

**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 ... HALLELUJAH! ... SHRED THE MORTGAGE!



We are going to have a great celebration this Sunday! Instead of burning the mortgage and catching people on fire or setting off fire alarms, Mr. Alan Swaim, our Finance Chair, is recommending we **shred** the mortgage! That sounds great to me! It is multiple pages long so we'll shred a page or two each service with some testimonies by children, youth and parents about what our Student Life Center means to them! Afterward, we will formally dedicate the building to the LORD!

Since 2007 we have paid around \$4 million dollars for 18 ½ acres of additional land, site preparation and drainage for all four of our building phases, the completed Student Life Center, and over 220 new parking places. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving above and beyond!

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, we began our **Here and Now: Fueling the Fire for the Future** capital campaign. We have paid off the current mortgage in less than a year and now we ask you to continue giving to **Here and Now** as we save toward our next building phase. If you are not currently giving to the **Here and Now** campaign and would like to, we will have cards available in the pews this Sunday.

**Please be in prayer** for our Trustees/Building Team as they seek to discern what we should do for our next project. We want to hear from you! We have three opportunities coming up in the next two weeks to hear from our architect, Mark Evans, and share with him and our team your input about the needs of the community and the congregation and what this next building should include. Those three opportunities are

- 1) Young at Heart Potluck, Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. in the Heritage Fellowship Hall. This is for those 55 and older.
- 2) Heritage Town Hall Meeting, Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m. in the Heritage Fellowship Hall. This is for anyone.
- 3) Do Good For Nothing Sunday school class, Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 11 a.m. in the Community Room. This is for anyone.

We hope you'll attend one of these if possible. Once Mark has this input, he will go back to the drawing board and present his preliminary recommendations to us in April. It is an exciting time!

If there is any way you can come to our **Accountable Covenant Discipleship Workshop** on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, I would be so blessed! We are going to have to be prepared to care for and equip the disciples God is sending us so we can **steward the Great Awakening** God is sending! I know you will do your part! You'll never be more alive than when you are doing the ministry God created you to do!



Totally fired up about what the LORD is doing at Heritage!

*Pastor Wes*

## FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

### Ushers

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

**9:30 am**  
Dorvan Wiley  
Burl Carter  
Charles Sullivan  
Smoke 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, Nicole Fimpel, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Mikal Seegers, Linda Seubold, Alan Swaim, 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 Sympathy:  
**Linda Rankin and Family** in the death of her sister, *Stella Luster*.

**Rick Rauser and Family** in the death of his grandmother, *Evelyn Rauser*.

**Natalie Butcher, Nick Sly and Family** in the death of their grandfather, *William Earl Sly*.



**Sunday, February 11**  
LENTEN SERVICE AT NEWBERRY CHAPEL UMC  
6:00 PM  
REV. JACKIE GREGORY

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

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

## HONORARIUMS

In honor of **JUNE LEWIS'**  
**BIRTHDAY** by:  
Jason Lewis

## BAPTISMS

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

## 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.

## 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.

## BLANKETS

Blankets for the Homeless work crew meets Monday, February 22nd from 9 am to around 2 pm. in the fellowship hall. There is a job for everyone regardless of your sewing skills (or lack of!). Come whatever time your schedule allows. If you can come for the day, bring a sack lunch.

**NEEDED!** We include some basic toiletries with the blankets. If you have small bottles of shampoo, bars of soap, etc left from hotel stays you could donate please leave them in the church office.

Questions? Contact Sue Weege, [suweege@cox.net](mailto:suweege@cox.net) or 474-8627.

## YOUNG AT HEART

If you are 55 and older, please join us for a time of food and fellowship this Thursday, February 18th from 6 -8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

## USHER TRAINING

If you are on the usher team, please make plans to attend the training this Sunday, February 21st at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## WALK TO EMMAUS

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

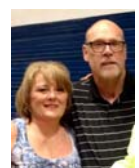
## COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP WORKSHOP

If you are a class/life group leader, join us on Saturday, February 27th from 9 am - 3 pm for a workshop with Dr. Steven Mansker. The cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Please RSVP to Pam James at [pjames@heritage.church](mailto:pjames@heritage.church) or 474-6424. For questions, contact Bryan at [btabakian@heritage.church](mailto:btabakian@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

## WELL WISHES



If you would like to send Jim and Benita Terry a note or card at the hospital in OKC, 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

Please remember to return your sack full of canned goods this Sunday, February 21st. Everything collected will be donated to the Heritage Food Pantry.

## CHURCH ON FIRE

Interested in a 31-day adventure to welcome the manifest presence of Christ? *Church on Fire* books are available in the Library for \$15.

## NEW CLASS

Young mothers are invited to join us as we study, *Moving through Motherhood!* We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:45 - 7 pm in room 122 Our next meeting is this Thursday, February 18th. \*Childcare is not provided.

## 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 this 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).

## BRAZIL TRIP MEETING

If you are interested in going to Brazil with Rick Bonfim, there is an informational meeting this Sunday, February 21st at 3:30 pm in the Welcome Center.

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We need volunteers to sack groceries and help customers on Fridays 9:30 am - 12 pm. If you are interested, please contact Roger Burkert at 462-3392.

## MOM AND BABY BRUNCH

If you had a baby born into the Heritage Family in 2015, please join us for a brunch on Saturday, March 5th from 10-11 am. Contact Shea Marsh at 479-530-0922 if you would like to be included in this celebration.

## YOUTH SPRING BREAK

Attention 9th-12th graders, if you are registered to go on the spring break trip to New York City, remember that your final payment is due Sunday, March 6th. If you aren't sure of your balance, contact Brian Seewald at [bseewald@heritage.church](mailto:bseewald@heritage.church).

## 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.

## ALTAR TEAM MEETING

There is an altar team meeting this Sunday, February 21st at 2:30 pm in the Welcome Center for anyone that is currently on the altar team and for those that are interested in joining the team.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have a wedding or baby shower planned and would like to invite the congregation, please send details to the office at [office@heritage.church](mailto:office@heritage.church) at least two weeks prior to the event.

## IT IS "TIME TO COUNT THE COST"

In Luke 14, Jesus used the analogy of a builder who failed to count the cost before starting a building. Jesus wasn't teaching building techniques but His point is very valid. It is time for us to count the cost in our next building project. We will meet with Mark Evans, our architect, Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our purpose is to hear your vision for the ministries of Heritage. Once Mark has heard what ministry is envisioned, he can begin to design space to house that ministry. Please consider joining us, we need to hear from you!

## 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 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 Stripes*  
Communion and Prayer  
for the Sick

## PLEASE JOIN US

This Sunday, February 21st, Mark Evans will talk to the *Do Good For Nothing* Sunday school class about the proposed building plans. They will not have their regular lesson. Class members may bring light dishes to accompany sandwiches. The meat and bread will be provided. Anyone interested in learning about the building project is welcome to attend and share a meal with us. We meet at 11 am in the Community Room.