

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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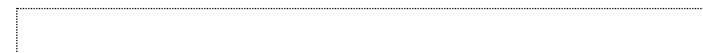
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In Hospital:

John Luckau (Sparks)
Michelle Winner (Mercy)
Tommy Dodd (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)
Donna Pape (Methodist Rehab)
Shirley Touchstone (HealthSouth)

In Thanksgiving:

Blake and Haley Bryant in the birth of their son, *Lev Alexander*. Proud grandparents are Roger and Gina Burkert.

Cliff, Sarah and Bella Rackley in the birth of their daughter and sister, Gabrianna Dorothea.

In Sympathy:

John Luckau in the death of his wife, *Bonnie Luckau*.



April 3 & 4:

GOD WITH US
@ FS CONVENTION CENTER

Sunday, April 5:

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

Sunday, April 19:

NEWCOMERS' CLASS
9:30 AM

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am
John Poole
Myron Kirksey
Mike McSpadden
Benton Cone

9:30 am
Wise Guys Life Group

11:00 ams

Jon Harper
Matt Harper
David Harper
Roger Burkert

Greeters

8:05 am
Malinda McSpadden
Juanita Cone
Teresa Kirksey
Christine Fontaine

9:30 am

Wise Guys Life Group

11:00 am

Drew and Brandi Deffenbaugh
Mark and Gretchen Turner

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... IT'S TIME FOR SONRISE!

I know I say dramatic things like this too often, but seriously, **this has the potential to be one of the most important weekends in Heritage Church's 175 year history!!** I really mean it! Our **Here and Now** commitment Sunday was huge! Celebration Sunday was even bigger, but this beats them all! **May we lift up Jesus in all we do and may He draw thousands to Himself!** (See John 12:32)

GOD WITH US: THE COVENANT and YESHUA!

April 3rd at 7 p.m., April 4th at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. The ArcBest Performing Arts Center, FS Convention Center. Three Performances – 3,900 Seats! Get your tickets and buy some to give away! Go to the Fort Smith Convention Center Box Office or www.itickets.com and type in "God With Us" in the search engine.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY: SonRise!



Malachi 4:2 *But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.*

Luke 1:78 *because of the tender mercy of our God, ... the sunrise shall visit us from on high.*

Oh my! This Sunday is going to "ROCK!" The entire "GOD WITH US" cast will be in each service to show the fulfillment of "the Sun of Righteousness rising with healing in its wings!" What does Jesus' rising mean for each of us? Come experience the power of SonRise!

8:05 Awakening! (Contemporary)

9:30 Traditional

11:00 Contemporary

*Children's event during all three services. Details on page two.

PLEASE NOTE: We will have overflow seating in the Fellowship Hall! COFFEE and REFRESHMENTS will be in tents OUTSIDE and in the WELCOME Center. For the sake of Seniors, Single parents, and our guests, please park as far away as you can – even over at the high school if you are able! The golf cart shuttle will be running in the parking lot. See you this weekend! The SON is RISING!

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

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **JASON LEWIS'**
BIRTHDAY by:

June Lewis (FP)

In honor of **M/M STEVE HOBBS**
by:

M/M Steve Burns (WAE)

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

M/M Benton Cone (YM, CM)

M/M Jim Udouj (BF)

In memory of **BONNIE LUCKAU**
by:

M/M Doyle Autry (BF)

WAE - Worship Arts Event

FP - Food Pantry BF - Building Fund

YM - Youth Ministry

CM - Children's Ministry

BRIDAL SHOWER

Please join us Sunday, April 12th from 2 - 4 pm in the Welcome Center for a bridal shower honoring Kelsey Williams and Hayden Przybysz. She is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Dillard's and Target. Hosted by Linda Wilkerson, Deanna Bradley, Gina Stafford, Linda Udouj and Debbie Stewart.

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: _____

NEW MEMBER



Stephanie Ceola joined Sunday. She is married and has three children, Jacob, Talan and Aydan.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

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 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.

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

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 that 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/.

TRANSITIONS



I have asked Pastor Wes and Roger for one thing...to spare me from standing in front of the congregation. You who know me, know that is something I definitely do not enjoy. As a compromise with Allison, I agreed to write something for the Newsletter.

I have always assumed I would work until I died. Retirement for me was not something to look forward to, but something to dread. Work gave me income, but the real thing it gave me was busyness. I told myself I was too busy to seek God, to listen for His sweet voice, to look at my actions and the effect they have on the world around me, to deal with my flesh. Work became a place where I hid from God. I cringed at the thought of having lots of time on my hands to do whatever I wanted. I wanted to work, to stay busy so I didn't have to change. I was comfortable with where I was, not with who I am, but because I was busy working, I did not have time to deal with my lack of prayer, lack of time with God, with who I was. My time with God was a conversation in my head, a few minutes of prayer in the morning or during prayer times at church. I knew my life was out of order but I did nothing to change the situation. Then at the insistence of my husband I decided it was time to retire. By the time I actually retired, thanks be to my loving God, I was ready. It has only been a few weeks and already my relationship with God has grown exponentially. The last years of my life will not be wasted; just the opposite, they will be glorious because God is directing my steps and He knows the future and works *all things together for good* (not just for us but for the world) *for those that love Him and are called according to His purposes* (Romans 8:28).

The verses God gave me on March 17th were Jeremiah 9:23-24 "*Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the strong man glory in his strength, let not the rich man glory in his wealth, but let him who glories, glory in this that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for I delight in these things,*" declares the Lord.

During the moments I have sought the Lord, the cry of my heart has been to seek Him with my whole heart. These verses, which I am unable to tell you how He led me to them, are changing me from the inside out. I no longer read God's Word to know what happened, I read it to '*understand and know*' my Lord. That shift in my perspective is life changing. The initial calling from God as an intercessor has been rekindled.

The years working in the office have been happy years. I was blessed to get to know so many of you that I probably might never have by just attending church with you. I thank each of you for allowing me to serve in the position of financial secretary. Where I have failed you and God, I humbly ask for forgiveness. I leave with an excitement for where Heritage is going. Growth for the Kingdom is happening at Heritage. If I had ever doubted that, the wonder of the qualifications of our new Financial Manager would dispel the doubt. Lisa Willis is so over qualified, as others on staff are for the positions they hold. But it is not just her education and life experience, it is her heart for the Lord. God has put together a phenomenal staff at Heritage to accomplish His will.

We have what we need to move forward at Heritage and I will be doing what God has called me to - interceding day and night for my family of believers. I humbly thank you for allowing me to serve God and you.

Ruth Ottinger

**Next week, meet Steve Kelton and Lisa Willis.*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming Children's Events:

- * Resurrection Celebration-April 5
- * TT Sunday-April 26
- * Week-end VBS-June 5-7
- * Children's Camp-July 29-31

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!

MISSIONARY OFFERING

If you have a birthday in April, you are invited to place an offering in our little church on the chancel rail during the announcements. Currently, all birthday offerings go to support the Rupp family ministering in East Asia.