

**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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Van Buren, AR 72956-2326

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**In Hospital:**  
**Stacey Walker** (Mercy)  
**Jennifer Thompson** (Sparks)

**At Home:**  
**Saylor Ables, Jim Gilbert, Annie Lowrimore, 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)  
**Warren Taylor** (Methodist Village)

**In Thanksgiving:**  
**Kody and Bethany Morris** in the birth of their son, *Jack Allen*. Proud grandmother is Kathy Bentley.

**In Sympathy:**  
**Debbie Carter and Family** in the death of her step-brother, *Calvin Garretson*.



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

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

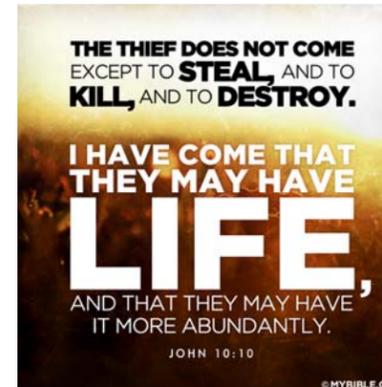
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# Heritage Happenings

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## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... TAKING BACK FROM THE DEVIL WHAT HE HAS STOLEN!



Have you ever been robbed--a home broken into, a vehicle stolen, credit card theft, a dishonest transaction, held up at gunpoint? Or maybe it was more personal ... your innocence stolen, your heart ripped out and stomped on, your marriage ripped apart, a loved one taken suddenly, your job taken and sent to another country, your joy and peace plundered?

This Sunday we will be in Genesis 14 and Hebrews 7. Abram's nephew, Lot, gets captured and plundered by five wicked kings. Abram takes his forces and pursues them. He brings "back all the goods and also his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people" (Gen. 14:16). Then Abram has a strange encounter with Melchizedek, King of Salem, priest of God Most High. Who is this Melchizedek and why does Abram worship with him and give him one tenth of all he had with him?

We can only fully understand this through the New Testament explanation in Hebrews 7. It reveals to us how the enemy of our souls seeks "to steal, kill and destroy" but how Yeshua/Jesus has come that we might have an abundant life (John 10:10).

Come learn how to take back what was stolen from you and how to respond to God's blessings in your life! Let's go to the enemy's camp together, rescue our sons and our daughters, our brothers and our sisters and take back what was stolen!



I feel a breakthrough coming your way! See you Sunday at the victory party!

*Pastor Wes*

### 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

## HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **MAX AND MARILYN GOINS** by:

Wayne and Sue Weege (BF)

In honor of **DEBBIE THOMAS' BIRTHDAY** by:

Lee and Hiltraud James (FP)

In honor of **ALICE GOODLIN'S BIRTHDAY** by:

Ron and Smokey McPhail (BF)

In honor of **BOB FREEMAN'S BIRTHDAY** by:

Bill and Debbie Thomas (YM)

In memory of **CALVIN GARRETSON** (*step-brother of Debbie Carter*) by:

Darrell and Alice Goodlin (WAF)

In memory of **CARROLL CARTER** (*brother of Burl Carter*) by:

Darrell and Alice Goodlin (WAF)

In memory of **PAUL MOODY** (*father of Jennifer Weege*) by:

Wayne and Sue Weege (CM)

BF - Building Fund YM - Youth Ministry  
FP - Food Pantry WAF - Worship Arts Fund  
CM - Children's Ministry

## NEED A WORD?

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

## PIECING IT TOGETHER

A life group led by Christi Wilson and Tammy Prince will meet from 6-7:30 pm this Sunday, November 8th in Room 130. We focus on the spiritual welfare of parents with special needs children. Please join us as we experience life together!

## CELEBRATION



Tracy Vanderbush and Terry Johnson joined Sunday.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to our Heritage Family for the prayer shawl. We were pleased to receive such a special gift for our new life together.

In Christ's love,

*Tracy and Ryan Nichols*

## JOIN US

A team is being formed to make blankets to give out this winter to homeless or others in our area in need. The blankets will be patchwork made from squares of denim and flannel cut out from the good parts of worn out jeans and shirts. You can help in two ways:

1. **Donate your worn out denim (non-stretch) and flannel clothing (think jeans and shirts).** They may look pretty useless to you but there will be sections of useable fabric which can be cut into squares which are then sewn together.

2. **Help construct the blankets.** Once enough clothing has been donated to make several blankets, a work day will be scheduled - probably early part of January. This will involve cutting squares from the donated clothing and then sewing the squares together. Sewers and non-sewers alike can help.

Fabric donations can be left in room 123. If you are interested in being part of the construction team contact Sue Weege, [sueweege@cox.net](mailto:sueweege@cox.net), or 474-8627.

## WE WANT YOUR PICTURES

Please email your pictures to [office@heritage.church](mailto:office@heritage.church) anytime your life group, Sunday school class or any other Heritage group gets together.



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

## HEALTHY CONGREGATION DAY

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

## PRAYING MOMS NEEDED

Our prayer is that each of the schools in Van Buren would have two or more moms come together weekly to pray for an hour for the schools and our children. If you are interested in praying for the High School, the Freshman Academy, Butterfield, Northridge, Tate, City Heights, Rena, Parkview, King, or Central or for more information, please contact Monica Steele at 479-629-4384.

## THANK YOU

We want to give our heartfelt thanks to everyone for the calls, cards, visits and food, but especially for the prayers during the loss of Burl's brother Carroll and my dad Calvin. We especially want to thank our Life Group, God's Armor Bearers. Your love and prayers and help during this time meant more to us than we can ever express in words. A very special thank you also to Max Goins for doing the service and helping us celebrate my dad's life. We are so blessed with God's love and a church like Heritage.

Thank you all,

*Burl and Debbie Carter*

## 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 this Saturday, November 7th! We will return around 9 pm Sunday night. For a packing list, go to [heritage.church/pulse-home](http://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.

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING CHILDREN'S CHOIR

1st-5th graders are invited to be a part of the CTS choir on November 18th. If your child would like to participate, contact Mrs. Debbie for a copy of the CD to learn the music. We will have a rehearsal on Sunday November 15th at 4:15 pm at Heritage and Tuesday November 17th at 6:45 pm at the VB Fine Arts Center.

## 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.

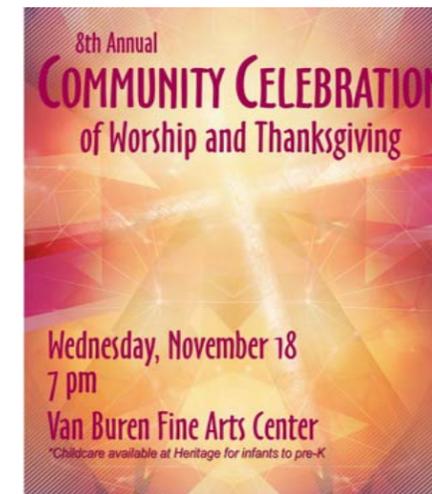
This is an awesome time when we can show the love of Christ to many people, especially to those that are alone or needy. This is not a budgeted event, so if you feel led to help with this event in any way or amount, the cost is around \$10,000.00.



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

A Thankful Member,

*Nina Sullivan*



## BIRTHDAY LIST

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

## 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.



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