

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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Here Now
FUELING THE FIRE FOR THE FUTURE

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... THANK YOU! ... A HEART FULL OF GRATITUDE!

This is an exciting weekend for me! I get to retire from the military. Unfortunately, no retirement checks for me until I turn 59! I enlisted in August of 1985 as a highly patriotic, 19 year old kid needing money for college. I received a commission as a field artillery officer in 1988, and became an Army chaplain in 1995. It's been a great experience, but I am very happy to take off the uniform. It is part of the Lord's pruning in my life to focus my time and energy on what God has for us in ministry in this next season.

What I want to say to you, my Heritage Church family, is "Thank You!" You have enthusiastically supported me in this continuing ministry that I have considered my "mission work" for the past 23 years as a chaplain and chaplain candidate. You have allowed me to continue to serve even when it has meant your pastor being mobilized or deployed for over 28 months since 9/11/2001. Unlike employers of other National Guard and Reserve service members, law did not require you to keep me as your pastor when I was called up for these missions/deployments. But you faithfully stood by me and my family even when, at the time, it made things much more difficult for the congregation. When I came home struggling with PTSD for three years, you ordered me to take a paid sabbatical for four months! You have gone truly "above and beyond!"

The retirement ceremony will be Saturday, February 7th, at 1500 hours at Armstrong Chapel at Camp Robinson. This Sunday, February 8th, Brigadier General Keith Klemmer, the **Deputy Adjutant General of the Arkansas National Guard** and his wife, Sandra, will join us for all services. Chief Master Sergeant (Ret) Richard Green was the **fourth Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Director of the Air National Guard** and he will be here representing the Arkansas Employers Support of Guard and Reserve (ESGR). I will be sharing a message I'm calling "From Gratitude to Generosity" as I share my tribute and response to those who have gone before us to make this great nation and this great church so wonderful.



BG Klemmer will address the congregation on behalf of the Arkansas National Guard and CMSgt (Ret) Green has a presentation to make to the congregation from the ESGR organization. In between services we will have a special reception in honor of our guests and my military retirement. I want to thank my life-group, the Blenders, for putting together the receptions at Camp Robinson and at Heritage! It is going to be a great Sunday! You might want to wear your red, white, and blue! General Klemmer and I will wear our dress blue uniforms – the first time I've worn my dress blues to church when it's not for a funeral!

Blessed and Highly Favored!

Pastor Wes

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am

John Poole
Jane Sanders
Rick Sanders

9:30 am

Seeker's Life Group

11:00 am

Erich Bauman
Russ Aikman
Rick Rauser
Mike Jennings

Greeters

8:05 am

Leanna Garrett

9:30 am

Seeker's Life Group

11:00 am

Justin and Katie Lovett
Drew & Marlene Cone



In the Hospital:

Joyce Hopkins (Sparks)

At Home:

Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Ellarene Crowley, Jeanette Elkins, Ron Hall, John Hoffman, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Linda Seubold, Don Spillman, Debbie Swaim, Mary Wrisinger

Assisted Living:

Mary Coble (Crawford H & R)
Jim and Gerlinda Dibble (Willowbrook)
Geraldine Hurst (Covington Court Rehab)
Donna Pape (Methodist Rehab)
Jean Stratton (Crawford H & R)
Maxine Fahrner (Ashton Place)



Sunday, February 8:
RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR WES

BRYANT BABY SHOWER
2 PM

Wednesday, February 18
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
SPECIAL GUEST, REV. DAVID HANSHAW
7 PM

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

MEMORIALS

In memory of **BARBARA TRAFICAN** (sister of Debbie Thomas and aunt of Nathan Teague) by:

Betty Beazley (YM)
Citizens Bank & Trust (YM)
Vesta Everitt (YM)
Linda Stephens (YM)
Rita Young (YM)
M/M Wayne Weege (YM)
Patricia Garner (YM)
Kathy Hubbs (YM)
Cleo Kaylor (YM)
M/M Roger Burkert (YM)
M/M Larry James (YM)

YM - Youth Ministry

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ART EXHIBIT

Children's Ministry will sponsor an art exhibit in March for children up to 5th grade! The canvas' will be sold on March 1st and the money will be donated to the building fund to reduce our debt. Deadline for entries will be Wednesday, February 11th. For details, contact Debbie Marsh.

PRAYER FOR OUR SCHOOLS

Join us this Saturday, February 7, at 9 a.m., at Tate Elementary to pray over the staff and students of the school. Everyone in the community is welcome each month as we attend a different school to pray. Mark your calendar March 7th for Butterfield Trail at 9 a.m. We are covering the school grounds with prayer and specifically praying for revival in our community that will come through these sweet students!

Becky Malone 651-1908
Ronda Brown 561-7858



Wednesday, February 18th we will begin the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm. Special guest, Rev. David Hanshaw will bring the message. Timothy Team/Tiny Tim's, as well as the Adult/Youth Bible Studies, will still meet at the regular time but will dismiss early that evening so that everyone will be able to attend.

YOU'RE INVITED

We will have a *Mom and Baby Celebration* Saturday, February 14th from 10 am - 12:00 pm in the Welcome Center. Please join us as we celebrate the babies born to our Heritage family in 2014. Contact Nicole Beket at nicolebeket@gmail.com if you need more information.

LEADERS NEEDED

For over a year now, Hearts of Hope has offered a worship time every day at 10:30 am and 3:30 pm. The people who have participated have prepared a place physically and spiritually for more worship and prayer. Now is the time to open up times for more prayer, worship, praise, proclamations over our towns, regions, country and the whole earth. In order to facilitate these meetings, we need prayer and worship leaders. This is a "we" thing, not an "us" and "them" thing. We have prayed for unity. Let's live it now.

Options/Suggestions: Prayer for America, Prayer for Crawford County, Praying in tongues to break bondages, Praise and Worship, Solemn Assemblies (families), Jubilation and Dance, Harp and Bowl

Any mixture of music and prayer or music alone/prayer alone.

Sessions will be set up for one hour segments. You can have as many of those one hour segments as the schedule allows. Day and night times are available.

Once leaders are secured for prayer and worship segments, the times and topics will be sent out so others can join in with them.

If God is stirring your heart for more of His presence in your life and in this area, call and set up a time with Pastor Cindy at the Church office, 479-430-7371.

THANK YOU

Dear Heritage Family,
Thank you for recognizing me for my maintenance service to our church for the last 20 years. I appreciate all of your words of thanks and cards. I want to thank Jack Infield for his faithful assistance for a number of years and for filling in for me when Sue and I were on vacation. I thank my wife, Sue, for going to work with me every day for the past three years and helping me do the maintenance everyday I was at work. I think I taught her enough that she can do most of the maintenance at home now! A special thanks to the Seekers Life Group for hosting the reception and to Wesley, Roger, Ruth, Kathy and Pam for all their input for the reception.

God bless all of you,
Wayne Weege

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Join us THIS Sunday, February 8th for a reception between worship services as we honor Pastor Wes for his many years of service to the U.S. Army.

ALTAR PRAYER TEAM

The Prayer Team will meet this Sunday, February 8th at 3 pm to go over calendar events and pray together. Anyone interested in joining the prayer team is welcome to join us in the Prayer Room.

PRAYER PACKET

There are prayer packets that have been put together for each household to use as we seek God for His presence in the 'Here and Now' of our lives and direction in the Capital Campaign. There are several tools in this packet that might be helpful to you in *Hearing God's Voice*:

- How you might want to fast in February.
- Whose name you might want to put on the prayer wall.
- A calendar of specific prayer points for us to corporately join.
- 43 days of devotions.

May these help you fuel the fire in your life and the life at Heritage. You may pick these up this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We need volunteers to sack groceries and help customers on Mondays & Fridays 9:30 am - 12 pm and on Thursdays 4-6 pm. If you are interested, please contact Roger Burkert at 462-3392.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, February 15th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

MISSING SOMETHING?

Please stop by the church office if you are missing your bible, eye glasses or a multitude of other items. There are plenty of dishes in the kitchen, as well. Please take a look this Sunday!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Rubies' is diving in to Margaret Feinberg's *Fight Back With Joy* on Mondays from 9:30 - 11 am in the Welcome Center. Come join us!

ROOTS CLASS

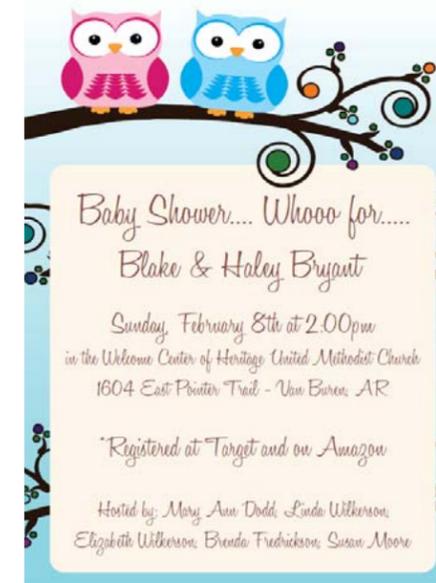
Want to better understand the Christian roots of our faith? Join Charles Reneau on Thursdays at 10 am in room 121 or Sundays at 9:30 am in room 121.

HELP WANTED

VIDEOGRAPHY TEAM: Duties include creative design, video production and editing to support the messages of Heritage. These are volunteer positions. Contact Roger Goins to apply.

CHURCH LIFE

 Have you ever needed someone's address or phone number but didn't want to call the church? The Church Life app is for you! It includes the church calendar and directory. Download it today for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device. It's free!



COOKIES NEEDED

Pastor David Hanshaw is gathering 50 dozen cookies for a Kairos Prison Ministry weekend. He is asking for cookie donations. They must be store bought and not homemade. Please turn them to the church office by Sunday, February 22nd!

CDS FOR SALE

Chuck King's original music CDs are available in the Library. All sales in the month of February will support our production of the covenant.

THE WELCOME CENTER

When you are greeting our guest, don't forget to bring them by the Welcome Center to meet our welcome team. The team is there each Sunday to provide ministry, answer questions, give directions....whatever the need may be. We want our guests to know that they are loved.