

**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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MAY VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am
John Poole
Nolan Broyles
Myron Kirksey
Scott Treece

9:30 am
Rob Thomas
Merle Katz
Sam McCain
John Symonds

11:00 am
Ryan Breeze
Cyndi Breeze

Greeters

8:05 am
Nancy Broyles & Teresa Kirksey
Pam Treece

9:30 am
Jana McCain and Kids
Margo Symonds

11:00 am



In Hospital:

Elizabeth Wilkerson (Dallas)
Joe Lloyd (Sparks)

At Home:

Lee James, Sue Lewis, Joe Marley, Selma Mattox, Gary Pittman, Pike Robinson, Carolyn Scott, Mikal Seegers, Linda Seubold, David and Loretta Sossamon, Saylor Wilkinson, 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:

Tim Brown and Family in the death of his grandmother, *Chlo B. Workman*.



Thursday, May 5
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

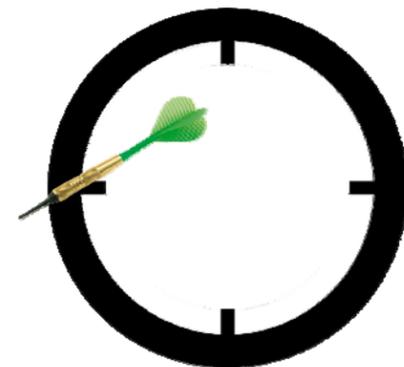
Friday, May 6
LEADERCAST AT
VB FINE ARTS CENTER

Thursday, June 2
NEXT NEWCOMERS' DINNER
AT THE KNEELAND'S

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

“He who aims at nothing usually hits it.” That’s probably not an ancient Confucian proverb but it is nonetheless wise. One of my favorite movie lines is from The Patriot. Benjamin Martin prepares his son for a life-and-death battle by instructing him to “Aim small—miss small.” It is wise advice for marksmanship and for life!

So what are you aiming for today? Do you have a goal for your spiritual growth and development? If not, don’t expect to reach a goal you haven’t set. If you have a goal or goals, are they something big and vague like to grow closer to God. Or, it something specific and measureable like “I will show the love of Christ to one person I do not know daily”? If it is the latter, I guarantee that you will grow closer to God because you will be looking for someone to love even if you occasionally miss. Aim small—miss small!



At Heritage, we also have a vision that we believe is from the Lord. Vision is a picture of where we are headed. Our vision is “Becoming the church of God’s dreams.” Picture a church that has teaching that’s life changing, fellowship that goes well below the surface, love that’s self-sacrificial (like Christ’s), sharing and serving that’s extravagant, faith that prays for and expects miracles, worship that’s joyful and engaging, and team that searches for and rescues the lost! That’s what we want people to visualize when they think about Heritage!

We have a mission—a reason that we exist. The mission of Heritage Church is to “Love God and people passionately and to lead people to a passionate relationship with Jesus Christ.” We believe that when Jesus gave the great commission (Matthew 28:16-20) He meant it. The Church isn’t a place to go on Sundays so we can feel better about ourselves. The Church is disciples making disciples. The Church exist to change the world!

How do we aim small? We provide the means for each person to grow individually. We WELCOME people to the body of Christ and connect them. We help them grow in the WALK. We help them determine how they are shaped for ministry and provide WORK opportunities. We sent them to WITNESS the love of Jesus Christ to the world. And we WORSHIP the LORD always!



So where are you in your personal growth plan and what is your next step? Want to feel more connected? Join a Life Group. Ready to do ministry? Sign up for a SHAPE seminar. Set a goal and aim small. You’ll grow and so will WE!

See you Sunday!
Roger

HONORARIUMS

In honor of **WES HILLIARD'S BIRTHDAY** by:

Donna Parker (BF)

BF - Building Fund

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

BAPTISMS

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, May 22nd, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

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 sseewald@heritage.church.

TRAUMA EGG WORKSHOP

Join Bryan and Traci Tabakian for a Trauma Egg Workshop on either Wednesday, May 4th or 11th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Community Room. Completing a trauma egg allows a person to take an inventory of emotionally traumatic and painful events that took place throughout their lives from birth to the present day. More importantly, the activity helps them to begin to identify the traumatic personal false beliefs that resulted from those events.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has prayed for Sam Herrera! He is doing very well now. We are so blessed to have Heritage as our church home. With grateful and humble hearts, thank you!

Karen Nash

NEED A WORD?

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

FIRST SUNDAY

Feeling disconnected? Want to belong to a life group or ministry at Heritage? Please join us this Sunday, May 1st at 6 pm in the Welcome Center. As a part of Welcome Ministries, *The Deep End Life Group* has designed a curriculum to teach you what a life group is about.

WRITING MINISTRY

Expressions is a way for everyone to share the writing gifts God has given them. We meet once a month. Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 5th at 6 pm in the Welcome Center. Anyone can submit a writing at anytime to Lu Ann Donahou at 479-259-3861. Our writings are published in a monthly newsletter that is available in the Great Hall.

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.

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.

YOUNG AT HEART

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

TIMOTHY TEAM AND TINY TIMS

Registration is underway for Timothy Team & Tiny Tims! (children 2 yrs. old through 5th grade as of 8/1/16). We will be studying *Moses*. Deadline to register is August 7th. Registration forms are available at the computer check-in stations and in the Great Hall.

PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, May 2nd from 7-8 pm at Butterfield Assembly of God in Van Buren. Please join other believers as we pray for our community!

HEBRAIC/CHRISTIAN ROOTS CLASS

Want to better understand the Hebraic roots of our Christian faith? Join us Monday, May 2nd at 6 pm in room 121.



YOUTH WITH A MISSION

YWAM is offering a four-week study at their campus in Ozark. Come fall in love with Jesus (again) through the pages of the Old Testament. For more information, go to ywamozarks.org.

BLANKET TEAM

The Blankets for the Homeless team is still at work and a few of their latest creations will be on display in the fellowship hall this Sunday. Please take a couple of minutes to stop by and see them and then pray for those who will receive a blanket. The blankets also have a storage bag and assorted toiletries.

Eight blankets were delivered to Alma public schools on Wednesday for them to have on hand when they saw a need with any of their children. Thursday one went out to a young girl going that night to a shelter. Talk about God's timing!

So far five have been given to homeless men camping around the river. Three others are completed designated for that need and five others are ready to be given out through county schools as needed. The group has two more work days scheduled - May 2nd and 23rd, 9 AM to 2 PM. They will break for the summer and resume the project this fall. They welcome all help--come check it out!

HALO REPORT APRIL 22

The co-ed team, **The Flying Monkeys with Halos**, won two games Friday night. Both games the Co-ed team won by large margins 19-10 vs. Chaos and 21-6 vs. Hi-Tech. The night was highlighted by offensive strokes up and down the entire lineup and power shots were provided by Nick Homan's two homeruns and, Shannon Morrow's dinger that was a moon shot that easily cleared the right field fence. However, I was most proud by the sportsmanship showed by our team. With the second game well in hand after our first thirteen batters scored in the first inning without an out, Tyler Goodnight, Jason Lully, and Marshall Newby cleverly added uncharacteristic offensive and defensive errors that modified the outcome of the game. Marshall's headfirst slide into second base came 1/2 inch short, Tyler's errant throws to first after cleanly scooped grounders looked more like he was killing flies on the fence and finally Jason Lolley kept advancing one base on singles instead of his usual three bases. Also, on defense Jason kept getting someone's Momma out

despite that Momma's children heckling him from the bleachers. Terrin St. John intentionally tossed some terrible pitches to keep the game interesting. Cole German, Danielle Simmons, Brad Simmons, Sahra Cunningham and Bree Jones platooned in their defensive positions as well as played different defensive positions. Best of all was the joy they expressed playing the game well, but not at the expense of their opponents. I enjoyed the company of these men and women. They represented Christ well on the field this past Friday. The Co-ed team plays this coming Friday May 29th at 7:30 and 8:30.

Halo men still have not played a game this season. They are looking forward to their first games of the season after both cancellations and rainouts. If you notice some of the Halo men throwing dry dirt on themselves for no reason or sniffing their glove at random moments and brushing their cleats with their toothbrush don't worry unless it continues after May 3rd. The men play their first games on May 3rd at 7:30 and 8:30.

MISSIONARY OFFERING

If you have a birthday in May, 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.

HERITAGE RIDERS

Our next ride will be Saturday, May 14th. We will take Hwy 71 & Hwy 270 to Hot Springs for lunch at *Smokin' In Style BBQ*. We will take a different route through Danville back to Van Buren. We will leave the church parking lot at 8 am and arrive back at 5:30 pm. There may be a chase vehicle for this event so non-riders can come along. Contact Max Garrett at mgarrett@fortsmithar.gov for more information. Look forward to seeing everyone there.