

**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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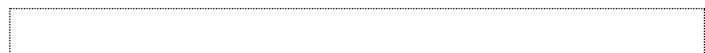
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In Hospital:

Elizabeth Wilkerson (Dallas)
Charley Hartley (Crawford Rehab)
Pike Robinson (HealthSouth)

At Home:

Lee James, Sue Lewis, Joe Lloyd, Joe Marley, Gary Pittman, 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 Thanksgiving:

Derek and Janice Goodlin in the birth of their son, *Benjamin Jeremiah*. Baby brother to Zachery, Nathaniel, Joseph, Stephen, Daniel, Luke and Abigail. Proud grandparents are Darrell and Alice Goodlin.

In Sympathy:

Leticia Schelm and Family in the death of her uncle, *JC Branson*.



Thursday, May 5
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
NOON AT THE COURTHOUSE

Friday, May 6
LEADERCAST AT
VB FINE ARTS CENTER

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

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
Jerry and Rhonda Pittman
Janalou Devers

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... REMEMBERING AND HONORING OUR MOTHERS

WHO CAN FIND
A VIRTUOUS
WOMAN? FOR
HER PRICE IS
FAR ABOVE
RUBIES.

PROVERBS 31:10

This will be my first Mother's Day without my mom. We took her out to eat in Little Rock on the Thursday before Mother's Day last year. We had a great time. Mardel and Rev. Herschel McClurkin, long-time family friends, came in to the restaurant, and they had a great time reminiscing with Mom about old times. Mom had a stroke the next day and died the following Tuesday surrounded by her children. April 8-9, according to her wishes, we spread her ashes at some places that were especially meaningful to her.

I will share a little about that on Sunday. It has me thinking a great deal about family, generations, and the legacy we leave.

We will have a special video put together by Chuck King of many of our children and youth sharing about their moms and why they are so special. Don't miss this Sunday! Honor and bless your mom



by honoring and living for Jesus! It will be a day of great love and joy!

Blessed every day to get to be your lead pastor!

Pastor Wes

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

HONORARIUMS

In honor of **TIMOTHY TEAM TEACHERS** by:

Dorvan Wiley (CM)

CM - Children's Ministry

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE VAN BUREN VISITOR'S CENTER

Volunteers are needed for the Van Buren Visitor's Center and River Valley Museum, located in the historic Frisco Depot on Main Street in downtown Van Buren. Volunteers greet visitors and excursion train passengers, give out brochures, and provide information. Training is provided.

Volunteer hours are available Monday through Saturday with two shifts available; 9:00am-1:00pm and 1:00pm-5:00pm. Volunteers are needed to work at least two four hour shifts a month, with more available.

Monthly dinner meetings are held during the tourist

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful day it was when Donna McBrayer Smith convinced me that because I "counted good", I should join handbells at Heritage.

What a fabulous church and group of caring people. Thank you so much for your concern, your cards and our prayers.

God is Good!

Love, *Sue Lewis*

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.

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 May 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.

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.

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.

season to inform the volunteers about Van Buren events. Volunteers who work a minimum of two shifts a month qualify to attend an all-expenses-paid yearly overnight trip to explore our beautiful state.

Interested or know someone who might be?

Contact Shawna Mason by visiting her at 813 Main Street, Van Buren, by calling 479-474-6164, or emailing vanburen@vanburen.org.

This is a great opportunity for adults as well as students who would benefit by gaining volunteer hours for their college or job resumes.



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, May 5th. *Childcare is not provided.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Children's Camp for children entering grades 3-6 is July 27-29 at Pinecrest in Ozone, Arkansas. Registration forms are available at the check-in stations in the children's area.

The sport of baseball, or softball, has some unique idioms: For example if the ump makes a bad call at the plate a coach or player will criticize from the offended team's dugout, "**Chicken ain't nothing but a bird, blue!**" ? First time I heard this I had to ask also. If a manager is sending in an inexperienced player his last piece of advice before the kid takes the field is, "**Don't be a zoo.**" I was a zoo once when I was 14, I was sent in the game as a reliever to hold an 8 run lead. I threw a bunch of meatballs causing the other 7 players behind me to play defense, but it looked more like a zoo out there. I was pulled when the score was even. A **Bronx Cheer** is when the crowd boos. I personally know what that sounds like, even though, it happened in Alabama, not in the Bronx.

What I found interesting was how many food references are used to describe baseball actions: **Cheese** is a good fast ball, **Can of corn** is an easy pop fly, **meatball** is an easy pitch to hit; a pitch right down the center of the plate, **Pea** is a faster than normal fastball that looks the size of a pea to a batter, **pepper** is an act of three or more players

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.

NEWCOMERS' DINNER

If you missed the last newcomers' dinner, mark your calendar for the next one on Thursday, June 2nd at the Kneeland's.

NEED A WORD?

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

HALO REPORT

The sport of baseball, or softball, has some unique idioms: For example if the ump makes a bad call at the plate a coach or player will criticize from the offended team's dugout, "**Chicken ain't nothing but a bird, blue!**" ? First time I heard this I had to ask also. If a manager is sending in an inexperienced player his last piece of advice before the kid takes the field is, "**Don't be a zoo.**" I was a zoo once when I was 14, I was sent in the game as a reliever to hold an 8 run lead. I threw a bunch of meatballs causing the other 7 players behind me to play defense, but it looked more like a zoo out there. I was pulled when the score was even. A **Bronx Cheer** is when the crowd boos. I personally know what that sounds like, even though, it happened in Alabama, not in the Bronx.

pitching soft pitches at a batter who in turn hits them back at the players; thus recycling the exercise, **Pickle** a player caught in a rundown between two bases, **table setter** batters whose job is to get on base for other hitters to drive them in, **tater** is a homerun, **yakker** is not onomatopoeia, but a nasty curve ball which may cause a batter to swing and miss feeling like he should get rid of all the above mentioned food. Finally there is the word, **fungo**. Fungo sounds like fungus... but is not a food related word; yet, it is nonetheless a **fun** word to say, (**ie; Purple, Francisco reference the movie, ELF**). A fungo is a bat used by coaches to hit practice fly balls. The following quote by former Pittsburgh Pirates great, Willie Stargell, kind of depicts what happened Friday night with our Co-ed team. ***I found myself in a race with Mother Nature to play as much baseball as I could before she forced me to stop.*** Willie Stargell

Friday night Mother Nature dampened the Co-ed team spirit, instead we stayed dry. Men will have tried to play before you read this newsletter Monday, Mother Nature permitting.

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.

GRIEF SHARE

A new GriefShare Support Group has begun! They meet each Monday at 9:30 am at Heritage in Room 122 or 6:30 pm at Legacy Heights. For more information, contact Shirley Touchstone at 479-629-7901.