

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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FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am
Rick Moore
Steve Kelton
Alexis Boster
Gary Podgurski

9:30 am
Bob Merchant
Jack Infield
Joe Stewart
Rob Thomas

11:00 am
Justin Lovett
Tim Schleiff
Carey Wilson
Danny Turner

Greeters
Hospitality Team

Acolytes
2/5 - J.D. Frederiksen
Madeline Lee
2/12 - Caroline Teague
Ayla Elliott
2/19- Camden Curd
Devin Franklin
2/26 - Aspen Cone
Noah Good



In Hospital:

Linda Seubold (UAMS)
Gary Nishmuta (LR)
Debbie Stewart (WRMC)
Georgia Hutton (Chicago)

At Home:

Mark Anders, Ron Hall, Kim Fimpel, Tom Gipson, Katy Marsh, Terry McGonigle, Irene Oxford, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Silva, Connie Warren, Becky Whitley, Saylor Wilkinson, Mary Francis Willis

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 Sympathy:

Bob Odiorne and Family in the death of his father, *George Odiorne*.
Alta Poppe and Family in the death of her mother, *Mary Jo McClerren*.



March 1 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7 PM	March 12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SPRING FORWARD	April 14 GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE 7 PM	April 22 COMMUNITY SERVE DAY WITH AREA CHURCHES
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Have an Announcement for the Bulletin or Newsletter?
Email it to office@heritage.church.

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... OVERCOMING FEAR WITH FAITH!



Do you ever struggle overcoming the obstacles standing between you and the promises of God? This Wednesday and Sunday we are going to look at the story of the 12 spies who did a recon mission in the promised land. Ten brought back a fearful report. Only two, Joshua and Caleb, came back with true, spiritual, faith-filled vision. They saw the situation through the eyes of faith and not the heart of fear. The people believed the bad report and the consequences were devastating. This puts a holy warning in me. I want to walk by faith and not by fear or other feelings.

Let's see what God is wanting to communicate to us about how to move forward in the face of obstacles to fulfill God's promises! May we have overcoming faith! May we be Joshuas and Calebs – full of faith in the face of opportunities and danger.

I am very excited that next Sunday, February 26th, we will have a very special guest bringing our morning message. **Pastor Kemp Holden**, founding pastor of **Harvest Time Tabernacle** and chairman of Worldwide Evangelism Connect will be preaching at all three morning services. We are blessed to have Pastor Kemp and Carol with us. Pastor Holden has been a long-time mentor and encourager for me! His influence and impact is truly global through Worldwide Evangelism Connect. Don't miss this powerful Sunday and opportunity to hear from a gifted servant of the LORD. Invite some friends to come to Heritage with you! What the LORD is doing here is too good not to share with others.



Blessed to be on this journey with you! We are going to make it! It will be worth it!

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MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In honor of **CHUCK KING** by:
Robert and Debbie Bretch (WA)

In memory of **ROBERT M. BRETCH** (father of Bob Bretch) by:
Bob and Debbie Bretch (BF)

In memory of **MARJORIE HOWARD** by:
Raymond Howard (FP)
Joe and Trecia Lloyd (FP)
Ron and Smokey McPhail (FP)

In memory of **MYRA BALDWIN** (sister of Debbie Bretch) by:
The Good Shepherd Class
Mike and Malinda McSpadden

In memory of **LEE 'DOBY' JAMES** by:
Rick and Susan Skillen (FP)

In memory of **MAXINE FAHRNER** by:
Rick and Susan Skillen (FP)

BF-Building Fund FP-Food Pantry
WA-Worship Arts Ministry

HERITAGE SOFTBALL HALO REPORT

If you are interested in playing church softball in the spring season (Apr-June) men's and / or co-ed, please text, call or e-mail Mike Kneeland at 479-719-9274 or mkneeland@vbsd.us.

YOUNG AT HEART

If you are 55 and older, please join us for a time of food and fellowship Thursday, February 28th from 6-8 pm in the Welcome Center. Bring a dish to share!

WRITING MINISTRY

Expressions' meets Thursday, March 2nd 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.

WEDDING INVITATION

Rachael Reano and Tyler Wood invite you to join them in their wedding celebration on Saturday, March 4th at 2 pm at Heritage. Reception to follow.

SPIRITUAL REVIVAL

It's not too late to join Bishop Gary E. Mueller and thousands of other United Methodists throughout the state of Arkansas in praying for spiritual revival during this month.

- * Spend **five minutes a day** praying for revival.
- * Invite **five different people** to join you for group prayer once a week.
- * Invite **five other people** to pray five minutes a day for spiritual revival.
- * And if the Holy Spirit moves you, consider **fasting five times** during the week.

CLOTHES CLOSET

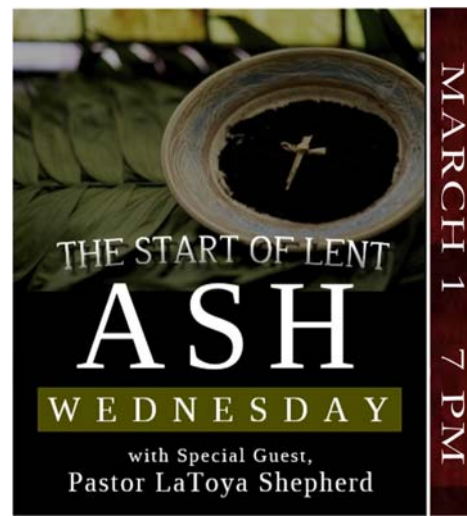
Many of you have asked where to take your clothes that you would like to donate to the clothes closet. Located next to the church on the west side is a house that has a large, plastic bin on the back porch. Please place your items in the bin and a group of volunteers will sort through them and get them ready for the many customers from our community.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Children's Camp for children entering grades 3-5 is July 23-25 at Pinecrest in Ozone, Arkansas.

PRISON MINISTRY

If you are interested in participating in the chapel service at Wrightsville Prison for men on Tuesday, February 28th, contact the church office. For more information, contact Jake Ball at jakebonnieball@yahoo.com.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

What ways are you serving the Lord and fulfilling His call to serve in your life? Prayerfully consider impacting the lives of children ages birth through fifth grade by volunteering in children's ministry. If you have a passion to share Jesus with others then children's ministry might be the perfect place for you to serve. I would LOVE to sit and visit with you about the extraordinary opportunity. Contact Shea Marsh at smarsh@heritagevb.org.

ONCE UPON A PROM

It's that time of year again! Please donate your old formal/prom dress so it can dance again! We need size 10 on up. Please bring them to the children's wing at Heritage on Saturday, February 25th from 10 am-12 pm. Please make sure the dresses are clean and in good condition.

If you can't come during this time, no problem! Contact Sydne Tursky at 208-2678 or Kim Tursky at 208-0063 and we can meet to pick them up.

PRAYER SHIELD TEAM

If you'd like to be on the Prayer Shield Team, which prays for Pastor Wes and his family monthly, please email Stephanie Watkins at 3stephwatkins@gmail.com

WHY NOT GIVE IT A TRY?!

By: Max Goins, Pastor of Congregational Care and Outreach

There is absolutely nothing to compare with becoming involved in the ministry of serving the Lord. That being true, it has been my experience as a Pastor for over 50 years that getting people to become involved is difficult.

One might easily compare it with tithing. In the beginning, people have hundreds of excuses for not being able to tithe. I even had a CPA tell me one time that tithing was not fair to the poor. His reasoning was that a well to do person had a lot left over after he paid his tithe whereas a poor man had not enough to live on comfortably. However, after all these years, I have never heard a single person who started tithing ever say he regretted it. I know of no tithers who have ceased to tithe.

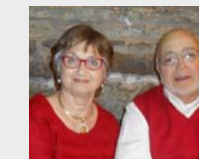
The same thing is true when it comes to involvement in the ministry of the church in the world. It is often difficult to get people involved. However, once they are involved it even more difficult to get them to stop. In a recent blog I shared with you a testimony from Ron McPhail concerning the joy and fulfillment he has found in volunteering as a hospital chaplain. Paul Ray, another of our volunteer chaplains recently thanked me for asking him to volunteer. He has just begun his final semester of training to be a certified chaplain.

The recruiting, training, and involving others in ministry began with Christ. The primary aspect of his three year ministry was in training and involving a closely knit group of followers to do His work after He was gone.

The Apostle Paul carried on the example of Christ. He wrote to the church at Ephesus, *"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."* Ephesians 4:11-13

The entire Heritage staff is committed to that passage of scripture. We consider our primary role, **not to be doing all the ministry, but to be recruiting and training the congregation for total involvement in ministry.**

I am very excited about my job of being Pastor of Outreach & Mission. **I look forward to seeing all of you getting totally involved in the ministry of Heritage to**



Van Buren and the River Valley.

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WORSHIP AND PRAYER

You are invited to sit and soak in the Heritage Sanctuary every Thursday from 12 - 1 pm as Chuck leads a time of worship and prayer.

PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, March 6th from 7-8 pm at Rye Hill Baptist Church in Fort Smith.

NEED A WORD?

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

JOY SEEKERS

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

HEALTHY CONGREGATION

Come to the office this Sunday, February 19th between 9 and 11 am and have your blood pressure and sugar level checked.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Be sure and stop by the Library to purchase one of the many books written by our Heritage authors or any of the Heritage items! We have license plates, mugs and hats!

MISSING SOMETHING?

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

BAPTISM

If you are interested in being baptized at church this Sunday, February 19th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

BLANKET CREW

The Blanket Crew will meet again tomorrow at 9 am in room 134 to continue making blankets for the homeless camp along the river and for local schools to give to children with no permanent home.

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. For more information, email Wes at whilliard@heritage.church.

SAVE THE DATE

Make plans to participate on Saturday, April 22nd, as we partner with area churches for our first ever Community Serve Day! Details coming soon!