

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

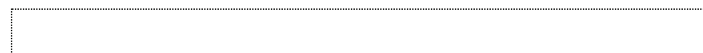
10:45 AM
Contemporary Worship

Nursery provided for all services.

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

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 Crawford H & R: **Glenn Briley**
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 Crawford H & R: **Mary Friday**
 Crawford H & R: **Lena Mae Smith**
 Legacy Rehab in FS: **Richard Childers**

At Home:
Lewis Belcher, Danny Berg, Earle Craft, Gerlinda Dibble, Roy Dyer, Debbie Hill, Roy Mosher, Oline and Irene Oxford, Madalynne Painter, Shawn Stumbaugh,

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)

January Volunteers

Ushers

9:15 am	10:45 am
Mark Stafford	Eddie Prince
Mark Evans	Daniel Chisolm
Connie Mendenhall	Buster Colbert
Brodie Kneeland	Russ Aikman
Wayne Stewart	Jon Talley

Greeters

9:15 am:
 Heath and Leslie Wagner
 Bill and Debbie Thomas

10:45 am:
 Stacey Moore
 Erich and Jennifer Bauman

Worship Notes

January 15:
 2012:
 What is God Saying for the River Valley?

January 22:
 An Undefeated Season:
 The Overcoming Life

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WHAT IS GOD SAYING FOR US FOR 2012?

Sunday, I shared what many of the doomsday people are saying about 2012. Then, we looked at the Bible to see what God says are the signs of the beginning of the end. Science and the Bible debunk much of the 2012 rhetoric. Even so, the Word of God aligning with our present day world was very sobering, and yet, encouraging! God promises to enable us to be OVERCOMERS (Rev. 12:11) and even to provide "a way of escape" (Luke 21:36) to many of His humble, faithful, totally committed followers.

What is God saying about the River Valley and our role in His plans for the near future? What is He about to do, and what adjustments will we need to make in order to join Him in His work? The LORD has a "Word" for us, and I look forward to sharing it with you in the coming Sundays. Invite a friend who needs Jesus and a church home!

See you Sunday! There is great hope! There is great urgency!



Pastor Wes

P.S. I realize I didn't talk about the economic predictions for 2012 last Sunday. I plan on addressing that some this Sunday ... As I study and listen, the economic future in our area is conditional, in many ways, on our actions. Come find out what you can do.

On the Inside

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- Newcomer's Class • Poinsettias
- Perspectives • Moms in Touch

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HONORARIUMS

In honor of **Burl Carter** by:
Sue Stranathan (Building Fund)

In honor of **Katie Fingerhut** by:
M/M Johnny Parker (Food Pantry)

HERITAGE UNIVERSITY SPRING 2012 SEMESTER!

Heritage University is back for 2012! Classes will begin Sunday, January 22nd. We will be offering a variety of courses to challenge your spirit and intellect:

Not A Fan - Marti Salisbury
Financial Peace - Brad Baldwin
The Cost of Discipleship - Michael Tursky

Sign up TODAY in the Great Hall.



A new GriefShare Support Group will start Monday January 30th at 9:30 a.m. If you have had a loss, plan to attend this Christ-centered program as you go through your grief. God loves you and He promises in His word that He will be with you during this time and He will bring you back to joy. We will meet in the Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class. For more information call Shirley Touchstone at 479-629-7901

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Our next morning Ladies' Bible Study begins Monday January 23rd from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Childcare is provided! We'll be doing an 11-week study of Beth Moore's, *Breaking Free!* It's going to be great!

NORTHWEST DISTRICT MISSION TRIP TO RIO BRAVO, MEXICO

Rio Bravo has been the site of an ongoing United Methodist mission for many years and is sponsored and operated by The United Methodist Church of Mexico. It is located near the larger city of Reynosa just across the border from McAllen, TX. The next trip is March 18-24 and is being organized through the VIM office of the Arkansas Annual Conference and the Southcentral Jurisdiction. This trip is as much about building relationships as it is about construction. Projects will be decided by the Rio Bravo church leadership but may include building houses, schools, churches, and playground equipment. There is a hard cap at 50 people on this trip and it is first come, first serve. The cost is \$200 per person and that covers everything except food on the drive to and from McAllen. In order to reserve a spot, an application must be completed AND a deposit of \$50 must be received no later than January 29. A current U.S. passport is mandatory. For an application or more information contact Paul Bjornen at paulbjornen@hotmail.com (preferred) or 479)575-9500.

HEALTHY CONGREGATION

Come to the Resource Center THIS Sunday, January 15th between 9 am and 11:15 am and have your blood pressure and sugar level checked. We want to help you get healthy and stay healthy!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Please join us THIS Saturday, January 14th in the Fellowship Hall at 7 am for breakfast and our next study based on the movie, *Courageous*.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Every Thursday from 12 - 1 pm, you are invited to sit and soak in the Heritage Sanctuary as Chuck leads a time of worship and prayer.

MOMS IN PRAYER

If you are interested in joining a group of moms to pray for your child/children and their schools, please join us here at the church every Thursday at 8:00 am.



Get threaded into the biggest story of all time. You're about to experience God's heart for all peoples and encounter the momentum of the World Christian Movement. Perspectives will open the eyes of your heart with fresh knowledge and understanding of God's unchanging purposes and why they're relevant to your life. Learn firsthand from the global experiences of Pastors, Professors, Biblical Scholars, Mobilizers, Theologians, Missiologists, and Missionaries from the Field. Please feel free to come and check out the first class free of any financial obligation. More information about Perspectives can be found at www.perspectives.org or by contacting Mary McCutchen phone: 629-2027 email: mmccutchen@vbsd.us.

PRESCHOOL TEACHER FEATURE



It's month #4 of our Teacher Feature about the teachers at Heritage Preschool. We have a wonderful group of teachers that we would love for you to know a little better. This month we will introduce you to the Blue Class Teachers. This is the first of our two 3 year old classes!

Erin Reeves is the first teacher for the Blue Class. This is her 2nd year to teach at Heritage Preschool. She is married to Jason & they have a daughter, Ellie, who is 3. They are also expecting their 2nd child. Jason and Erin are members of Heritage & Erin is active in children's ministry. Jason is a football coach in Alma & they LOVE those Airedales! Erin loves shopping, taking photos & participating in outdoor activities. She is also a big fan of game shows!! She says that she loves teaching preschool and that the kids are like "little sponges". Erin taught at City Heights for several years before Ellie was born & we are so blessed to have her as a part of Heritage Preschool.

Maggie Sharbono is the other teacher in the Blue

Class. This is her first year at the preschool. She is married to Chad & they have two precious little girls, Molly is 5 & is in kindergarten at Parkview & Meredith is 18 months old & is enrolled here at the preschool. Chad and Maggie are members here of Heritage as well. Maggie enjoys scrapbooking, cooking, traveling with family & reading. Before her children were born, she taught preschool & Reading Recovery at King Elementary School for 3 years. She has been a blessing to this program & we are so delighted that she has joined our staff.

Now that you know a little bit about the teachers in the Blue class, doesn't it sound like Heritage Preschool is a great place to be? We still have a few openings in our program. We start at 18 months & go through Pre-K. If you have a child in this age group & are looking for a great place for your child to spend a few hours a week, give us a call 474-6424.



Serving Him Gladly-
Amber Hurst
Preschool Director

TOP TEN PREDICTIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR*

*Many of you have seen this. Ron Hall shared it with the Pairs and Spares class who, in turn, shared it with me. I think it's great! I've edited it slightly. *Pastor Wes*

With all the problems the world is facing, it can be unsettling. Here are ten predictions that are guaranteed for 2012!

1. The Bible will still have the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on earth.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. God will still be delivering and healing.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

Isn't it great to remember Who is really in control, and that "the Word of the Lord endures forever!" (1 Peter 1:25)

BYKOTA

The Be Ye Kind One To Another Circle will meet Tuesday, January 17th at 1:30 pm in the Welcome Center. The BYKOTA Circle is a group of women who meet monthly for Bible study and fellowship. All women are welcome.



Spring Break 2012 is right around the corner. If you are signed up to go on the trip to California, please be on top of your account balance. Don't forget that your account should show a minimum of \$250 paid toward the trip by this Sunday, January 15th!