

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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WHAT AN EXCITING TIME OF YEAR!



This weekend, we welcome Chaplain (Major General ret.) Douglas Carver back to the River Valley. He was the guest speaker at the 2014 Community Thanksgiving Service. We had such an overwhelming response that we have invited him back! Chaplain Carver served 38 years in the U.S. Army. He held leadership positions at every level of the military; his final assignment was as the Chief of Chaplains. He currently serves as the Executive Director of Chaplaincy Services for the North American Mission Board. You have several opportunities to hear him speak. **DON'T MISS OUT!**

- Men, invite your friends and get ready to join us this weekend at the Movie Lounge Epicenter in Fort Smith for a conference, **ENGAGE: Running Toward the Battle** with Chaplain Carver. The cost is FREE and hosted by Southern Oaks Men's Fraternity founded by Russ Aikman. Worship will be led by Jason Amerson. All men are welcome! Conference times: Friday, August 26 from 7-9 pm and Saturday, August 27th from 8 am - Noon.
- This Sunday, August 28th, Chaplain Douglas Carver will speak at all three worship services at Heritage, 8:05, 9:30 and 11 am.
- Sunday evening, August 28th, Heritage is partnering with Butterfield Church, First Baptist Church of Van Buren, Living Hope, The Current Church, CrossPointe Church and Sunnyside Assembly of God to host a **Community Revival Service** with Chaplain Carver. This is a **FREE** event! Invite your friends and neighbors and join us at the Van Buren Fine Arts Center at 6:30 pm as we gather to worship and hear the Word of God! Childcare is available at Heritage for infants to kindergarten.

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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 (Rehab)
Jennell Dove (Mercy Orthopedic Hospital)
Frank Seubold (Sparks)

At Home:

Barbara Hahn, Georgia Hutton, Gary Pittman, Mikal Seegers, Connie Warren, 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 Sympathy:

Carey Wilson and Family in the death of his mother, *Polly Wilson*.

In Thanksgiving:

Jonathan, Brittany and Tatum Goins in the birth of their son and brother, *Sawyer Craig*. Proud grandparents are Roger and Kathy Goins. Proud great-grandparents are Max and Marilyn Goins.



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.

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **DONNA PARKER'S BIRTHDAY** by:

June Lewis (BF)

In memory of **BETSY DENNIS ON HER BIRTHDAY** by:

Doyle and Mary Beth Autry (BF)

BF-Building Fund

RUBIES WOMEN'S STUDY

Join us on Monday mornings in the Welcome Center from 9 - 11 am beginning September 12th for our next study, *Entrusted* by Beth Moore.

BLESS THE KIDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

As you clean out your closets, consider donating new or gently worn tennis shoes. We are looking for all sizes for ages 5-18. We will donate them to the Boys and Girls Club, local schools and Hope Academy. Please drop them off in the church office.

WRITING MINISTRY

Expressions' next meeting is this Thursday, September 1st 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.*

KINDERGARTEN CLASS

A special Sunday school class is offered for Kindergarteners during the 9:30 am service. This year they will have fun learning the Fruits of the Spirit, The Lord's Prayer, and The Ten Commandments. Kindergartners can be dropped off in Room 1 in The Backyard.

CELEBRATIONS



Kim Strange was baptized Sunday.



Reann Garrett joined Sunday.



Frank and Brenda Williams joined Sunday. Brenda was also baptized.



Pat Powell joined Sunday.

HANNA BABY SHOWER

Join us for a shower honoring Jonathan and Meghan Hanna and their soon-to-be daughter, Eleanor Elizabeth this Sunday, August 28th from 2-4 pm in the Welcome Center. They need diapers, wipes, gift cards and Carter 3-6 months outfits. The shower is hosted by Tom Konert and Mary Knight.

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL

Open house is Thursday, September 1st at 6:30 pm. The 2016-17 school year begins Tuesday, September 6th.

COATS FOR KIDS

Time to clean out your closets and donate to a coat drive for area children! In conjunction with the revival with Rick Bonfim, Heritage is partnering with the Current Church for a night of outreach. We will collect coats to be distributed Monday, October 10th at the Current Church. Gather up any new or gently loved coats that you can contribute and bring them to the Fellowship Hall at Heritage. Thank you to everyone that recently donated socks! Now we ask for your help to keep local kids warm!

A TIME OF

FASTING AND PRAYER

Heritage will host a revival with Rick Bonfim October 8-11! The 40 days prior to the revival beginning Thursday, September 1st will be set aside as a time of fasting and prayer. Brochures are available in the Great Hall to help you prepare your fast and how to pray specifically. The church will be open for people to come and pray. Signup sheets for specific time slots are available in the Fellowship Hall.

TIMOTHY TEAM TEACHERS

The first teacher's meeting is this Sunday, August 28th from 4-5 pm in the Community Room.

ROOTS CLASS

Want to better understand the Hebraic roots of our Christian faith? Join us Monday, September 12th at 6 pm in room 121.

HANDBELLS

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

THANK YOU

Heritage Church, thank you for allowing Sid Turner to spend time with you Sunday, July 31st. We appreciate your gift. Due to a matching challenge grant, your gift will be doubled and will be used to continue to provide Christ-centered, values-based training and services to Arkansas male inmates. We pray that the Lord will bless our efforts and transform the lives of our members from the inside out. Sincerely, Scott McLean, Founder/Executive Director of Pathway to Freedom, Inc.

ACTIVITIES RESUME

It's that time of year! Wednesday night activities will resume Wednesday, August 31st. Here is the schedule:

- 4:30-5:35 pm: Community Meal
- 5:45-7:15 pm: Bible studies begin (TT, Tiny Tim's, Youth & Adults)

Community meal suggested donation:

- Family \$10 maximum
- Adults \$4
- Seniors \$3
- Children \$2

NEED A WORD?

The Upper Room is a great source for a daily devotional. The September/October issue is available in the Great Hall.

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! Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening. If you are interested, contact Chuck King at cking@heritage.church.

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. Go to www.heritage.church/give for more information.

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

SINGLES' FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 6th at 6:30 pm in the Welcome Center.

PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, September 12th from 7-8 pm at Calvary Baptist Church in Fort Smith. Please join other believers as we pray for our community!

YOUTH (grades 6th-12th)

Dates to remember:

- October 22-23: Branson Fall Retreat registration forms available online at heritage.church/pulse or heritage.church/beat. **Due by September 21st.*
- August 24th: Wednesday night Surge study of *The Life of Moses* begins 5:45-7:15 pm.

GRIEFSHARE

If you are grieving from the loss of a loved one, join us for GriefShare! New classes start September 12th and 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.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

F.I.S.H.

There will be a meeting for parents of fourth and fifth graders this Sunday, August 28 at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend. Your child is encouraged to attend the meeting with you. Lunch will be provided.