

**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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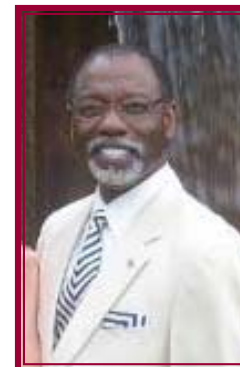
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# Heritage Happenings

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## Join us for our 8th Annual **COMMUNITY CELEBRATION** of Worship and Thanksgiving

It is the one time a year we come together as a community and we fellowship, worship, and pray as one body. Local churches have come together to make this our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Thanksgiving Service. It will be at the **Van Buren High School Fine Arts Center on Wednesday, November 18th at 7 pm.** Elder Chester Harris of Greater Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church will bring the message. Area worship leaders will provide the worship with a mass choir and an incredible praise team. We will also have a guest appearance again from our community children's choir led by Michael and Kristy Bray, children's pastors from Van Buren Freewill Baptist. Each year a special offering is received and given to a local faith-based non-profit organization in our area. This year's recipient is Hearts of Hope Restoration Center. They are expanding their capacity to take in more people so the need for the offering is especially important this year. Please come prepared to bless the Hearts of Hope ministry. Childcare



for children pre-school and under will be housed here at Heritage. There will be plenty of shuttle service to get you right to the front door and friendly people to greet you as you enter the building. Please take a moment and give God thanks and praise for the pastors of this area. Pray for city leaders and this community. Pray that revival comes to the River Valley. This could be the year!!! You don't want to miss it!

**ELDER CHESTER HARRIS**  
Thanksgiving Speaker

### 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



#### In Hospital:

**Stacey Walker** (Mercy)  
**Jennifer Thompson** (Sparks)  
**Vi Herring** (River Valley)

#### At Home:

**Saylor Ables, Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Marilyn Goins, Lee James, 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 Sympathy:

**Debbie Carter and Family** in the death of her father, Calvin Garretson.

**Oline and Irene Oxford and Family** in the death of their grandson, William Standke.

**Delaine Pinedo and Family** in the death of her father, J.D. Scouden.



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

**Sunday, December 6**  
SPECIAL GUEST,  
HAZEM HARRAJ  
8:05, 9:30, 11 AM & 6:30 PM  
*\*5:30 PM - SOUP, SALAD & SANDWICH DINNER \$5 PER PERSON*

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

## HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **JIMMIE DREW BENNETT'S 80TH BIRTHDAY** by:

Jim and Linda Udouj (BF)

In memory of **CALVIN GARRETSON** (father of Debbie Carter) by:

Bob and Terry Freeman (FP)

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

Bob and Terry Freeman (FP)

Don and Shirley Spillman (BF)

In memory of **TOMMY DODD** by:

Mary Ann Dodd (CM)

In memory of **TOMMY DODD** by:

Mary Ann Dodd (MF)

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Mary Ann Dodd (BF)

In memory of **TOMMY DODD** by:

Mary Ann Dodd (YM)

BF - Building Fund YM - Youth Ministry  
FP - Food Pantry MF - Missionary Fund  
CM - Children's Ministry

## PRAYING MOMS NEEDED

Our prayer is that each of the schools in Van Buren would have a few 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.

## NEED A WORD?

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

## WELCOME



Rob and Velta Thomas joined Sunday.



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.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

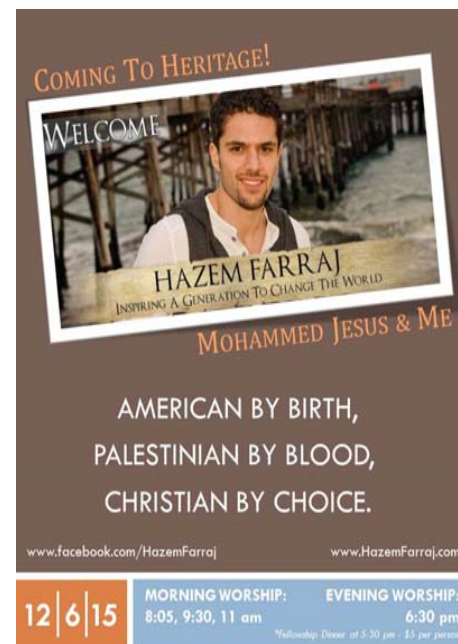
In Children's Church we are memorizing the 12 Disciples, Peter, Andrew, James (son of Zebedee), John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the Zealot), Thaddeus and Judas Iscariot. Your child will receive a reward for their hard work if they recite it to Debbie on Sunday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

## LOVE TO DECORATE?

It's that time of year that we decorate the Sanctuary for the upcoming Advent Season. If you would like to help, please join Chuck on Monday, November 23rd.

## 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 this Sunday, November 15th. 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.



## BIG IDEA

Our church council 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 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.

## 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.

If you are interested in being part of the construction team contact Sue Weege, sueweege@cox.net, or 474-8627.



Recent trip to visit shut-ins at Crawford County Rehab.



## 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 this Sunday November 15th at 4:15 pm at Heritage and Tuesday November 17th at 6:45 pm at the VB Fine Arts Center.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the Preschool for the canned goods they have collected and donated to the Heritage Food Pantry. This will help to feed many families in our community!

In Christ's love,

*Heritage Food Pantry*

## HEALTHY CONGREGATION DAY

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

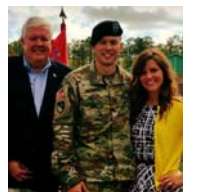
## CONGRATULATIONS



Logan Moore was crowned Miss Western Arkansas. She will compete for the title of Miss Arkansas this summer. Logan is a

junior at Arkansas Tech University and the daughter of Zane and Laura Moore.

## CONGRATULATIONS



David Freeman received his first company command of the 554th Engineering Company. It's a modular Engineering Company on special missions for collapsed structures search and rescue operations, if needed. David and his wife, Emily, are stationed at Fort Stewart, GA. He is the son of Bob and Terry Freeman.



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

## CHURCH MINIBUS



Do you think Heritage has a need for a minibus? The Joy Seekers are getting the ball rolling by selling Rada Products.

We will have samples available in the Fellowship Hall before and after the second service each Sunday and on Wednesday evenings. Catalogues are available for \$.50 if you would prefer to have more time to shop. Rada Cutlery sells knives, cooking utensils, serving utensils, stoneware, recipe books, mixes for soups, dips and pastries, as well as, seasoning and marinades. All would make great gifts or for parties and quick lunches. Our profit is 40%. Stop and take a look and help us get closer to purchasing a minibus for Heritage!