your record for our annual Guide Book & Directory. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? If you have not already informed the church office about changes to your record, please let us know so that the information is in the Guide Book when it is published next month and if you own or manage a business and would like it advertised in the book, contact the church office.

Dear Friends,



In February I am joining a mission team from First United Methodist Church in Fort Smith. We will be going to Guatemala. We will be doing medical and construction in a place called Chichicastenango. We will be working for the Salud y Paz Clinic which is a Volunteers in Mission (VIM) program of the United Methodist Church in Guatemala. The medical/dental team will be working in rural villages outside the city, and the construction team will be working at the permanent clinic. If you know me, you realize I am going to work construction.

Anyway I am asking for your help. We need Tums, toothpaste, toothbrushes, knitted or crocheted dishcloths, and easy to pack toys (am not sure what that would be). If you can help with any of these things, I would really appreciate it. Just leave them in the church office.

Thank you, Sue Lewis

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Children's Ministry is collecting small items to stuff in stockings to share with children in our community! We have divided the list of items into age level and we are asking the children to bring the following items:

If you are: 3's, 4's & Kindergarten-Small boxes of crayons

1st grade-Color Books

2nd grade-Paddle ball game

3rd grade-YoYo's

4th grade-Chapstick

5th grade-Slinky

6th grade-Word Search puzzle books

Feel free to bring anything on this list! Our last day for donations will be Sunday, Dec. 4th. We will be stuffing the stockings on that day! Thanks for supporting ministry to children in our community! (There will be a donation box in the Children's Ministry Hallway)