

### 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  
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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### MARCH VOLUNTEERS

#### Ushers

8:05 am

Nolan Broyles  
Myron Kirksey  
Scott Treece  
Eddie Prince

9:30 am

Ed Buckalew  
Harry Sher  
Joe Johns  
Ron Hall

11:00 am

Roger Burkert  
Jon Harper  
Matt Harper  
David Harper

#### Acolytes

3/5 - Madelyn Elliott  
Jaylin Woodard

3/12 - Evelyn Ball  
Audrey Davis

3/19 - Bryson Arellanes  
Kyle Franklin

3/26 - Kennedy Black  
Brooks McGill



#### In Hospital:

**Georgia Hutton** (Chicago)  
**Mary Wrisinger** (Mercy - mother of Terry Williams)

#### At Home:

**Mark Anders, David Hendrickson, Tom Gipson, Johnie Ruth Hammontree, Pat Lenzini, Katy Marsh, Terry McGonigle, Gary Nishmuta, Mary Nunnery, Irene Oxford, Gary Pittman, Linda Seubold, Carolyn Silva, Hope Simons, Debbie Stewart, Velta Thomas, Connie Warren, Saylor Wilkinson, Dawn Yates**

#### Assisted Living:

**Don Aspedon** (Valley Springs H&R)  
**Steve Burns** (Fianna Hills NH)  
**Mary Coble** (Crawford H & R)  
**Gerlinda Dibble** (Willowbrook)  
**Geraldine Hurst** (Pink Bud Home)  
**Katherine Route** (Crawford H & R)  
**Jean Stratton** (Crawford H & R)  
**Warren Taylor** (Methodist)  
**Pike Robinson** (Alma Rehab)



**April 2**  
SPECIAL GUEST,  
DENNIS JERNIGAN  
ALL 3 SERVICES

**April 14**  
GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION AND  
PASSOVER OBSERVANCE  
7 PM

**April 22**  
COMMUNITY SERVE DAY  
WITH AREA CHURCHES

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

### FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... LET'S TALK ABOUT THE SHACK.



In 2008 the book The Shack skyrocketed to the New York Times best-seller list. Currently, it has sold over 22 million copies and is now a major motion picture which hit local theatres this past weekend. The story is compelling and moving. Many people have been affected deeply by the book. It has touched them and been a source of emotional and spiritual healing. Some people have purchased hundreds of tickets to the movie as an outreach with hopes to open

people's hearts up to the LORD.

Others are deeply concerned about the book. While affirming its good qualities, they are concerned about some of the things it teaches about the nature of God, the Church, and salvation.

Regardless, millions have read the book and will see the movie. Let's talk about it! We will have a special testimony by someone deeply touched by the story. I will share some of my thoughts on the book and controversy. Then, we will have an opportunity for people to receive ministry from the LORD. Let's be ready to capture this opportunity for the GLORY OF GOD! Invite a friend, family member, neighbor or co-worker to join you at church Sunday as we talk about The Shack!



Blessed to be part of such a wonderful, Spirit-filled, dynamic community called Heritage Church!

*Pastor Wes*



## MEMORIALS

In memory of **MARJORIE HOWARD** by:

Sears Retirees and Friends (FP)  
In memory of **LENA RUSSELL** by:  
Donna Parker (BF)  
BF-Building Fund FP-Food Pantry

## BIRTHDAY LIST

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

## GRIEF SHARE

Shirley Touchstone is looking for someone to assist her with Grief-Share. If you are interested and ready to be blessed, contact Shirley at 629-7901.

## RUBIES BIBLE STUDY

Join us every Monday beginning March 27th from 9-11 am in the Welcome Center as we begin our new study of Lysa TerKeurst's *Uninvited*.

## HERITAGE RIDERS

The weather makes this a good time to enjoy a nice ride. Join us Saturday, April 15th as we take OK 9 to Oklahoma City. We will leave from Heritage, eat lunch at the Cattleman's Steak House and then return to Van Buren sometime that evening. For more information, contact Max Garrett at 414-7757.

## HALO REPORT

Always arrive early for church services on Holy Days. This past Ash Wednesday I arrived only 5 minutes before services began to find a packed house. I looped the entire congregation only to find that potentially available spots were taken. I was then guided by a beam of light coming from the ceiling shining on a vacancy next to Margo and John Symonds. I sheepishly asked if anyone was sitting there and John assessed who was asking, then stammered to find a reason the seat was taken. Margo hit him and took away his opportunity to send me packing. I was grateful to find a seat.

Signing up for softball is no different. Heritage has a full squad already for our men's team. We still need a few more for our Co-ed team this spring. If you are interested, always remember to sign up early. Contact Mike Kneeland by phone or text at 1-479-719-9274 or e-mail at mkneeland@vbsd.us.

## CELEBRATIONS



**Everly Rachel Wright** was baptized Sunday. She is the daughter of Dustin and Andelyn Wright.



**Peyton Elizabeth Brown** was baptized Sunday. She is the daughter of Tim and Katie Brown.

## WALK FOR LIFE 2017

Make plans to support the Fort Smith Pregnancy Help Center at the Walk For Life on Saturday, April 8th at Creekmore Park Gazebo. Registration begins at 8:30 am. The walk begins at 9 am. The more sponsors you ask to support you means more money towards helping the center. If you raise \$275, you will get a free t-shirt.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

## NEED A WORD?

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



## THANK YOU

Thank you to whomever left the heartfelt, wedding gift in the choir room for us. We appreciated it very much.

*Kay Rose and Jeff Swafford*

## PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

The next prayer shawl meeting is Sunday, March 19th at 2 pm in the Welcome Center. Please join us!

## BAPTISM

If you are interested in being baptized at church this Sunday, March 12th, 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. For more information, email Wes at whilliard@heritage.church.

## SAVE THE DATE

Join us Saturday, April 22nd, as we partner with area churches for our first ever *Community Serve Day!* Details coming soon!

## ONCE UPON A PROM DRESS GIVEAWAY

Prom dresses will be given away free of charge Saturday, April 1st from 12-4 pm at Heritage in the Children's Wing. This is for all girls ages 14-19 who have difficulty affording one. For more information, text Kim Tursky at 479-208-0063.

Welcome Worship Artist, Songwriter and Author,



**DENNIS JERNIGAN**

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
8:05, 9:30 & 11 am

## COMMUNITY LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Crawford County United Methodist Churches** will conduct joint services each Sunday during Lent rotating locations and pastors.

### Sunday, March 12th

Dyer UMC

6:00 pm

Rev. Phil Costner

### Sunday, March 19th

Mt. Olive UMC

6:00 pm

Rev. Pete Beevers

### Sunday, March 26th

Mulberry UMC

6:00 pm

Rev. Bob Jeffery

### Sunday, April 2nd

Mountain View UMC with the help of Newberry Chapel UMC

6:00 pm

Rev. Daniel Thueson

### Palm Sunday, April 9th

Kibler UMC

6:00 pm

Rev. Jackie Gregory

### Good Friday, April 14th

Heritage UMC

7:00 pm

*Were You There* Drama  
Communion and Passover Observance

### Good Friday, April 14th

Alma UMC in conjunction with the River Valley Ministerial Fellowship

7:00 pm

Tenebrae Service

Light Refreshments to follow the Sunday Evening Services. Offerings to go to Shoal Creek Camp

## DISCIPLE MAKING CLASS

Are you ready to get equipped to fulfill Jesus' command to you to "go and make disciples?" Are you ready to discover the joy of fulfilling the LORD's call upon your life in **coming alongside** others to help them discover in Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life that the LORD has for them? It is part of the purpose for which God put you here in the River Valley at Heritage Church.

The LORD is going to send waves/floods of people. Will you be equipped and ready to do your part? Become an **"Alongsider!"** Sign up for our next class studying The Ways of the Alongsider: Growing Disciples Life to Life. Make yourself available to Jesus for disciple-making and world changing, one life at a time! Let Pam James in the church office know your interest: pjames@heritage.church or 479-474-6424.

## YOUNG AT HEART

If you are 55 and older, please join us for a time of food and fellowship Thursday, March 23rd from 6-8 pm in the Welcome Center. Bring a dish to share!

## HERITAGE PRESCHOOL

Registration for 2017-18 school year has begun. Feel free to stop by the church office and pick up an enrollment form or call Shawwna Seewald at 479-474-6424 or email at sseewald@heritage.church.

## DON'T FORGET

There will be NO community meal or TT Bible studies on Wednesday, March 22nd due to Spring break. Our regular Wednesday activities will resume on March 29th.

## YOUTH (grades 6th-12th)

For upcoming activities, pick up the March calendar by the youth office in the children's wing or go to heritage.church under the 'What We Do' tab.

## SPRING FORWARD



It is that time again, time to move our clocks forward and throw away a perfectly good hour. It's also a pretty good time to change the batteries in your smoke/CO2 detectors, flip your mattress, clean out your closet, et cetera, et cetera, etc. Other than losing an hour of sleep, I love spring. Well, there's also that pollen thing but that's another story. Spring is a time of freshness; a time for new growth; a time for daffodils and dogwoods; a time for baseball, softball, track, and turkey hunting. It is a time to come out of hibernation and spring to life. It is time to be a new creation!

Apostle Paul wrote, "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Too often, we stop there. If we read the rest of Paul's letter, we see why we are made new. He reconciles us to himself so that we can take on the ministry of reconciliation. The new life in nature serves a purpose. Spring training serves a purpose; new batteries serve a purpose; some people even argue that daylight savings time serves a purpose. What is your purpose this Spring? It's time to come out of hibernation and get to work! Do you need a little help getting started? Call me!



*Roger Goins*

Director of Ministries