

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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APRIL VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am

Bruce Brown
Jerry Frederiksen
Drew Cone
Eddie Prince

9:30 am

Wayne Stewart
Mark Evans
Dorvan Wiley
Scott Weege

11:00 am

Justin Sangster
Daniel Chisolm
Nathan Elliott
Tim Schleiff

Acolytes

4/1 - Jaylin Woodard
Madelyn Elliott
Abby Shepherd
4/8 - Judah Martin
Matthew Carter
4/15 - Aspen Cone
Camden Curd
4/22 - Annabelle Good
Danielle Symonds
4/29 - Jenna Tursky
Rebekah Ray



In Hospital:

Jennell Dove (Sparks FS)

At Home:

Rylyn Bacchus, Pat Brewer, Shirley Bromley, Mary Dempsey, Patsy Ellison, James Minor, Rachel Mosher, Gene Short, Dorinda Stewart, Bill Thomas, Connie Warren

Assisted Living:

Steve Burns (Fianna Hills NH)
Mary Coble (Crawford H&R)
Lavita Middleton (Sebastian County Retirement Center)
Paul Nash (Crawford H&R)
Doris Ricks (Brownwood Manor)
Warren Taylor (Methodist)
Therese Zolk (Valley Springs H&R)



April 14
ONE SERVE

April 27-28
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART! ...
ONESERVE IS THIS SATURDAY! MANY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



Our heart here at Heritage is to Love God Passionately and Love people tangibly! We want to demonstrate the love of Jesus in practical ways so we can "make Jesus real" for others. We also have a core value of leading the way in promoting unity within the Body of Christ in our area. That is what OneServe is all about! Won't you give up two or three hours of your

Saturday to join with Christians from across our area to be Jesus' hands and feet and be a blessing to our community? **We will meet at 8 a.m. in the VBHS east parking lot.** We have a brief rally and head toward our projects NLT 8:30 a.m. There will be a few shirts (limited sizes) available for purchase at OneServe day for those who did not get to order one.

Life-group leaders, we have been asking you for years to lead your group to do one or two outreach activities a year. OneServe is a great way to get your life-group involved. Come as a group and serve as a group. We have lots of projects, or you may come up with your own! See Pastor LaToya. We also have a project for a group of 10 for two hours on Saturday afternoon.

Pounding the Rupps!

Another way to support outreach ministries, is to bless some of our missionaries coming in for a brief furlough. The Rupp family arrive in town late night on April 16th. They will be living in Daniel's grandmother's home which has been vacant. The cupboard is bare. Let us bless them and fill it. Just think of all they will need: flour, spices, canned goods, cereal, juice, sugar, mac and cheese, chocolate, muffin mix, cake mix, cookie mix, etc. ... Bring food items on Sunday, April 15th. Put the items on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. We will get those to the home in time for their arrival



Pastor Wes

P.S. This Sunday our hero is Peter! We'll be talking about The Power to Begin Again! Need a fresh start?

MEMORIALS

In memory of **MAURICE SAGELY** by:

Robert Bell (WAF)
Edith Dooley (WAF)
Alan and Debbie Swaim (WAF)

In memory of **CARSON RAY** (*great-granddaughter of Wayne and Sherry Ames*) by:

Bruce and Janet Johnson (CM)

In memory of **JIM TERRY** by:

Lucy Barry (BF)

In memory of **CHARLES KING** (*father of Chuck King*) by:

Lucy Barry (BF)

In memory of **INA CASTLEBERRY** by:

Linda Udouj (CM)

*BF-Building Fund WAF-Worship Arts Fund
CM-Children's Ministry*

REGISTER TODAY

Register today for Timothy Team & Tiny Tims! (*children 2 yrs. old through 5th grade as of 8/1/18*). We will be studying *The Gospel of Luke*. Deadline to register is Sunday, May 6th. Registration forms will be available at the computer check-in stations and in the Great Hall.

PLEASE UPDATE

Many of you no longer have home phones or the same work number. Please indicate on your connection card any new phone numbers or email addresses. You can also update your information through the **member login** on our website.

WEDDING SHOWER

Please join us for a wedding shower to honor Jaden Talley and Garrett Tatum on Sunday, April 22nd from 2 to 4 pm in the Welcome Center. Jaden is the daughter of Jon and Kim Talley. Garrett is the son of David and Denise Tatum. The couple is registered at Bed Bath and Beyond and on Amazon. Hostess is the *Off the Grid* Life group.

CELEBRATION

John and Ann Byrd joined the Heritage Family.



WALK FOR LIFE

On Saturday, April 28th at 9 am, 1st Choice Pregnancy Medical Center in Fort Smith will have their Walk for Life at Creekmore Park.

Collect no money, only one lap around the park (Come rain or shine), free t-shirt for \$275 in pledges, walk on your own if you can't make it on walk day. (Please turn in pledges before the walk). Preregister today at www.rvpmc.org or Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

GUEST SPEAKER

Please join us Wednesday, April 18th during Timothy Team in the Block as we welcome Dr. Doug Stringer. He is the Founder and President of *Somebody Cares America*. He will speaking on Paul and Timothy: Mentoring and Prayer.

HERITAGE RIDERS

There is a joint ride with Cavanaugh Church Riders this Saturday, April 14th. They will leave Cavanaugh Church at 9 am going up the pig trail and eating at Penguin Ed's at 2773 East Mission Blvd. in Fayetteville then returning down Hwy. 71. This is all weather permitting of course, and it looks like it will be cold this Saturday with a low of 33 and a high of 55 with a 10% chance of liquid sunshine. I will be at work and can't make the trip. You will need to leave Heritage around 8:35 am to make it to the Cavanaugh Church on the corner of South 28th and Grinnell. Hope you can make it.

Our next ride is the Saturday, April 28th to Poteau to eat at Warehouse Willy's. We will leave Heritage at 9:30 am and go out 96 Hwy to Greenwood and then some back roads over to Poteau and then back up through Arkoma to the church. I look forward to seeing everyone out on the road for some good Christian fellowship and wind therapy. Tell all your friends that have classic cars they are welcome to come along with us as well, the Westbrook's are riding (driving) with us now. Welcome everyone, cages or bikes no matter.

Max Garrett

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church this Sunday, April 15th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

NEWCOMERS' DINNER

Join us for the newcomers' dinner Thursday, April 19th at 6 pm at the Kneeland's. Contact Becki for your reservation.

REGISTER TODAY: ROOTED!

The Heritage Rubies Women's Conference is scheduled for April 27-28! Forms are available in the church office. The cost is \$25.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who so generously gave paperback books to the Crawford County Jail for their library. They have been received with much appreciation.

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL

Registration for the 2018-19 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.

HERE AND NOW

Thank you for giving to our Here and Now capital campaign. The campaign raised over \$1,450,000. From that, we paid off the building loan, we purchased the Edwards property (the final four acres to square off our property), we completed a topographical survey of our 31 acre campus, and we paid initial architect and engineer fees for the next phase. The current balance in our building fund is \$680k. None



of this would have been possible without you!

As part of our follow-up to this campaign, we would like to know why you gave. What did the Lord speak to you through your sacrificial giving? How were you blessed? In Malachi 3:10, The Lord says "Test me in this and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven..." Did you test Him? Did He pass? Revelation 12:11 tells us that our testimony is important; someone may overcome because of the word of your testimony. What is your testimony and will you share?

When my husband went to be with the Lord and I had to re-locate, I thought life could never be the same having to leave the church we attended and make new friends. The first Sunday I attended Heritage I knew in my spirit I had found a new church home. The Spirit of the Lord was present and I knew my spiritual needs would be met. What really confirmed that Heritage would be my home church was that Pastor Wes greeted me that first Sunday. Did he even know out of so many people I was new or did the Holy Spirit just let me know this man would feed my soul?

When the time came to pledge to the building program, it was easy for me to give the amount the Lord laid on my heart.

Margaret Phelps

Being a part of the Here and Now capital campaign has made me more connected to this church and it's mission.

Sally Minnick

JOY SEEKERS AND THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Want to join us for some fried chicken on Thursday, April 19th? We will be taking the church bus to Grandma's Café in Winslow and stopping by Lake Fort Smith to walk –off some of our lunch (weather permitting) on the way back. We'll leave at 11:15 am from the west side of the church. Bring a couple of dollars to help pay for gas. Lunch is on your own tab. **MUST** contact Alta Poppe at 471-1780 or Vesta Everitt at 471-5476.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Van Buren Visitor's Center and River Valley Museum, located in the historic Frisco Depot on Main Street in downtown Van Buren. Volunteers greet visitors and excursion train passengers, give out brochures, and provide information. Training is provided.

Volunteer hours are available Monday through Saturday with two shifts available; 9:00am-1:00pm and 1:00pm-5:00pm. Volunteers are needed to work at least two four hour shifts a month. Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays are currently our greatest need.

Monthly dinner meetings are held during the tourist season to inform the volunteers about Van Buren events. Volunteers who work a minimum of two shifts a month qualify to attend an all-expenses-paid yearly overnight trip to explore our beautiful state.

Interested or know someone who might be?

Contact Hannah Meadows by visiting her at 813 Main Street, Van Buren, by calling 479-474-6164, or emailing vanburen@vanburen.org.

This is a great opportunity for adults as well as students who would benefit by gaining volunteer hours for their college or job resumes.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Sunday, April 29th at 3 pm, we will have an open Church Council Meeting where the Building Committee will share their plans, get your input, and pray for the Lord's direction and timing. Please join us!