

**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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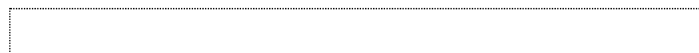
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# Heritage Happenings

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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)  
Jennel

**At Home:**

**Cory Carter, Georgia Hutton, 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)



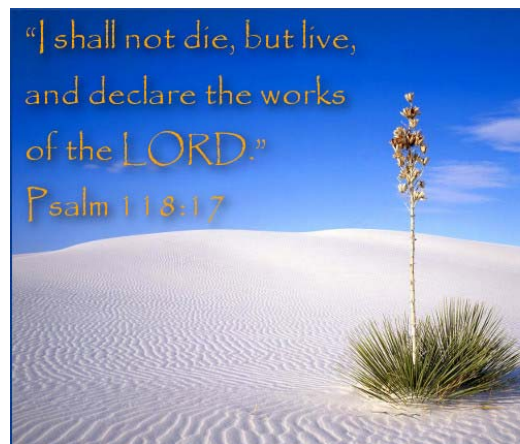
**Wednesday, August 24**  
MANDATORY TIMOTHY TEAM  
PARENTS' MEETING  
6 PM

**Sunday, August 28**  
CHAPLAIN DOUGLAS CARVER  
VAN BUREN FINE ARTS CENTER  
6:30 PM

**Wednesday, August 31**  
TT, TINY TIM'S, ADULT BIBLE  
STUDY AND COMMUNITY MEAL  
RESUME

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

## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... BALANCING LIFE'S DEMANDS!



Wow! I've never had so many positive comments on a message on overcoming negativity! That message really struck a nerve with the congregation, and I encourage you to continue to review the message notes and to read Psalm 118 daily and to memorize and meditate on verses 1, 17, 24-25.

I believe this week will also hit nerves that are being frayed by our "warp-speed" society. I'm calling the message, "I Have a Friend who Struggles With Balancing Life's Demands." Are you overscheduled, exhausted, overwhelmed? Or do you know someone who is? Well, this is a message for you. The rapid pace of our society is depleting our souls! What can we do about it?? What will YOU do?

Let's look to the LORD and seek some wisdom together for the life you've always wanted but seems out of reach. It may require some tough choices, but it is still available for those who will choose this road less traveled!



Can't wait to celebrate God's goodness with you Sunday! He is coming in power and with a Spirit of wisdom and revelation!

*Pastor Wes*


## HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **JOHN POOLE** by:  
Fae Dyer (FP)  
In honor **WAYNE WESTBROOK**  
by: Fae Dyer (FP)  
In honor of **MAX GARRETT** by:  
Fae Dyer (FP)  
In honor of **BOB AND TERRY FREEMAN'S 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** by:  
Bill and Debbie Thomas (YM)  
In honor of **DONNA PARKER'S BIRTHDAY** by:  
Bill and Debbie Thomas (YM)  
John and Margo Symonds (BF)  
In memory of **STACEY WALKER**  
by:  
Fae Dyer (FP)  
Jason and Sara Hurst (CM)  
In memory of **CHARLENE WIDENER** (mother of Gailene Park) by:  
Clarence and Marcia Park  
CM - Children's Ministry  
BF-Building Fund FP-Food Pantry  
YM - Youth Ministry

## SLY BABY SHOWER

Join us for a shower honoring Nick and Alyssa Sly and their soon-to-be son 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.

## CHURCH LIFE

 Have you ever needed someone's address or phone number but didn't want to call the church? The Church Life app is for you! Download it today for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device. It's free!

## 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 this 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 a Community Choir. We would love to have you with 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.

## 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.

## HALO REPORT

We are looking for co-ed players for a fall softball league. League starts Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

## YOUNG AT HEART

If you are 55 and older, please join us for a time of food and fellowship Thursday, August 25th from 6-8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share!

## BAPTISM

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

## 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.

## THE WELCOME CENTER

When you are greeting our guests, don't forget to bring them by the Welcome Center to meet our welcome team. The team is there each Sunday to provide ministry, answer questions, give directions... whatever the need may be. We want our guests to know that they are loved.

## ENGAGE: RUNNING TOWARD THE BATTLE

Join us on August 26-27 at the Movie Lounge Epicenter in Fort Smith for a men's conference. General Carver is the main speaker and Jason Amerson will lead us in worship. For more information, go to [www.southernoaksclub.org](http://www.southernoaksclub.org).

## ENGELKE BABY SHOWER

Join us for a shower honoring Nate and Emily Engelke and their soon-to-be son 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.



**28**  
AUGUST  
6:30 PM

# COMMUNITY REVIVAL SERVICE

with Special Guest,  
CHAPLAIN (MAJOR GENERAL ret.)  
DOUGLAS CARVER

**FREE EVENT**  
AT VAN BUREN  
FINE ARTS CENTER

Sponsored by:

Butterfield Church, first baptist, LIVING HOPE, The Current Outreach Church, Sunnyside Assembly of God, HERITAGE CHURCH, CrossPointe Church

Childcare available at Heritage for infants to Kdg.

## PULSE (grades 9th-12th)

Dates to remember:

- Sunday, August 21st from 5:45-8 pm: Pool Party at the Morrison's at 25 Vista Hills Blvd. \*Modest swimwear please.
- October 22-23: Branson Fall Retreat registration forms available online at [heritage.church/pulse](http://heritage.church/pulse). \*Due by September 21st.
- August 24th: Wednesday night Surge study of *The Life of Moses* begins 5:45-7:15 pm.

## THE BEAT (grades 6th-8th)

Dates to remember:

- Sunday, August 21st 4:45 - 8 pm: Swim night at the Kneeland's. Their home is located at 1109 N 9th Street. \*Modest swimwear please.
- October 22-23: Branson Fall Retreat registration forms available online at [heritage.church/beat](http://heritage.church/beat). \*Due by September 21st.
- August 24th: Wednesday night Surge study of *The Life of Moses* begins 5:45-7:15 pm.



## THANK YOU

We were able to sponsor 115 children this year for the backpack program. 'Thank you' to each of you who purchased backpacks or donated money. This ministry is made possible by your kindness and generous hearts. It was wonderful seeing all the smiling faces—whether it was from a stylish new haircut, beautifully painted fingernails or getting the perfect backpack. It melts my heart to see them get so excited!! One little boy threw his arms around my neck and gave me a huge hug. It made me cry! His mom said, "Thank you all for making him so special." That one little boy made my heart smile the rest of the day. The smiles on all the children's faces are priceless. A huge 'Thank you' to all the volunteers that came to help and the beauticians that took time out of their busy schedules to give free haircuts. Thank you to Tricia German, Natasha Woodard and the F.I.S.H. class for serving yummy snow cones. They were greatly enjoyed! Again, a huge 'THANK YOU' to EVERYONE that sponsored or donated. We couldn't have done it without you!

*Tara Teague*

## HANNA BABY SHOWER

Join us for a shower honoring Bennett and Meghan Hanna and their soon-to-be daughter, Eleanor Elizabeth. They are needing diapers, wipes, gift cards and Carter 3-6 months outfits. Hosted by Tom Konert and Mary Knight.

## SINGLES' FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting will be Monday, August 22nd at 6:30 pm in the Welcome Center.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

If you have a Facebook account, be sure you add Heritage UMC as one of your friends. We often post upcoming events and interesting information on our Heritage Facebook page. You may also wish to follow us on Twitter at [Heritage\\_VB](https://twitter.com/Heritage_VB). Both are excellent ways to stay informed on the latest information and both of our sites welcome your comments!

## HERITAGE PRESCHOOL

Preschool is just around the corner! We have a few spots left. Tell your friends and have them 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.

## 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.