

**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.*

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**WORSHIP WITH US EVERY SUNDAY!**  
**8:05 AM**  
**Awakening Service**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Traditional Service**  
**11:00 AM**  
**Contemporary Worship**  
 Nursery provided for all services.  
 Sunday School for All Ages  
 9:30 & 11:00 AM

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*In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

At Home:  
**Margene Bules, Jim and Gerlinda Dibble, BJ DuVall, Myron Kirksey, Jeri Nash, Johnny Parker, Linda Seubold, Sandra Thompson**

All Military Personnel all around the world

Nursing Home:  
**Jean Stratton** (Legacy Lodge)

Assisted Living:  
**Billie Jacks** (Alma Health Care)  
**Mary Coble** (Crawford H & R)  
**Lena Mae Smith** (Crawford H & R)  
**Maxine Fahrner** (Ashton Place)

In Sympathy:  
**Deborah Pearson and Family** in the death of her sister, *Mary*.

**Marilyn Sneed and Family** in the death of her grandmother, *Wilma Majors*.

**November Volunteers**

Ushers

<b>8:05 am</b> John Poole Bruce Brown Kevin Fontaine Jason Fontaine	<b>9:30 am</b> Seeker's Life Group	<b>11:00 am</b> Drew Cone Justin Carter Chris Christensen Chad Sharbono
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Greeters

**8:05 am:** Rick and Jane Sanders  
**9:30 am:** Seeker's Life Group  
**11:00 am:** Kris Tutwiler  
 Barry and Shawna Mason

*Upcoming Events*

<b>Sunday, November 17:</b> CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL FOR COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT BUTTERFIELD ASSEMBLY OF GOD 4 PM	<b>Tuesday, November 19:</b> PRAYER GATHERING FOR COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT VB FINE ARTS CENTER BALCONY 7 PM	<b>Wednesday, November 20:</b> COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT VB FINE ARTS CENTER 7 PM
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**FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... THE BLESSED LIFE – A LIFE OF GENEROSITY**

I was so shocked and blessed by your response to the message Sunday! God was moving and you were responding to the conviction of the Holy Spirit. I came so close to not preaching that message, but I sensed the LORD saying, "No, this is My timing and plan for My people." Breaking the spirit of materialism/mammon and giving freely, voluntarily, cheerfully, and generously is a huge key to preparing the way for the revival God wants to bring!

Already, chains are being broken! Already, lives are being saved! Already, people are receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit and Fire! Already, captives are being set free! Praise the LORD! It is exciting to watch and be a part of this!

This week we are going to have a testimony and teaching from one of our own who has been impacted by the call to radical generosity and by the challenge to live "The Blessed Life." Don't miss it! You'll be blessed!

Remember too, Wednesday night Bible study is just awesome this year! November 6<sup>th</sup> it's, Luke 5 – "Fishing Lessons from Jesus" Then, November 13<sup>th</sup> it's "Jesus and Healing!"

Living the Blessed Life as your lead pastor!  
 Pastor Wes

**On the Inside**

- New Members and Baptisms
- Prayer Gathering
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## MEMORIALS

In memory of **ARTUS HILL** (*father of Debbie Hill*) by:

M/M Skip Steele (FP)

M/M Bruce Johnson (LB)

In memory of **EMMITT DOVE** (son of Jennell Dove) by:

M/M Benton Cone (BF)

In honor of **DEBBIE BRETCH'S BIRTHDAY** by:

Bob Bretch (BF)

FP - Food Pantry BF - Building Fund

LB - Love Benevolence

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Daughters of the King Sunday School Class would like to invite all women to join them each Sunday at 11 am in room 130 as they explore Christianity.

## HERITAGE TRAVELERS

The Heritage Travelers' next trip is coming soon. They will be headed to Branson for "Christmas on the Trail" on Dec. 7. This is one of Branson's most publicized events. It has been featured on PBS and the travel channel. The evening will include transportation to and from Branson, dinner, a show, a tour of the Christmas lights, a trip to inspiration glass tower, and complimentary beverages from Aunt Molly's. There will be a table set up in the Fellowship Hall with all the details. There are only 35 spots available. Reserve yours today!

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Rehearsals continue on Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm for **EVERYONE** 2-year-old through Kindergarten. Please join us!

## NEW MEMBERS AND BAPTISMS



McKenna Welbern joined and was baptized Sunday.

Tyler Grant joined and was baptized Sunday.



## BOOK SIGNING

Paula Dickerson, Shirley Touchstone and Anita Dowty will be at the Solid Rock Christian Bookstore Christmas Open House on November, 9th from 11 - 2 for a book signing. All are welcome.

## PRAYER GATHERING

On Tuesday, November 19th, please join us in a joint prayer session with other believers from all over our region to pray for the success of our annual Community Thanksgiving Service. We will meet in the balcony of the Van Buren Fine Arts Center at 7 pm.

## CAN I GET A WITNESS?

Has the Lord blessed you through giving? Your testimony can encourage others. If you are willing to share, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*Surviving the Holidays* seminar offers help for those dealing with grief during the holidays. Make plans to attend Saturday, November, 23rd at 10 am in the Sanctuary. For more information, contact Shirley Touchstone at 629-7901.

## MUMS FOR SALE



If you would like to purchase one or more of the 9" purple mums in honor of a blessing in your life, please fill out the form below and turn it into the church office. They are \$15 a piece and will be displayed throughout November.

Afterwards, take them home, replant them and enjoy them in the future.

Blessing: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_



## THE CANVAS OF AUTUMN

By Cathy Irvin

Staff Writer at CBN

Winter, spring, summer, and fall are God's seasons. I have always been a big fan of summer and spring and not too fond of fall and winter. But lately I have changed. I think it is something about those leaves of red, orange, yellow, and burgundy that fall from the trees. I feel as if I have noticed them for the very first time.

I like taking a ride and watching people setting out pumpkins in the yard with hay bales and planting mums in the yard. I am looking forward to getting some lavender and yellow mums myself for my yard and a few pumpkins.

The other day, one of my friends and I went to visit a friend who has been ill, and in her neighborhood, we noticed many yards decorated for fall. I don't remember seeing this too much in the past. Have I missed this season all these years, or is it just that as I get older I appreciate God's world just a little more?

The latter is what I concluded. The Bible says, "This is day that the Lord hath made, and I will rejoice in it." Each day He has given me beauty to enjoy, so I think I should sit back and take in this glorious creation.

God is the best artist in the world, for only He can create such different themes. We see many artists that try to capture the seasons on their canvases by painting what they see around them, and they do a wonderful job. However, neither picture nor paint could ever replace the real thing splashed across the sky and spilled over the earth like the Master's display of His finest artwork. God's creativity is unmatched, for every day is different, just like every snowflake in winter.

When people say there is no God, I know they do not see with eyes like mine. They must see a plain, white canvas or a black drop cloth and not the blue skies that fade into light pink in the evening. Nor do they see the flowers that no paint on any artist's palate could attempt to match or the trees that were each given a certain color leaf to change into when autumn arrives. 'No God,' they say. It is just that they do not know the Master of the seasons, the One who has created such magnificent displays of perfect art.

Instead of always looking forward to the summer and springtime, I have decided to enjoy the Master's autumn masterpiece for the rest of my life. Psalm 147:4, 8, 16-18

## NEWCOMERS' RECEPTION

If you are a guest or have come to Heritage within the last year, we would like to invite you to a meet and greet with Pastor Wes this Sunday. It will be immediately following each service in the Welcome Center.

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS

Every Sunday morning, the Block is open for prayer from 7:30 - 9 am. The lights are low, the music is high, and the presence of the Lord is there. Join us this month in the Block as we ready our hearts and our region for the Community Thanksgiving Service.

## BAPTISM HELP NEEDED

We have been so blessed here at Heritage to have so many people come to know the Lord and to follow through with baptism. We have prayed for this and God has blessed us in abundance. He has blessed us so much that it is no longer possible for our staff to provide the necessary care that it takes when someone is baptized. We are asking for you to search your heart and if God is calling you to serve in a ministry area we would like for you to consider baptism ministry.

This is what it would involve:

- 1) Coordinating with church as to when baptisms will occur.
- 2) Contacting candidates for baptism and letting them know what items they will need to bring with them for their baptism.
- 3) Set up for baptism (extra towels, robes, mop, bucket for wet robes)
- 4) Clean up after baptism
- 5) Laundry of robes and towels

Please contact the church office if God puts it on your heart to participate in this ministry. We would love to have someone from each of the three services.