

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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JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am

Jerry Frederiksen
Bruce Brown
Kevin Fontaine
Drew Cone

9:30 am

Wayne Stewart
Mark Evans
Dorvan Wiley
Scott Weege

11:00 am

Russ Aikman
Erich Bauman
Ryan Breeze
Cindi Breeze

Greeters

Hospitality Team

Acolytes

1/1 - Bryson Arellanes
Kyle Franklin
1/8 - Aspen Cone
Kennedy Black
1/15 - Rebekah Ray
Jenna Tursky
1/22 - Evelyn Ball
Brooks McGill
1/29 - Audrey Davis
Bailey Smith



In Hospital:

Linda Seubold (UAMS)

At Home:

Mark Anders, Tom Gipson, Marjorie Howard, Georgia Hutton, Kay Lockwood, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Silva, Debbie Stewart, 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)
Connie Warren (Methodist)
Pike Robinson (Alma Rehab)
Irene Oxford (Alma Rehab)

In Thanksgiving:

Scott and Kalin Stewart in the birth of their son, *Blayne Alan*. Proud grandparents are Wayne and Debbie Stewart.

Eric and Shea Marsh in the birth of their daughter, *Caroline Emilee*. Big brother is Cooper. Grandparents are Rick and Debbie Marsh. Great grandparents are Doyle and Mary Beth Autry and Katy Marsh.

In Sympathy:

Kip James and Family in the death of his mother, *Ruth James*.
Jerrod Bachuss and Family in the death of his grandmother, *Opal McCormick*.



January 11
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
ACTIVITIES RESUME

January 22
BLOOD DRIVE
9 AM - 12 PM

April 22
COMMUNITY OUTREACH DAY
WITH AREA CHURCHES

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

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... A DISCIPLE MAKING CULTURE!



Jesus spent time with crowds of people. He spent more time with his 70 plus followers whom he commissioned to do ministry. He invested even more time with The Twelve disciples. But He invested most of His time with only three – Peter, James, and John. These were the three on whom He would place responsibility for the leadership of the early Church.

Jesus also called the Apostle Paul. Through the Holy Spirit, He discipled Paul for three years in the Arabian desert before Paul began his official public ministry. Barnabas, another apostle, came alongside Paul to encourage him and validate his ministry and calling to the other apostles. Paul later met Timothy and came alongside him to become a disciple who made other disciples who made disciples – eventually, leading and growing the largest church in the ancient world in Ephesus.

How did Timothy do that? Paul told him in 2 Timothy 2:2 *“Take the teachings that you heard me proclaim in the presence of many witnesses, and entrust them to reliable people, who will be able to teach others also.”* GNT This generational reproducing of disciples became the measure by which Paul would know that he, too, had successfully carried out his part of Jesus' Great Commission that is recorded at Matthew 28: 18 – 20.

We are focusing the next three years on **prayer and discipleship** for the purpose of having our disciples make other disciples. These are the foundation stones built upon Jesus/Yeshua, the Apostles, the Prophets and the Word of God. Currently, we are training our staff and 14 leaders who have made themselves available and have committed to these next steps. **What I want to ask you to do is this:** if you are a true disciple of Jesus, make sure you have these three people in your life: 1) A **Paul** – a Christian you consider more spiritually mature than you that is working with you to become a stronger, more fruitful disciple. Take initiative, find this person, and ask him/her to do this. 2) A **Barnabas** – a peer believer who is walking alongside you, encouraging you to be faithful and accountable in your walk with Jesus. 3) A **Timothy** – a seeker or new believer you are personally helping to become a true and fruitful disciple and disciple maker.



Let's start living as disciple makers! Don't know how? Ask your Heritage staff.
Blessed to be on this adventure with you!

Wes

P.S. We will continue to receive your covenant renewal cards throughout the month. You may mail them in or place them in the Joash Chest at the front of the sanctuary. Bless you!

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In honor of **WES AND ALLISON HILLIARD'S 30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** by:

Dr. and Mrs. John I Moose

In honor of **THE BIRTH OF SUTTON WILEY** (granddaughter of Dorvan and Mikie Wiley) by:

Mike and Malinda McSpadden (BF)

In honor of **ISABELLA CATRON'S BIRTHDAY** by:

Kay Hays (BD)

In memory of **RUBY KING** (sister of Bill Kelton) by:

Mike and Malinda McSpadden (BF)

In memory of **BARBARA DELMONEGO** (mother of Rachel Mosher) by:

Mike and Malinda McSpadden (BF)

In memory of **LEE 'DOBY' JAMES** (husband of Hiltraud James and uncle of Debbie Thomas) by:

Mike and Malinda McSpadden (BF)

Kathy Hubbs (FP)

In memory of **ROY BRAUNDMEIER** (brother-in-law of Alan Swaim) by:

Bruce and Janet Johnson (BF)

Mike and Malinda McSpadden (BF)

In memory of **ROBERT BRETCH** (father of Bob Bretch) by:

Roger and Gina Burkert

In memory of **DAN MCCURLEY** (step-father of Marsha Thorman and step-grandfather of Kara Grill) by:

Bruce and Janet Johnson (BF)

Mike and Malinda McSpadden (BF)

In memory of **RAY GREEN** (father of Becki Kneeland and Rhonda Pittman) by:

Carolyn Loyd (BF)

Roger and Gina Burkert (BF)

Mike and Malinda McSpadden (BF)

Donna Parker (BF)

Bill and Debbie Thomas (YM)

BF-Building Fund YM-Youth Ministry

BD-Birthday Fund

YOUNG AT HEART

If you are 55 and older, please join us for a time of food and fellowship Thursday, January 26th from 6-8 pm in the Welcome Center. Bring a dish to share!

NEWCOMERS' DINNER

Join us for the next newcomers' dinner on Thursday, January 19th at 6:00 pm at the Kneeland's. See Becki Kneeland for your reservation.

WESLEY HERITAGE TOUR

Join Dr. Robert Tuttle and Pastor Wesley Hilliard on the Wesley Heritage Tour of England May 15-23. Brochures are available in the Great Hall. There will be an informational meeting NEXT Wednesday, January 18th at 7:30 pm in the Welcome Center or email whilliard@heritage.church.

NOW IS THE TIME

Have you thought about adding your voice to the Heritage Sanctuary Choir? Now is the time to do it! Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening. If you are interested, contact Chuck King at cking@heritage.church.

CONQUER SERIES FOR MEN:

The Battle Plan for Purity

A tried and proven battle plan for purity in a lustful and Godless world. Class meets every Wednesday at 6 pm in the Community Room beginning January 18th. For more information, contact Max Garrett at garrett@heritage.church. Sign up this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

GRIEFSHARE

A new GriefShare Support Group will begin January 23rd! They meet each Monday at 9:30 am or 6:30 pm in Room 122 at Heritage. For more information, contact Shirley Touchstone at 479-629-7901.

PRAYER FOR SCHOOLS

Everyone is invited to Rena Elementary this Saturday, January 14th, at 9 am for prayer over the school, staff, and students. Becky Malone and Ronda Brown

BAPTISM

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, January 22nd, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

BLOOD DRIVE

Give the gift of blood at Heritage Sunday, January 22nd from 9 am - 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

HEALTHY CONGREGATION DAY

Come to the office this Sunday, January 15th between 9 and 11 am and have your blood pressure and sugar level checked.

RUBIES WOMEN'S STUDY

We will begin our new, weekly study on Monday, January 23rd from 9-11 am in the Welcome Center.

EMMAUS WALK

There are two Emmaus Walks scheduled for April.

The men's walk is April 23rd and the women's Walk April 30th. Both will be held at Camp Siloam in Siloam Springs. Pilgrim applications are being accepted at this time. Forms are available in the Great Hall.

There are two Chrysalis flights coming up this summer.

The girls' flight is July 12-15 (Wednesday through Saturday) and the boys' flight is July 19-22 (Wednesday through Saturday).

Both flights will be held at St. Paul's UMC in Ft Smith.

Team applications for both flights are being accepted at this time. please send an email to hoto.chrysalis@outlook.com for further information.

MISSING SOMETHING?

Please stop by the office if you are missing your bible, eye glasses or a multitude of other items.

TESTIMONY FROM ONE OF OUR HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

A major part of my job description is recruiting people for ministries and outreach programs in our community. We feel that the Lord wants us deeply involved in the life of our community. Your leadership team knows that being involved in ministry is costly in time and effort. We know it is not easy to serve. However, life is not a one way street. When we spend ourselves in serving others, there is a return on that investment. I have found that nothing excites me as seeing people blest by our efforts.

I want to share with you something written by Ron McPhail, one of our volunteer hospital chaplains. I want you to see and feel the satisfaction that comes from serving.

By being a hospital chaplain at Sparks, I am afforded the opportunity to share the glories of God with believers and non-believers alike. We help them stand by their relatives and friends at their moments of greatest need. Sometimes, we can lead a person to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ; other times a rededication of a fallen brother or sister. Most often, prayer is the support we give the patients and their families.

Our job can be 24/7 at times but the spiritual rewards are worth it. Remember, when you see me outside of the patients' presence, we can not discuss them with you because of HIPAA laws. - Ron McPhail

If you would like to invest your life in serving and know the joy of service, give us a call. We are always looking for people to place in high positions.

Pastor Max

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.

COMING SOON

The four, wooden doors to the bell tower will soon be replaced with glass doors to match the rest of the building. Also, look for a new and improved Heritage Church sign on Pointer Trail.



BRRR! IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

The Valet Parking Ministry is a great opportunity for 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 or snowy 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.

MEN'S STUDY

Men, start 2017 off right! Join us for Band of Brothers Bible study group every Tuesday from 6:15 - 7:15 am. We meet for coffee, fellowship, study of the Word and prayer.

NEW YEAR! NEW STUDY

The Good Shepherd Class invites you to join them in a new study. *The Story Continues* is a 12-week study written by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Kalas explores the book of Acts to uncover the ministry motivations of the first followers and shows us how they can serve as guides as we carry on their work. Facilitated by Sue Weege. Please join us in room 123 at 11 am every Sunday.

HERITAGE UNIVERSITY

We will offer a course on John Bunyan's famous work, *The Pilgrim's Progress*, beginning Sunday, January 22nd at 9:30 am facilitated by Michael Tursky. Drawing on both video and written resources, we will explore John Bunyan's allegory of a Christian walk, first published in 1678, and written while Bunyan was imprisoned for not conforming to the state church of England. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday.

FROM YOUR

CHILDREN'S MINISTER

As 2017 is here, we are examining ways that we can reorganize our lives. As you make your resolutions, think about what ways you will serve the Lord and fulfill His call to serve in your life. Prayerfully consider impacting the lives of children ages birth through 5th grade by volunteering in children's ministry. If you have a passion about sharing Jesus with others, then children's ministry might be the perfect place for you to serve. I would LOVE the opportunity to sit down and visit with you. We have several opportunities that you could share the love of Christ with kids. Email me at smarsh@heritage.church.

Shea Marsh

INTERESTED IN BLESSING OTHERS?

The New Mom's Ministry is looking for volunteers to help bless families when they bring a new baby home. We need volunteers to prepare or pick up meals and deliver them to these families. If you would be interested, please contact Alexis Boster at 501-912-1370 or alexisboster@gmail.com.