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.

Worship With Us Every Sunday!

8:05 AM
Amenawing 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

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 38½ 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
•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.

February Volunteers

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

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

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

Acolytes
2/5 – J.D. Frederiksen
Madeline Lee

2/12 – Caroline Teague
Ayla Elliott

2/19 – Camden Cudl
Devin Franklin

2/26 – Aspen Cone
Noah Good

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
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 unchartered 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 unchartered 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 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, some are generally grateful and kind, and some often cry, so you need to be comfortable with tears, and gentle. Call Mrs. Shirley Touchstone at 629-7901 to step into this new opportunity to minister the very heart of God to comfort the broken-hearted. Sharon Ricotta

**GriefShare Testimony**

I recently’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 puffering 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" (I 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

**WEDDING INVITATION**

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

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**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.

**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 Synde Tursky at 208-3568 or Kim Tursky at 208-0063 and we can meet to pick up your donation.

**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.

**Alma Joy Baldwin**


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

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIES

In honor of Vesta Everitt by: Charles and Nina Sullivan (BF)
In memory of Mary Joan Mcclerren (mother of Alto Poppe) by: Vesta Everitt: Harry and Bonnie Sher (FP) Sue Stranathan (BF)
In memory of Ray Green (father of Becki Kneeland and Rhonda Pitman) by: Mike and Renee Henson

**Writing Ministry**

Expressions will meet Thursday, March 2nd at 6 pm in the Welcome Center. Anyone can submit a writing at any time to Lu Ann Donahou at 479-259-3861. *Our writings are published in a monthly newsletter that is available in the Great Hall.

**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.

**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 Trall). 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.

**Memorials and Honoraries**

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