

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 ... CONNECTING – WITH GOD AND OTHERS!

One of the greatest desires of my heart for the Heritage family and those the LORD leads to us is that we **CONNECT** – that we connect with and truly **encounter** the living God! – and that we connect with one another in **fellowship that goes well below the surface!** This requires constant effort and attention. As we studied in John 4 in our Men's Bible Study, Jesus said we must worship God in **"spirit and in truth!"** In order to connect with the LORD, we cannot be passive! We are required to move beyond memorized prayers and creeds, reading responsive readings, and singing the words of hymns and spiritual songs. We must actively engage our whole being in expressing our love for God, our gratitude to Jesus for what He has done for us, our dependence upon the Holy Spirit, and our praise for who God is!

Just as we must be active in order to connect with the LORD in worship, so **we must not be passive in order to connect with one another. This too requires constant attention.** Every Sunday and Wednesday that we gather together, people are hurting, lonely, praying that someone will notice them and reach out to them. Are you coming to church with your eyes open to see where the Father is at work and to join Him in ministering to those around you? I know of people who have come to Heritage (some for years), whether adults, youth, or kids who have felt unconnected and that we did not reach out to them ...

This is the sort of thing that breaks my heart. We have come a long way as a congregation. Praise the LORD! But we still have a ways to go in **"becoming the church of God's dreams!"** The Church of God's Dreams has "fellowship that goes well below the surface!" That requires you and me not only to go out of our way to greet people (Hi, my name is Wes, what is yours? How long have you been coming here?), but also to take the time to care enough to find out what is going on with each person and discover his/her needs – to offer to pray for them on the spot, and to invite them in to our lives, small group, or to help them get connected with another group/ministry in the congregation ... That's what **The Church of God's Dreams** does. That is what we are doing from here on out – For His glory! LORD make of us that CHURCH! If you have been here for more than a few Sundays, we claim you! Now, **YOU be the person to reach out and welcome and minister to others!** You will get connected!



So blessed to get to be your lead pastor!

Wes



In Hospital:

Elizabeth Wilkerson (Dallas)
Luther Swindell (Mercy)
Pike Robinson (Mercy)

At Home:

Sam Herrera, Sue Lewis, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Mikal Seegers, Linda Seubold, Alan Swaim, Saylor Wilkinson, Mary Wrisinger

Assisted Living:

Mary Coble (Crawford H & R)
Gerlinda Dibble (Willowbrook)
Geraldine Hurst (Pink Bud Home)
Jean Stratton (Crawford H & R)

In Sympathy:

Maxine Fahrner (Ashton Place)
Warren Taylor (Methodist Village)
Roger and Gina Burkert in the death of Roger's brother, *Russell Burkert*.

Chris, Laura, Justin, Caleb and Taylar Christensen in the death of Laura's mother, *Ronda Kolb*.

Brian, Donna, Ashley and Brandon Beaver in the death of Brian's father, *James Beaver*.

In Thanksgiving:

Jared and Whitney Richmond and Family in the birth of their son, *Knox Michael*. Proud grandmother is *Rhonda Chambers*.



Sunday, April 23
PASSOVER BEGINS

Sunday, April 24
TIMOTHY TEAM SUNDAY

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 **BARBARA DUNLAP** (grandmother of Melanie Agent) by:

Bruce and Janet Johnson (BF)

In memory of **JEAN CROWDER** (sister of Jan Katz) by:

Connie Warren (BF)

In memory of **DONNA PAPE** by:

Good Shepherd Class

In memory of **JIM TERRY** by:

Mike and Malinda McSpadden

In memory of **RUSSELL BURKERT** (brother of Roger Burkert) by:

Mike and Malinda McSpadden (FP)

BF - Building Fund FP - Food Pantry

BAPTISMS

If you are interested in being baptized at church this Sunday, April 17th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

MISSING SOMETHING?

Please stop by the office if you are missing your bible, eye glasses or a multitude of other items.

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.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

You are invited to sit and soak in the Heritage Sanctuary every Thursday from 12 - 1 pm as Chuck leads a time of worship and prayer.

THANK YOU

I want to thank my church family for the support I have received since I lost my sister, Jean Crowder. Thank you for the calls, cards and prayers. I also want to thank Pastor Wes and Pastor Brian for the calls before we even left Little Rock. We have been blessed to be a part of Heritage United Methodist Church. "God is Good!"

Jan and Merle Katz

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL

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 479-474-6424 or email at herseewald@heritage.church.

BRAZIL MISSION TRIP

Interested in going to Brazil with Rick Bonfim this summer? Sign-up today! Informational brochures and registration forms are available in the Great Hall.

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.

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.

BABY SHOWER

Please help us shower Channing Garcia and baby Jaxson with love and baby gifts Saturday, April 16th at 2:30 pm at the home of Sherry Hays located at 2106 Lexington Drive in Van Buren. Hostesses are Sherry Hays and Audrea Martin. The Garcia's are registered at Walmart, Target and Babies R Us.

Leadercast

Make plans to attend Leadercast on Friday, May 6th at VB Fine Arts Center. **Leadercast** is a phenomenal way to recharge, connect with leaders in our community and learn from great leaders around the world such as Andy Stanley, Nick Saban, Steve Wozniak and many more. For more information. Contact Debbie Foliart at 479-883-5122 or to register go to www.leadercastvb.com.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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


ITEMS FOR SALE

Pick up your Heritage items today in the Library. We have license plates, mugs and hats; they make great gifts!

NEWCOMERS' DINNER

Gather around the table for a relaxing meal and conversation with Pastor Wes and Allison as the Newcomers' Class takes on a fresh approach. 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, join us for dinner Thursday, April 21st, beginning at 6 pm at the home of Mike and Becki Kneeland. Please RSVP by April 17th. The First 12 reservations will be accepted. Reservations may be made by emailing bkneeland@heritage.church or calling 479-474-6424.

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!

THE WELCOME CENTER

When you are greeting our guests, don't forget to bring them by the Welcome Center to meet our welcome team. The team is 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.

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!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

The mission to South Dakota for 9th - 12th grades is FULL. Praise the Lord! AMP 2016 (Area Mission Project) for grades 6th - 8th will be in June. More information to come! Once again, thank you to all who invested their prayers and gifts towards the recent Pulse mission trip to NYC!

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have prayers that you would like to share with your church family, please email prayerchain@heritage.church or call the office.

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 this Thursday, April 21st. *Childcare is not provided.

VALET PARKING



This ministry is available to senior adults, people with disabilities/injuries and/or parents who are by themselves with children who need help getting into the building - especially on rainy days. Please look for the sign on the northeast portico of the Heritage building and pull under for help for the 9:30 am service.

YOUNG AT HEART

If you are 55 and older, please join us for a time of food and fellowship Thursday, April 28th from 6-8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Don't forget to work on memorizing the 12 tribes! You can recite them to Debbie Marsh on May 1st or May 15th.

TIMOTHY TEAM SUNDAY

Join us Sunday, April 24th, as we celebrate our Timothy Team ministry. The kids will be singing and reciting their memory verses; It's going to be a great Sunday!

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.



FPU is a nine-week class on money taught by Dave Ramsey. The class is facilitated by Mathew Yancey and meets every Sunday 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.

GRIEF SHARE

A new GriefShare Support Group is beginning May 2nd! They meet each Monday at 9:30 am at Heritage in Room 122 and 6:30 pm at Legacy Heights. For more information, contact Shirley Touchstone at 479-629-7901.