

**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! ... CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES, COME ON!

Back when I was in college, we had a song our football team would always play after a win: "Celebrate!" by Kool and the Gang. I was a little surprised when Allison told me it was also a favorite at her Christian college. "Celebrate" is a great, clean, song, "Cause everything is gonna be alright, let's celebrate!"



One of our core values at Heritage is "Laughing!" For us, that means, since Jesus was a man of joy "anointed with the oil of gladness far above His companions" (Hebrews 1:9), we should be people of joy! We rejoice in all circumstances (Philippians 4:4)! Our joy should be contagious, and we look for reasons to celebrate!

Your amazing, over-the-top, faith-promise commitments to the **Here and Now: Fueling the Fire for the Future** campaign is a reason to dance for joy! Our astounding LORD Jesus, who is enabling us to give more than we ever

imagined for our **FIRST-FRUIT OFFERING** this Sunday, is a reason to *rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory* (1 Peter 1:8)!

This is another Sunday not to miss!

1. We will announce our total commitments so far to the **Here and Now** campaign.
2. We will take down BRICKS at each service from the "Wall of Debt!"
3. We will give our first offering for the **Here and Now** campaign. How much of that "Wall of Debt" will we demolish? We believe this will be the largest offering received to date at Heritage.
4. We will have a celebration **spaghetti luncheon** beginning at 9:30 until after the 3<sup>rd</sup> service. All donations go toward the **Here and Now** campaign.



Come celebrate the good times with us! As my friend, Pastor Don Hutchings, likes to say, "This will be a **no frown zone** Sunday!" Count it all joy, my brothers and sisters!

So blessed!

*Pastor Wes*

P.S. We will have two offering times this Sunday: 1) The first will be our regular offering for ministry and mission, 2) The second will be our **FIRST-FRUIT** offering for the **Here and Now** Campaign. You may bring your cash or checks, or gifts of jewelry, property titles or stocks or bonds or whatever the LORD has you to bring and place on His altar! **If you gave your First-Fruit offering last week, we will make sure it is included in this Sunday's offering total.**



In Hospital:

**Bonnie Luckau** (*Sparks*)  
**Michelle Winner** (*Mercy*)

At Home:

**Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Jim Dibble, Jeanette Elkins, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Linda Seubold, Don Spillman, Debbie Swaim, Jim Terry, 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:

**Chris and Brittney Sebo** in the birth of their son, *Joseph Lee*. Proud grandparents are David Fagan and Missy Fagan.

In Sympathy:

**Stacey Moore and Family** in the death of her mother, *Wanda Smith*.



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

LENTEN SERVICE, 6 PM  
AT MULBERRY UMC

**Sunday, March 22:**  
LENTEN SERVICE, 6 PM  
AT ALMA UMC

## MARCH VOLUNTEERS

### Ushers

**8:05 am**

John Poole  
Jerry Frederiksen  
Gary Prodgurski  
Scott Treece

**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

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

## CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Join us THIS Sunday, March 15th as we make our first fruit 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

I just want to say thank you for all the love you have shown us. From the AGAPE to the food to the love you guys have shown us. I just want you to know it is much appreciated. I've been down for almost five years and this is the best time I've had since I've been down. As soon as I walked through those doors Friday morning, I could automatically fill the love in the air. When all the AGAPE started arriving, I started to break down. To know that many people took the time to pray for us means the world. To know you'll pitched in your hard earned money - THANK YOU! When I get out I want to help people the way y'all have helped us.

Thank you!

Greg, Walk #40

\*This is one of the thank you letters that David Hanshaw received for the cookies that he took for the Kairos Prison Ministry. There are more like these available to read in the church office.



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

## HEALTHY CONGREGATION DAY

Come to the office THIS Sunday, March 15th, between 9 and 11:15 am and have your blood pressure and sugar level checked.

## 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.



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Don't forget to fill your banks! We will be collecting our offering THIS Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 these children can make on the Kingdom of God!



Tickets for Heritage's production of "God With Us" are now available at the box office of the Fort Smith Convention Center or through itickets.com. The dates and times of the production are Friday, April 3rd at 7 pm and Saturday, April 4th at 3 pm and 7 pm.

## 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!

## 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.

## MARCH 9TH HALO REPORT

Tennis anyone? Back when I was a thirteen year old lad (early seventies), I lived and breathed baseball. Most likely the best athlete among my six brothers and sisters was my oldest Sister, Karen. She had recently graduated from Auburn University and quickly became a tennis enthusiast. She convinced me to play tennis with her by selling the sport as similar to baseball. She said receiving a serve was like being a good infielder, that serving was like pitching and the ground strokes were like hitting. I learned to like tennis as a young adult because my sister made the connection to baseball. I still have a love for baseball and that is why I am still involved with the sport of softball, because it is so similar to baseball. Like tennis softball has switched from a white ball to an easier to see optic yellow ball. I guess this makes it easier to play as an older person like me. Even though my synapses don't fire as quickly as twenty years ago, I find I don't have to wear my reading glasses to see a slow pitched ball. If you still have a yearning for the game of baseball in the form of softball, I encourage you to express to me your interest in playing for one of our Heritage softball teams this spring and/or fall at the Kibler Diamond Center. I would like to get enough people to commit to at least one men's team and one Co-ed team. If we have enough interest in a women's team we can register a team at Ben Geren. Please contact Mike Kneeland at mkneeland@vbsd.us or call or text me at 1-479-719-9274.

## 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.

## 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.

## ONCE UPON A PROM



Prom dresses will be given away free of charge THIS 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.

## BIRTHDAY LIST

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

## EASTER LILIES



Lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter morning. To place a lily in memory or in honor of someone please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or return it to the office with payment of \$10 per lily.

Placed in (circle one)

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_