

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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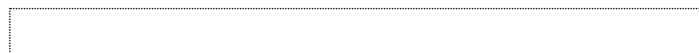
Heritage
Happenings

Here Now
FUELING THE FIRE FOR THE FUTURE

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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



At Home:

Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Jeanette Elkins, 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 (Pink Bud Home)

Donna Pape (Methodist Rehab)
Jean Stratton (Crawford H & R)
Maxine Fahrner (Ashton Place)

In Thanksgiving:

Larry, Melanie, Rhyan and Hudson Yancey in the birth of their daughter and sister, *Caroline Grace*.



Sunday, February 22:
HOSPITALITY TRAINING
2 PM

Sunday, March 1:
COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, March 15:
CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Have an Announcement for the Bulletin or Newsletter?
Email it to office@heritage.church.

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... "DON'T WORRY, ... I'VE GOT THIS!"

I shared with the Heritage Church Council and "Here and Now" Campaign Leadership Team Sunday afternoon what I keep receiving from the LORD: "Don't worry, Wes. I've got this!" We resolved years ago that Heritage is not "OUR" church. It is HIS! We determined that we would not seek to be the church of OUR dreams, but to become the church of GOD'S dreams. It would be so much easier to do nothing right now – to bask in the comfort and ease of our present situation, but it would be like cruise ship passengers basking in the sunshine, sipping lemonade and ice tea on their recliners while passing thousands of shipwrecked individuals drowning in the sea.

God has positioned you and me in the Heritage Family in the Arkansas/Oklahoma River Valley for such a time as this! He has placed us here to do His Kingdom work – to rescue the perishing and to pray for the dying. The **Here and Now: Fueling the Fire for The Future** campaign is the opportunity for us, in faith, to make room for "the floods" of people God is sending our way that He wants to save through us. This cannot be put off. The time is HERE AND NOW. The time is HERE AND NOW for you to give for the sake of this LIFEBOAT like you have never given before. I know that Allison and I are "ALL IN." We will make the largest faith-promise for giving that we have ever made in our lives – trusting the LORD of the Harvest to provide. Please join us! March 1st and March 15th will be two of the most momentous Sundays in the life of the Heritage Church family so far.

Please, get on board with what the LORD is doing. If you would like to meet with me to discuss how you can help, please contact me at whilliard@heritage.church or 474-6424.

On Sunday, March 1st, we are asking you to make a THREE YEAR FAITH-PROMISE of "above and beyond" giving to wipe out our current debt and start sowing the seeds for the phase II, Multi-Purpose Life Center. I am believing for over 1000 people to attend this Sunday.

On Sunday, March 15th, we will start our giving for the campaign. It is our CELEBRATION SUNDAY. We will bring our "first fruits" offering on this Sunday. This will be the largest single offering in the 175 year history of this congregation! Be a part of this day of victory and joy! Chains are going to fall off of prisoners to "the things of this world!" Come be a part of the miracles, signs, and wonders!



Loving what God is doing in you!

Pastor Wes and Allison

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **BILLY SCHRIVER** by: Kenneth and Janice Willsey
 In honor of **WAYNE WEEGE** by: M/M John Symonds (EF)
 In honor of **WES HILLIARD'S RETIREMENT** by: M/M Dorvan Wiley (BF) Cyndy West (BF)

EF - Endowment Fund BF - Building Fund

PRAYER MEETING

The next River Valley Community Prayer Meeting is Monday, March 2nd from 7-8 pm at Grand Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Smith.

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.



Maddox Hobbs	1/23/14
Millicent Murders	1/30/14
Braxton Thomas	4/5/14
Kaybree Still	4/22/14
Sebastian Carter	4/24/14
Cooper Marsh	5/15/14
Bryce Sartor	5/21/14
Brystol German	6/19/14
Sophie Goins	7/22/14
Serenity Holder	7/31/14
Clayton Bowen	11/8/14
Ayla Daily	11/12/14
Tabytha Mankins	11/20/14

NEW MEMBERS



Linda Hill joined Sunday.



Sebastian Carter was baptized Sunday.



Brian Carter joined Sunday. He is married to Rachel Carter. They have two sons, Donavan and Sebastian.

COFFEE MUGS



Pick up your Heritage mug today in the Library for \$5.



The Forging Place is a community counseling and family therapy firm that specializes in refining individuals and relationships by offering mental health services and emotional support to the community, helping both individuals and families combat a variety of issues.

They are offering a class on "Issues and Skills for Grandparents Rearing their Grandchildren" on March 2nd, 9th, 16th from 8:30 to 10:00 am

The class covers challenges and obstacles for both the grandparent and the child. We will discuss healthy coping strategies and helping children with feelings of rejection, anger, and guilt. We will also discuss self-care of the grandparent and breaking down the financial, emotional, and physical stress of rearing children or grandchildren. Healthy mediation and boundaries between the generational gaps will also be a focus. The class cost for all three nights is \$40 or \$70 for a couple. Registration deadline: February 28th. For more information or to register, visit www.theforgingplace.com or call 479-414-3865.

JOIN US

You don't want to miss the special worship services on Sunday, March 1st! It will be an exciting day of worship as we make our commitments toward the *Here & Now* campaign. There will be a special message, celebration video and reception between services. See you then!

TOUR OF PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS AND THE CHURCHES OF REVELATION



The final informational meeting for our "Paul's Journeys & The Churches of Revelation" adventure June 15-27, 2015 will be held February 26th, Thursday night at 6:30 pm in the Community Room. If you are interested in traveling with us and want more information please come.

2015 CRAWFORD COUNTY LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 22	at Dyer UMC	6 pm	Rev. Larry Martineau
Sunday, Mar 1	at Kibler UMC	6 pm	Re. Phil Costner
Sunday, Mar 8	at Mt. Olive UMC	6 pm	Rev. Dan Williams
Sunday, Mar 15	at Mulberry UMC	6 pm	Rev. Bob Jeffery
Sunday, Mar 22	at Alma UMC	6 pm	Rev. Pete Beevers
Sunday, March 29	at Mt. View UMC	6 pm	Rev. Bud Reeves
	<i>with help from Newberry Chapel UMC</i>		

ONCE UPON A PROM



Please donate your old prom dress so it can dance again! Please bring your dresses to the Van Buren Fine Arts Center on Saturday, February 21st from 10 am - 12 pm. Please make sure the dresses are clean and in good condition. If you can't make it and still wish to donate, please contact 479-719-1722.

THE WELCOME CENTER

When you are greeting our guests, 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.

L.I.G.H.T.



Come join Janice Podgurski and Lu Ann Donahu as they learn how to learn then dig into God's Word. They are studying Mark Virkler's, *The 4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*. They meet every Tuesday from 9 am-noon in room 122 at Heritage.

LICENSE PLATES



Pick up your Heritage license plate today in the Library for \$5.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

March 1st is an important day in the life of our church, Commitment Sunday! We want our children to be a part of this big day, so for that Sunday, we will have our children join us in the service and not be dismissed to Children's Church. Baby Bible (infants through 2 year olds) and Preschool Praise (3's through Kindergarten) will still occur in our children's ministry hallway!

SPRING BREAK TRIP



If you are a youth and signed up to go on the Spring Break trip to California, your final payment is due Sunday, March 8th! See Brian for account balance.

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 *God with Us - The Covenant and Yeshua*.

HOSPITALITY TRAINING

For anyone interested in serving as an usher, greeter or as a Welcome Center attendant, or if you currently serve, please plan to attend the Hospitality Ministry training Sunday, February 22nd at 2 pm in Community Room.

GOD WITH US - THE COVENANT AND YESHUA

We will have a special pre-sale of tickets for Heritage's production of "God With Us" on Sunday, March 8th between the services in the fellowship hall. This will be a **one day only sale** of tickets. All other tickets will need to be purchased through the box office at the Fort Smith Convention Center. Tickets are reserved seating and tickets for the presale will be in rows 4 - 9 of the center section of the Convention Center. Please plan to have cash or checks available. We will not be able to hold tickets or sell tickets at our location at any other time. Take advantage of this one-time opportunity to purchase tickets at Heritage.

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.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

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