

**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 ... LET'S BUILD AN ALTAR THIS SUNDAY!**

I have been humbled, blessed, and overwhelmed by so many of your responses to the **Here and Now: Fueling the Fire for the Future** campaign! Saturday evening and Sunday morning, Allison and I encountered one of the most fierce spiritual battles we have ever experienced. I knew it would come, but I was still surprised by its magnitude. The good news was what Allison observed, "We are much stronger than we have ever been spiritually. These attacks don't get us down like they once did!"

Why is there such a battle? One of the strongest principalities that has America in its grips is Mammon – the God of material wealth. Jesus says, "**You CANNOT serve God and Mammon**" (Matt. 6:24). As we are making a full-frontal assault on this stronghold, the enemy is not going to go down without a fight. It knows what is at stake – Your freedom! Your blessing! Your joy! Your effectiveness in ministry! The salvation of thousands! Your healing! Revival and spiritual awakening! Pastor Don Moore, a national leader and expert in revival and spiritual awakening told me last Thursday, "Great breakthrough giving proceeds great revival outpourings. They are intimately linked."

I received an email from a young man Sunday after worship. He and his family had made a very sacrificial early commitment to the **Here and Now** campaign. Sunday during worship, the LORD ministered to him and did an amazing work! He said, "Set free is an understatement." You'll get to hear his story this Sunday! Don't miss it!

So let's defy the devil and **build a great altar** to God's glory this Sunday! Let's rip the "**rocks**" (unyielded rights) out of the soil of our hearts and offer them in submission to Master Y'shua/Jesus! Let's uproot the "**thorns**" --the cares, riches and pleasures/comforts of this world that we let choke out the life of God in us (see Luke 8:11-15), and let us lay them as "kindling" on that altar of "rocks." Then, we can lay the "logs" of our faith-promises/commitments to the **Here and Now** campaign for the next three years on that altar! What a day of rejoicing! Please be praying to the LORD, "**What would you have me/us give over the next three years for this campaign?**" What will you enable us to give? Experience the joy of generosity!!

Remember, these free-will offerings are over and above your current giving to the Heritage missions and ministry budget. Whatever you are already giving to the building fund, include that in your faith-promise for **Here and Now**. Get creative! What about giving cattle or jewelry? Someone has offered a lake view plot of land. Others are giving burial plots, rifles and scopes, stocks and bonds, jewelry and antiques. It always helps us if you can pledge the item and then sell it yourself, but we are looking at ways to sell items and get the best value for the LORD.

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> will be our Celebration Sunday! We will announce the total of commitments, and we will bring the first-fruits of our faith-promise for the **Here and Now** campaign. We are believing that this will be the largest offering we have ever

received in the history of Heritage Church! How much of that "wall of debt" will we knock down in this single blow?! More importantly, we believe the LORD will bless our sacrifice by sending HIS FIRE on the altar – binding up the broken hearted, releasing the captives, opening blind eyes, filling us with His love!

Our LORD Jesus, come!  
Blessed and highly favored to be your lead pastor!



*Wes*

P.S. I would love to receive email testimonies of what God is doing in your lives.

**MARCH VOLUNTEERS**

Ushers

**8:05 am**

John Poole  
Jerry Frederiksen  
Alexis Boster  
Michael Boster

**9:30 am**

God's Armor Bearer

**11:00 am**

Justin Lovett  
Danny Turner  
Kerry Kelly  
Grace Kelly

Greeters

**8:05 am**

Threefold Cord Life Group

**9:30 am**

Threefold Cord Life Group

**11:00 am**

Threefold Cord Life Group



In Hospital:

**Bonnie Luckau** (Sparks)

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 Sympathy:

**Mike Rich and Family** in the death of his wife, *Brenda Rich.*



**Sunday, March 1:**  
COMMITMENT SUNDAY

**Sunday, March 15:**  
CELEBRATION SUNDAY  
WITH SPAGHETTI DINNER

Have an Announcement for the Bulletin or Newsletter?  
Email it to [office@heritage.church](mailto:office@heritage.church).

**MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS**

In honor of **SEEKERS' LIFE GROUP** by:

M/M Wayne Weege (BF)  
 In memory of **BARBARA TRAFICAN** (sister of Debbie Thomas) by: M/M Mike McSpadden (BF)  
 In memory of **ROBERT LOVE, JR.** (brother-in-law of Bill Thomas) by: M/M Mike McSpadden (BF)  
 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.

**CELEBRATION SUNDAY**

Join us March 15th as we make our first offerings for the Here & Now campaign. We will also have lunch starting at 9:30 am. The menu is spaghetti, garlic bread, and salad. We will have carry outs and sit down available after each service. All donations will go towards the Here & Now campaign.

**CLOTHING NEEDS**

The Clothes Closet is in need of winter clothing for sizes newborn through size 6, especially girls. Please place donations in the plastic bin behind the Clothes Closet house.

**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*.

**THANK YOU**

Please extend my heartfelt thanks to the congregation of Heritage Church. Thanks to your generosity, I was able to take 80 dozen cookies to the Kairos prison ministry weekend. Thank you!

*Reverend David Hanshaw*

**L.I.G.H.T.**



We are beginning a new study that will stimulate individuals and groups to explore the depths and the riches of God's Word based on Bill Bright's, *Handbook for Christian Maturity*. It is a Bible study series designed for new Christians. They meet every Tuesday from 9 am - noon in room 122 at Heritage. All are welcome!

**JOIN US**

You don't want to miss the special worship services THIS 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. Let's make this our largest attended Sunday of the year! See you then!

**BRIDAL SHOWER**

Please join us Sunday, March 8th from 2 - 4 pm in the Welcome Center for a bridal shower honoring Emily Prince. She is registered at Dillard's, Target and Walmart. Hostesses are Anna Lowrimore, Christi Wilson and Teresa Fontaine.

**FACE 2 FACE**

What is Face 2 Face? An interactive time of testimony with questions and answers with Sue Barnes and Jennifer Bauman. We would like to share the following:

1. *How we have been delivered from darkness into glorious light.*
2. *The struggle of temptations and testing.*
3. *The failures and falls.*
4. *What to do when you don't know what to do .*
5. *How to operate in your gifting without jealousy.*
6. *How to stand and stay standing.*
7. *How to help others do the same thing.*

Anyone and everyone is invited to join us for a time of fellowship and learning Saturday, March 7th from 12 pm - 3 pm in the Community Room.

**FOOD PANTRY**

There is a Food Pantry meeting THIS Sunday, March 1st at 1 pm in the Community Room.

**BIRTHDAY LIST**

A list of March birthdays is available in the Great Hall.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

This Sunday, 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 day, 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!

**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.

**SPECIAL INVITATION FROM DR. TUTTLE**

Heritage Tour of Paul's Missionary Journeys and the Revelation Churches of Asia



Dear Heritage friends, may I say that the upcoming trek through Turkey, Greece and Rome makes huge parts of the Bible come alive. Even if you have already been to Israel this completes the sites of the New Testament. Let me give you an example. Once while sitting atop Mars Hill where Paul spoke before the Areopagus, within the shadow of the Parthenon in Athens, I was listening to a reading by one of my students from the very sermon that Paul preached at that site during his second missionary journey (Acts 17:22-34). As my student got to the verse where Paul speaks of the resurrection, Luke writes that "some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject."" At that very moment several of the young locals listening at the edges sneered but others came and asked to know more. I cannot tell you how relevant the Word becomes. I will never hear that passage the same again.

Multiply that by walking through the streets of places like Ephesus, Laodicea, Smyrna, Philippi, Sardis, Thessaloniki, Berea, Corinth and Rome and anticipate a fresh encounter with God's Holy Spirit almost at every turn.

You might like to know that I teach a seminary course called the "Church Abroad." I've taught this over a dozen times during similar pilgrimages and I will use much of the same material during my teaching sessions with you. You, in effect, are getting a seminary course as part of the experience.

We still need a few more to make this tour viable for the rest of us. Will you prayerfully consider joining us? I can guarantee that such an experience would change your life forever. Hope to see you there. Bob Tuttle, Jr. Emeritus Professor of World Christianity, Asbury Seminary.

There is an informational meeting THIS Thursday, February 26th at 6:30 pm in the Community Room.

*Topics Include:*

- Self Care
- Financial Issues
- Stress Management
- Healthy Boundaries
- New Generational Challenges
- Managing Emotions of the Child
- Healthy Mediation with Adult Child

**THE FORGING**  
*- place -*  
 Join us as we cover:  
**Issues and Skills for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**

**March 6th, 2015 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
**Lunch will be provided.**

**Rearing grandchildren is a somewhat new trend and can present certain difficult situations. We will discuss strategies for easing this process.**

**Registration Deadline: March 1st, 2015**  
**Cost is \$33 an individual or \$50 a couple**

Seminar will be located at:  
 The Forging Place  
 927 E Main St.  
 Van Buren, AR 72956

To register:  
 Contact Haley at 479-414-3865  
 or hbryant@theforgingplace.com