

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
9:30 & 11:00 AM

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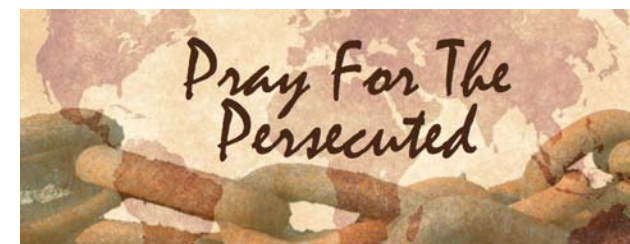
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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH



On September 23rd, after stating their names and where they were from, three Assyrian Christians wearing orange jumpsuits were shot in the back of the head as they knelt in the desert sand. Before stating their name, each hostage said "I am Nasrani," a derogatory Muslim term for Christians.

Zhao Weiliang and Cheng Hongpeng, along with 20 other Christians were singing hymns in a rural factory, when the building was raided by police on June 25, 2014. Pastors Zhao and Cheng were sentenced in May 2015 to four years' imprisonment and three years' imprisonment, respectively.

Arsonists used gasoline as an accelerant to ensure that seven churches in northwestern Tanzania were destroyed in attacks on Sept. 22 and Sept. 27.

Events like this are repeated around the world every day. It is not a new phenomenon; Godly men and women have been persecuted throughout history. Jesus told His disciples that they would be persecuted as He was persecuted. This Sunday is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Will you join us in prayer for our brothers and sisters worldwide? I am Nasrani—are you?

ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION

Sunday at 9:30, we will celebrate the lives of our Heritage saints who have joined the church triumphant in the past year. These saints include:

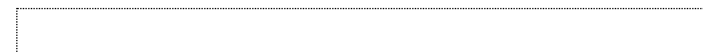
BILLIE JACKS
LENA MAE SMITH
BILLY SCHRIVER
BONNIE LUCKAU

JIM DIBBLE
TOMMY DODD
KIM PEER

PAM GRAZIER
JOYCE HOPKINS
CAROL RANDS
BARBARA TRAFICAN

We hope to see you here!

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In Hospital:
Stacey Walker (Mercy)
Jim Gilbert (Mercy)
Jennifer Thompson (Sparks)

At Home:
Saylor Ables, Lee James, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Liz Price, 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)
Warren Taylor (Methodist Village)

In Thanksgiving:
Scott, Jessica and Russ Visalli in the birth of their daughter and sister, *Gracelynn Jo*. Proud grandparents are Tom and Jo Ellen Banhart.

In Sympathy:
Burl Carter and Family in the death of his brother, *Carroll Carter*.

Shane Hubbard and Family in the death of his mother, *Carolyn Hubbard*.

Amy, Skylee, Lindon, Dillon Norman and Family in the death of Amy's mother and their grandmother, *Patsy Ferguson*.



Thursday, November 5
SPECIAL GUEST,
ANGUS BUCHAN
7 PM @ HARPER STADIUM

Wednesday, November 18
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
SERVICE @ FAC
7:00 PM

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am
John Poole
Mike Kneeland
Drew Cone
Max Garrett

9:30 am
Seeker's Life Group

11:00 am
Chris Christensen
Justin Lovett

Greeters

8:05 am
Bruce Brown
Darlene Craft
Pamm Treece
Pat Poole

9:30 am
Seeker's Life Group

11:00 am
Jena Harper
Kris Ailes
Laura Christensen

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



HONORARIUMS

In honor of **THE LIFE OF SUE STRANATHAN** by:
Gloria Grilk (BF)

BF - Building Fund

MISSIONARY OFFERING

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

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

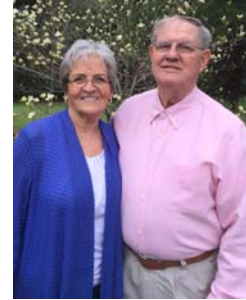
YOUTH FALL RETREAT

If you have registered to go on the Fall retreat to Branson, we will leave from the church promptly at 7 am Saturday, November 7th! We will return around 9 pm Sunday night. For a packing list, go to heritage.church/pulse-home and click on the *All or Nothing* slider. Be sure and check the weather before you pack to ensure you have the proper clothing.

CELEBRATIONS



Sadie Claire was dedicated Sunday. She is the daughter of Drew and Brandi Deffenbaugh. Big sisters are Lilly and Annabelle.



Wayne and Jeanie Thompson joined. They are the parents of Malinda McSpadden.

THE SOWER'S CREED

TODAY I sow for a great awakening.
TODAY I stake everything on the promise of the Word of God,
I depend entirely on the power of the Holy Spirit,
I have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.
Because Jesus is the good news, and Jesus is in me,
I am the good news.

TODAY I will sow the extravagance of the Gospel
everywhere I go and into everyone I meet.

TODAY I will love others as Jesus loved me.

TODAY I will remember the tiniest seeds become the tallest trees;
that seeds sown today become the shade of tomorrow;
that the faith of right now becomes
the future of the everlasting kingdom.

TODAY I SOW FOR A GREAT AWAKENING!

J.D. Walt in "The Sower's Creed" on the back cover of "Seedbed Sower's Almanac" for the growing season of our Lord 2015-2016.

PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, November 2nd from 7-8 pm at The Current in Van Buren. Please join other believers as we pray for our community!

NEED A WORD?

The Upper Room is great source for a daily devotional. The November/December issue is available in the Great Hall.



THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who poured their heart and soul into making the Women's Conference an extremely powerful time for the 150 women that attended. Bless You!!

THANK YOU

The Heritage staff would like to thank everyone for sending us goodies throughout Pastor Appreciation Month.



If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, November 15th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.



No matter how long it's been since your loved one passed away, grief can make the holidays a painful time; But, there is hope! Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again. Saturday, November 21st at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. Registration begins at 9 am. For more information, contact Shirley Touchstone at 629-7901.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

You are invited to sit and soak in the Heritage Sanctuary every Thursday from 12 - 1 pm as Chuck leads a time of worship and prayer.

BIG IDEA

Our church counsel voted to "Give Away Christmas" again. This is a time that we invite the community to come for a Christmas dinner, Carols and Candlelight. Children sit on Santa's lap and get a gift, and we give groceries away to those that need it. We will have three services and prepare to feed around 1000 people.

This is an awesome time when we can show the love of Christ to many people, especially to those that are alone or needy. This is not a budgeted event, so if you feel led to help with this event in any way or amount, the cost is around \$10,000.00.



Praying for our church that we can continue to reach the lost for Christ.

A Thankful Member,
Nina Sullivan

MISS OUT!

DON'T

A Night with ANGUS BUCHAN

As seen in the movie, *Faith Like Potatoes*

Thursday, November 5th 7 pm

Harper Stadium: Kay Rogers Park
4400 Midland Blvd Fort Smith

Doors open at 6 pm

angusbuchan.co.za

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

In Children's Church, we are memorizing the 12 Disciples, Peter, Andrew, James (*son of Zebedee*), John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (*son of Alphaeus*), Simon (*the Zealot*), Thaddeus and Judas Iscariot. Your child will receive a reward for their hard work if they recite it to Debbie on Sunday November 29th or December 6th at either one of the three services.

BLESS THE KIDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Please consider donating new or gently worn tennis shoes of all sizes for ages 6-18. We will donate them to the Boys and Girls Club and local schools. We also need jackets and hoodies for the young adult kids at Hope Academy. Contact Debbie Thomas at 651-0180 and she will pick them up and deliver them.