

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

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HAIL AND FAREWELL

Change is inevitable—or so I have been told. We have seen lots of change here over the last few years. I haven't always been excited about the changes before they happened but I can't think of a single one that hasn't made us a better church. They also say that you can't have your cake and eat it too! I disagree! Bob Odiorne joined us as the Middle School and Outreach minister over a year ago. Bob laid the foundation and started "The Beat". Our 6th-8th grade students have grown tremendously in the Lord during this year. Bob also got us a start in several outreach events including the recent trip to the Amazon. Here's how we get to "keep and eat our cake," Bob is stepping down to do ministry in the workplace; he's not leaving. Bob and Carrie and Levi will continue to worship and serve at Heritage.



Brad Sneed will be taking on our middle school ministry. He is a great fit with our kids and a great fit with the staff. Brad is employed full-time as an Operations Manager at ABF Multimodal. He has tons of experience as a youth pastor, missionary, and even college professor. Most importantly, he loves Jesus and he loves middle school kids—not many people can say that. 😊 Brad is married to Marilyn and they have three daughters, Laurel, Aubrey, and Gentry. Brad starts August 1st.



Bryan Tabakian will be joining us as our pastor for discipleship (AKA Walk Pastor). Bryan's job will be to help each of us to grow as disciples of Christ. He will be working to get everyone plugged in and growing. He will also work with Life Group leaders. Bryan's personality and skills perfectly complement our staff. Bryan has experience as a youth pastor and most recently as the Lead Pastor for Genesis Fellowship in Alma. Bryan's full-time job is counselor with Oklahoma Treatment Services (maybe that's why he fits the staff so well—we need counseling). Bryan is married to Traci and they have lots of kids, Brayden, Kate, Luke, and Addison. They are also active with *Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime* (CALL) and are fostering 5 and 6 year old sisters.

When you get the chance, please tell Bob how much you appreciate his service and give Brad and Bryan a big Welcome-to-Heritage hug. Heritage is a GREAT church and it just got better!

See you Sunday!

Roger

PS The staff doesn't really need counselling. That was a joke!

JULY VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am

John Poole
Benton Cone
Bill Ottinger
Rick Moore

9:30 am

Wayne Stewart
Connie Mendenhall
Mark Stafford
Mark Evans

11:00 am

Daniel Chisolm
Nathan Elliot
Grant Elliot
Justin Sangster

Greeters

8:05 am

Alexis Boster

9:30 am

Gail Sly and John Ferrell
Kim and Nathan Teague

11:00 am

Kelley Nash
Grace Kelly

*no thoughts
a prayer*

Hospital:

At Home:

**Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Linda Dahl,
Jennell Dove, Jeanette Elkins, Neal and Patsy
Ellison, John Luckau, Jeri Nash, Donna Pape,
Dick Pettit, Cyndy Rogers, Carolyn Scott,
Linda Seubold**

Assisted Living:

Billie Jacks (Alma Health Care)
Mary Coble (Crawford H & R)
Jim and Gerlinda Dibble (Willowbrook)
Lena Mae Smith (Crawford H & R)
Jean Stratton (Crawford H & R)
Maxine Fahrner (Ashton Place)

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 27:
BAPTISM SUNDAY

Sunday, August 17
EDUCATION APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Saturday, August 23:
FALL KICK OFF
WIPE OUT BEACH PARTY

Have an Announcement for the Bulletin or Newsletter?
Email it to office@heritagevb.org.

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **JOHN LUCKAU** by:
The Unity Class (BF)

In honor of **J.L. AND MARILYN
LEWIS** by:
Jason Lewis (BF)

In memory of **CRYSTAL UTZ** (*sister
of Valerie Hubbs and Matthew Utz*)
by:

M/M Charles Sullivan (FP)

In memory of **MIKE POOLE**
(*brother of John Poole*) by:

M/M Charles Sullivan (FP)

In memory of **KEN POPPE** by:
M/M Charles Sullivan (FP)

BF - Building Fund FP - Food Pantry

DONATE BLOOD

It's a Blood Drive! Please make time to give this Sunday, July 27th from 8:30 am - 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Schedule your appointment today by calling the church office at 474-6424. Each donor receives: A t-shirt and Two Tulsa Zoo Admissions.

MT. OLIVE UMC SPLASH OF SUMMER FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Mt. Olive UMC is asking us to join them on Saturday, Aug. 2nd by bringing donations (any item they can put out and let people take for free) to their church at 500 Jefferson (take to the church office door at the back of the church). They need household items, clothes, shoes, furniture - any item to help others out with. Let's help them bless our community.

WELCOME SAJI LUKOS



Please join us this Sunday in worship as we welcome Pastor Wes' friend, Saji Lukos. He is the founder of *Reaching Indians Ministries International*. RIMI is an international, interdenominational evangelical Christian missions agency that seek to glorify Christ by training leaders who establish Christ-centered communities in South Asia and beyond. He will speak to us about his passion for Missions, Near and Far. We will take up a love offering. For more information on RIMI, go to rimi.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with our Fall Kick-off **WIPE OUT** "beach experience!" Please contact bkneeland@heritagevb.org if you are interested in any of the following positions:

- Children's Area Coordinator
- Youth Area Coordinator
- Beach Blanket Bingo Coordinator
- Antique Car Show Coordinator
- Sanctuary Décor Coordinator
- Food Area Coordinator
- Set Up Coordinator
- Tear Down Coordinator

TIMOTHY TEAM/TINY TIM'S

The registration deadline is approaching fast for Timothy Team & Tiny Tims! (for children 2 yrs. old through 5th grade as of 8/1/14). We will study the book of Acts. The deadline to register is August 3rd. Forms are available at the computer check-in stations!

WIPE OUT



Beach Experience of the Summer!! Saturday, August 23rd beginning at 5:30 here at Heritage! There will be Water Slides/Beach Blanket Bingo/Children's Activities/Youth Activities/Food/Antique Car Show/Motorcycles, SAND!! Lots and lots of SAND!!

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church this Sunday, July 27th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

BACKPACK SPONSORS NEEDED

Sponsors are needed to support our backpack program. Thanks to you, this program has been a great success in past years. We hope to sponsor 100 needy children again this year. Please pick up a child's name in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. We ask that you purchase a backpack, a pair of inexpensive tennis shoes, socks, and underwear for the child—or children—you sponsor. **Please return the Backpacks to the church office by Monday, August 4th.** If you prefer not to shop, donations will be gladly accepted and we will shop for you. Just drop off your donation at the office, or put it in the offering plate in an envelope marked, "BACKPACK". We also need 3-4 hairdressers that would volunteer their time on Monday, August 11th from 4-6. If you are interested, or if you have any questions, please contact Tara Teague at 414-5775.

HEY 18 TO 24 YEAR OLDS -

If I have not met you yet, my name is Bryan Tabakian and I am new to the staff here at Heritage. I will be helping in developing new life groups and discipleship ministries. One of my first priorities is to get established a small group for 18 to 24 year olds. I have a huge passion for this age group and wholeheartedly believe you are not just the future leaders of the church but rather the heartbeat of the church now as authentic worshipers and genuine lovers of God.

I want to invite you all on Aug 3rd right after the 11:00am service for a cookout at the church to further discuss our vision and excitement to launch a Life group this fall. I would love to meet you all and hear your ideas, passions, and desires on what you would like to see offered in a Life group. Join me on the 3rd for some good food and some great discussions.



I really look forward to meeting you and all. Please feel free to contact me at btbakian@heritagevb.org with any questions.

Bryan Tabakian

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL



Register today for the 2014-2015 school year. Please stop by the church office and pick up an enrollment form.

PLEASE UPDATE

Many of you no longer have home phones. This Sunday, please indicate on your connection card any new phone numbers or email address. We want to stay in touch with you!

LOST AND FOUND DISHES

There are many dishes that have been left in the kitchen recently from bereavement dinners, life group dinners and other things. Please come and claim your dishes!



HALO REPORT THURSDAY JULY 17, 2014

In a very cool and wet July evening with temperatures in the mid to low sixties plus a nice breeze to the chill the air, FB Alma and The Halos slugged it out in a best of three League Championships series. The Halos won two of the three to take the Men's softball championship for the second year in a row. On defense the outfielders had to be careful to field the sudden skips and skids of the optic yellow ball on the wet grass. Meanwhile as steady drizzle turned to rain, the infielders dealt with moist clumps of dirt transition into slick mud. Nonetheless, our heroes prevailed as they scored 57 runs in three games to Alma's 49. After Heritage won game one 24-12, Alma bounced back and took game two 26-15. In the rubber match and championship game the Halos won 24-12. In a strategy inspired by the genius of Andrew Elkins, the Halos limited Alma's Home Run power to just 4 home runs per game. In game one the strategy kept Alma from scoring and additional 8 runs as each of their over-the-limit home runs resulted in a total of three outs. With Alma's big hitters restrained the Halo men poured on the hits and scored runs in 15 of 16 innings played Thursday night. (For you numbers crunchers that's 3.8125 runs per inning.)

In the unique weather for a July night it was strange to see our fans dawned in jackets and long pants. The strange July temperatures made it feel like a "Hot chocolate night" instead of a "snow cone" night. Thank you for all the fans that showed up to support the Halos.

Be sure to congratulate the following members of The Heritage Halos men's softball team: Justin Goins, Marshall Newby, Tim Elkins, Andrew Elkins, David Watkins, Blake Bryant, Nick Holman, Michael Jennings, Wes Strassel, Jason Lolley, Denver Riddle, Terrin St. John (not Wisniopwiecki), Travis Teague, Brian Curd, Shane Hubbard, Korey Hathaway, Dan Smith, Mitch Osburn, Caleb Baughman, Tyrone Joseph, Mike Kneeland, Wes Hilliard and Brian Seewald.

In the very near future we will need both men and women players interested in joining the Halos for the Fall co-ed season. In addition we will need men interested in playing this fall as well.