

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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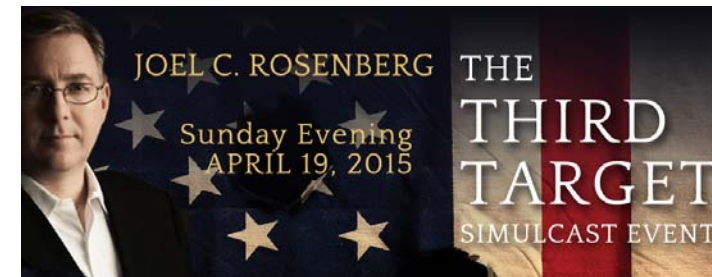
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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... BE PREPARED! UNDERSTAND THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES!



This past weekend I taught on the radical Islamic mindset and the clash of Islamic and Biblical prophecy to a conference in Livingston, TN. Much of what I have learned about what is going on is from **Joel Rosenberg**. We have an opportunity to meet as a congregation and learn from him in a simulcast event this Sunday evening, April 19, from 6-8 p.m. in the Heritage sanctuary. Your Heritage staff feels this is so important that we are asking all youth and adults to attend.

Youth will meet in the Block for dinner at 5 pm and join us at 6 pm. **Invite your friends, family, and co-workers!** We will provide nursery and children's ministry during the evening. Life-groups are encouraged to come together, take notes and discuss this topic at their next meeting. We must not be caught unaware! Please read the promotional paragraphs below and plan to be here. We will receive a love-offering to go toward the cost of the event.

GO INSIDE THE URGENT CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST with New York Times best-selling author Joel C. Rosenberg! All eyes have been riveted on the ISIS offensive in Syria and Iraq in recent months. But Radical Islamic jihadists are also intensifying their operations against other countries in the region. This is news to some but no surprise to those that follow closely the prophesies and stories of the Bible. Very few have traveled the lands, conducted the research, or written the texts that continue to point out the end-times happenings all around us.

Come gain insight into this most dangerous time for Christianity in the history of the region Rosenberg calls the "epicenter." Hear first-hand 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?

THIS SIMULCAST WILL ADDRESS QUESTIONS SUCH AS:

- What is the "Islamic State" (aka, ISIS and ISIL) and what are its objectives?
- Why is ISIS so much more dangerous than al Qaeda?
- Why does Joel say "genocidal conditions are emerging" in Syria and Iraq?
- Why is ISIS trying to destroy Christianity in the lands of its birth, and could it succeed?
- What are the prophetic implications of this horrific wave of persecution?
- What are The Joshua Fund and other Christian ministries doing to make a difference?
- How can Christians throughout North America and around the world pray for and help our brothers and sisters in the Middle East?



See you Sunday morning and evening!!

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In Hospital:

Doris Wortham (Mercy)
Tommy Dodd (hospital in GA)

At Home:

Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Marjorie Howard, John Luckau, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Linda Seubold, Don Spillman, Shirley Touchstone, Mary Wrisinger

Assisted Living:

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

In Sympathy:

Brad Baldwin and Family in the death of his father, *Richard Baldwin*.



Sunday, April 19:
NEWCOMERS' CLASS
9:30 AM

Sunday, April 26:
TIMOTHY TEAM SUNDAY

Sunday, May 3:
YOUTH SUNDAY

THE THIRD TARGET SIMULCAST
6 PM

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

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

9:30 am
Wise Guys Life Group

11:00 am
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

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

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **RUTH OTTINGER'S**
RETIREMENT by:

M/M Bruce Johnson (BF)

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

June Lewis (FP)

In honor of **LISA WILLIS** by:

M/M Ron McPhail (BF)

In memory of **BONNIE LUCKAU**
by: Unity Class (BF)

In memory of **JIM DIBBLE** by:

River Valley Officials

Association

M/M Bruce Johnson (BF)

Rachel Mosher

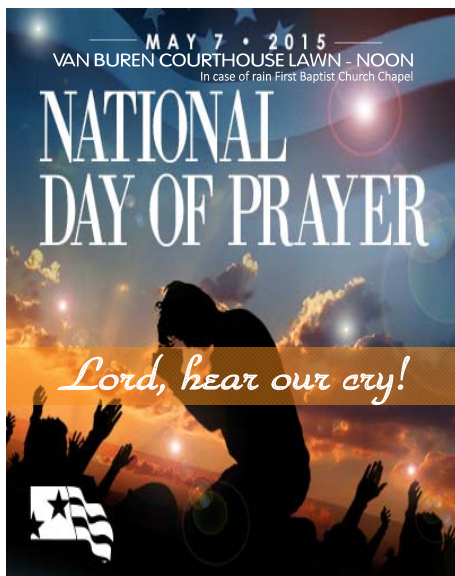
M/M Bill Thomas (YM)

BF - Building Fund FP - Food Pantry

YM - Youth Ministries

BRIDAL SHOWER

Please join us Sunday, April 19th from 2 - 4 pm in the Welcome Center for a bridal shower honoring Scott Stewart and Kalin Simpson. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Dillard's, Walmart and Target. Hosted by Linda Wilkerson, Deanna Bradley, Katie Brown, Dixie Smith, Gina Stafford and Linda Udouj.



IN REMEMBRANCE



James F. Dibble, 81, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, passed from this life Tuesday, April 7, 2015 in Fort Smith. He was born August 22, 1933 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to the late Francis and Margaret Wieneke Dibble. James was a veteran of the United States Army and was retired from the Fort Wayne Fire Department. After retirement, he and his wife moved to Hot Springs, where he was a volunteer and later Chief of the Fountain Lake Fire Department. He was also a boiler operator for the Arkansas State Rehabilitation Hospital. Jim was a life member of the VFW and a member of Heritage United Methodist Church in Van Buren. He and Gerlinde faithfully attended church and could regularly be seen every Sunday sitting in "their" pew.

He is survived by his wife, Gerlinde, of the home; two daughters, Kathleen Lewis and her husband, Scott of Columbia City, Indiana and Barbara Rohr of Fort Wayne, Indiana; his son, Andrew Dibble and his wife Jane of Van Buren; one brother, Robert Dibble and his wife Carolyn of Port Charlotte, Florida; as well as three grandchildren, James Dibble, Nicole Dibble and Amy Dibble.

FROM THE BALDWINS



I found this quote, that says most of what I want to say to our Heritage family: "Good friends are hard to find....Harder to leave....and Impossible to Forget." I would add, and if they are "family", it is even worse.

When you have been a part of a church family like Heritage for 23 years and you have been through church change and life change together, when you leave, a piece of your heart will always be left behind. Thank you for your love and support of our family over the past 23 years. I have loved doing ministry with you as organist and Wednesday meal coordinator. It will be an enormous task to find a church that could come close to Heritage. We are depending on God's guidance to show us the way.

Brad and Renee Baldwin and family.

BRIDAL TEA

Please join us Sunday, April 26th from 2 - 4 pm in the Welcome Center for a bridal shower honoring Sarah Miller and Travis Michael. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Target. Please RSVP to Valorie Hubbs at 459-5800 by Tuesday, April 21st.

CHURCH LIFE



Have you ever needed someone's address or phone number but didn't want to call the church? The Church Life app is for you! It includes the church calendar and directory. Download it today for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device. It's free!

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.

YOU'RE INVITED



Eddie and Tammy Prince invite everyone to join them at the wedding celebration of their daughter,
EMILY to NATE ENGELKE
Saturday, May 2th at 2 pm
in the Sanctuary followed by a cake and punch in the Fellowship Hall.



Terry McGonigle of Alma will be inducted into the Southwestern College Fine Arts Hall of Fame in Winfield, Kansas this Saturday, April 18th. He graduated from the college in 1973 and has taught educational theater for more than 40 years.

Terry is a native of Wichita, Kansas. He has worked in professional theater in New York and Texas, and lived and taught in the Atlanta area from 1989 to 2007.

Although he has been an actor, technician, director and designer, Terry said his first love has always been teaching.

In 1999, he was named the Georgia youth arts educator of the year and in 2004 was inducted in to the Kansas Theatre Hall of Fame. In 2008, he was inducted into the Educational Theatre Association's National Teacher Hall of Fame.

A contributing member of the International Thespian Society for over 30 years, Terry has presented workshops in puppetry, costuming, and makeup at 19 different state Thespian events and at the International Thespian Festival.

Terry has one daughter and two grandchildren.

HEALTHY CONGREGATION DAY

Come to the office THIS Sunday, April 19th, between 9 and 11:15 am and have your blood pressure and sugar level checked.

GOD HAS OPENED DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY

Quite often as Congregational Care/Lay Ministry Pastor of Heritage there are doors of opportunity that open for service to the community which are not possible for many of our working people. This past week we were invited to open two new ministries at a time when nearly everyone would be available.

Crawford County Health & Rehabilitation has asked us to provide a Sunday service in the Alzheimer's wing anytime between 10 am and 3 pm on Sundays.

Van Buren Health & Rehabilitation has asked us to provide a Sunday worship time for the entire facility sometime around the time people normally worship on Sunday.

Both these opportunities have come because Heritage already has a successful ministry taking place in these facilities. We are thrilled that they have requested our help in these situations.

If you or your Life Group or Sunday school class would be interested in either of these ministries, please contact Pastor Max, or the church office at 474-6424 for more details.

WAY TO GO, TERRY!

MOMS IN PRAYER

We have a group of moms, grand moms, and women that meet every Thursday at Heritage in the prayer room at 9 am that get together to pray for our children, their teachers and their schools. Please join us. If you have any questions, contact Monica Steele 479-474-8165 or 479-629-4384.

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL



Registration for 2015-2016 school year has begun. Please stop by the church office and pick up an enrollment form or call Shawanna at 474-6424 or email at sseewald@heritage.church.

