

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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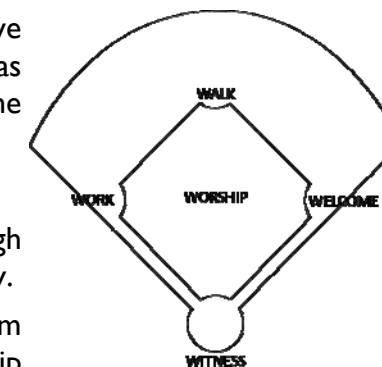
OPENING DAY IS HERE!

Spring Training is almost finished. The lineups are set and the team managers have developed their strategies. Did you know that the earliest Spring Training location was Hot Springs Arkansas? In 1918, Babe Ruth hit a 573' shot that landed in a pond at the Arkansas Alligator Farm.

The Heritage team is also ready for the 2016 season and here's our starting lineup:

Becki Kneeland and the **WELCOME** team are at 1st base. As people come through our front doors, the Welcome team helps them become—and stay—part of our family.

Bryan Tabakian and the **WALK** team are at 2nd base. The purpose of the WALK team is spiritual growth. The WALK team facilitates life groups, Bible studies, leadership seminars, and other tools to help each of us to grow spiritually.



Our newest team member is at 3rd base. Ron Lewis started this week as our part-time **Pastor of Ministry Development**. Ron leads the **WORK** team. Their job is to help each of us get involved in the ministry of Heritage. Ron will help us to identify ministry opportunities, identify our individual and team abilities, and match our abilities with available opportunities.

Max Goins is behind the plate as the **Pastor of Congregational Care and Evangelism with the WITNESS** team. In addition to visitation and counseling, Max helps us by providing opportunities and training to take our faith to the community, region, and the world.

Starting on the mound (or in the circle for the softball fans), is Chuck King and the **WORSHIP** team. Worship must be at the center of everything we do as Christ-followers.

Where are you on the Heritage team? Are you in the game yet? Maybe you have walked in the door but you're stuck on 1st base. Maybe your life group is at 2nd BASE. Is it time to take that lead-and put your faith to WORK? Maybe you are involved in ministry and it is time to score. Don't wait for a wild pitch, the WITNESS team is ready to drive you home. We have a great coaching staff ready to move you to the next base. Don't get left on base!

BATTER UP!

*****No. 99*****

Ron Lewis

Pastor of Ministry Development

- 28+ years of ministry as ordained Elder in *The Church of the Nazarene*
- 16 years experience as marketplace chaplain
- 6 years as police chaplain
- 10 year history as a friend of Heritage
- Masters of Ministry in Leadership and Management
- Full-time addiction counselor
- Married 42 years to Sharon. Father of Shawna Seewald and Amy Lewis. Four grandchildren



In Hospital:

Elizabeth Wilkerson (Dallas)

At Home:

Saylor Ables, Sam Herrera, 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 Thanksgiving:

Kenneth and Sue Barnes in the birth of their granddaughter, *Kalea Jade Duty*.

In Sympathy:

Dee Ann Wilcox, Nathan Wilcox and Family in the death of their mother and grandmother, *Helen Silvers*.

Benita Terry, Shanda Wilkinson and Family in the death of their husband and father, *Jim Terry*.

Family and Friends of Buelaha Batman.

Jan Katz and Family in the death of her sister, *Jean Crowder*.



Monday, April 4
COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING
TRINITY BAPTIST IN ALMA
7 PM

Sunday, April 10
PASSOVER SEDER TRAINING
3 PM

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am
John Poole
Gary Podgurski
Drew Cone
Eddie Prince

9:30 am
Andy Williams
Ed Buckalew
Harry Sher
Joe Johns
Ron Hall

11:00 am
Roger Burkert
Jon Harper
Matt Harper
David Harper

Greeters

8:05 am
Jon and Kim Talley
Ruth Ottinger

9:30 am
Mary Hall and Bonnie Sher
Pat Johns and Sarah Buckalew

11:00 am
Jena Harper and Reann Garrett
Pam Ingold

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

MEMORIALS

In memory of **JIM TERRY** by:
M/M Myron Kirksey (BF)
Rick and Susan Skillen

In memory of **ROY DYER** by:
Fae Dyer

In memory of **DONNA PAPE** by:
Joyce Tuller
Rick and Susan Skillen
M/M Tim Weege
John and Nansi Brown

BF - Building Fund



FREE CONFERENCE

Mark your calendar! The *Empowered to Connect Conference* is Friday, April 8th and Saturday, April 9th from 9 am - 5 pm. It is a free, live simulcast event at Kibler Baptist Church. This conference is designed to help parents connect with children from hard places in order to help them heal and become all that God desires for them to be. It is led by Dr. Karyn Purvis, Director of TCU Institute of Child Developments. Adoptive and foster parents and those considering adoption, foster or orphan care, ministry leaders and church volunteers are encouraged to attend. Register at Hope.Akins777@gmail.com or 479-632-7007 by this Friday, April 1st. For more information, go to www.empoweredtoconnect.org or www.etconference.org.

PRAYER RALLY

You're invited to a prayer rally with Franklin Graham, President of Samaritan's Purse. The Rally is Tuesday, April 12th at 12 pm on the front steps of the State Capitol in LR. decisiononamericatour.com

WALK TO EMMAUS

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.

IN REMEMBRANCE



Jimmy Alton Terry, 64, of Van Buren passed away Thursday, March 24, 2016, in Oklahoma City. He was born Sept. 5, 1951, in Chickasha, Oklahoma, to the late Merlin and Bonnie Terry. He was a commodity manager for Baldor Electric Co. where he worked since 1972; it was his only adult job. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Heath Shoulders and Tony Terry.

Jim was an active member of Heritage United Methodist Church for 26 years. He and his wife, Benita, were members of the Good Shepherd Sunday school and they led the GROWTH life group.

He is survived by his wife, Benita Terry of the home; a daughter, Shanda Wilkinson of Van Buren; four sons, Christopher Terry of Lowell, Jason Terry of Cedarville, Jeffery Young of Fort Smith and Matthew Young of Albany, Georgia; a sister, Nelda Malone of Fort Smith; 13 grandchildren; and six step grandchildren.

Jim's wish is for memorial contributions to be made to: "Stand Up for Saylor," a fund dedicated to expenses associated with his granddaughter's battle with leukemia (Arvest Bank No. 83816198).

BEKET BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a baby shower Sunday, April 10th preparing for the arrival of Eelco and Nicole Beket's third child in May. Nicole has poured into our children's ministry, and we are proud to welcome this new precious one to our church family! She is registered for diapers and wipes at Walmart and Target. Join us in the Welcome Center from 1-3 pm.

HERITAGE RIDERS

Our next ride is Saturday, April 9th to Eureka Springs where we will eat lunch. We will then ride to Ozark for dinner. This will be an all day ride leaving the church at 7:30 am heading north. We will make many stops to rest along the way. We will not travel the same roads going nor coming home. Hope to see everyone there. For more information contact Max Garrett at mgarrett@fortsmithar.gov.

BALDWIN BABY SHOWER

Please join us this Sunday, April 3rd from 1-3 pm in the Welcome Center to welcome new daughter, Mia Elizabeth Baldwin. Parents are Chris and Svana Baldwin. Great grandparents are Brad & Renee Baldwin. Hosted by Louann King and friends of the family.

EASTER LILIES

If you purchased a lily, please feel free to pick it up at your earliest convenience.



FPU is a nine-week class on money taught by Dave Ramsey. The class is facilitated by Mathew Yancey and will start this Sunday, April 3rd from 6 - 7:30 pm. Join us as we walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future and much more.

YOUNG MOTHERS

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 Thursday, April 7th. *Childcare is not provided.

REMINDER

To all the original Threefold Cord life group members: Grab your lawn chair and favorite drink and food and join us for a potluck at Fae Dyer's. We will meet at 4 pm on Saturday, April 16th. Her home is located at 32 Alpine Drive in Van Buren. For more information or directions, contact Earle Craft at 479-208-0864 or email him at thebaldbassguy@sbcglobal.net.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

MISSIONARY OFFERING

If you have a birthday in April, you are invited to place an offering in our little, white church on the chancel rail during the announcements this Sunday. Currently, all birthday offerings go to support the Rupp family ministering in East Asia.

PASSOVER SEDER



This year we are encouraging you to celebrate Passover with friends and family in your homes. If this is a new experience for you, or you would like a refresher on how to lead a Passover "Seder", there will be a teaching and training time with Chuck and Louann King on Sunday, April 3rd at 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

ATTENTION: GRADES 6-8

You don't want to miss out on The Beat's Weekend Vibe retreat April 1-3 at the home of the Sneed's. The cost is \$40 which includes a shirt, travel, lodging, meals and all activities! Payment is due Friday, April 1st. For more information or to register, contact Brad Sneed at bsneed@heritage.church or 479-462-6082.

PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, April 4th from 7-8 pm at Trinity Baptist Church in Alma. Please join other believers as we pray for our community!



Save the Date for the Consecration Service celebrating the opening of U of A Wesley's new 8,000 sq. ft. ministry facility. All are invited to the service, which will be held on Sunday, April 24th at 2:30 pm at the new facility on 520 Lindell Ave, Fayetteville, AR. U of A Wesley, a United Methodist college ministry at the University of Arkansas, draws its mission from John 15:1-17 and exists to help university students CONNECT, GROW, and BEAR FRUIT in their life in Christ during the college experience. For more information about the service or to help with furnishing the new Wesley facility by making a gift, visit the ministry's website at uawesley.com.

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL

The 2015-16 school year has been very exciting! We are so pleased with the efforts of the teachers and the progress of the children. Registration for 2016-17 school year has begun. Feel free to stop by the church office and pick up an enrollment form or call Shawna Seewald at 474-6424 or email at sseewald@heritage.church.

EMMAUS REUNION MEETING

The Emmaus reunion group will have their final planning meeting on Thursday, April 7th from 7-8 pm in room 121. Please join us!

HALO SOFTBALL

Are you interested in playing softball in a men's league this spring? Contact Mike Kneeland at 719-9274 or email him at mkneeland@vbsd.us.

WRITING MINISTRY

Expressions is a way for all to share their writing gifts God has given them. We meet once a month. Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 7th at 6 pm in the Welcome Center.

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