

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!

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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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ...

WARFARE PRAYER -- PRAYER THAT WINS! PRAYER THAT BRINGS GOD'S GLORY. "FAITH THAT PRAYS FOR AND EXPECTS MIRACLES." -- ELEMENT 5 OF 7 OF THE HERITAGE VISION

This Tuesday morning our Men's Prayer and Bible Study Group was blessed to hear from Kenyan evangelist, Pastor Fred Indangasi! What an amazing story of the powerful move of God and his team leading tens of thousands of people to Jesus each year (42,500 this past year). He shared a letter from Muslim terrorists threatening to behead his wife, kidnap his child, and then kill him. He has survived multiple assassination attempts, including a hand grenade that bounced off his pulpit before exploding.

And yet, he says he is unafraid, "For me to die is gain and to live is Christ!" (Philippians 1:21) When asked about the source of his boldness, spiritual guidance, success and protection, Pastor Fred talked about his extensive prayer network. He has one team that is divided into seven groups. They cover every hour of every day in prayer. His whole congregation and ministry team "dry fasts" (no food or drink) the first Friday-Sunday of each month. He has an inner circle of prayer warriors throughout Africa who pray every day from 3-5 a.m and fast three days a week, "To permeate the atmosphere with the presence and will of God and to thwart the witchcraft and prayers of [other religions] directed against us."

Pastor Fred says his father was killed through witchcraft but that the shamans said the same spells were powerless against Fred. One morning Fred had a dream of a witch doctor coming to kill him with a sword. He woke up and went outside. There was the witch doctor with his sword. He had traveled all night, over 700 miles, to kill Pastor Fred. Pastor Fred said to the man, "I know you have come to kill me, but in the Name of Jesus, you can not!" The man fell down to the ground trembling and powerless as Fred came over to lead him in the sinner's prayer and to faith in Jesus!



I was convicted by the Kenyans' commitment to prayer! The LORD said to me, "It's time to take things to a whole new level in prayer if you want to see Me do what I want to do at Heritage!" Friends, will you join me? Let's take prayer to a whole new level here!
Let us pray!

Pastor Wes

P.S. Fred has also invited us to help him plant businesses and churches along the King's Highway in Kenya to take the Gospel to all of East Africa. Do we dare say, "Yes?"

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am
John Poole
Myron Kirksey
Mike McSpadden
Benton Cone

9:30 am
Wise Guys' Life Group

11:00 am
Roger Burkert
Jon Harper
Matt Harper
Mark Anders

Greeters

8:05 am
Blenders' Life Group

9:30 am
Andy and Terry Williams
God's Armor Bearers

11:00 am
Kody and Bethany Morris
Mark and Gretchen Turner



At Home:

Wayne Ames, Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Ellarene Crowley, Neal and Patsy Ellison, Max Goins, Wes Hilliard, Joe Johns, John Lovelace, John Luckau, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, 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)

In Thanksgiving:

The Dorey Family on the birth of *Stella Elizabeth Dorey*. Proud grandparents are Valorie and Cliff Hubbs.

Wes and Ashton Marsh on the birth of their daughter, *Avery Jane Marsh*. Proud Grandparents are Jeff and Sherrie Marsh, Mary Beth and Stan Jenkins. Proud Great-Grandmother is Katy Marsh. Proud great aunt and uncle is Debbie and Rick Marsh.

In Sympathy:

Maria Sullivan, Felicia Gay and Family in the death of their father, *Phil Fedric*.

Alexis Boster and Family in the death of her grandmother, *Marilyn Stamp*.



October 19
BAPTISM SUNDAY

November 19
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
7:00 PM

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

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR HERITAGE FAMILY

If you haven't noticed, it is becoming increasingly difficult to know everyone at Heritage. That is a great problem! To address this great problem, We will run profiles of our congregation in the newsletter and on our Facebook to help us keep the "family" feel of Heritage.



MEET ROGER GOINS... Married to Kathy since 8/3/1985. Justin is 25, married to Maria. They are both finishing college to be teachers. They have Sophie (our most beautiful granddaughter). Jonathan is 24. He is married to Brittany. Jonathan works for JB Hunt and Brittany is in school. They are expecting a son in December. Kathryn is 22. She is in her last year of college and plays softball for Missouri Southern.

She is engaged to Mitch Osburn. Mitch is also a senior and plays baseball at MOSO. My parents are Max and Marilyn Goins. I have a younger brother and twin sisters. Kathy has a brother and 4 sisters—we have lots of family:) We also have 3 dogs.

I am the Director of Ministries at Heritage. My job is basically to ensure that all the ministries are staffed, supported, organized, and work together. I handle the logistics and operations so that Pastor Wes and the pastoral staff can do their jobs better. Wes sets the vision and I make sure it happens. As part of that, I supervise the staff and church administration. I never get bored because my job covers everything from developing the church budget to occasionally cleaning toilets.

I see everything I do in the community as a ministry opportunity. Every vendor and contractor I deal with should see Jesus in me. I especially enjoy working with people who physically work to keep Heritage and Van Buren going (e.g. construction workers, repairmen, business secretaries, etc.). I am also the registered volunteer Assistant Coach for the VBHS softball team. Coaching female athletes is extremely challenging and rewarding. I love watching people grow as they develop confidence in who God created them to be.

I have been on staff at Heritage since 2004. I have seen the Lord do some amazing things here and in our community. I really believe that he is just warming up. I am excited to see what He has in store for us in the very near future!



MEET BECKI KNEELAND... I have been married to Mike Kneeland for 22 years as of June 27th (or is it the 26th....I can never remember) We have two great kids. Brodie is 20 years old and is a junior at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville where he is studying computer information systems. Sarah is 17 years old and is in the process of completing her senior year at Van Buren High School. We have one cat, who we dearly love, and his name is Leon. Leon has been with us now for 5 years.

I am the Welcome Minister at Heritage. I am in charge of all welcome ministries which includes, greeters, ushers, newcomer gatherings, follow up, big events, etc. If it involves people, you will usually find me in the mix. My passion is loving people, and that is why welcome ministries is the perfect fit. I love making new friends and helping them get acquainted with Heritage and showing them what we have to offer.

My ministry at Heritage naturally flows over into the community. I continue my passion with getting to know people. I not only try to lead people to Heritage but I try really hard to help them find a place to worship that fits their needs and their lifestyle. My philosophy is to be in church....SOMEWHERE! For the past three years I have had the honor of helping organize the River Valley Community Thanksgiving Service. I love that for one night a year we can come together with fellow believers from all over the River Valley to worship in unity.

I have been a member of Heritage Church for 21 years. Mike and I joined after visiting only one Sunday back in July of 1993. We have seen Heritage go through many changes and with each change we have seen her grow in maturity and strength. God has blessed us. I am excited about the future and where God is taking us as a body. I believe revival is here!

2:22 LIFE GROUP

We will meet this Sunday, October 19th in the Welcome Center following the late service. We are a group of 18 to 24-year-old young adults that like to eat, worship, study the Bible and have fun. It's the perfect combination to build relationships in the post high school years. For more information, contact Bryan and Traci Tabakian, btabakian@heritagevb.org. Please join us!

SHORT FILM PUBLIC PREMIERE

STEP INTO: THE KING OPERA HOUSE directed and produced by our own Devon Parks and Chuck King, will premiere free of charge to the public this Thursday, October 16th at 5:30 pm, at the King Opera House. How many Heritage members can you spot in the extras cast?!

BACKYARD B.L.A.S.T

We are having a Fall party this Sunday night, October 19th from 6-8 pm for children 2 years - 5th grade. "Orange You Glad Jesus Loves YOU?" Celebration

SEMINAR

All are invited to a *HEALTH AND HEALING SEMINAR* at Christ the King Church in Vian, OK this Thursday, October 18. There will be music, ministry time, lunch and several guest speakers, including Heritage's own, Judy Spencer. The seminar begins at 9:30 am. For more information, call 918-773-8088.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
BEGINS AT NOON

- **Tickets: \$5**
- **Family of 5: \$20**
- **Includes Tea and Water**
- **Soft drinks available for purchase**
- **Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place**
- **Tickets available for the Sunday in the Fellowship Hall**

All proceeds go towards the production of *The Covenant*.

STAND AND PRAY



Everyone is invited to join Jo Waite and fellow believers of Jesus Christ this Friday, October 17th at 6 pm to *STAND and PRAY!* We will meet in front of Central Elementary School and then walk to the high school football field. We will pray for our children and our children's children. Let's unite as the body of Christ and stand together in this community for God.

MOMS IN PRAYER

Our goal for *Moms In Prayer* is to have at least one group praying for each school and for our own children every week. Right now, we only have two, very small groups here in Van Buren and one group in Alma. We need many more groups to be started. Please let me know if you would like me to help you start a prayer meeting that would work with your time schedule: any day of the week, daytime or evening, your home, work, church, or where ever works for you. All you need is at least one other person that will be committed. Prayer meetings that are already in place at Heritage Church are Thursday at 9:30 am and 6 pm. Anyone may drop in if you want to see how we pray in small groups. If you have any questions, please contact Monica Steele at Monisteele@icloud.com, 479-474-8165 or text 479-629-4384.



Why give blood with Arkansas Blood Institute? Because each blood donation you make can save as many as THREE lives. Please make time to give at...

Heritage Church
Sunday, October 19th
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Schedule your appointment today by calling the church office at 474-6424.



Operation Christmas Child
WEEK #2 - October 19:

Hygiene Items: Bar of soap, toothpaste, comb, washcloth

MISSING SOMETHING?

Please call or stop by the church office if you are missing your bible, eye glasses or a multitude of other items. We have a nice collection of items that are ready to go home. There are plenty of dishes in the kitchen, as well. Please take a look this Sunday!