

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)
Jennell Dove (Alma Rehab)

At Home:

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)
Pike Robinson (Alma Rehab)

In Thanksgiving:

Eelco and Nicole Beket in the birth of their son, *Harlen Augustus*. Proud big brothers are Kingston and Sailor. Proud grandparents are Rick and Jane Sanders.

In Sympathy:

Shareen Hoobs and Family in the death of her mother, *Gwendolyn Kerby*.

Kealy Williams, Zane Moore and Families in the death of her mom and his aunt, *Cathy Webb*.

Max Goins and Family in the death of his cousin, *Frank Pitezel*.

Alexis Boster and Family in the death of her great uncle, *Walt Trevitt* and great aunt, *Betty Lou Trevitt*.



Monday, May 29

MEMORIAL DAY
OFFICE CLOSED

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

REFLECTIONS IN A GOODBYE...



Three years ago in one of the loneliest seasons of my life and in the midst of depression my wife drug me out of bed and brought me to Heritage for a Sunday morning service. Although I went reluctantly, I quickly found something that I had been searching for over the past several months. Happiness: That's right, Happiness! For the first time in a long time I felt happy to be around other people and especially people who loved God. I knew almost immediately that something was different about this church and about those who attended there as well. Not only did I feel this way, but also did my wife and kids too. We all knew that we were in a safe place and it was okay to just be us.

Never did I dream that in less than seven months after our first encounter with this amazing church would I be asked to join the team as the Pastor of Discipleship. Words cannot accurately describe how I felt at that moment when I realized that I was now a part of an incredible team of gifted pastors, teachers, and servants who truly have a passion for the Lord and for others.

I will miss the many things about serving alongside this fun loving staff. I will miss heading to the church after a long day at the clinic and sharing my afternoon office with Becki Kneeland! I also will miss my deep talks with Chuck King and sharing my lack of gun knowledge with Roger. I will miss the anticipation of an apple being tossed my way from Pam and a comment about my shoes from Steve. I will miss being made fun of by my good friend Kathy Goins and taking a nap in Pastor Max's chair before a counseling session. I will of course miss beating Brian Seewald at disc golf many times over and still being friends after— Great guy you are Brian! I will miss saying "Good morning Pastor" to Brad Sneed. I will greatly miss the wonderful care Mrs. Debbie and her team gave to my kiddos and making my wife and I feel normal for our excitement when we would drop off our kids! I am also going to miss Ruth's words of wisdom she would give me if I wanted them or not:) and course Lisa but she's leaving too!

I will especially miss being under the mentorship and leadership of Pastor Wes. His trust in me and allowing me to be part of the Heritage team renewed my faith in the local church and I truly believe the church is the hope of the world. I am forever grateful for Wes and Allison for showing my family and me what a healthy church looks like and what healthy leadership looks like as well. Wes thank you for bringing yet another pastor back from the pits!

Last but not least I will miss ALL of you who make up the beautiful body of Heritage Church. We have made lifelong friendships with many and count each of you as a valuable part of our lives. You have helped shape us for our new journey.

I look forward to preaching and sharing our love for Heritage this Sunday before we head off for Colorado. Hope to see everyone here!

Pastor Bryan

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

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM** by: Lisa Willis
In memory of **THOMAS SULLIVAN** (brother of Charles Sullivan) by:

Seniors Growing with Christ (BF)

In memory of **JOE MARLEY** by:

Jeanne Nolte

John and Margo Symonds (BF)

Scott and Pamm Treece (BF)

BF - Building Fund

THANK YOU

Thank you to Pastor Max Goins and the Congregational Care Team for your visits and prayers with my mother. I know your prayers and the prayers of the church aided in her recovery.

Lisa Willis

RUBIES WOMEN'S STUDY

Join us on Monday mornings in the Welcome Center from 9 - 11 am beginning June 6th for our summer Bible Study, The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer.

WHAT IS LEADERSHIP

If you lead a group at Heritage or you are interested in leading a group at Heritage--or anywhere else, we have a study for you! Join Pastor Wes, Dr. Mike McSpadden, and others for a discussion of leadership at Heritage. We will discuss things like working from your strengths; communicating vision; the mission, vision, and values of Heritage; missional leadership; and promoting your group. The study begins June 1st at 6:30 pm and continues weekly through July 27th. To reserve your seat or for more information, contact the church office.

MEMORIAL DAY



The national holiday that we call Memorial Day was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. People have been memorializing the sacrifice of others since the beginning of time. Americans especially love to have holidays in memory of those who have passed on. We also love to name buildings, streets, cities, and counties after people who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Sadly, for most of us, these memorials eventually become little more than a name or an opportunity to sleep in and barbecue.

Laying down our lives for others is a biblical virtue. Jesus told his disciples that they should love each other as He loved them and then He laid down His life as a symbol of

His love (John 15:13). Laying down your life for someone or something other than yourself is actually the greatest virtue—it is the essence of the Gospel. Jesus laid down His life for us. We can choose to remember and accept His sacrifice or we can forget. We can also choose to remember the many Americans who have laid down their lives so that we can live free in the greatest nation in the world. It seems a little unappreciative to only remember those sacrifices on Memorial Day and Good Friday. Here's a thought, why don't we live our lives in a way that is worthy of their sacrifices? I have seen "Saving Private Ryan" many times and I still get choked up at the last scene. Ryan is standing at the grave of the men who died so he could live and asking if he was worth it. As Christians, we don't even have to ask that question. We know that God loved us enough to send His Son; that Jesus loved us enough to lay down His life; and that we are worthy of His sacrifice simply because He chose us. Now that is something worth celebrating every day!

I'll see you Sunday—but not Monday! The office will be closed!

Roger

REGISTER TODAY

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

DINNER FOR 8

If you are looking to meet new people and to make new friends, make your reservations this week for *Dinner for 8*. A reservation booth will be set up in the Fellowship Hall beginning this Sunday. Dinner for 8 is designed for us to connect and/or reconnect to one another. Begin the journey this summer! Space is limited. Don't miss out.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

WORSHIP ARTS ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Have you participated in some way in the Heritage Worship Arts Ministry in our 2015-2016 season? OR is Worship Arts the area of service to which you are called? Please join us this Saturday for a fellowship at the home of the Kings on Saturday, May 28th from 2-4pm! RSVP to Becki or Chuck at 474-6424.

SINGLES' FELLOWSHIP

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

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.

FIRST SUNDAY

Feeling disconnected? Want to belong to a life group or ministry at Heritage? Please join us Sunday, June 5th 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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER R.E.A.D.



This summer, Children's Ministry will be doing "Lifeway Summer R.E.A.D." (Reveal. Explore. Amaze. Discover,) for our Sunday evening programming from 5:30 - 8 pm beginning June 5th. God reveals Himself in Scripture, and as you explore His Word, you'll be amazed and discover more of Him. Join us on our summer reading journey. We want to help you and your family promote the love of reading in your home, as well as, encouraging the love of God's Word through reading His Scripture. *The program is geared toward grades 1-5, but all are welcome to join in the adventure.

HALO REPORT

Jim Stafford in 1974 wrote and performed a big hit, "Spiders and snakes." If you are my age you are probably singing the refrain right now. In the song...the young man says, "*I got silly and I found a frog...In the water by a hollow log...And I shook it at her...And I said 'This frog's for you.'*" (By the way this boy couldn't pour water out of a boot if the instructions were written on the heel.) What does this song have to do with Men's softball you ask? Well Big Tim Elkins had trouble seeing and felt uneasy last week. Low and behold he found out he had been bitten by a Brown Recluse. That put us short players for Tuesday the 17th. The rest of the team apparently got bit by a genetically modified spider. (Yes, the same spider that bit Peter Parker, Spiderman fans). Our boys: Shane, Andrew, Kevin, Dean, Nick combined for a total of 17 homeruns in 2 games. Shane Hubbard returned to the ball diamond after a few years of hiatus. 2 Halo homeruns were over the limit thus ended the Halo at bat for those 2 innings per new rules. Nonetheless, our boys powered their way to 2 wins and remain undefeated so far this season. The Halo men have played great defense and have been on fire at the plate as well these past four games. To paraphrase a quote by Casey Stengel, "**Our boys are such dangerous hitters that they draw intentional walks during batting practice.**"

The Co-ed team was not to be upstaged as they won two Thursday as well. Jennifer Bailey was chosen to lead off in the line-up and be a table setter. Set the table she did as she went 9 for 9 with 8 walks and one hit in two games. She scored 9 runs as well. The rest of the line up proved to generate runs like a well oiled machine. The Flying Monkeys with Halos scored in every inning at bat for both games. Cody Bailey, bad knee and all, said put me wherever coach, I just want a "W." Well Cody led the team in RBI's with 7 in two games. Nick Holman produced his usual several RBI's as well. Everyone got in the action on offense as the Co-ed team evened the series with Chaos after suffering a blow out loss earlier this season. Brad and Danielle Simmons, Tyler Goodnight, Hanna added much needed rally staying, clutch hits. Jason Lolley ran like he had a snake in his boot when he hit a grand slam inside the park homerun. Bri Jones screamed as if she saw a spider when she got her first bona fide Texas leaguer. That is pretty good for someone who just started playing softball for the first time this April. Co-ed play on the 26th at 7:30 and 8:30. Men play on May 31 at 6:30 and 7:30. Come sit there on a hollow log to see the Halos play. First 100 fans get a free Bullfrog.