

**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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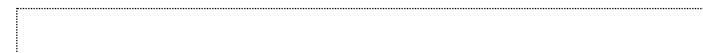


# Heritage Happenings

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**Jeanette Elkins, Jamie Hartley, 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:**

**Stephen, Ashley, Eli and Addy Moad** in the birth of their son and brother, *Silas Asher*.

**Justin, Kim, Jackson and Lillie Cristee** in the birth of their son and brother, *Wyatt Andrew*.

**In Sympathy:**

**Waymon and Cyndy West and Family** in the death of their sister-in-law, *Paige Bell*.

**Terry Furr and Family** in the death of his daughter, *Michele Ashing*.



**Saturday, July 25:**  
CREW FOR CHRIST SUMMER PROJECT  
YOUTH TO PASSION PLAY

**Sunday, August 9:**  
EDUCATION APPRECIATION SUNDAY

## JULY VOLUNTEERS

### Ushers

**8:05 am**

John Poole  
Benton Cone  
Kevin Fontaine  
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

## FREEDOM?



Most of us at one time or another have said, "I am free because of what Christ has done for me!" There is great truth in this statement. Galatians 5:1, 13-14 says, <sup>1</sup>"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. <sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" However, how many of us

are truly free? How many of us are still tied to the yoke of slavery? How many of us are still chained to sin? Forgiveness is a gift given to us by God and meant for us to pass on to others without restriction. When Jesus said, "Forgive them for they know not what they do," was there a limitation on His heart for who should receive forgiveness? Was He excluding the bystanders, those mocking Him, those who whipped Him, those who drove the nails, the disciples who ran, or even some of us? Absolutely not! Forgiveness is for all and forgiveness is birthed out of love. So why do we put a limitation on those whom we forgive? Why do we limit a love that is limitless? For true love, the love that has been shown to us through Christ, is what we all should seek and what we all should display. Got freedom? You do if you are able to forgive all!



Join us this Sunday as we seek greater freedom in our walk with Christ!

Brian Seewald | Youth and Family Pastor | Heritage Church, Van Buren Arkansas  
The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why. - Mark Twain

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

## HONORARIUMS

In honor of **BILL KELTON'S BIRTHDAY** by:

Bill and Debbie Thomas (YM)

In honor of **AVERY AND CARTER MCDONALD** (*twins of Hallie Collins and Robert McDonald*) by:

Bruce and Janet Johnson (BF)

BF - Building Fund YM - Youth Ministries

## NEWCOMER DESSERT

If you are new to Heritage in the last six months, please join us Thursday, July 30th at 7 pm for a dessert reception at the Kneeland's. Please R.S.V.P. your attendance and childcare needs by Sunday, July 26th to Becki Kneeland at 474-6424. Address is 1109 N 9th.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please join us Saturday morning, July 25th at 10am at Alma High School to help load out 40 costume bags from an upstairs storage area. With enough helpers, this should not take more than 20 minutes. Please let Chuck know if you can help.

## FALL KICK OFF 2015

This is a chance to serve and we need plenty of volunteers in the areas of dunking booth (*both sitting and dunking*), redneck waterslide, log roll, judges for homemade ice cream contest, pie eating contest contestants and coordinator, children's games, parking cars and clean up. Please email Becki at bkneeland@heritage.church to say "YES"!!!!

## PIECING IT TOGETHER

A life group led by Christi Wilson and Tammy Prince will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 6-7:30 pm. We focus on the spiritual welfare of parents with special needs children. The next meeting will be this Sunday, July 26th. Please join us as we experience life together!

## THIS IS OUR HERITAGE

We need your help. We are updating our church history in preparation for our celebration of "This Is Our Heritage". If you have any memories from the time First Methodist and St. John's merged to the present we would love for you to email them to Sue Weege, sueweege@cox.net. It is valuable that we record our spiritual history for the next generation.

## KNOCKING DOWN THE DEBT



On July 12<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the taking down of the bricks that represent our current building loan debt. Janalou Devers spoke about the wall of bricks and compared our building loan debt to the greatest debt that has ever been paid for us, God giving his son Jesus to die for our sins. As the bricks came down, Janalou named each one that fell. Because Christ paid our debt we were able to take down the brick of grief, bricks that represented marriages being restored, bricks that represented sons returning to their father, and bricks that represented the chains of addictions. It was a beautiful testimony and comparison of why we continue to build His kingdom. Our current building loan balance is \$394,000!

## LET'S BLESS THE KIDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

We're rich in Christ and our closets are full of blessings! The number one need for children going back to school is tennis shoes. As you clean out your closets and do your school shopping, consider donating new or gently worn tennis shoes. We are looking for all sizes for ages 6-18. We will donate them to the Boys and Girls Club and local schools. Please drop them off in the church office.

## BACKPACK SPONSORS NEEDED

Sponsors are needed to support our backpack program. Thanks to you, this program has been a great success in past years. We hope to sponsor 100 needy children again this year. Please sponsor a child by stopping by the church office or pick up a child's name in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. We ask that you purchase a backpack, a pair of inexpensive tennis shoes, socks,

and underwear for the child(ren) you sponsor. **Please return the Backpacks to the church office by Tuesday, August 4th.** If you prefer not to shop, donations will be gladly accepted and we will shop for you. Just drop off your donation at the office, or put it in the offering plate in an envelope marked, "BACKPACK". If you have any questions, please contact Tara Teague at 414-5775.

## DO WE STILL NEED CHOIRS? – BY MARK CONDON



"Do We Still Need Choirs? Is choir still relevant? Should we keep working to make this happen? Are we behind-the-times by having a choir?"

My answer in short is YES, we still need choirs!!!! Keep working for these reasons.

1. Although I admit keeping people committed can be a challenge, it is a healthy way to involve many people in your church where they would possibly just sit and become unengaged and not have a place to belong.
2. There is nothing like a full choir loft with an army of worshipers leading your church in passionate worship. It just speaks loudly to every guest that this church has a lot of very committed people who love to worship!
3. It teaches the power of team work with your people. It is amazing what average singers can do when they rehearse and work together and bring harmony. There are many lessons learned here.
4. In many churches I believe it reveals the health of the church. People who are involved in choir are often some of the most committed to that

congregation. They seem to hold many hats in other areas of the church. When they slack in their attendance it is often a great thermometer where their heart and passion is in relationship with God. Yes, it's just easier to let other people do the work.

5. A great choir will attract and influence new people to your church. "...If I be lifted up...I will draw..." A great choir and worship department is often the leading reason people initially enjoy your church and want to come back.
6. It is a great place for fellowship and discipleship. It builds relationships and solidifies people. It is basically a "small group."
7. A full choir loft creates energy in your services and ministers to everyone and we know that energy is...contagious!
8. There are so many songs with such POWERFUL life changing messages that can only be delivered through an anointed choir.
9. It builds character to be faithful, accountable and future leaders in other areas of the church.
10. Once you get there and get the song learned it is enjoyable and fulfilling to bless others!"

- Mark Condon



If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, August 2nd, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

## PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

The next prayer shawl meeting is this Sunday, July 26 at 2 pm in the Welcome Center.

## TIMOTHY TEAM/TINY TIMS

Registration TODAY For Timothy Team & Tiny Tims! (*children 2 yrs. old through 5th grade as of 8/1/15*). **Deadline is August 2nd.**



## HALO REPORT JULY 14TH

In the local publication of the TIDBITS paper I read donkeys are members of the horse family and are often interbred with horses. If a male donkey, Jack, is bred with a female horse, mare, the result is a mule. If a male horse, stallion is bred with a female donkey, jenny, the result is a hinny. You can get a zonkey by crossing a donkey with a zebra.

The Halo Men had to saddle up their horses and begin their quest for a third straight league title in the Kibler Diamond Center Men's Church league this past Tuesday. In game one against Kibler Baptist the Halo men hit like they didn't know jack, but played defense as stubborn as a mule to keep them in the game. Final score Kibler 12, Zonkeys 6. The Men

moved right into the loser's bracket for game two with Beyond Green. Since there is no "Whinnying in softball," the Halo men had no choice but to saddle up their stallions and "Cowboy up," or be eliminated from the tournament. Beyond Green maintained a lead for three innings until the Halos pounded out 6 runs in the bottom of the fourth to take an 8-7 lead. The lead would have been four more if Justin Goins' grand slam bid was not snatched just over the fence from the Beyond Green leftfielder. Beyond tied it up until the top of the fifth 8 all. It wasn't until the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup> when Nick Holman capped off a 4 run rally with a three run homerun sealing the victory.