

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.

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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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NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am

Nolan Broyles
Myron Kirksey
Scott Treece

9:30 am

John Symonds
Merle Katz
Rob Thomas
Michael Schelm

11:00 am

Ryan Cyndi Breeze and Family

Greeters

8:05 am

Nancy Broyles and Teresa Kirksey
Pamm Treece

9:30 am

Margo Symonds
Carolyn Loyd

11:00 am

Curtis and Tammy Gardner



In Hospital:

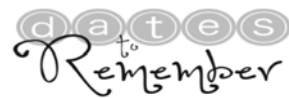
Sherry Fedric (Covington Court)
Irene Oxford (Alma Rehab)

At Home:

Charles Frey, Tom Gipson, Georgia Hutton, Katy Marsh, Gary Pittman, Linda Seubold, Debbie Stewart, Anna Utz, Connie Warren, Saylor Wilkinson

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).



Sunday, November 13

COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING SERVICE
6 PM AT FIRST BAPTIST

December 1-4

THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE
OF JONATHAN TOOMEY
AT KING OPERA HOUSE

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

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... ALL SAINTS/SOULS SUNDAY – OUR RICH HERITAGE

Allison and I have just returned from visiting our daughter, Libby (Elizabeth), in the Holy Land. That has gotten me thinking about our reality and life here in the Fort Smith River Valley. HERITAGE is the name of the congregation we call our church family. I love this name and I have been thinking about what this means for us: 1) **This is the LORD's Church.** It belongs to Him, not us. He is the Head of the Body! He walks among the Lampstands (Revelation 1). That is what we are to be – a people who hold out to our community and world the **Light of Jesus Christ**, the Fire and power of Jesus the Messiah – “the Kingdom of God comes not in talk but in power!” (1 Cor. 4:20).

2) We are becoming a Body of Believers who are rediscovering and honoring **our Jewish roots and heritage** as a people of God. This connection strengthens us, enriches our life and anchors us in our ancient faith. Except for those of us who are Hebrew by genetics, the rest of us are part of the branches that have been grafted into the Messianic Jewish tree that supports us and from which we draw life – reaching all the way back to The Tree of Life, Abraham, Moses, David, and the prophets.

3) We are a community of Christians who maintain an **Apostolic Lineage.** Do you know that your pastor, literally, has pastoral credentials through which he can trace the apostolic succession of his ordination from Bishop Richard Wilke in 1991 back to the Apostle Peter? All that means is that we embrace and praise the LORD of the 2000 years of apostles, prophets, saints and martyrs that have laid the foundations of the faith for us through the ages.

4) We are spiritual heirs of the Evangelical Revival of the 18th century. The people of this movement became known as **Methodists** because of their **accountable, disciplined discipleship.** This revival sparked a spiritual fire in England that transformed that nation – not just hearts. Ministry to the poor brought about the restoration of families ravaged by alcoholism. Orphanages were started; child labor laws enacted; hospitals and health care for the poor begun; prisoners were visited and prisons reformed; education was made available to all; slavery was attacked and abolished without bloodshed. In short, instead of a bloody revolution, England experienced holy revival! These people sent missionaries and pastors around the world – especially to North America. In North America these preachers and people helped spark the First and Second Great Awakening fueling the birth and spiritual foundations of this nation.

This Sunday, we remember and celebrate these Christians who have gone before us. We especially remember our loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant this year and earlier. We remember that we who are IN CHRIST are called “saints” by the Apostle Paul and that we are part of The **COMMUNION OF SAINTS**—We gather with the saints and angels of old around the throne of the LORD to worship and celebrate the LAMB!



Can't wait to worship and celebrate the Lamb with you and this “great cloud of witnesses” Sunday!

Wes

P.S. Did you know that October 31st marked the beginning of the 500th year since Martin Luther tacked his 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Castle? This is our heritage too!

HONORARIUM AND MEMORIAL

In honor of **DEBBIE THOMAS' BIRTHDAY** by:

Lee and Hiltraud James (FP)

In memory of **GARRETT MILLER** (son of Gary Miller and Jody Miller) by: Bill and Debbie Thomas (YM)

FP - Food Pantry YM - Youth Ministry

ATTENTION GRADES 6TH-8TH

This Sunday, November 6th, The Beat is having a hayride and cookout at the Sneed's home! We will leave from the church at 5:45 pm and return at 8 pm. If your parents prefer to drop you off at the Sneed's, the address is 3910 HWY 64 East in Alma. Bring a lawn chair.

BAPTISM

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, November 13th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

LOVE TO DECORATE?

It's that time of year when we decorate the Sanctuary for the upcoming Advent Season. If you would like to help, please join Chuck on Monday, November 21st and if needed, Tuesday, November 22nd..

ALL SAINTS DAY

This Sunday during the 9:30 am service, we will recognize those Heritage members that have joined the church triumphant within the past year.

FIRST SUNDAY

Want to belong to a life group or ministry at Heritage? Please join us this Sunday, November 6th at 6 pm in the Welcome Center.

THANK YOU

Heritage Church, thank you so much for the phone calls and prayers. Words can not express how much it helps me to know that my church family is thinking of me during my illness and treatments at UAMS.

Linda Seibold

COME HELP MAKE BLANKETS FOR THE HOMELESS!

Join us Monday, November 7th, between 9 am and 2 pm in room 134 (first room on left in the adult wing). This group takes donated fabric and worn out jeans & flannel shirts, cuts them into strips and squares, sews them together in some very interesting patterns and constructs a blanket along with tote bag for the blanket. The blankets are then donated to the homeless camp along the river and to local schools to give to children with no permanent home who need something they can cuddle up in. All kinds of talents are helpful. Come for the day or any part of the day you can spare. Those who can stay for the day bring a sack lunch. Any questions you may contact Sue Weege, 474-8627 or sueweege@cox.net

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? Surviving the Holidays is especially for people who are separated, divorced or grieving a loved one's death.

You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- Ways to give your kids a good holiday experience
- How to discover hope for your future

Join us Saturday, November 19th at 9 am for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again. Registration and light refreshments begins at 8:30 am. For more information, contact Shirley Touchstone at 629-7901.



BIRTHDAY LIST

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

THANK YOU

Thank you for the phone calls, notes, visits, and prayers during my recent hospital stay. They have been much appreciated and have helped me on the road to recovery.

Katy Marsh

HERITAGE RUBIES' WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

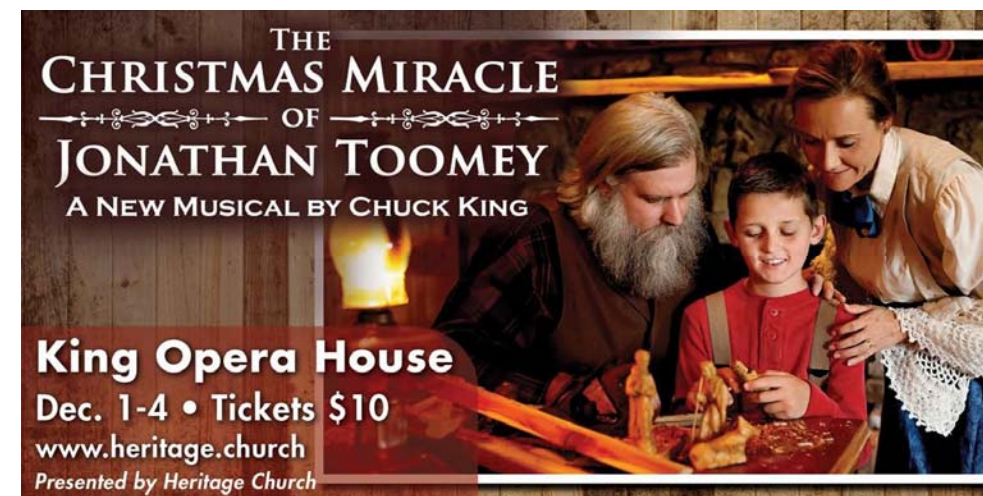
We are meeting again! Anyone that would like to participate is encouraged to read Liz Curtis Higgs' book, *Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn From Them*. We will meet Monday, November 7th in the Welcome Center from 9-11 am to discuss at least the next two chapters. Join other women as we learn about women in the Bible. Childcare is not provided during this meeting. We will meet November 14th, December 5th, and December 12th. Our next Women's Bible study will begin Monday, January 23rd.

YOUTH WITH A MISSION

YWAM is offering a four-week study at their campus in Ozark on Saturday, November 12th. Come fall in love with Jesus (again) through the pages of the Old Testament. For more information, go to ywamozarks.org.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING CHILDREN'S CHOIR

1st-5th graders are invited to be a part of the CTS choir on November 13th. If your child would like to participate, contact Shea for a copy of the CD to learn the music. We will have a rehearsal on Thursday, November 10th at 6:15 pm at First Baptist Church.



WEDDING INVITATION

Kip and Pam James would like for you to join them at the wedding celebration of their son, Colt to Victoria Wiley on Saturday, November 12th at 4:30 pm at the Poole Farm located at 4500 Old Uniontown Road in Van Buren.

ROOTS CLASS

Want to better understand the Hebraic roots of our Christian faith? Join us Monday, November 7th at 6 pm in room 121.

PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, November 7th from 7-8 pm at Community Bible Church in Van Buren.

MISSIONARY OFFERING

If you have a birthday in November, you are invited to place an offering in our little, white church on the chancel rail during the announcements this Sunday. Currently, all birthday offerings go to support the Rupp family ministering in East Asia.

NEED A WORD?

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

CHILI COOK OFF THIS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6TH NOON

- Tickets: \$5
Family of 5: \$20
Includes Tea and Water
Soft drinks available for purchase
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place
- Pay at the door

All proceeds go towards the production of the *Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey*.

JOY SEEKERS

Ladies, join us for lunch (Dutch treat) at 11 am this Friday, November 4th at Boomerang Diner, 600 Main Street in Van Buren. After we eat, we will board the new trolley and tour downtown Van Buren which includes several historical sites.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

The Salvation Army supports various outreach programs throughout the River Valley. If you or your life group is interested in ringing the bell at one of the local 'Red Kettle/Bell Ringing' locations this holiday season or for more information, contact:

Dennis Westfall
(479) 783-6145 ext. 207
Dennis.westfall@uss.salvationarmy.org
For a volunteer form, contact the church office at 474-6424.

VALET PARKING

This ministry is available to senior adults, people with disabilities/injuries and/or parents who are by themselves with children who need help getting into the building—especially on rainy days. Please look for the sign on the northeast portico of the Heritage building and pull under for help for the 9:30 am service.

