

**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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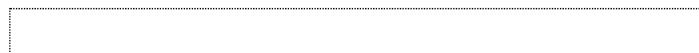
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**In Hospital:**

**Elizabeth Wilkerson** (Dallas)  
**Charley Hartley** (Crawford Rehab)  
**Pike Robinson** (HealthSouth)  
**Jennell Dove** (Alma Rehab)

**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:**

**Alex and Channing Garcia** in the birth of their son, *Jaxson Alexander*. Proud grandparents are Mike and Pat Lenzini.

**In Sympathy:**

**Charles Sullivan and Family** in the death of his brother, *Thomas Sullivan*.

**Myron Kirksey and Family** in the death of his aunt, *Dr. Avanelle "Nell" Kirksey*.

**Leigh Ann Sumner and Family** in the death of her mother, *Hannah Primm*.



**Sunday, May 22**  
BAPTISM SUNDAY

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

**Monday, June 6**  
RV COMMUNITY PRAYER  
EASTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH IN FS  
7 PM

**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 ... THE UNITED METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE, MAY 10-20.



The Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church elected me to be one of its clergy delegates at the General Conference in Portland, Oregon, May 10-20. This is a great honor and tremendous responsibility. General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church which meets once every four years. The conference is the only body authorized in United Methodism to revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs.

Well-funded outside groups have threatened to disrupt and protest the meetings. Regardless of what you hear in the news, know that Jesus is still on the throne; God still loves the world; and your pastor will stand in love along with the authority of the Bible. Please do not make any rash judgments or decisions until you hear from me after the conference. I will have a time set aside to answer any questions you may have.

PLEASE, please pray for Allison and me. We fly out on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Pray that I will see where God is at work all around me and join Him in what He is doing. Pray for divine appointments with other people; for Godly networking for the Kingdom, and for the LORD to be honored by the decisions made.



I look forward to reporting back to you when we return!

Bless you!

*Pastor Wes*

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



## HONORARIUMS

In honor of **THOMAS SULLIVAN**  
(*BROTHER OF CHARLES SULLIVAN*) by:  
Bruce and Janet Johnson (BF)  
Donna Parker (BF)  
Ron and Smokey McPhail (BF)

BF - Building Fund

## REGISTER TODAY

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.

## 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](mailto:office@heritage.church) anytime your life group, Sunday school class or any other Heritage group gets together.

## 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.

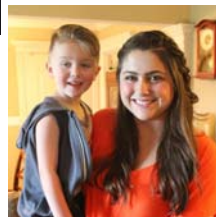
Monthly dinner meetings are held during the tourist

## WELCOME



Lloyd and  
Marsha  
Thorman

Rachael Reano  
and son, Grayson



## PULSE AND THE BEAT

6th-12th graders, join us for another fun family night of dinner, games/prizes and social media awareness this Sunday, May 15th from 5-8 pm in the Block.



## 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.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the Valet Parking Ministry! What a blessing you are to many of us each Sunday!

*Shirley Touchstone.*

## NEED A WORD?

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

## BIRTHDAY LIST

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

## 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.

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](mailto: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.

## WORSHIP ARTS ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, May 28th  
2 - 4 pm at the Kings  
2212 South R Street, Fort Smith

Have you participated in some way in the Heritage Worship Arts Ministry in our 2015-2016 season (Choir, Praise Team, Handbells, Tech Team, *God With Us*, *Feast of Tabernacles*, Christmas Eve Services, Dance/Drama?) OR is Worship Arts the area of service to which you are called? Then please join us for a fellowship at our house! We want to say thanks to all who have served this past year as well as welcome others to our team! R.S.V.P. to Becki Kneeland or Chuck King at 474-6424.

## 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](mailto:sseewald@heritage.church).

## GRIEFSHARE

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.

## HALO REPORT

Would you be embarrassed as to what you would do for a Snickers bar and a Gatorade? Justin Goins has a story that just about made me create a purple circle around in the pool. I got to thinking would I go that far and commit, go the distance for a Snickers or maybe a UFO at SS Superstop? The answer is most likely yes. Well after missing out on the first 6 scheduled games of the season the Halo men, like Justin, would have done just about anything to get back out on the ball field and compete with a stick and a leather mitt. And compete they did as both The Current and Grace stayed neck and neck with the Halos until the Halos put together big innings at the plate late in each game. Great defense sealed the deal highlighted by Marshall Newby's circus catch. He grabbed a frozen rope hit to deep center by Hunter Hogan of The Current. While charging the line drive the ball entered Marshall's pocket cleanly and stayed long enough to change its direction. However, the ball popped out all the while following Marshall's momentum. He turned around enough to catch the ball again to end the inning. Justin just claimed, Marshall was showing off because he wanted a Snickers and a Gatorade. Or maybe he was trying to top The Current's, Kevin Hardcastle, heroic performance from a year ago. Nonetheless our heroes got two wins Tuesday night. Highlights showed Andrew Elkins getting an assist by throwing out an advancing runner from left field. Tim Elkins returned to old form with certainty at the plate with big hits. Jason Lolley, Tyler Goodnight, Marshall Newby, Andrew cruised around the bases with blazing speed. Dean Lea, Cole German and Justin came up with clutch RBI hits. Kevin Lea, Nick Holman and newcomer Pat Andrews supplied the plate muscle and went yard a total of 5 times but only 4 counted. It was good to return to the ball field under the lights, smell the dry dust, get a sniff of leather, and of course have a hawt dawg. Come see the Halo men play again May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 and 8:30. Come have a Hawt Dawg or maybe Snickers and Gatorade.

Co-ed played two Friday night. Nick's homerun kept us from a shutout in game one so he got a Snickers. Bree Jones rundown from home plate stopped an inside the park homerun, so she was awarded a bite of Nick's Snickers and finally newcomer, Cody, jumped 20 feet in the air and snagged a line drive. Cody got both a snickers and a Gatorade. The Halos competed well even though we lost 6-1 and 14-12. We welcomed newcomers: Jennifer Bailey, Cody, Derek Simmons and Nick Shupert.

## HERITAGE RIDERS

Our next ride will be Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:mgarrett@fortsmithar.gov) for more information. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

## NEWCOMERS' DINNER

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