

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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DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am
John Poole
Gary Podgurski
Eddie Prince
Alexis Booster

9:30 am
John Symonds
Tom Konert
David Alexander
Andy Williams
Carol Ray

11:00 am
Chris Christensen
Justin Lovett

Greeters

8:05 am
Friends for Life Life Group

9:30 am
Margo Symonds
Joe and Patricia Johns

11:00 am
Jason and Tiffany Parks
Barry and Shawna Mason



In Hospital:
Saylor Ables (Children's Hospital)

At Home:
Mary Ellen Weidman-Burriss, Lee James, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Linda Seubold, Maria Sullivan, Stacey Walker, 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 Thanksgiving:
Chris, Hannah and Declan Angel on the birth of their son and brother, *Donovan Alexander*. Proud grandparents are Gary and Diane Nishmuta.

In Sympathy:
Doris Wortham and Family in the death of her brother, *Duane Collier*.

Adam Pendergrass and Family in the death of his grandmother, *Lila Pendergrass*.

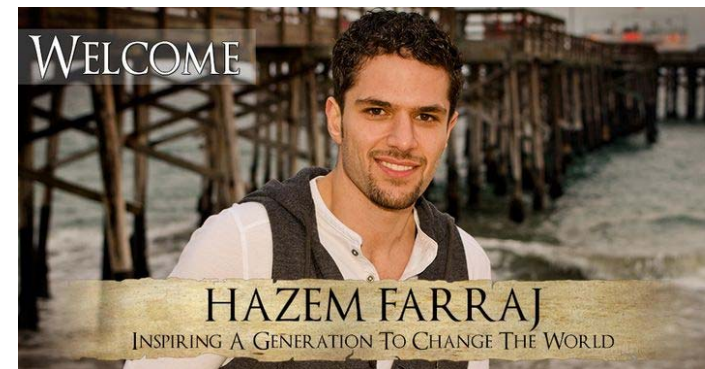


Saturday, December 5
LIVING WINDOWS AND LIGHTING
OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE
AT THE COURTHOUSE
5:00 PM

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

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.



Join us this Sunday, December 6th as we welcome special guest, **HAZEM FARRAJ**.

Hazem was born into a Palestinian family in Brooklyn, NY in the year 1984. He is the ninth of thirteen children and was raised in an Islamic home. At the age of 12, his father decided to move the family to Jerusalem, their ethnic homeland.

There, he continued to learn about Islam and the Arab culture and set out to be a better Muslim. However, the family plan was interrupted when Hazem was confronted with the real Jesus, not a prophet. This encounter would change his life forever. Now he is an advocate for religious freedoms aspiring to change the laws in the Middle East. He is a minister, an author (*Mohammed Jesus & Me*) and a public speaker who has given his life to share a simple easy to understand Gospel.

Hazem will bring the message during all three services, as well as, Sunday evening at 6:30 pm. A soup, sandwich and salad dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for children and \$10 max per family. Pay at the door.

AMERICAN BY BIRTH,
PALESTINIAN BY BLOOD,
CHRISTIAN BY CHOICE.
www.facebook.com/HazemFarraj www.HazemFarraj.com



**HONORARIUMS
AND MEMORIALS**

In honor of **DEBBIE THOMAS' BIRTHDAY** by:
Julie James (FP)

In honor of **ALAN SWAIM'S BIRTHDAY** by:
Bill and Debbie Thomas (YM)

In memory of **DUANE COLLIER** (brother of Doris Wortham) by:
Donna Parker (WAF)

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

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

YM - Youth Ministry FP - Food Pantry
WAF - Worship Arts Fund VF - Van Fund

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!

**ORDER YOUR
POINSETTIAS**

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary during the month of December in honor or in memory of someone, please complete this form and return it to the church office with payment of \$10 per poinsettia.

Placed in (circle one)

In Memory of _____ In Honor of _____

By: _____

CELEBRATIONS



Jeff, Kelly, Cami and Macie Henson

Jason, Natasha, Bailee, Emersyn and Jaylin Woodard



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!

GIVING AWAY CHRISTMAS



Christmas Eve is just around the corner and once again we will be "Giving away Christmas". We have so much to be thankful for this holiday season and we don't want to forget to give back to our community by serving in some capacity on Christmas Eve. We will need lots of volunteers (around 150) for Christmas Eve dinner to help serve our guest. We will need 100 desserts pre-cut into 8 piece slices (we prefer brownies and cookies). Please let us know how you want to volunteer by emailing Becki Kneeland at bkneeland@heritage.church. Serving times will be from 3:00 to 5:00 and then again from 5:00 to 7:00. Everyone will serve a two hour shift.

BABY SHOWER

Join us as we shower Ben and Sarah Kaminar and baby Zoe Catherine with love and baby gifts Sunday, December 13th from 1-3 in the Welcome Center. They are registered at Amazon and Walmart.



If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, December 20th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

MISSIONARY OFFERING

If you have a birthday in December, 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.

THIS SATURDAY

Come celebrate the season and hear the Heritage Handbell choir this Saturday, December 5th at the Crawford County Courthouse. They will play at the Lighting of the Christmas Tree at 6 pm. Jon and Jena Harper have assembled a group of elves to have a gingerbread decorating station during the living windows at 5 pm. See you there!

F.I.S.H.

The kids will join their parents in the Sanctuary to listen to our special guest, Hazem Farraj this Sunday, December 6th. The F.I.S.H. Christmas party will be on Sunday, December 13th!

HERITAGE ANGELS



We support DHS and the foster children in our area by collecting Christmas gifts. After you choose an angel from the wall by the Children's wing and the office, return the gifts to the stage in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, December 13th! All gifts must be unwrapped and in a bag with their angel number attached to the bag. If you want to help and don't like to shop, consider giving a donation and someone will shop for you. If you have any questions, contact Debbie Thomas at 651-0810 or the church.

BIG THANK YOU

'THANK YOU' to a special group of people for their work on making Heritage look beautiful this season: John Poole, Max Garrett, Bob Merchant, Glenda Jackson, Stephanie Smith, Kay Lockwood, Sherry Hays, Sue Stranathan, Pat Johns, Carolyn Loyd, Linda Hill, Doris Wortham, Jean Sabatier, Dee Wennberg, Pam Thomas, Alta Poppe, Vesta Everitt, Mary Anne McGill and Donna Parker.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Join us Saturday, December 5th at 3:30 pm at Legacy Heights for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again. Registration begins at 3 pm. For more information, contact Shirley Touchstone at 629-7901.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

In Children's Church we are memorizing the 12 Disciples. Your child will receive a reward for their hard work if they recite it to Debbie Marsh, the Children's Minister, this Sunday December 6th at either one of the three services.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

MEETING

Please join us for church conference on Sunday, December 13th at 3 pm. The agenda is to approve the church budget for next year.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are in desperate need of Ushers and Greeters (especially at the 11:00 service). If you can provide services for one of these positions, please email Becki Kneeland at bkneeland@heritage.church.

GREETER DUTIES:

- Arrive on time (20 minutes prior to service)
- Commit to serving 1 to 2 months out of the year
- Commit to attending one training per year
- Greet people with a warm smile
- Be familiar with the church
- Know where Children's ministry is located
- Know where bathrooms are located
- Remind our guest of coffee and breakfast in fellowship hall

USHER DUTIES:

- Arrive on time (20 minutes prior to service)
- Commit to serving 1 to 2 months out of the year
- Commit to attending one training per year
- Greet people with a warm smile
- Pass out bulletins
- Be aggressive about finding seats for our guest
- Participate in receiving the offering
- Participate in serving communion (once a month)
- Serve on our security team

SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL



Make plans to attend on December 3, 5 & 6 at Alma PAC. Adults \$15, Students \$10. Children 12 & under dressed at their favorite Dr. Seuss character will receive free admission and a free book. *Children must be accompanied by an adult.

BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone that donated blood on Sunday! We will have another blood drive for Saylor on Sunday, January 24th! The blood center was blown away by the outpouring of support and they have agreed to bring more staff next time so that more people can participate. Let's blow them away again!

**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.