

**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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**In Hospital:**

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

**At Home:**

**Sue Lewis, Joe Lloyd, Gary Pittman, 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:**

**Joyce Marley and Family** in the death of her husband, **Joe Marley**.



**Sunday, May 22**  
BAPTISM SUNDAY

**Sunday, June 5**  
FIRST SUNDAY  
6 PM

**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

**THIS SUNDAY WE ARE STARTING A NEW SERIES CALLED 'I HAVE A FRIEND WHO...'**

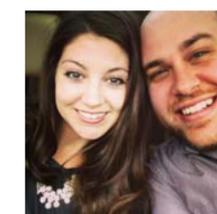


We will be discussing the questions that many of you over the past few weeks have responded to on your connection cards. We will tackle the questions that stir conversations as to why our friends, neighbors, and even family members will not come to church. Some of the responses we will be discussing are:

**I HAVE A FRIEND WHO...**

- has doubts about God
- thinks our religions are the same
- struggles with balancing life's demands
- struggles with being single
- wonders if prayer works

Our hope for this series is to provide Christ-followers valuable practical instruction on addressing the questions of unsaved friends. It is also our hope to create an excitement within our congregation that will become the catalyst for engaging our friends and family who don't know Jesus. We want to give you the tools to have these conversations and answer some of the tough questions that keep them from attending church. This is also a wonderful opportunity for growth for our church as we reach our community with the authentic Gospel and not shying away from the hard questions.



Join us this Sunday for the launch of our new series and begin to pray about a friend you can invite to get their questions answered.

Serving with you,

*Pastor Bryan*

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

## HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In memory of **THOMAS SULLIVAN** (brother of Charles Sullivan) by:

Benton and Juanita Cone  
Burl and Debbie Carter (FP)

In memory of **AVANELLE KIRKSEY** (aunt of Myron Kirksey) by:

Benton and Juanita Cone  
Bruce and Janet Johnson (BF)  
Bill and Debbie Thomas (YM)

BF - Building Fund YM - Youth Ministry  
FP - Food Pantry

## 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.

## HEBRAIC/CHRISTIAN ROOTS CLASS

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

## RUBIES MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you — unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny. But his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, Priscilla Shirer's, *Armor of God* study is the for you. The enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. *The Armor of God*, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory.

Ladies, join us on Monday mornings in the Welcome Center from 9 - 11 am beginning June 6th for our summer Bible Study.



## BAPTISMS

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

## YOUNG AT HEART

If you are 55 and older, please join us for a time of food and fellowship Thursday, May 26th from 6-8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share!

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH SUMMER SERIES

If your child is currently in 1st - 5th grade, have them join us for Children's Church each Sunday after the offering during each of the three services. Beginning this Sunday, May 22nd we will start a new series, *Pool Party: Making a Splash with Jesus!* We will celebrate the series at the end of the summer with a Children's Ministry Family Night at Creekmore Park Pool on Sunday, August 7th!



## 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 19th. \*Childcare is not provided.

## 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.

## 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, June 2nd 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.

## SINGLES' FELLOWSHIP

"Fellowship" is a new singles ministry at Heritage. If you are single and would like to come to an informational meeting on Tuesday, June 7th at 6:30 in the Welcome Center, please join us. We will be discussing the dynamics of the group and how to get it going in our community. Light snacks will be provided.

## 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.

## WAY TO GO!

Congratulations to the 55 Children's Church kids who KNOW and can recite the 12 tribes of Israel! What a blessing it is to see our children work towards a goal and achieve it! Thanks parents for your support!!

## 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.

## HALO REPORT

The Men played two on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> versus FB VB and LDS. Ever hear that phrase to describe a fella who ain't showing a lot of mental effort? It usually is stated a little different the first time I heard it so I cleaned it up a bit 'cuz its church ball. One might say to describe such a fella, **"He couldn't pour water out of a boot if the instructions were written on the heel."** Likewise, when the Halos have a full lineup the have more potential than most teams at the KDC. Usually equal in strength are the men from FB VB. FB VB was missing a couple of power hitters in their line up. Last year FBVB run-ruled the Halos so this night I thought the Halos need be prepared for a struggle. This night belonged to our heroes as our boys put together consistent scoring innings continuously adding runs while FBVB could never get a big inning put together. Halo men win game one. Over confidence ruled game two by our Halos. FBVB just run-ruled LDS and The Halos jumped out to a comfortable lead on the Latter Day Saints with 3 homers, speed on the bases and timely RBI hitting combined with good defense. However, while I was retrieving Halo home run balls, the Saints began to play better defense in sync with better hitting. LDS put together a 9 run inning putting them within one of the Halos. I began to be concerned that our boys had used up all our homeruns in addition were slumping at the plate. I had visions of not being able to pour water out of a boot. Then Dean Lea, Cole German hit deep balls to the fence plating a handful of runs while heavy hitters like Pat Andrews, Kevin Lea and Nick Holman had to become table setters. Halos won by five and we were glad to scoot jog outta of there.

Co-ed played two Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Tenacious Sahra and hard hitting Shannon had to miss. They will receive the standard dock in pay for missed games. The Flying Monkeys with Halos started game one with the Bulldogs losing two players to injury by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning. Brad got pinged in the shin by a rocket shot back to the pitcher. Nick Schupert pulled a quad muscle trying to beat out an infield single. 30 minutes before game time I was making trades to get enough to play in game one. My pre-game prayer was to protect both teams from injuries. We were still in good hands though as we had more than enough players show up and The Co-ed team run-ruled Concord.

## MEMORIAL DAY

The church will be closed Monday, May 30th so the staff can enjoy Memorial Day with their loved ones..

## PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, June 6 from 7-8 pm at Eastside Baptist Church in Fort Smith. Please join other believers as we pray for our community!

## 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.