

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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FROM YOUR LEAD PASTOR'S HEART ... PATHWAY TO FREEDOM SUNDAY!

I am very excited about this Sunday! You will not want to miss it! This year at our Mayor's Prayer Luncheon, Governor Asa Hutchinson pleaded with the churches of Arkansas to address two issues: 1) mentoring and supporting former prisoners re-entering civilian life and 2) helping with the crisis of foster care in the state. Our area, Sebastian and Crawford Counties, lead the state in these issues. I was told about 20% of the people in the Wrightsville Prison's Pathway to Freedom Program are from our area. Sunday, we will learn about ways we can begin to address the needs of our prison population, especially when they are released.

Pathway To Freedom, Inc. (PTF) is a Christ-centered holistic service program that provides educational, values-based, pre-release services to prisoners on a voluntary and non-compulsory basis, while preparing them to reintegrate into society and become productive citizens through the use of new and improved pro-social and life skills that will enhance family and social relationships, moral and spiritual development, and employment opportunities.

PTF's unique plan of restoration and progressive programming begins 18 to 24 months before an inmate is released. The program continues for an additional 12 months of mentoring and support once the inmate has returned to the community. PTF works with local churches, trained volunteers, and other service providers to support PTF members through mentoring, housing, employment, and other services to ensure a successful transition back into the community. Inmates volunteer for the program and must meet several criteria before they are accepted.

PTF stresses personal responsibility, the value of education and work, care of persons and property, and the opportunity for a new life.

Sid Turner, the PTF Program Counselor, will be at Heritage to share with us ways we can begin to get involved. One way is this: we are looking for **35 MEN FROM HERITAGE to go to the Wrightsville Prison on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11th for a daylong experience called "540" with the men in the Pathway to Freedom Program.**



Sid studied at Central Bible College in Springfield, MO where he majored in Biblical Studies and Counseling. He has been involved in ministry for more than 25 years. His involvement in ministry has reflected his passion for reaching the at-risk and marginalized population. He has served as pastor and associate pastor, as director of a Teen Challenge, a counselor for the Arkansas Boys Training School, as well as being involved in prison ministry at the Hospital for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Missouri, at Tucker and Cummins in Arkansas, and at numerous county jails. Sid has served as Program Counselor at Pathway To Freedom since August of 2012 and, prior to that, for The InnerChange Freedom Initiative.

Come be inspired! Come discover ways we can "GO BE THE CHURCH!"
I've never been more excited about going to prison!

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In Hospital:

Connie Warren (Methodist H & R)

At Home:

Barbara Hahn, Georgia Hutton, Gary Pittman, Mikal Seegers, David and Loretta Sossamon, Shannon Stamps, Elizabeth Wilkerson, 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:

Bob and Carrie Odiorne in the birth of their son, *Asher Blade*. Proud big brother is Levi.

Lynsey Stumbaugh and Nicholas Lenz in the birth of their son, *Holden Scott*. Proud grandmother is Shawn Stumbaugh and proud great-grandparents are James and Ellarene Crowley.



Sunday, August 14
EDUCATION APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 28
MAJOR GENERAL DOUGLAS CARVER

JULY VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am

Kevin Fontaine
Brian Curd
Bruce Brown

9:30 am

Wayne Stewart
Mark Evans
Mark Stafford
Scott Weege

11:00 am

Daniel Chisolm
Nathan Elliot
Grant Elliot
Justin Sangster

Greeters

8:05 am

Christine Fontaine
Kelly Curd and Boys

9:30 am

Anita Barnett
Vesta Everitt and Liz McFadden

11:00 am

Janalou Devers and Ruth Ottinger
Tracy Vanderbush and Terry Johnson

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

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **JACK INFELD AND GENE RANKIN** by:

Norma Day (BF)

In memory of **STACEY WALKER** by:

Max and Leanna Garrett (CM)

Dorvan and Mikie Wiley (CM)

John and Brenda Walker (CM)

Donna Parker (CM)

CM - Children's Ministry BF - Building Fund

EDUCATION

APPRECIATION SUNDAY

We are blessed at Heritage with an abundance of people who work in our local school districts, preschools and homeschools. Join us Sunday, August 14th in all three services as we honor and pray for them. Greg Werner, head football coach for the Van Buren Pointers will give a special testimony.

We also encourage all children to bring their school backpacks with them to church that day for a 'blessing of the backpacks' during each service. Invite your friends to join us.

DINNER FOR 8

If you are looking to meet new people and to make new friends, reserve your spot today for *Dinner for 8*. Sign up in the church office during the week or in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday.

WRITING MINISTRY

Expressions' next meeting is Thursday, August 4th 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.

IN REMEMBRANCE



Stacey Lyn Walker, 40, of Van Buren, passed away Sunday, July 17, 2016 in a local hospital. She retired in March of 2016 from the Department of Human Services in Crawford County and was currently working at the Children's Department at Heritage United Methodist Church in Van Buren where she was also a member. She had lived in Van Buren all of her life.

Memorial Service was 11 am, Thursday, July 21st at Heritage under the direction of Ocker Funeral Home. The family visited with relatives and friends prior to the service.

She is survived by her parents Charlie and Betty James of Van Buren; one daughter Sarah Elizabeth Walker of the home; two brothers Clifton James of Van Buren and Mike Burgess of Fort Smith; one niece Emmie Burgess of Fort Smith and one nephew Zariah James of Van Buren.

FIRST SUNDAY

Please join us Sunday, August 7th at 6 pm in the Welcome Center to learn what a life group is all about.

LOVE TO SING

Worship Arts is looking for new voices and fresh faces to join us in the Sanctuary Choir! Rehearsals resume Wednesday, August 17th at 6:30 pm in the Worship Arts room! No experience necessary - just a heart for worship and a willingness to make a joyful noise!

WE WANT YOUR PICTURES

Thank you to the Life Groups who 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.

ROOTS CLASS

Want to better understand the Hebraic roots of our Christian faith? Join us Monday, August 1st at 6 pm in room 121.

MOVIELOUNGE EPICENTER • FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

FREE ADMISSION AUGUST 26-27 ALL MEN WELCOME

ENGAGE 16

★ RUNNING TOWARD THE BATTLE ★

FRIDAY
7PM - 9PM

SATURDAY
8AM - NOON

Russ Aikman
President of So. Oaks Men's Fraternity

Douglas McCarver
Captain Major General

Jason Amerson
Worship Leader

THIS EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY SOUTHERN OAKS MEN'S FRATERNITY • WWW.SOUTHERNOAKSCLUB.ORG

PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, August 1st from 7-8 pm at CrossPointe Church in Van Buren. Please join other believers as we pray for our community!

YOUNG AT HEART

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

YOUTH NEWS

For upcoming activities for 6th-12th grades, pick up a calendar by the youth office in the children's wing or go to heritage.church under the 'What We Do' tab.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Interested in helping with the Healthy Congregation Ministry? We check blood pressure and blood glucose the third Sunday of every month. Please contact Debbie Bretch at 632-0585 if you would like to volunteer.

THIS WEEK IS PROMOTION SUNDAY IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

What is Promotion Sunday? It is a day when children that have "aged out" of their age appropriate class get to move up to the next age-level class. We do this once a year typically right before the new school year begins.

Below is the list of classes and their ages that will be promoted:

Rock Room: This room is for babies from birth to 11 months. We have nursery volunteers who lovingly rock and care for your baby if you choose to drop them off during worship. You are more than welcome to stay with your baby and enjoy the service from this room. We simulcast the worship service to the nursery.

Red Room: The room is for toddlers ages one and two years olds by August 1st. In the red room, your little one will learn bible basics each week. They will learn about Jesus' love through songs, picture lessons, and puppets every Sunday morning. There is also Sunday school class offered for two year olds in the Orange Room during the 9:30 am service.

Pre-School Praise: This room is for ages three - pre K. They will gather in the purple room for Bible teaching and age appropriate worship which includes music, lessons, crafts and activities that all center around the message that Jesus loves them!

Kindergarten: They will worship in the sanctuary with their families at 8:05, 9:30 & 11:00 am and then will be dismissed before the message for Children's Church in the Backyard. Kinders also have a special Sunday school at 9:30 am just for them that meets in the backyard if they choose not to sit with their families.

BACKPACK SPONSORS STILL NEEDED

Please sponsor a child by stopping by the church and picking out a child's name that is hanging in the Great Hall by the office and next to the children's wing. We ask that you purchase a backpack, a pair of inexpensive tennis shoes, socks, and underwear for the child(ren) you sponsor. We will fill it with school supplies once it is returned. **Please return the backpacks to the church office by Tuesday, August 2nd.** If you prefer not to shop, donations will be gladly accepted and we will shop for you. Just drop off your donation at the office, or put it in the offering plate in an envelope marked, "BACKPACK". If you have any questions, please contact Tara Teague at 414-5775.

TT AND TINY TIMS

It is not too late to register for Timothy Team & Tiny Tims! (children 2 yrs. old through 5th grade as of 8/1/16). Forms are available at the computer check-in stations and in the Great Hall. **Deadline to register is August 7th.**

THANK YOU

Thank you to Jack Infield and Gene Rankin for all that you did for me around my house. You are a blessing.

Norma Day

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL

Preschool is just around the corner! Register today! Enrollment forms are available in the church office or contact Shawna at 474-6424. *Open house is Thursday, September 1st at 6 pm.

SUMMER CELEBRATION

We have been enjoying *Pool Party: Making a Splash with Jesus* in Children's Church every week! We will celebrate the series with a Children's Ministry Family Night at the Creekmore Park Pool on Sunday, August 7th! *Children need to be accompanied by their parent(s).