

Mission Statement:
To Love and to Lead

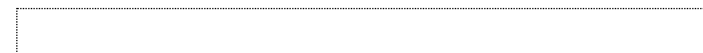
The Mission of Heritage United Methodist Church is to Love God and people passionately and to Lead people into a passionate relationship with Jesus Christ.

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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In Hospital:
Stacey Walker (Mercy)

At Home:
Saylor Ables, Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Marilyn Goins, Jamie Hartley, Lee James, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Linda Seubold, Harry Sher, Maria Sullivan, Jennifer Thompson, 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)
Vi Herring (CC Rehab)

In Sympathy:
Jeannette Jackson, Cindi Breeze, Jeanne Carroll and Family in the death of their mother and grandmother, *Helene McCauley*.

Dee Wennberg and Family in the death of her sister-in-law, *Sue Goss*.



Saturday, December 5
LIVING WINDOWS AND LIGHTING
OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE
AT THE COURTHOUSE
5:00 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*

Monday, December 7
COMMUNITY PRAYER
AT VIETNAMESE BAPTIST CHURCH
7:00 PM

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

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Heritage
Happenings

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... GIVE THANKS!



Gratitude is one of the most healing attitudes that a person can develop and embody. Dr. Daniel Amen, a psychiatrist, has his patients write a fresh list of the things for which they are thankful every day. This aids in the healing and rejuvenation of the brain. It produces better moods, dispels depression, overcomes automatic negative thinking, and brings about an overall sense of hope and wellness. I began to follow Dr. Amen's regimen as I was dealing with Post-Traumatic Stress. It was a key to my personal healing.

The first **Thanksgiving celebrations** in the United States were patterned after the Feast of Tabernacles in the Bible. It was a fall harvest festival to thank the LORD for His blessings and to spend leisure time with friends and family feasting and fellowshiping.

This Wednesday, November 18th, we have a great opportunity to join with the area churches in a great Community Thanksgiving Service! We hope you'll join us at 7 p.m. in the Van Buren High School Fine Arts Center. Sunday our theme will be Thanksgiving. And on Thursday, November 26th, our nation will officially celebrate Thanksgiving. If you don't have friends and family with whom to celebrate the day, you might want to join Mike and Malinda McSpadden at the Western Arkansas Child Development Center in Alma and help them box and deliver over 600 Thanksgiving meals for lunch that day.



Are you making your list and checking it twice? For what are YOU thankful? May our thanksgiving lead to thanks-living!

Thankful to be your pastor!

Pastor Wes

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

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

Donna Parker (BF)

In honor of **DARRELL SHOOK'S**
BIRTHDAY by:

Donna Parker (BF)

In honor of **ALAN SWAIM'S**
BIRTHDAY by:

Donna Parker (BF)

In memory of **JOHNNY PARKER**
by:

Donna Parker (YM)

In memory of **JOHNNY PARKER**
by:

Donna Parker (CE)

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

Charles and Nina Sullivan (BF)

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

Charles and Nina Sullivan (BF)

BF - Building Fund YM - Youth Ministry
CE - Christmas Eve Fund

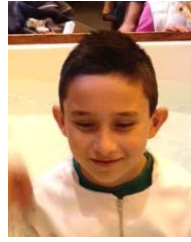
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, many activities have been cancelled or rescheduled. Please be sure to check the church calendar. The office will close at noon Wednesday and reopen Monday, November 30th.

BLESS THE KIDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

We need new or gently worn tennis shoes of all sizes for ages 6-18 to give 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.

CELEBRATIONS



Julio
son of Colby
and Annette



Conner
son of Nathan
and Kim Teague



Kara Adams



Shelley Nichols

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 Marsh, the Children's Minister, on Sunday November 29th or December 6th at either one of the three services.

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).**
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.

PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, December 7th from 7-8 pm at The Vietnamese Baptist Church Fort Smith located at 1520 Jenny Lind Road. Please join other believers as we pray for our community!

ITEMS FOR SALE

Pick up your Heritage items today in the Library. They will make gifts this holiday season!

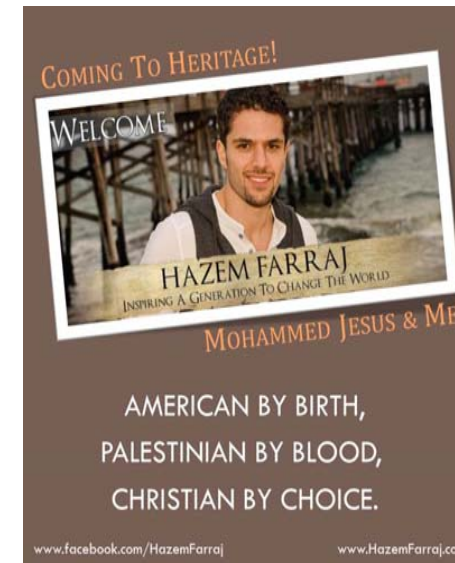


God's Armor Bearers' Life Group at the Angus Buchan event.



Pulse and The Beat on their recent fall retreat to Branson.

SPECIAL GUEST



Soup, sandwich and salad dinner at 5:30 pm followed by worship and teaching with special guest, Hazem Farraj on Sunday, December 6th. Dinner is \$5 per person. Pay at the door.

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 their schools and children. Please consider praying for VBHS, Freshman Academy, Butterfield, Northridge, Tate, City Heights, Rena, Parkview, King, or Central. You may meet in your home or church. Every school needs to be covered! Parents of grown children are now meeting on Mondays at 8:15 am and Thursdays at 5:30 pm. For more information, please contact Monica Steele at 479-629-4384.

WE WANT YOUR PICTURES

Please email your pictures to office@heritage.church anytime your life group, Sunday school class or any other Heritage group gets together.



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 in the Community Room 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.

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.

LOVE TO SING?

Come join the Sanctuary Choir just in time for the Christmas season! We meet every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. No experience necessary - just a heart for worship and a willingness to make a joyful noise!

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 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.

CHURCH MINIBUS



The Joy Seekers are getting the ball rolling on purchasing a minibus for Heritage 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!