

**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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## From Your Pastor's Heart ... On the FREEWAY to FREEDOM!

This weekend we celebrate our hard-won freedom as citizens of the United States. We did not earn it. It was given to us as a gift paid for by the sacrifices of hundreds of thousands of people through the founding of our nation, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, WWI, WWII and the other military, civil rights, and economic struggles of this century. Today we stand on the shoulders of these giants and rightfully celebrate what is our HERITAGE! May we leave a Godly inheritance that glorifies Jesus for those who come behind us! Liberty does NOT mean license! As John Adams wrote,

*"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."*  
—John Adams

This Sunday, we continue on the Freeway to Freedom! We'll be on **Step 2: Discovery: Message 2: Learning Through Testing!** We have a freedom, a redemption, available to us that we did not earn. It is offered as a gift paid for by Jesus on the cross ... But in order to enjoy the fullness of this freedom, we must appropriate it through faith, prayer, searching the scriptures, and warring against the enemy of our souls. He wants to limit our witness and keep us living in darkness and bondage! Come discover the power of the cross and God's Holy Spirit available to us so we can live FREE!



Join us on the Freeway to Freedom!

*Pastor Wes*

## JULY VOLUNTEERS

### Ushers

**8:05 am**

John Poole  
Benton Cone  
Bill Ottinger  
Rick Moore

**9:30 am**

Wayne Stewart  
Mark Stafford  
Connie Mendenhall  
Carol Ray  
Mark Evans

**11:00 am**

Daniel Chisolm  
Nathan Elliott  
Grant Elliott  
Justin Sangster

### Greeters

**8:05 am**

Threefold Cord Life Group

**9:30 am**

Dorvan and Mikie Wiley  
Bill and Debbie Thomas

**11:00 am**

Threefold Cord Life Group



### In Hospital:

**Barbara Niba and Bihwi** (Sparks)

### At Home:

**Juanita Cone, Jeanette Elkins, Shareen Hobbs, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Linda Seubold, Maria Sullivan, 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)

### In Thanksgiving:

**Will and Alicia Hopkins** in the birth of their son, *Brooks William*. Proud grandparents are Glen and Ann Hopkins.

### In Sympathy:

**Family and Friends** in the death of their beloved *Mike Norwood*.



### Monday, July 6:

OFFICE CLOSED  
RIVER VALLEY PRAYER MEETING  
AT VICTORIOUS LIFE CHURCH  
7 PM

### Tuesday, July 7:

MAYOR'S PRAYER LUNCHEON  
AT VBHS COMMONS  
11:30 AM

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

## HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **JOHN AND PAT POOLE** by:

M/M Bill Thomas (YM)

In honor of **JACK AND LINDA INFIELD'S ANNIVERSARY** by:

M/M Bill Thomas (YM)

In memory of **TOMMY DODD** by:  
M/M Charles Te (FP)

In memory of **JOYCE HOPKINS** by:  
Garden Gate Club (FP)

M/M Benton Cone (BF)

M/M Lee James (FP)

M/M Dorvan Wiley (BF)

Terry Chapman (BF)

Betty Terrell (BF)

In memory of **LENA MAE SMITH** by: Glenn and Stacey Craig

BF - Building Fund FP - Food Pantry

YM - Youth Ministry

## HEALING CLASS

Jennifer Bauman is starting a study of "Encountering the God Who Heals." Classes begin July 12 and meet every Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the Community Room.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

This summer in Children's Church, we are memorizing the LORD's Prayer. Your child will have the opportunity to recite it to me on August 9th or August 16th at all 3 services. If they can recite it to me, they will receive a gift card.

An easy way to work on this at home is to repeat it daily together with your child at mealtime or bedtime!

Thanks!

Debbie Marsh,

Children's Minister

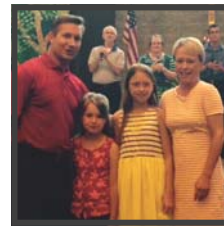
## WELCOME



John Blake joined Sunday.

Cassie Lawson joined Sunday.

She has two daughters, Alivia and Aleigh.



Bryston German was dedicated.

She is the daughter of Cole and Tricia German and sister to Brynlee.



## PRAYER MEETING

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

## NEW MOMS MINISTRY

"Found your ministry? Do you like to cook and be a blessing to others? The New Moms Ministry is looking to expand its reach to bless mothers even more abundantly. We have many newly born babies in our Heritage family and several more babies on the way in the months ahead. One of the ways our congregation ministers to new moms and their families is by providing meals following the birth of each new baby. Some of the precious ladies in our church family that have new babies now include Brandi Deffenbaugh and Barbara Niba.



## 11TH ANNUAL MAYOR'S PRAYER LUNCHEON

Featuring Keynote Speaker  
**Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson**

Tuesday, July 7  
11:30 am - 1 pm  
Van Buren High School Commons Area

Tickets \$20

Tickets available at  
Van Buren Mayor's Office  
Swaim Office Products  
Turf-Pro USA

For more info, call 474-1541  
[www.facebook.com/KiwaniisVB](http://www.facebook.com/KiwaniisVB)

## MISSIONARY OFFERING

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



Excerpts from Bishop Mueller's\* letter in response to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling legalizing same gender marriage:

"The United Methodist Church holds a tension regarding the issue of same gender marriage. On the one hand, the church has clearly stated that congregations cannot host same gender marriages on church property and that United Methodist pastors cannot perform them. On the other hand, the church strives to protect the civil rights of all persons. So where do we go from here? Quite simply, the Supreme Court decision changes nothing as far as The United Methodist Church is concerned because only the General Conference has the authority to do that."

\*Bishop Gary Mueller is the leader of the UMC in Arkansas.

## WEDDING INVITATIONS

**GRANT MILLS AND KELSI PROCTOR** together with their families joyfully invite

you to celebrate their wedding Saturday, July 11th at 3:30 pm at *Pointe Royale Golf Village* in Branson, Missouri. Dinner and dancing to follow.



**SARAH MILLER AND TRAVIS MICHAEL** together with their families joyfully invite

you to celebrate their wedding Saturday, July 11th at 7 pm at *Barn at the Springs* in Springdale, Arkansas. Dinner and dancing to follow.

## HALO REPORT JUNE 25, 2015

As the results of Halos game Thursday night were reported to me, it reminded me of an old fishing story with my brother John. I am not by any standards a fisherman, but my older brother, John, is an avid fisherman. On my birthday in January when I was 28, John promised me a successful fishing trip on a sweet spot to catch trout that he discovered the week before. We traveled about 20 miles east of my hometown of Niceville, Florida. We walked to the mouth of Alaqua creek that fed into Alaqua Bayou part of Choctawhatchee Bay in the Florida panhandle. John told me we would need to step out two to three feet off the bank onto the tree roots in about 6 to 10 inches of cold water. He went on to say the water was so cold that after a short while you won't feel anything because your feet will go numb. I thought that is crazy it won't be that cold. After my feet went numb and I no longer felt them, I could only catch a couple of pint-sized throwbacks. Just up stream I witnessed my brother catching foot long, keepers every three to four minutes. Then I got frustrated with my spot and I

moved locations down the bank. Moving made me realize I had feet again. I walked unbalanced on what felt like stumps. The parts of my feet I could feel hurt badly. Uncomfortable, my feet still in pain I began to fish again. There I had to re-rig two lines losing both in snags. In addition I had to re-bait my hook umpteen times. My frustration mounted until I gave in when I completely overcast my target across the creek into an overhanging tree. It was my last cast of the day. With no remaining patience I proceeded to the heater in the truck to warm my feet. My brother by this time had a stringer full of fish and a big smile.

The Halos this past Thursday had big promise of a success. They boasted 8 homeruns but their opponents hit eight instead. The usually fleet footed Halos had cold feet. The usual hitting prowess of our heroes fell short of a stringer full. Our brother from the Latter Day Saints ended up with a stringer full of fish a big smile. Our heroes start tournament play this next week.

## CHILDREN'S CAMP



Children's camp is an exciting time of fellowship and faith building at Pinecrest camp in Ozone, Arkansas! The children will play games, swim, play night games and have Bible teachings. They will develop closer relationships with each other and their leaders! This year we are digging deep for buried treasure in the Bible! Camp is for children entering grades 3 - 5 this fall! The cost is \$75. **Deadline to register is THIS Sunday, July 5th!!** Don't delay. Sign-up TODAY!

## BIRTHDAY LIST

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