

**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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From Your Pastor's Heart ... FUELING and Sustaining Revival and Spiritual Awakening
There's been a stirring deep inside me that something is not right at Heritage. Many things are awesome, but God has been pointing me to something that is lacking. It is not something many of us want in our lives, but as I look at what God has used since the days of Abraham and Moses, the New Testament Church, in St. Patrick's day, and with the Evangelical Revival that transformed England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, and the United States in the 1700's, there is a common denominator. God has been pointing me to this for some time. It is one of our two **Wildly Important Goals** for Heritage for 2016.

Want to know what it is? Come hear about it this Sunday, January 10th in our three morning worship services! It will be challenging, but I believe the blessings to your life and to the River Valley will far outstrip the effort it will require. I'm asking all discipleship group leaders (Sunday School, Life-groups, Heritage U., ministry team) and those who THINK they might be called to be leaders to JOIN ME FOR LUNCH on Sunday, January 17th at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

We NEED more leaders – more people who feel called to lead life-groups. Please RSVP to Pam or Becki in the church office to let us know if you'll be able to join us (479-474-6424 or bkneeland@heritage.church, pjames@heritage.church). We will have children's ministry for your kids so please let us know those numbers for planning. I hope to get us out as close to 1:30 p.m. as possible. I want to share my heart with you about our ministry groups, classes, and life-groups for the upcoming years.

Fasting and Prayer for Revival:

Our Arkansas Bishop is calling us to 40 Days of Fasting and Prayer for Revival from January 1-February 9. There is also a nation-wide call from leaders of many denominations and ministries to a unified time of focused prayer and fasting for 21 days from **January 10-31st**. Please find some way to participate. Here are some ways you can fast:

- * Abstain from all food, observing a juice and water fast.
- * Abstain from all meats and sweets, having only vegetables and other foods. (The Daniel Fast)
- * Abstain from one meal a day.
- * Eat only six slices of Ezekiel (4:9) bread and water per day.
- * Abstain from watching TV or being on the internet for 21 days or for a segment of time, perhaps in the evening so you can pray, read, and reflect upon these matters of prayer.
- * Abstain from all social networking OR CHOOSE YOUR OWN OPTION.



What God wants to do in our lives, families, church, community, state, and nation is so big, it will only come through prayer and fasting! Let these be days of great hunger for the LORD and great rejoicing in His answers!

Excited for what the LORD has ahead for us this year! Come, Lord Jesus/Yeshua!

Pastor Wes

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

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

9:30 am
Wayne Stewart
Mark Evans
Mark Stafford
Scott Weege

11:00 am
Daniel Chisolm
Nathan Elliott
Grant Elliott
Justin Sangster

Greeters

8:05 am
Kelly Curd
Bruce and Janet Johnson

9:30 am
Anita Barnett and Carolyn Loyd
Vesta Everitt and Liz McFadden

11:00 am
Janalou Devers and Ruth Ottinger
Tracy Vanderbush and Terry Johnson



In Hospital:

Jim Terry (OKC)
Mary Wrisinger (Summit)

At Home:

Saylor Ables, Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Lee James, Terry McGonigle, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Lavonna Proctor, Carolyn Scott, Mikal Seegers, Linda Seubold, Maria Sullivan, Alan Swaim, Tim Treece, Stacey Walker, Sue Weege, Ken and Sandy Weifenbach

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:

Anthony and Audra Kuykendall on the birth of their son, *Bentley Grayson*. Big sisters are Emily and Baily. Proud grandparents are Myron and Teresa Kirksey.



Wednesday, January 13
WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES
RESUME

Sunday, January 17
LEADERSHIP TRAINING
LUNCHEON
12:30 PM

Saturday, February 6
REVIVAL: AN EVENING WITH
JANICE GILBERT
6:30 PM

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

**HONORARIUMS
AND MEMORIALS**

In honor of **MELISSA HILL TAYLOR** (sister of Linda Hill) by: Linda Hill (FP)

In honor of **DEBBIE MARSH'S BIRTHDAY** by: Bill and Debbie Thomas (CM)

In honor of **PAULA DICKERSON'S BIRTHDAY** by: Bill and Debbie Thomas (CM)

In memory of **J.L. LEWIS** by:
Bob and Bonnie Housley (FP)
Benton and Juanita Cone (FP)
Bruce and Janet Johnson (FP)
Sue Lewis (FP)
Joe and Trecia Lloyd (FP)
Donna Parker (FP)
Don and Shirley Spillman (FP)
Jim and Linda Udouj (FP)
Carol Lloyd (FP)
Mark and Kat Wiles (FP)

FP - Food Pantry CM - Children's Ministry

THANK YOU'S

FROM THE HERITAGE STAFF:
Wow! Your staff at Heritage was blessed with lots of goodies over the Christmas season! Thank you!

FROM THE JAMES LARRY LEWIS FAMILY:

Thank you so very much for all that our church family did for us. Thank you for the prayers, the beautiful music, the words of comfort at the service and the wonderful lunch provided for our family.

FROM THE CALL:

We want to extend a heart-felt thank you to you all for hosting Foster Parent Night Out. They enjoy gathering with other foster parents. It is a great way for them to bond and share together through fellowship. Special friendships have been formed as a result.



Judd Tuttle



Caylee Barbour



Gary Gonzales



Jose' Solis



Luke Tabakian



Eliana Morton

CELEBRATIONS



Abby Burgess



Laynee Tichenor



Keila Tichenor



Stephanie Jones



Luke Bailey



Brave Rupp



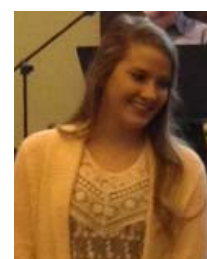
Ty Barbour



Laila Tichenor



Nayleigh Schelm



Katie Anderson



Wyatt Cristee



Jubilee Rupp

REMINDER

Our regular Wednesday night of community meal and church-wide Bible studies will resume Wednesday, January 13th.

NEED A WORD?

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

CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS

We need clothes and coats for infants and older. Please place them in the bins behind the clothes closet house next to the church.

WRITING MINISTRY

Join us for a brand new group, *Expressions*. It is a way for all to share the writing gifts God has given them. Our first meeting will be Thursday, January 7th from 6-7 pm in the Welcome Center. For more information, email Lu Ann Donahou or Janice Podgurski at ExpressionsWM@gmail.com.

L.I.G.H.T.

It is not too late to join us for a new study of Isaiah. We meet every Tuesday from 9 am - noon in room 122. All are welcome.

THE WELCOME CENTER

When you are greeting our guests, don't forget to bring them by the Welcome Center to meet our welcome team. They are there each Sunday to provide ministry, answer questions, give directions... whatever the need may be. We want our guests to know that they are loved.

BLANKETS FOR THE HOMELESS

Our crew has completed three blankets which will be given to homeless persons in Van Buren. The blankets were constructed from donated worn out jeans and flannel shirts. A carry bag was also made for each blanket with a pocket to hold a few items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, bar soap and comb. The blankets and bags are on display in the fellowship hall this Sunday. HERE IS WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please take just a minute to stop by and pray for each individual who will receive a blanket.

BAPTISMS

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, January 17th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

YOUNG AT HEART

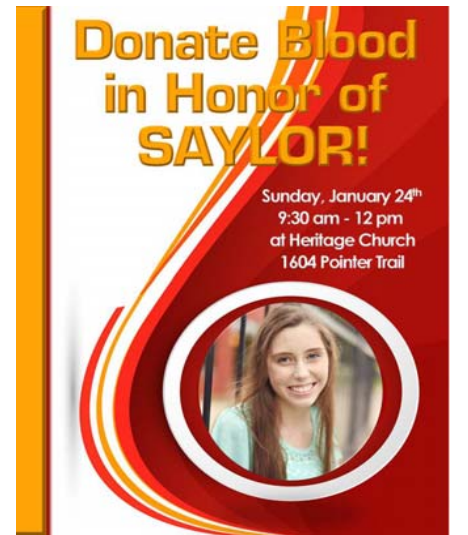
If you are 55 and older, please join us for a time of food and fellowship on the fourth Thursday night of every month from 6 - 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall beginning January 28th. Bring a dish to share!

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

PRAYER AND FASTING

Bishop Gary Mueller has called us to take part in a conference-wide movement called *Get Serious About Spiritual Revival* starting with 40 days of prayer and fasting beginning January 1st. For more information about fasting, a brochure is available in the Great Hall.



NEW LIFE GROUP

Biblical Womanhood will begin this Sunday, January 10th. We meet each Sunday night from 6-7:30 pm at the home of Judy Bowen. This is a study on Virginia Ruth Fugate's book, *On the Other Side of the Garden*. The books are available in the church office for \$13. Call Judy at 479-285-9393 for more info.

GRIEF SHARE

A new GriefShare Support Group will begin Monday, January 11th! We meet Monday at 9:30 am at Heritage in Room 122 and 6:30 pm at Legacy Heights. For more information, contact Shirley Touchstone at 479-629-7901.

**HERITAGE UNIVERSITY
SPRING 2016 SEMESTER!**

Heritage University returns for Spring 2016, with classes beginning on Sunday, January 24th. Course sign ups begin this Sunday! Look for the HU information and sign-up table. Please join us as we strive to expand the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives through God-based learning!