

**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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# Heritage Happenings

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## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... OVERFLOWING ...

There are so many things happening, I'm not just full, I'm overflowing! I'm overflowing with gratitude, hope, expectation, promise, faith, joy, and love! Thank you for the trust you have placed in me, the staff and the leaders of Heritage Church. We have a history of moving forward together in love and faith.

Praise the LORD, as of February 1<sup>st</sup>, we are **debt-free!** Thank you for your above-and-beyond generosity! We will have a celebration and note burning on February 21<sup>st</sup> in the worship services. Please continue giving to our **Here and Now Fueling the Fire for the Future Fund.** We are now saving for our next project. Join us Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 3 p.m. for a **Town Hall** meeting to share your input with our architect, Mark Evans, for our upcoming building needs.

This past weekend with Dr. Gilbert was such a blessing! People did not want to leave after the 11 a.m. service. The glory and the joy of the LORD were present in the house! Dr. Gilbert ministered to youth and adult youth leaders until well after the Super Bowl was over!

I am excited about this Sunday. It is **Valentine's Day!** It is important to the LORD that we restore romance to our marriages and do the important work to strengthen and save marriages. Pastor Bryan and Traci Tabakian along with Allison and me will share our hearts and stories about **Restoring Romance and Saving/ Strengthening Marriage.** I believe you'll be blessed. Have you ever thought about the truth that Godly romance is a picture of **THE GREAT ROMANCE** that God wants each of us to experience with Him?

Thank you for your patience with us as we move toward becoming a congregation of **Covenant Discipleship.** I invite everyone to come to our **Accountable Covenant Discipleship Workshop** with Dr. Steven Manskar on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 9-3. I ask each Sunday School class, Life-group, or ministry team to send, at least, one or two people. The cost is \$15 a person or \$25 a couple. This helps go toward the cost of lunch, snacks, materials, and our trainer. Anyone who needs a scholarship, please contact Becki Kneeland, Pam James (474-6424), or Bryan Tabakian btabakian@heritage.church.

We are making bold steps in 2016 toward **Becoming the Church of God's Dreams!** We have a long way to go, but there is such JOY IN THE JOURNEY!

We are blessed and highly favored!

*Pastor Wes*

P.S. Don't forget our **Ash Wednesday Service**, This Wednesday evening, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.!

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### FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

#### Ushers

**8:05 am**  
John Poole  
Jane Sanders  
Rick Sanders  
Bob Simons

**9:30 am**  
Dorvan Wiley  
Burl Carter  
Charles Sullivan  
Smokey McPhail  
Roy Elkins

**11:00 am**  
Rick Rauser  
Russ Aikman  
Erich Bauman  
Ron Morrow  
Jerry Pittman

#### Greeters

**8:05 am**  
Drew and Marlene Cone  
Max and Leanna Garrett

**9:30 am**  
Mikie Wiley  
Nina Sullivan and Debbie Carter

**11:00 am**  
Bobby and Diana Boyakin  
Mike and Karrie Papacoda



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, 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:  
**Tamika Crain** in the birth of her son, *Ryan Jeremiah*. Proud big sisters and brother are Alexia, Emma, Alexander and Elizabeth.



**Sunday, February 14**  
LENTEN SERVICE AT DYER UMC  
REV. DANIEL THUESON  
6 PM

**Saturday, February 27**  
COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP WORKSHOP  
9 AM - 3 PM

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

## BAPTISMS

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, February 21st, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

## LOVE TO SING?

Come join the Sanctuary Choir just in time for the Easter 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!

## EMMAUS REUNION

Please join us Thursday, February 25th at 7 pm in room 121 for an Emmaus reunion meeting. Anyone that has been on a walk is invited to attend.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Children's Camp for children entering grades 3-5 is July 27-29 at Pinecrest in Ozone, Arkansas.

## CELEBRATION



Bihnwi Maryann Niba  
Daughter of Suh and  
Barbara Niba.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Please make note of the upcoming meetings on Sunday, February 21st.

- 2:00 pm - Usher Training in the Community Room
- 2:30 pm - Altar Team in the Welcome Center
- 3:00 pm - Brazil Meeting in the Welcome Center

## VALENTINE'S DAY

Children's Ministry is having a "Jesus Loves Me" Party next Sunday, February 14th from 5:30-8 pm for infants thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Enjoy a night out with your 'Valentine' while your children party with us!! \*There will be NO youth (6th - 12th grade) activities that night.

## 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 join us for the Newcomers' class scheduled Sunday, February 21st. 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, our Welcome Minister at 474-6424 or email [bkneeland@heritage.church](mailto:bkneeland@heritage.church).

## 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 this Saturday, February 13th from 10 am - 12 pm. Please make sure the dresses are clean and in good condition.

## BIRTHDAY LIST

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

## WELL WISHES



If you would like to send Jim and Benita Terry a note or card, please turn them in to the church office. Their daughter, Shanda Wilkinson, travels to visit them on a weekly basis and would be glad to deliver.

## SCOUTING FOR FOOD

The scouts will be handing out bags in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday, February 14th for people to take home and fill with canned food items. They ask that the bags be returned the following Sunday, February 21st. Everything collected will be donated to the Heritage Food Pantry.

## COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, Heritage will be hosting a Covenant Discipleship workshop for all current and prospective - Sunday school and small group leaders and for anyone interested in attending the workshop. The workshop will be led Rev. Steve Manskar who is the Director of Wesleyan Leadership with Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church. Steve is the author of the Covenant Discipleship Workbook, *How Disciples Make Disciples*. The workshop will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 9am to 3pm with lunch provided. The cost is only \$15 for individuals and \$25 for couples. The charge is to help cover the cost of our presenter, lunch, and the materials which include a copy of the Covenant Discipleship Workbook for everyone who attends. Please do not allow the costs to hinder your attendance! We will be happy to assist anyone who would like to attend. Please RSVP to Pam James at [pjames@heritage.church](mailto:pjames@heritage.church) or 474-6424. For questions, contact Bryan at [btbakian@heritage.church](mailto:btbakian@heritage.church).

The Agenda of the workshop is outlined as the following:

1. Dwelling in the Word
2. The Mission
3. Covenant Discipleship
4. The Covenant
5. Introducing Covenant Discipleship
6. Class leaders & Class Meetings for Today
7. Covenant Discipleship Group Role Play
8. Resources

I strongly encourage all our leaders to attend this workshop and participate in learning more about Covenant Discipleship. We will also learn more about the history behind covenant discipleship according to John Wesley and the importance of us carrying on this spiritual tradition. Having stronger accountable discipleship will only strengthen the healthiness of our congregation and will help us all grow deeper in Christian maturity. Please don't miss this opportunity to embrace these

valuable spiritual truths that will lead us closer to becoming the Church of God's Dreams!!

Together we GROW!

*Bryan Tabakian*

\*The deadline to have your covenant written has been extended to Sunday, March 20th.

## MUCH NEEDED MINISTRY

We are looking for volunteers to help with valet parking for our elderly, handicapped and single parents. We can use male or female licensed drivers and we will begin with serving the 9:30 service on Sunday mornings. To volunteer for this much needed ministry, please contact Alan Swaim at 479-474-7667 or 479-462-9138.

## COMMUNITY LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Crawford County United Methodist Churches will conduct joint services each Sunday during Lent rotating locations and pastors. The schedule is printed below.

### Sunday, February 14th:

Dyer UMC 6:00 pm  
Rev. Daniel Thueson

### Sunday, February 21st:

Newberry Chapel UMC 6:00 pm  
with help from Mt. View UMC

Rev. Jackie Gregory

Les Oliver from Central UMC -  
Rogers will lead the music

### Sunday, February 28th:

Mt. Olive UMC 6:00 pm  
Rev. Aaron Madden

### Sunday, March 6th:

Mulberry UMC 6:00 pm  
Rev. Phil Costner

### Sunday, March 13th:

Alma UMC 6:00 pm  
Rev. Pete Beevers

### Palm Sunday, March 20th:

Kibler UMC 6:00 pm  
Rev. Max Goins

### Good Friday, March 25th:

Heritage UMC 6:30 pm  
By HIS Strips  
Communion and Prayer  
for the Sick

## WALK TO EMMAUS: A JOURNEY WITH CHRIST

*While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them.* - Luke 24:15



The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete an application. The Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and in God's time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle.

Following the three-day experience, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ.

Through the formational process of accountable discipleship in small groups and participation in the Emmaus community, each participant's individual gifts and servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission. Participants are encouraged to find ways to live out their individual call to discipleship in their home, church, and community.

The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

The men's walk is April 21st - 24th at St Scholastica in Fort Smith on and the women's walk is April 28th - May 1st at St. Scholastica. Information and registration forms are available in the Great Hall.