

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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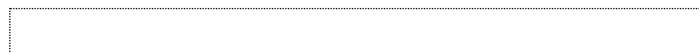
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Happenings

Here Now
FUELING THE FIRE FOR THE FUTURE

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Jim and Gerlinda Dibble (Willowbrook)
Geraldine Hurst (Pink Bud Home)
Donna Pape (Methodist Rehab)
Jean Stratton (Crawford H & R)
Maxine Fahrner (Ashton Place)

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Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Jeanette Elkins, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Linda Seubold, Don Spillman, Debbie Swaim, Mary Wrisinger



Sunday, March 8:

COMMITMENT SUNDAY
RECEPTION BETWEEN SERVICES

LENTEN SERVICE, 6 PM
AT MT. OLIVE UMC

Sunday, March 15:

CELEBRATION SUNDAY
WITH SPAGHETTI LUNCH

LENTEN SERVICE, 6 PM
AT MULBERRY UMC

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

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART! ... THREE ALARM SUNDAY!! SPRING FORWARD FOR JESUS!

THIS SUNDAY is so important for the life of Heritage Church, you don't want to miss it! SET YOUR ALARMS TO SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME! This Sunday, we will make and give to the LORD our faith-promise commitments for the **Here and Now: Fueling the Fire for the Future** campaign! We will announce the total of our early commitments, listen to some wonderful testimonies, talk about the blessings of giving our lives for the "church of God's dreams," and then prayerfully make and turn-in our three-year faith promises. You will receive the commitment cards in your bulletin.

You won't want to miss the worship, nor will you want to miss the **fabulous food** for the specially-catered reception between services! You don't want to miss the flame cookies or the other treats and delicious foods we'll be serving!

Let me say this about the **early commitments**: I have been moved to tears (of joy) over some of them because I am blown away by the sacrifice they represent! I believe that this Sunday, we will more than meet our **Hallelujah** goal of \$1.5 million dollars and we might even top the **Victory** goal of \$2.0 million, but wouldn't it be earth shaking to hit the **Glory** goal of \$2.5? With God, all things are possible! Please **talk with your whole family**, children included, **about what sacrifice you as a family will make** for the LORD for the church of His dreams. You will be enabling this church body to reach the thousands He wants us to reach in this river valley and beyond with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY THE 15TH will be our **Celebration Sunday!** We will announce the total of the commitments so far and give our **first-fruit offering** for the **Here and Now** campaign. We are believing the LORD that this will be our largest offering so far in the history of Heritage. How much of that \$780,000 debt will we knock out with this single blow?! From 9:30-1:30, Mike and Malinda McSpadden will be serving up a spaghetti lunch! All proceeds will go toward retiring the debt and the new Life-Center!

Exciting, exciting things are happening at Heritage! Come fuel the fire for the future with us! Come be a part of the amazing things God is doing – making His Kingdom come **HERE AND NOW!**



Pastor Wes

Humbled and spiritually hungry for all the miracles the LORD wants to do IN and THROUGH you!

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

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In honor of **HILTRAUD JAMES' BIRTHDAY** by:
M/M Bill Thomas (YM)

In honor of **ALLI BETH** (Lu Ann Donahu's best friend of all time) by:
M/M Dorvan Wiley (WAE)

In memory of **BARBARA TRAFICAN** (sister of Debbie Thomas) by:
Robert Love (YM)

In memory of **LOUIS COWAN** (father of Carol Bricker) by:
M/M Rick Brumett (BF)

In memory of **BILLY SCHRIVER** by:
Debbie Sawatsky

In memory of **GAIL SMOTHERMAN** (sister of Pam Thomas) by:
M/M Mike McSpadden (BF)

BF - Building Fund YM - Youth Ministry
WAE - Worship Arts Events

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the wonderful lunch provided for our family. It is so important to be together at this time.

Gail Schriver Jarrell

L.I.G.H.T.



We have begun 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*. This is a Bible study series designed for new Christians. We meet every Tuesday from 9 am - noon in room 122 at Heritage. All are welcome!



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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Don't forget to fill your banks! We will be collecting our offering on March 15th. This coming Sunday, we will be teaching on sacrifice. We all have to learn to give up something we like for something better. It is like teaching a child that study and homework is important and that we have to 'give-up' our play time for something that will occur in the future like good grades and maybe scholarships. This is a hard concept, but one worth learning early! Prayerfully consider an exercise in sacrifice with your children at home in the next two weeks. As a family, decide to skip a regular treat that you normally give to yourselves like ice cream, movies or going out to eat. Afterwards, have the kids put the saved money in their **'Here & Now'** banks. As you do this, be sure and remind the kids what the building campaign is all about: having space to teach others about Jesus and show His love. What an important memory and exercise for your family. When they are older and the buildings are in place, they will understand that they were a part of something big! What an impact on the Kingdom of God these children can make!

JOIN US

You don't want to miss the special worship services THIS Sunday, March 8th! 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!

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

BRIDAL SHOWER

Please join us THIS 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. Hosted by Annie Lowrimore, Christi Wilson and Theresa 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 THIS Saturday, March 7th from 12 pm - 3 pm in the Community Room.

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.

GET UP AND GIVE

Please join Methodist Family Health in collecting necessary items during the season of Lent! Your generosity will bring a smile to the 1400 faces of children they serve in hospitals, alternative schools, group homes, clinics and other programs throughout Arkansas. There is a list of needed items in the Great Hall. Monetary donations are also welcomed. For more information, contact Jane at jdennis@methodistfamily.org.

YOU'RE INVITED



Rick and Debbie Marsh invite everyone to join them at the wedding celebration of their daughter, **ERIN to JOEY BROWN** on Friday, March 20, 2015 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary followed by a dessert reception in the Fellowship Hall.

WEARING THE GREEN

You, your family, and friends are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday, March 17th at the Kibler UMC with Herschel and Mardell McClurkin. Join them for free Irish stew and the fixin's between 11 am - 2 pm or 5 - 7:30 pm and in the Skokos Family Life Center.

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 THIS Sunday, March 8th! See Brian for account balance.

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL

The 2014 - 2015 school year has been very exciting! We are so pleased with the efforts of the teachers and the progress of the children. Registration for 2015-2016 school year has begun. Feel free to stop by the church office and pick up an enrollment form or call Shawna Seewald at 474-6424 or email her at sseewald@heritage.church.



GOD WITH US - THE COVENANT AND YESHUA

We will have a special pre-sale of tickets for Heritage's production of "God With Us" THIS 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.

ONCE UPON A PROM



Prom dresses will be given away free of charge on Saturday, March 14th from 2-5pm in the Backyard. This is for girls ages 14-19 who have difficulty affording one. We still need sizes 16 and up. For more information, please email onceuponaprom.vbhs@gmail.com.