

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

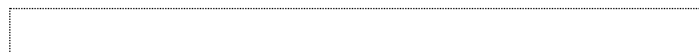
11:00 AM
Contemporary Worship

Nursery provided for all services.

Sunday School for All Ages
9:30 & 11:00 AM

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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, 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)**



Sunday, February 28
LENTEN SERVICE AT MT. OLIVE UMC
6:00 PM
REV. AARON MADDEN

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

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

From Your Lead Pastor's Heart ... Becoming the House of God!

This is such an important weekend for us at Heritage! God is calling us to **“become the church of His dreams!”** In order to do that, we need to do church the way Jesus modeled it – in big groups and in small groups, in the Temple and from house to house. Out of the crowds He chose a small group with whom He could train and do life together. They did life in covenant accountability with one another.

This Saturday, February 27th, we have one of the nation's top experts on **Accountable Covenant Discipleship** coming to Heritage to train us in how to do such groups in the 21st Century. Dr. Stephen Manskar is Director of Wesleyan Leadership with Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church. He is the author of the Covenant Discipleship Workbook, How Disciples Make Disciples.

The workshop will be from 9 a.m. – 3p.m. in the Heritage Fellowship Hall with lunch provided. The cost is only \$15 for individuals and \$25 for couples. See Pam James or Becki Kneeland if you need a scholarship. I am asking every life-group, adult Sunday School class, Heritage University class, and ministry team to send a leader/representative. Anyone who is interested in learning more about Covenant Discipleship is **invited to come**. Please RSVP to Pam James at pjames@heritage.church, 479-474-6424 so we can arrange to have enough food and materials.

Sunday morning, we will continue establishing our **Foundation** through the book of **Genesis**. This week in Genesis 28, Jacob encounters the LORD at a place he names Bethel – the House of God. This story teaches important, essential truths for how we **become and function as the House of God**. That is the “Church of God's Dreams!” Don't miss this important weekend at Heritage as we learn how to **host the Presence of God** and spur one another on to love and good deeds!



See you this weekend as we come together as the HOUSE OF GOD!

Pastor Wes

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HONORARIUMS

In honor of **WES AND ALLISON HILLIARD'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY** by:

Bruce and Janet Johnson (BF)

In honor of **MAX GOINS AND THE BEREAVEMENT TEAM** by:

Jennifer Harris

In honor of **JUNE LEWIS' VALENTINE BIRTHDAY** by:

Jason Lewis

BF - Building Fund

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 at least two weeks prior to the event.

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 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

WELCOME



Natalie Scherry joined by baptism Sunday. She is the daughter of Bryan and Liz Scherry.

CONGRATULATIONS



Terry McGonigle was recently inducted into the Arkansas Thespian Hall of Fame! Way to Go, Terry

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

HEALTHY CONGREGATION DAY

Come to the office this Sunday, February 28th, between 9 and 11:15 am and have your blood pressure and sugar level checked.

NEED A WORD?

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

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.

PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, March 7th from 7-8 pm at First Church of the Nazarene in Fort Smith. Please join other believers as we pray for our community!

MOM AND BABY BRUNCH

If you had a baby in 2015 please join us for a brunch to honor you and your little one! The brunch will be March 5th from 10-11am. It will be a laid back brunch we want to give you time to get to know new moms in the same stage of life. Please RSVP to Shea Marsh at (479) 530-0922.



WE ARE HIRING!

Go to www.heritage.church for details.

PIECING IT TOGETHER

A life group led by Christi Wilson and Tammy Prince will meet from 6-7:30 pm this Sunday, February 28th in Room 130. We focus on the spiritual welfare of parents with special needs children. Please join us as we experience life together!

FROM THE SCOUTS

We had an incredible response from the congregation! After weighing everything that was brought in Sunday morning and the previous week, the final count was 3005lbs! We have set the bar high by collecting more than double last year's amount (1295lbs) and almost four times the prior years (790lbs). We will continue to build on this momentum and shoot to break this record next year!

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.

COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP WORKSHOP

If you are a class/life group leader, join us this 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 or 474-6424. For questions, contact Bryan at 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

BLANKETS

Blankets for the Homeless work crew needs some basic toiletries to include with the blankets. If you have small bottles of shampoo, bars of soap, etc left from hotel stays, please leave them in the church office.

Questions? Contact Sue Weege, sueweege@cox.net or 474-8627.

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.

EMMAUS REUNION

Please join us this 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.

BAPTISMS

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, March 13th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

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, this Sunday, February 28th 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!

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.

FINAL PARENT MEETING

NYC
March 6th @ 7:30pm
The Block

WRITING MINISTRY

Expressions is a way for all to share their writing gifts God has given them. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 3rd at 6 pm in the Welcome Center.

LIFE GROUP SIGN-UP THIS SUNDAY:

In-between the 8:05 and 9:30 services and after the 11:00am service in the Fellowship Hall. Tables will be set up with all the new Life Groups that have recently begun or about to begin along with current groups that have openings. A representative from each group will be there to answer any questions you may have about their group. This will be an excellent opportunity to see what Life groups are all about and find the group that best meets your needs. I encourage everyone seeking a life group to come check us out and if you are only curious at this time come as well and learn more about life groups at Heritage. **THERE IS A GROUP FOR YOU!**

Scriptural Prayer 101 meets every Sunday at 9:30 in room 123