

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

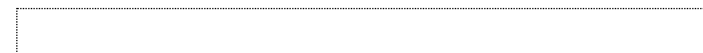
9:30 AM
Traditional Service

11:00 AM
Contemporary Worship

Nursery provided for all services.
Sunday School for All Ages

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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



In Hospital:

Bonnie Luckau (Sparks)
Michelle Winner (Mercy)
Donna Pape (Mercy)

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)
Jean Stratton (Crawford H & R)
Maxine Fahrner (Ashton Place)



Sunday, March 29:

PALM SUNDAY
LENTEN SERVICE, 6 PM
AT MT. VIEW UMC

April 3 & 4:

GOD WITH US
@ FS CONVENTION CENTER

Sunday, April 5:

RESURRECTION SUNDAY
8:05, 9:30 & 11 AM

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

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DIRECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE...



My family and I have been involved with GOD WITH US *The Covenant and Yeshua*, as a producer, creative contributor, and a lead actor since its inception in 2001. (My youngest daughter started performing in it when she was 5 years old and was so impacted that she is now studying acting in Hollywood!) It was first produced in Israel and has successfully toured across Europe, the United States and Canada. It is estimated that well over 100,000 people have seen this amazing original musical; that number does not include the people across the world who have experienced it via video or television broadcast. The musical has been translated into Spanish and Hebrew for tours in Spain and Israel. We recently revived the show in Norway, and then performed the new version in Colorado this past December for Andrew Wommack Ministries Bible College.

Because of my past history with the show, it seems only natural that Heritage Church would be led to bring it to our area, especially after the success of our past productions like SCROOGE, NARNIA, KORZCAK'S CHILDREN and also our Jewish Roots Festivals, including Passover. At Pastor Wes Hilliard's encouragement, our local cast of 70 singers, dancers and actors will be reinforced by a number of professional performers, veterans of the show, who are coming especially for our performances. This includes Norwegians Robert and Elizabeth Muren, the writers and directors. Audience members will get a taste of what is to come, as the Murens are now developing a major motion picture based on the original content of the stage production. GOD WITH US uniquely combines live action on the stage with video elements that seamlessly tie the story together.

But GOD WITH US *The Covenant and Yeshua* is so much more than a show! Although the entertainment value is at a very high professional level, the musical itself not only gives us the opportunity to witness familiar Bible stories come to life, but it also helps us understand clearly God's heart to rescue mankind. He started with a promise to a man-Abraham. Abraham gave us a nation -Israel. Israel gave us Yeshua-Jesus, and Jesus is still offering His love message to us today. GOD WITH US is simply a way for us to passionately share that story.



Chuck King

For a sneak peek, go to www.heritage.church and click on the *God With Us* banner.

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **ALTA POPPE** by:
M/M Joe Johns (WAE)

In memory of **JENNIFER MOON**
(mother of Libby McGill) by:
Mary Anne McGill
M/M Joe Lloyd (FP)
Vesta Everitt (BF)
M/M Ron Smith (BF)

WAE - Worship Arts Event
FP - Food Pantry
BF - Building Fund

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Due to spring break, be sure to check the church calendar for updated activity schedules. Please note that regular Wednesday night activities will resume on April 1st.

PRAYER MEETING

The next River Valley Community Prayer Meeting is Monday, April 6th from 7-8 pm at First Baptist Church in Alma. Please join other believers as we pray for our community!

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

All children are invited to participate in waving the palm leaves THIS Sunday, March 29th. They will need to meet in the Fellowship Hall five minutes before the service they attend.

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.

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.

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 Dennis at jdennis@methodistfamily.org.

WORK WEEK AT MOUNT SEQUOYAH



Spring is here and we have more projects in need of volunteers than ever! Spring work week is April 6 - 10 and all are invited to join us! 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.

THE THIRD TARGET

Join us Sunday, April 19th from 6-8 pm for a simulcast event with Joel Rosenberg. He will provide us with an insight into this most dangerous time for Christianity in the history of the region Rosenberg calls the "epicenter." Hear firsthand the fight of the persecuted, the prophetic implications, and potential answers to a pending question...Who is the third target of this rising Islamic State? For more information, go to inciitevents.com/events/the-third-target-3/.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Please remember that the meeting time has changed for this Sunday! We will meet from 5:45 - 7 pm instead of our regular time. See you there!

FOOD PANTRY

There is a Food Pantry meeting THIS Sunday, March 29th at 1 pm in the Community Room. All volunteers are encouraged to attend.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

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.

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.

CDs FOR SALE

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

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: _____