

**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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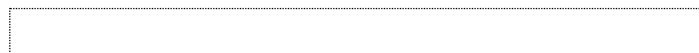
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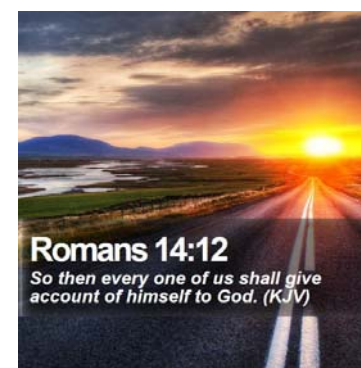
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From Your Lead Pastor's Heart ... Great First Steps!



We had a wonderful response to our Leader's Luncheon last Sunday as we packed out the Fellowship Hall! Thank you! I was able to share the vision for all our groups here at Heritage and give some information on how to take our first steps. So, for all our **CURRENT GROUPS**, please 1) **Develop a group covenant** using the materials we gave you, and please send that to Pam James by the end of February at pjames@heritage.church. If you would like help in developing that covenant, please contact Leanna Garrett lgarrett711@gmail.com, or Bryan Tabakian btabakian@heritage.church. They will be happy to assist you personally or help you with resources. 2) I am asking that each group not only make a group covenant but that each person in the group **develop a personalized list** of items for which they want to be held accountable and have a prayer/accountability partner or group within the larger group.

I know. Our flesh rebels against accountability, but it is necessary for our growth in grace and as the Bible says, **"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ! ... warn one another ... , comfort one another, encourage one another ... "** (Eph. 5:21, 1 Thess. 5: 11-23).

As I shared Sunday from **Hebrews 13:7**, as your lead pastor, I will have to **give an account** to the Lord for my stewardship of this congregation. Help me do that with joy! I also have accountability partners who I allow to ask me the tough questions! And don't forget that **Romans 14:12** says that **"each of us will give an account of ourselves to God."** Let us help each other out and encourage one another and comfort one another as we run the race set before us with perseverance, fixing our eyes on Jesus!



This is going to be a great year at Heritage! Make sure you are FULLY ENGAGED!
Pastor Wes

P.S. Don't Miss this Sunday's message in our series on "Abraham: Walking with World-Changing Faith." Our topic is "How to Walk in Freedom!"

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am
John Poole
Jerry Frederiksen
Brian Curd
Bruce Brown

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

11:00 am
Daniel Chisolm
Nathan Elliott
Justin Sangster

Greeters

8:05 am
Kelly Curd and boys
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)

At Home:
Saylor Ables, Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Amber Fimpel, Lee James, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Mikal Seegers, Linda Seubold, Teenia Stein, Maria Sullivan, Alan Swaim, Tim Treece, Ken and Sandy Weifenbach, 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:
Nate, Deanna and Maddox Hobbs on the birth of their daughter and sister, *Avie LaNae*. Proud grandmother is Rhonda Chambers.



Monday, February 1
COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING
AT FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
VAN BUREN
7 PM

Saturday, February 6
REVIVAL: AN EVENING WITH
DR. 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 **MIKIE WILEY'S BIRTHDAY** by:

Bill and Debbie Thomas (YM)

In honor of **ALLISON HILLIARD'S BIRTHDAY** by:

Fae Dyer (BF)

Donna Parker (CM)

CM - Children's Ministry BF - Building Fund
YM - Youth Ministry

WE WANT YOUR PICTURES

Thank you to the Life Groups that have sent us pictures from your get-togethers. Please keep emailing your pictures to office@heritage.church anytime your life group, Sunday school class or any other Heritage group gets together.

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.

CHURCH LIFE



Have you ever needed someone's address or phone number but didn't want to call the church?

The Church Life app is for you! Download it today for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device. It's free!

PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, February 1st from 7-8 pm at First Church of God in Van Buren. Please join other believers as we pray for our community!

CELEBRATION



Annmarie Fimpel was baptized Sunday.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Rubies Bible Study will begin February 1st from 9 - 11 am. We will study Beth Moore's, *Children of the Day*. All women are invited and childcare will be provided.

SATURDAY NIGHT REVIVAL



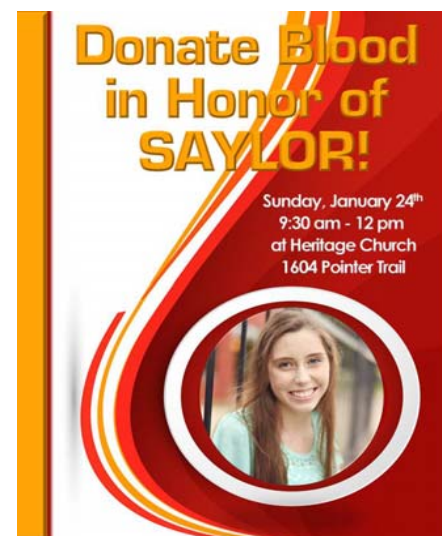
Join us Saturday, February 6th at 6:30 pm for an evening with Dr. Janice Gilbert. She will bring the word on Pursuing God! Dr. Gilbert is an endorsed candidate for bishop by the Black Methodists for Church Renewal. She is the Senior Pastor of St. James United Methodist Church in Beaumont, TX and has received several awards for evangelism and church growth. She has been a guest speaker at many Annual Conferences and churches. Prior to entering the ministry, she served as a speech pathologist, college instructor, public school administrator, and a consultant for families with special needs children. Dr. Gilbert will also bring the message on Sunday morning, February 7th, at all three services.

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!

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.



ONCE UPON A PROM



Please donate your old prom dress so it can dance again! Please bring your dresses to the Van Buren Fine Arts Center on Saturday, February 13th from 10 am - 12 pm. Please make sure the dresses are clean and in good condition.

WRITING MINISTRY

Expressions is a way for all to share the writing gifts God has given them. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 4th at 6 pm in the Welcome Center. For more information, email Lu Ann Donahou or Janice Podgurski at ExpressionsWM@gmail.com.

COLLEGE AND CAREER CLASS

Beginning next Sunday, January 24th, a new class will be offered at 9:30 am on Sundays upstairs in the Student Life Center for college and career ages. This class will encourage, equip, and effectively prepare our college students and young adults to defend their faith and grasp why they believe what they believe.

DIVORCE CARE AND FPU

We will facilitate new classes of Divorce Care (room 130) and Financial Peace University (room 131) beginning next Sunday, January 24th at 6 pm. The first class will be an informational meeting where materials will be distributed.

BLANKETS

Anyone with a little time on your hands next Monday, January 25th at 8:30 am to around noon is invited to come to the Fellowship Hall to help make blankets for the homeless. Sewing skills are a help but not a necessity - there will be something for everyone to do if you can iron, cut out fabric or hand sew. A sewing machine will be very helpful (we can help carry it in for you), otherwise just bring any basic sewing supplies you have and if you have none that is okay also. If you have any questions contact Sue Weege, 474-8627, or sueweege@cox.net.

The blankets are going to area homeless persons (three have already been sent out) as well as being available for area high school students who find themselves without a permanent home.

NEW SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE

Spring classes begin this Sunday, January 24th at 9:30 am. Information and sign-up table is in the Fellowship Hall. Classes available are:

- Heritage University
 - * *Outlive Your Life* by Max Lucado (facilitated by Max and Leanna Garrett)
 - * *Not Merely Christianity - An introduction to The Life and Works of C.S. Lewis* (facilitated by Michael Tursky)
 - * *Scriptural Prayer 101* (facilitated by Kevin and Verna Belt)
- Other Sunday Morning Classes
 - * *Hosting the Presence* (facilitated by Sue Barnes)
 - * *The God Who Heals* (facilitated by Jennifer Bauman)
 - * *A What or a Who* (facilitated by C.J. Mumbower)
 - * *Basic Training* (facilitated by Daniel Chisolm)
 - * *College and Career* (facilitated by Bryan and Traci Tabakian)
- Sunday Evening Classes
 - * *Divorce Care* (facilitated by Lisa Sharp)
 - * *Financial Peace University* (facilitated by Matthew Yancey)

FORMS NEEDED

If you are a current life/ministry group or prospective leader, we need your information forms that you filled out from Sunday's leadership training meeting. Please turn them into the office by Sunday!

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.

CALLING ALL YOUTH

All youth, grades 6th - 12th, are invited to join us upstairs in the Student Life Center on Sunday February 7th from 4 - 9 pm for an Epic Superbowl Party! There will be food, games and lots of prizes!

MEN'S STUDY

The *Band of Brothers* Bible study group meets every Tuesday from 6:15 - 7:15 am for coffee, fellowship, study of the Word and prayer. Please join us!

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.

PLEASE UPDATE

Many of you no longer have home phones or the same work number. Please indicate on your connection card any new phone numbers or email addresses. You can also update your information through the **member login** on our website.

HEBRAIC ROOTS CLASS

Want to better understand the Hebraic roots of our Christian faith? Join us the first Monday of every month at 6 pm in room 121. Our next meeting is Monday, February 1st.