

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

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)
Georgia Hutton (Chicago)
Don Aspedon (Mercy)
Dawn Yates (Mercy)

At Home:

Mark Anders, Ron Hall, Kim Fimpel, Tom Gipson, Pat Lenzini, Marilyn Lewis, Katy Marsh, Terry McGonigle, Gary Nishmuta, Irene Oxford, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Silva, Debbie Stewart, Ashely Turner, 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:

Davis Spears and Family in the death of his wife, **Wilberta Spears**.
Rachal Pendergrass and Family in the death of her grandmother, **Verta Mae Guidry**.



March 1	March 12	April 14	April 22
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7 PM	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SPRING FORWARD	GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE 7 PM	COMMUNITY SERVE DAY WITH AREA CHURCHES

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



We have a very special guest bringing our morning message this Sunday, February 26th. **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 Pastor Wes! His influence and impact is truly global through **Worldwide Evangelism Connect**.

Kemp Holden began ministering on the streets of San Antonio, Texas, to young soldiers leaving for the Vietnam War. While attending Bible School in San Antonio, he met the "love of his life" Carol, and they were married at a young age in 1964. Their passion for missions placed them in Jamaica where they built a church and a school. Returning to the U.S. they planted a church "Harvest Time," in Fort Smith, Arkansas, where they pastored for 38 ½ years. Now he and Carol live in Gulf Shores, Alabama. They have two daughters and sons-in-law, who have given them four incredible grandchildren-the joy of their lives!

Passions of his heart:

- Generational thinking
- Making room at the table for young leaders
- Helping build great churches and connecting believers to the Great Commission
- The importance and significance of God's presence both in church life and the personal lives of all believers
- He is extremely gifted at training leaders with his God-given anointing and his unique sense of humor. He draws from a deep well of both personal experience and Biblical principles. (One of Kemp's most famous sayings: "Young warriors need old horses.")
- His great communication skills for all types of audiences makes him a requested speaker at conferences and churches both in the U.S. and internationally.

For more information on Kemp Holden and **Worldwide Evangelism Connect**, go to www.we-connect.tv.

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. We will receive a special love offering for Kemp Holden and his ministry.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In honor of **VESTA EVERITT** by:
Charles and Nina Sullivan (BF)
In memory of **MARY JO McCLERREN** (mother of Alta Poppe) by:
Vesta Everitt
Harry and Bonnie Sher (FP)
Sue Stranathan (BF)

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

Mike and Renee Henson
In memory of **MYRA JOY BALDWIN** (sister of Debbie Bretch) by:

The Seekers' Life Group (BF)
Charles and Nina Sullivan (BF)
In memory of **WILBERTA SPEARS** by:

Charles and Nina Sullivan (BF)
In memory of **GEORGE ODIORNE** (father of Bob Odiorne) by:

Janalou Devers (BF)
Charles and Nina Sullivan (BF)
BF-Building Fund FP-Food Pantry

WRITING MINISTRY

Expressions' will meet 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.

I began attending GriefShare September 12, 2016, after my husband had "graduated" from planet earth to heaven May 24, 2016. My wounds were raw, and I was walking into uncharted territory. From my first telephone conversation with Shirley Touchstone, I felt loved and accepted, and tenderly listened to. It was an immediate decision to attend, even though it meant driving from Clarksville every week. I watched the DVD lessons and listened to Miss Shirley share her heart, and other participants share their own journeys. I began to see a kind of roadmap for this uncharted territory I was needing to travel through. It was a marvelous experience and tremendous help, practically, spiritually, and emotionally. I was very sad to see Mrs. Shirley doing so much alone, she had just moved, and she fell and

CELEBRATIONS



Nicholas Sisouphanh was baptized Sunday. He is the son of Phaxay and Crystal Sisouphanh.



Mark Thomas joined and was baptized Sunday.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

THE NUMBERS ARE IN

The final count on the food collected for the pantry was 2900 lbs. The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts collected 2050 lbs. from neighborhoods and from setting up at Price Cutter. The remaining 850 lbs. was collected from Heritage. Thank you to everyone that donated food! Many families in Crawford County will be blessed by your generosity!

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. *Please NO gifts but they would love for you to share your favorite recipe.

GRIEF SHARE TESTIMONY

broke her elbow...we all tried to help her, but she needed a real assistant. Some of us participants tried to step up to the need, but we really weren't quite ready yet...so this is a plea. If you have a close relationship with the Lord, and share His love for people, and a desire to help those in distress, this is an opportunity for you to "step up to the plate" and learn how to love and lead from one of God's best.

Please consider helping. Most of us know we need the help, so we are generally grateful and kind. We do often cry, so you need to be comfortable with tears, and gentle. Call Mrs. Shirley Touchstone at 629-7901 to step out into this new opportunity to minister the very heart God to comfort the broken-hearted. *Sharon Ricketts*

LENT SERVICE

Lent begins with an Ash Wednesday Service on March 1st at 7 pm. Pastor LaToya Shepherd from Mission Church in Fort Smith will bring the message. *All Bible studies will meet at the regular time but will dismiss early so that everyone will have the opportunity to attend.

HERITAGE SOFTBALL

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.

EMMAUS REUNION

Please join us Thursday, March 2nd at 7 pm in room 121 for an Emmaus reunion meeting. Anyone that has been on a walk is invited to attend.

CLOTHES CLOSET

Many of you have asked where to take your clothes that you would like to donate to the clothes closet. Our clothes closet is located in the house on the west side of our campus (the address is 1504 Pointer Trail). The drop-off bin is 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.

FROM THE HEART OF YOUR WORSHIP ARTS MINISTER HEART...



Recently I've been trying to heed Pastor Wes' encouragement to us all by taking breaks from media and technology so that we can focus our hearts and minds on hearing from God. My cellphone sometimes feels like an extra appendage and frankly, I am glad to put it down at times and get away from the nuisance it has become. I'll intentionally lay it aside in another room or walk away from it, or turn it off in the car, in an attempt to wean myself from the dependency of just feeling it in my hand or having it close by.

Several days ago, a dear friend was in the hospital. Louann and I had visited him several times and had offered to help with anything he might need. After a few days he shared with us that unfortunately, his stay in the hospital was going to be extended so that more tests could be done, and treatment decided upon. That Saturday, we were taking advantage of the beautiful weather by doing some work in the yard. As I've been trying to do, I lay my phone on my bedside table and forgot about it for several hours. But as I was putting about in the yard, I suddenly became keenly aware of a prompting, a soft voice saying, "Go get your phone. Your friend needs you." Without hesitation, I dashed into the house, and at the very moment I picked up the phone, it

vibrated with the signal of an incoming text message. It was my friend. "I'm being discharged today! Is your taxi service available?"

What a great reminder that the Lord knows every detail of our lives, and that He longs to be invited into our most mundane daily activities, if we will just take the time for Him. As the Bible clearly teaches, he speaks in "a still small voice" (1 Kings 19:11-13). He is there to guide us, teach us, comfort us, encourage us, even warn us with those inner promptings from the Holy Spirit. "Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David." (Isaiah 55:3) I believe we can discipline ourselves to hear from the Lord in even greater capacity, by choosing to stop the noise and distraction in our lives and simply spending time with Him. This is something we are revisiting together as a staff in the discipleship study, *THE WAY OF THE ALONGSIDER*; that is, how to develop and build intentional quiet times of intimate devotion and communion with the Lord, so that we can hear and respond to His voice more readily. I hope you'll join us in that pursuit. You never know when that still, small voice might be encouraging you pick up your phone!



In His service
Chuck

NEED A WORD?

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Do you feel the Lord calling you to play a part in impacting the lives of children ages birth through 5th grade? If so, contact Shea Marsh, our Children's Minister at smarsh@heritage.church today! She would LOVE to sit and visit with you about this extraordinary opportunity.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

FIRST SUNDAY

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

ALTAR PRAYER TEAM MEETING

The altar prayer team will meet Sunday, March 5th at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are not a current team member and would like to join, please come.

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.

ONCE UPON A PROM

Please consider donating your old formal/prom dress so it can dance again! We need sizes 10 on up. Please bring them to the Great Hall by the children's wing at Heritage this 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 208-3568 or Kim Tursky at 208-0063 and we can meet to pick up your donation.