

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, Georgia Hutton, Kay Lockwood, Irene Oxford, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Silva, Debbie Stewart, Travis Teague, Connie Warren, Saylor Wilkinson, Dawn Yates

Assisted Living:

Mary Coble (Crawford H & R)

Gerlinda Dibble (Willowbrook)

Geraldine Hurst (Pink Bud Home)

Wilberta Spears (Alma Rehab)

Jean Stratton (Crawford H & R)

Warren Taylor (Methodist)

Pike Robinson (Alma Rehab)

In Thanksgiving:

Captilles and Emillie Vick in the birth of their son, *Captilles Alan*. Grandparents are Jeff and Kerri Taake and great grandparents are Jimmie and Nancy Bennett.

Michael and Leticia Schelm in the birth of their daughter, *Kayloni Sue*. Big sisters are Laynee, Laila, Keila and Nayleigh.

In Sympathy:

James Minor and Family in the death of his sister, *Maxine Fahrner*.

Family and Friends of Barry Smith.



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.

VISION: A FOUNDATION FOR DISCIPLESHIP: THE FAMILY

While browsing the internet about information on discipleship and its relationship to the family, I came upon a rather intriguing quote: "Discipleship is a journey, not a course." The two most important things for 2017 at Heritage Church will be prayer and discipleship. Both are not seasonal, but rather continual. So, what is discipleship? Simply put, it is growing in the knowledge and the way of Jesus Christ; it is learning and walking out the Word of God in our daily lives. Discipleship is an investment for a lifetime. We are on a life-long journey and not just part of a class. It is not for a moment but it must become a way of life. My soul leaps and I am confirmed in my spirit that God is moving us closer to His heart.

An exciting season is approaching Heritage Church as it pertains to discipleship. I believe at the core of a strong, healthy and fruitful church is the existence of several key elements: prayer, desire and discipleship. If prayer (Philippians 4:6-7) is the number one priority in the life of the church, then Christ becomes the center of all that we are and do (Colossians 1:17). Out of prayer births desire; not the desires of human hearts but a desire that is birthed by spending time individually and corporately with God Himself; a desire to seek Him, know Him and follow Him (Psalm 37:4). From this desire then resonates the call upon every believer: discipleship. We **must continually** grow in the knowledge and the way of Christ. From there, we must each contribute to the greatest call given to every follower of Christ: to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19). Heritage chooses to be the church of God's dreams. And this, my friends, is the heart of God for His people.

God is continually giving us greater vision for our church and community. In Malachi 4:5-6a it says, "Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord arrives. His preaching will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers." God is sharing with us His heart in the last days; His heart for family unity. Whether you believe it or not, we are living in the last days. Why should we wait for what I believe is the heart of God? Malachi gives us a picture of one aspect of "the church of God's dreams." As the Family Pastor at Heritage, I feel it is my responsibility to ensure we are doing everything we can to promote, build and walk out the heart of God as it pertains to the family. I believe the responsibility of the church is to encourage and support you, the parents, as the spiritual leaders of the home. We want to provide you with the opportunities and resources that will equip you to be the MAIN spiritual leader in your children's lives.

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VISION: A FOUNDATION FOR DISCIPLESHIP: THE FAMILY CONTINUED...

Beginning this Sunday, January 22nd, Heritage Church will be introducing a new opportunity for family discipleship: **FAMILY NIGHT**. Our goal, eventually, is to devote one Sunday afternoon/evening a month to intentional family time. Our youth and children's ministry will not meet, allowing for parents and their children to spend time together doing various activities. The goal is not what you do, it is who you do it with. Shea Marsh (Children's Minister), Brad Sneed (Middle School Youth Pastor) and myself will put together a suggested afternoon/evening game plan that will help families spend some great focused time together talking, praying, reading God's Word and having fun.

What about Nursery?

On **FAMILY NIGHT**, all evening activities will not occur at Heritage Church. This will include Nursery, Children's Gospel Project, Fish, The Beat Middle School, and Pulse High School. Many of our nursery, children's and youth staff and volunteers have families. We want to give them the opportunity to gather with their families as well.

What about Life Groups?

If you are a part of a Life Group, you may want to discuss how you want to approach this. You may still choose to have Life Group and do your **FAMILY TIME** before, after, or even incorporate it in your time together. This is also a great opportunity for your Life Group to include your children (if you do not already) into your evening activities.

Does it have to be Sunday "Night"?

The most important thing about **FAMILY NIGHT** is that we would all take advantage of it and participate. It can begin right after church or at any point throughout the rest of the day. The key is that you make it a priority for you and your family to spend meaningful time together.

Do you have to stick to the "game plan"?

Absolutely not (although, we would like to think you might enjoy what we prepare). We will simply offer a guide for you to have. You may choose to do something entirely different. The key is that you spend time together as a family. We do, however, recommend that during your **FAMILY NIGHT** you would spend time in meaningful conversation, prayer, the reading of God's Word and don't forget to have fun.

One final thought: your family can be *bigger* than you! Reach out to those who you know do not have a family or their family is not close by. Invite them to be a part of yours!



We are excited about the greater vision God is giving us regarding Family Ministry and discipleship at Heritage Church. We ask that you would join us in prayer and support for the true heart of God!

Brian Seewald, Youth and Family Pastor

WE WANT YOUR PICTURES

Thank you to the Life Groups who have sent us pictures from your get-togethers. Please keep emailing your pictures to office@heritage.church anytime your life group, Sunday school class or any other Heritage group gets together.

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!

ROOTS CLASS

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

FIRST SUNDAY

Want to belong to a life group or ministry at Heritage? Please join us Sunday, February 5th at 6 pm in the Welcome Center to learn more.

PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, February 6th from 7-8 pm at Sunnyside Assembly of God in Van Buren.

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.

NEED A WORD?

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

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In honor of **ALLISON HILLIARD'S BIRTHDAY** by:

Donna Parker (BF)

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

Kay Hays (BD)

In honor of **MIKIE WILEY'S BIRTHDAY** by:

Bill and Debbie Thomas (YM)

In memory of **RUTH JAMES** (mother of Kip James) by:

Benton and Juanita Cone (BF)

In memory of **MAXINE FAHRNER** by:

Benton and Juanita Cone (BF)

Donna Parker (BF)

BF-Building Fund YM-Youth Ministry
BD-Birthday Fund

HERITAGE UNIVERSITY

We will offer a course on John Bunyan's famous work, *The Pilgrim's Progress*, beginning this 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.

RUBIES WOMEN'S STUDY

We will begin our new, weekly study next Monday, January 23rd from 9-11 am in the Welcome Center. Our study is Lysa TerKeurst's, *Finding I Am*.

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 this week. For more information, contact Max Garrett at garrett@heritage.church.

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for the wonderful gifts, thoughts and prayers as we welcomed Kayloni to our family and to the amazing church family of Heritage. Michael, Leticia, Laynee, Laila, Keila and Nayleigh.

BLOOD DRIVE

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

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!

GRIEF SHARE

A new GriefShare Support Group will begin next week! 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.

EMMAUS WALK

Emmaus Walks are scheduled for April for both men and women. Both walks will be held at Camp Siloam in Siloam Springs. Pilgrim applications are being accepted at this time. Informational brochures and registration forms are available in the Great Hall.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in volunteering as a hospital chaplain, for children's ministry, or in new moms' ministry, contact the church office at 474-6424.

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who loved on us during our time of loss. If you prayed, called, brought food, sent flowers, or gave a memorial in dad's name, please know it has not gone unnoticed. We appreciate all the love and concern that each of you has shown. Blessings to you all.

The Ray Green Family

Rick Green, Rhonda Pittman, Rebecca Kneeland, Roger Green

BAPTISM

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

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 this Wednesday, January 18th at 7:30 pm in the Welcome Center or email whilliard@heritage.church.

WOMEN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART LIFE GROUP

Women of all ages, join us at Judy Bowen's for fellowship, prayers and a study of Beth Moore's, *Entrusted*. We will meet three Sundays a month from 6-8 pm in coordination with availability of Heritage children's program. We take breaks between studies but meet year round with new members always welcome. Childcare is available at Heritage. For directions or more information, call Judy Bowen at 479-285-9393.

JOY SEEKERS

Ladies, join us for lunch (Dutch treat) at 11 am Friday, February 3rd at the new location of Frank's Italian Restaurant in Van Buren.