

**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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# Heritage Happenings

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## AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

### Ushers

**8:05 am**  
Jane Sanders  
Rick Sanders  
Gary Podgurski

**9:30 am**  
Bob Merchant  
Dorvan Wiley  
Charles Sullivan  
Smokey McPhail  
Roy Elkins

**11:00 am**  
Rick Rauser  
Russ Aikman  
Ron Morrow  
Jerry Pittman

### Greeters

**8:05 am**  
Drew and Marlene Cone  
Max and Leanna Garrett

**9:30 am**  
Mikie Wiley and Doris Wortham  
Nina Sullivan and Pam Thomas

**11:00 am**  
Bobby and Diana Boyakin  
Karrie Papacoda



**In Hospital:**

**Roy Moomey** (Sparks)  
**Connie Warren** (Methodist H & R)

**At Home:**

**Cory Carter, Gary Pittman, Mikal Seegers, 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:**

**Aaron Motley and Hailey Kinney** in the birth of their son, *Asher Jaxon*. Proud grandparent is Jody Wagg.

**Dustin, Andelyn, Ellyse, Emylia and Elijah Wright** in the birth of their daughter and sister, *Everly Rachel*.

**In Sympathy:**

**Casey Thomas and Family** in the death of his grandfather, *Kenneth Bowman*.



**Sunday, August 14**  
EDUCATION APPRECIATION SUNDAY  
AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

**Sunday, August 28**  
MAJOR GENERAL DOUGLAS CARVER  
VB FAC AT 6:30 PM

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

## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... EDUCATION APPRECIATION SUNDAY IS HERE!



I love Education Appreciation Sunday! I am so thankful for the people called to the ministry of education – teachers, coaches, administrators, support staff and home-school parents! You get to use your gifts to help children learn and grow to become spiritual champions. We will honor you in all services and pray for you! Also, we will have gift/goody bags for all educators and school support staff in the Fellowship Hall!

Coach Greg Werner, head football coach for Van Buren High School, will share his testimony and how he sees his work as his ministry and calling. This year, we are adding to our celebration a time of prayer and blessing for our students. **Students, bring your backpacks** and invite your friends who don't have a church home to join us for this very special Sunday! Also, please, especially, invite educators and support staff who may not have a church home so we may bless them.



This Sunday, we are on our next-to-the-last message in our "I Have a Friend Who ..." series. This Sunday's message is called, "I Have a Friend Who Struggles with Overcoming Negativity." I am really looking forward to sharing with you things the LORD has taught me on this topic over the summer. Invite your friends as we learn how to make the right choices to overcome negative thinking and speaking and begin to think, speak and walk with positive faith – no matter what curses may be spoken against us!



Can't wait to celebrate with you this Sunday!

*Wes*

## WELCOME



Tom and Becky Whitley joined Sunday.

## HERITAGE RUBIES' WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

We are trying something new! Anyone that would like to participate is encouraged to read Liz Curtis Higgs' book, *Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn From Them*. We will then meet Monday, August 22nd in the Welcome Center from 9-11 am to discuss at least the first two chapters. Join other women as we learn about women in the Bible. Childcare is not provided during this meeting. Our fall study will begin Monday, September 12th.

## WES' OUTLINE

Many of you asked for Wes' outline from his message on Sunday, July 24th titled, *I have a Friend Who Thinks Most Everybody Goes to Heaven*. They are available on the tables in the Great Hall.

## MOMS IN PRAYER

Prayers of mothers are powerful. Children of all ages need prayer. If you would like to connect with a Moms in Prayer group, contact Monica Steele at 479-474-8165.

## BABY SHOWER

Join us for a shower honoring Nate and Emily Engelke and baby Noah due in September. The shower is hosted by Christi Wilson on Sunday, August 21st from 2-4 pm in the Welcome Center. The couple is registered at Walmart and Target.

## BAPTISM

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, August 21st, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday, August 24th:
  - Mandatory Parent Meeting for Timothy Team/Tiny Tims at 6 pm in the Sanctuary
- Wednesday, August 31st:
  - First night of Timothy Team/Tiny Tims at 5:45 pm

## HALO REPORT

We are looking for co-ed players for a fall softball league. League starts Monday, August 22nd. Games will be on Monday, Tuesday and some Thursday nights. If interested, contact Mike Kneeland ASAP at 719-9274 or e-mail at mkneel260@cox.net.

## 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.

## HANDBELLS

Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, August 31st at 5:30 pm in the Worship Arts room. New members welcome! Basic music reading skills needed. For more information, contact Chuck King or Rick Endel at 474-6424.

## BABY SHOWER

Join us for a shower honoring Nick and Alyssa Sly and baby Zachary Alexander due in October. The shower is hosted by Gail Sly, Natalie Butcher and Rachel Ponder at Trinity Episcopal Church in Van Buren on Saturday, August 20th at 1 pm. The couple is registered at Target.

## COMMUNITY PRAYER

Join Becky Malone and Ronda Brown for Community Prayer at Van Buren High School this Saturday, August 13th at 9 am. We will pray for the entire Van Buren School district staff, students and their families. We are believing in revival within our community.

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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

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AUGUST 20 & 21, 6PM

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INGRID ROSARIO LAKEWOOD CHURCH

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GospelCrusade.org  
1-844-RBGCUA

## NOW IS THE TIME

Have you thought about adding your voice to the Heritage Sanctuary Choir or Praise Team? Now is the time to do it! We will have special combined rehearsals on Wednesday, August 17th and 24th at 6:30 pm in the Worship Arts Room. We are preparing for a Night of Worship with special guests, Major General Carver and soloist, Belva Ross at the Fine Arts Center, joined by the Butterfield Assembly of God Choir. We would love to have you with us!

## MATTHEW 25 PROJECT

Heritage is participating in a community-wide back to school give away called the Matthew 25 Project. Many local churches are participating, some with food, some with clothing and some with prayer. Our goal is to fill a truck bed with pairs of new socks to give away to local boys and girls as they gear up for the first year. You can help by **bringing pairs of new socks** and placing them in the yellow bus located in the Fellowship Hall between now and Friday, August 12th. The event will take place on the evening of August 12th from 6-8 pm at The Current Church in downtown Van Buren. There will be bounce arounds, live music and much, much more.

## GIVING IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP

Your contributions go directly to funding the ministry initiatives of Heritage. Through your faithfulness, you are assisting us in fulfilling our mission of "loving God and people passionately and leading people into a passionate relationship with Jesus Christ". We are grateful for your financial support of Heritage Church and are encouraged by your confidence in our ministry. May God bless you!

## ONLINE GIVING:

Electronic online giving is available through ACS Technologies. By establishing a user account, members can set up one-time gifts or recurring gifts, check their giving history, or print tax receipts.

## WE HAVE:

- Text Giving: Text HERITAGEVB to 73256 to give using your text messaging. Standard text messaging rates may apply.
- Mobile Giving: The *ChurchLife* app by ACS Technologies is available for iOS and Android devices. This app includes giving as well as a church directory.
- Kiosk Giving: There is a kiosk located in the main hallway directly across from the Welcome Center. Simply touch the "Get Started" button, and follow the instructions. It even allows you to print a receipt.
- Offering Plates: We provide an opportunity for giving during every worship service. We encourage everyone who gives electronically to place their connection card, their kiosk receipt, or some other token into the plate as a symbol of giving themselves to The Lord.

