

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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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:

Libby McGill and Family in the death of her mother, *Jennifer Moon*.



Sunday, March 22:

LENTEN SERVICE, 6 PM
AT ALMA UMC

Sunday, March 29:

LENTEN SERVICE, 6 PM
AT MT. VIEW 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

Brian and Kelley Curd
Drew and Brandi Deffenbaugh
Pamm Treece

9:30 am

God's Armor Bearers

11:00 am

Mark and Kim Fimpel
Dustin Fimpel and Nicole Wilke

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART! ... HALLELUJAH! VICTORY IN SIGHT!



Sunday was awesome! We had an amazing time of worship! We announced the largest amount ever faith-promised in the history of Heritage Church, **\$1,737,400!** We far surpassed our **Hallelujah** goal of \$1.5 million and within sight of our **Victory** goal of \$2 million. I believe we will exceed that! We gave our largest offering in the history of Heritage Church, **\$166,000** to the **Here and Now: Fueling the Fire for the Future** campaign with a **\$186,000** total offering! Our offering in 2005 for our 20th anniversary and debt retirement for the original building was \$114,000. So, we "blew that one out of the water!" We took down bricks from the "wall of debt" totaling **\$230,000** – slicing our debt down to **\$587,000**.

Thanks to Mike and Malinda McSpadden, we raised \$1,155 through the spaghetti dinner and had a great time of fellowship! **Praise the LORD! Jesus receives all the glory!**

I want to thank all those who served on the **Here and Now leadership team**. I want to thank the Heritage family for your enthusiasm, prayer, positive attitude through the whole campaign – culminating in your faith-filled commitments and your sacrificial giving! I know God is dancing and the devil is downcast! We still have commitment cards coming in and I am believing God for abounding miracles as we move forward!

Please be in prayer for our PULSE Student Ministries as they head out to California this weekend for their Spring Break missions trip! Please get the word out about **"GOD WITH US – The Covenant and Yeshua!"** Buy your tickets at the FS Convention Center box office or on www.iTickets.com. Get some extra tickets for others, and share the event on social media! We have 3,900 seats to fill! Start inviting friends and family to worship each Sunday! Let's pack



out every service! Sunday, March 29th is **Palm/Passion Sunday** and April 5th is **Resurrection Sunday!** We are going to have a **SonRise** service every hour!

So blessed to be your lead pastor!

Wes

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

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In honor of **LU ANN DONAHOU** (*Alli Beth Carroll's Best Friend of All Time*) by:

M/M Dorvan Wiley (WAE)

In honor of the **MIKE AND MALINDA MCSPADDEN FOR THEIR SERVANTHOOD HEART** by:

Janalou Devers (BF)

In memory of **LENA RUSSELL** by:

Donna Parker (CM)

In memory of **JENNIFER MOON** (*mother of Libby McGill*) by:

M/M Scott Treece (BF)

Donna Parker (YM)

In memory of **STELLA SPANN** (*mother of Mary Beth Autry*) by:

M/M Doyle Autry (BF)

CM - Children's Ministry

YM - Youth Ministry

BF - Building Fund

WAE - Worship Arts Events

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Due to spring break, be sure to check the church calendar for updated activity schedules. Please note that there **WILL NOT** childcare available at the church this Sunday, March 22nd.

NEWCOMERS' CLASS

If you are interested in making Heritage Church your home or if you want to learn more about the church and its core vision and values, please sign up today for the Newcomers' class scheduled for this Sunday, April 19th. Join us for worship at 8:05 am and the class will begin at 9:30 am in the Welcome Center. We will end with a luncheon at 12:30 pm. Contact Becki at 474-6424 or email bkneeland@heritage.church.

THANK YOU

Dear Heritage Church family, Thank you for hosting my family in the recent home going celebration for my wife Brenda, which included a family meal by sweet and special ladies. Wes and Allison welcomed us with their usual gracious hospitality and helped with the service. Roger Goins took up the challenge of the AV booth. By all accounts, the celebration was beautiful. The Lord was present, and HE was glorified. Let Our Lives Be a Proof of Your Love!

In Jesus love, *Mike Rich*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming Children's Events:

* Resurrection Celebration-April 5

* TT Sunday-April 26

* Week-end VBS-June 5-7

CDS FOR SALE

Chuck King's original music CDs are available for purchase in the Library.



Although it may not feel like it right now, spring is almost here and we have more projects in need of volunteers than ever! Spring work week is April 6 - 10! The cost to attend is \$125 per person, which covers all meals and lodging. Can't stay the whole week? Not a problem! Please contact Emily Gentry at emily.gentry@mountsequoyah.org or 479.443.4531. We would love to see you here!!

Can't make it to Spring Work Week? That's ok! We need help from volunteers ALL YEAR LONG! Whether it's for a few hours or a whole week, Mount Sequoyah can work with any size group at any skill level. We will work with your group to provide meals and lodging at the lowest possible rate - prices can vary greatly, so please call or email for more information at emily.gentry@mountsequoyah.org!



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.

NEWCOMERS' RECEPTION

If you are a guest or have come to Heritage within the last year, we invite you to a meet-and-greet with Pastor Wes this Sunday, April 12th. It will be immediately following each service in the Welcome Center.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Children's Ministry needs volunteers for our Easter Sunday special Resurrections Celebration. If you have a heart for children are interested in serving in this special one-Sunday event see Shawna, Anna, Nicole or email Debbie at dmarsh@heritage.church

HERITAGE HALOS

If you are interested in playing for one of our Heritage softball teams this spring and/or fall, please contact Mike Kneeland at mkneeland@vbsd.us or call or text me at 1-479-719-9274.

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.

YOUTH SPRING BREAK TRIP

If you are a youth and signed up to go on the California Mission Trip, please make sure to check in by 8 am this Saturday. We will leave at 8:30 am on the dot!!

AR TECH WESLEY FOUNDATION INVITATION

The A.C.T.S. (Actors with Christ through Theatre and Song) group will present "The 9 Worst Breakups of All Time" and "Superheroes" in a dessert theatre performance at the Arkansas Tech University Wesley Foundation the nights of April 9, 10 & 11.

Admittance is free, but donations are accepted and appreciated, so reserve a table now for your Sunday school class, group or club and please support the Wesley Foundation Ministry on the college campus. Come enjoy delicious a dessert along with a hot cup of coffee or a cool glass of tea. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the show begin at 7 pm. The show is family friendly, so feel confident and comfortable bringing the kids. The Wesley Foundation is located at 1111 North El Paso, across from the Arkansas Tech University football field in Russellville. For more information, contact Jonathon Bevil, Lisa Roys or Trinity Brown at (479) 968-4159 or email wesleyfoundationatu@yahoo.com for reservations.

YOU'RE INVITED



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

RESURRECTION CELEBRATION

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS "WALK WITH JESUS"

This powerful multisensory event guides children through Jesus' last days on earth. Each station is set up for powerful teaching with engaging activities for children three years old through fifth grade. The children will travel from Palm Sunday in Jerusalem to a sit down Last Supper, then to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane and discover the sacrifice of Good Friday to the celebration of the empty tomb!

This occurs at all three services on Easter Sunday. Our check-in system will be different for this special event. At check-in each child and the person dropping the child off will receive a matching color/number coded bracelet. The adult and child will wear the wristbands. At check out time these bracelets will be used for pick up. Our hallway will be set-up with a one way in and one way out side to provide security and ease the congestion of the day.

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 at 474-6424 or email at sseewald@heritage.church.

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: _____