

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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FROM YOUR LEAD PASTOR'S HEART ... LONGING TO LIVE VIBRANTLY!

Sunday we celebrate our 18th FALL KICKOFF since I have been here! Wear your favorite school (secondary or college) colors, and let's celebrate the beginning of the new school year!

We are kicking off a new message series called **VIBRANT**. Vibrant is what we long to be. It is what God wants us to be, and will enable us to be. He wants to show us how to get there! We will look at Psalm 84 to give us a picture of a VIBRANT Christian. The vibrant life is within reach for all of us! Come discover how!

Coach Chris Elliott, assistant coach for Van Buren High School football and track teams and a former Missouri Valley football player will share a brief testimony. Don't miss the celebration!



Finally, now is the time to sign up for our fall classes -- New Sunday morning offerings and our Wednesday night options: Emotionally Healthy Discipleship or The Gospel of Luke.

Hebrews 10: 23-25 ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

See you at the VIBRANT place!



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AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am

Rick Moore
 Alexis Boster
 John Poole
 Eddie Prince

9:30 am

Rob Thomas
 Bob Merchant
 Ed Buckalew
 Joe Stewart

11:00 am

Justin Sangster
 Daniel Chisolm
 Nathan Elliott
 Tim Schleiff

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. Psalm 84:10



In Hospital:

Steve Burns (Sparks Senior Care)

At Home:

Avery Salisbury, Deanna Bradley, Laura Christensen, Mary Dempsey, Claudine Keller, Mike Kneeland, Caleb Lester, Gary Powell, Braxton Shook, Gene Short, Dorinda Stewart, Bill Thomas, Buddy Turner, Becky Whitley, Connie Warren

Assisted Living:

Mary Coble (Crawford H&R)
Jennell Dove (Covington Court)
Lavita Middleton (Greenwood Retirement Center)
Doris Ricks (Brownwood Manor)
Therese Zolk (Valley Springs H&R)

In Sympathy:

Carrie Odiorne and Family in the death of her aunt, Julie Cox.



August 26
 FALL KICKOFF
 WITH CROSBY TUCK

September 29
 COLLEGE OF PRAYER MODULE 3
 AT HOUSE OF RESTORATION

Have a Prayer Request?
 Email it to prayerchain@heritage.church

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

• A mandatory parent meeting for any child that is signed up for Timothy Team/Tiny Tims is Wednesday, August 29th at 6 pm in the Sanctuary.

• Following the TT parent meeting, there will be a brief informational meeting for any parent with a child(ren) in children's ministry.

• The first night of TT/Tiny Tims classes is Wednesday, September 5th!

• The first TT teachers' meeting is Sunday, August 26th at 4:30 pm in the Community Room.

NEED A WORD?

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

If you have a Facebook account, be sure you add Heritage.Church as one of your friends. We often post upcoming events and interesting information on our Heritage Facebook page. You may also wish to follow us on Twitter at Heritage_VB and Instagram at heritage.church. All are excellent ways to stay informed on the latest information!

THE JOURNEY RE-BOOT

This is a confirmation class that is open to all 7th-12th graders who have not participated in previous confirmation classes. We will have 12 lessons comprising the essentials of confirmation. Your student must attend, actively prepare for and participate in 10 of the 12 lessons. Seven of the twelve lessons are considered "must attends". These seven classes must be attended in order to participate in confirmation on December 2nd and are marked with an asterisk. Student books will be provided.

We will meet in the Block from 9:30 - 11 am each Sunday. The classes will begin on September 9th and end with Confirmation Sunday on December 2nd at 9:30 am. We will not meet on November 4th because of the Fall Youth Retreat in Branson, MO. We will have two lessons on October 14th, part one at 9:30 am and part two from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm.

Register in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday, or by September 2nd in the church office.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church this Sunday, August 26th please contact the church office at 474-6424.

CBS FOR MEN

Men of the church are invited to Community Bible Study (CBS) that meets here at Heritage on Wednesdays from 9 - 11 am. To register or for more information, contact Charley Griffith at 479.213.2655 or Jena Harper at 479.461.7559.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Open House is Thursday, August 30th at 6 pm. Classes begin on Tuesday, September 4th at 9 am.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

HOW CAN YOU HELP

Many of you have asked how you can help Caleb Lester and his family during this time of healing. At this time, an account has been established at any of the Citizens or 1st National Bank branches for you to donate as you feel led. The account number is 700262466. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

HELP NEEDED!

If you would like to be a blessing to families with new babies by providing a meal when they get home from the hospital, please speak with or email Alexis Boster at alexisboster@gmail.com. We use Meal Train to send out invitations to sign up to deliver a meal when we have a family in need. You use the website to sign up and get email reminders.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Sign up in the church office or in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday for the *Emotionally Healthy Discipleship* class that Pastor Wes and Pastor LaToya will be teaching this fall. *Pre-register by Sunday, August 29th.

COLLEGE OF PRAYER

Join churches from around the River Valley for Module 3 of the College of Prayer on Saturday, September 29th at The House of Restoration in Fort Smith! Hear powerful teaching from Bishop Donn Thomas. Experience powerful God-encountering prayer, high worship and spiritual renewal. Learn to pray like Jesus! To register, visit our website at heritage.church or register in the church office.

THE GOSPEL PROJECT

The Gospel Project for babies, preschool and children will be on Sundays from 6-8 pm beginning September 9th. It is an in-depth study of God's Word from Genesis to Revelation. This fall we will be studying creation and everything "In the beginning." Every story in the Bible points to the redemptive power of Jesus Christ. Our Sunday morning children's church will line up with the same subject as our Sunday night in-depth study. Have your kids join us whether you can come for all or some. It will be FUN!

PRAISE HIM!

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 100

These words out of Psalm 100 have never rang so true in my life as in the past month. These among many other verses both memorized and those "stumbled upon" in my personal reading time. To put it bluntly the Word of God has come alive in my life more so than it ever has before. You, my Heritage family, have also had a huge part in the scripture coming alive for me, those of you who have sent cards, food, come by to check on my family and I, helped take care of the daily chores I have not been able to do and those who have prayed for my family and I! Wow! The Lord has used you in a powerful way! You have truly been the hands and the feet of Christ! THANK YOU!

Some have already heard some of the testimony from my accident and I look forward to sharing it with everyone because of what the Lord has done in my life and how He has shown and is still showing Himself true and faithful. I have had and continue to have the distinct privilege of experiencing the Lord being my strength in weakness and the very tangible joy of the Lord being my strength. When I was in the trauma unit in Little Rock, there was a time when I was laying on the table, unable to have anymore pain medicine because my blood pressure was too low, the doctors were trying to get me in to surgery and I felt all alone. I was calling out for someone to come and talk to me but nobody was there, the only thing that I could think of was "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", so I sang, and I sang, and I sang some more until I fell asleep for a little while. All I knew to do was praise Him and give Him glory and He heard me and allowed a little sleep. Now I don't pray that everyone lose a foot to experience His Word coming alive, rather I pray that in our daily lives we can see how He is sustaining us and guiding us. Even and maybe especially when we feel like we are going through a spiritual wilderness and are all alone. So my encouragement is



this, when you are in the wilderness or in a time when you don't feel like anyone can hear you, or that nobody is listening, Praise Him! If it is only a line or two that you can remember sing those lines or make up your own song to sing to Him. He hears us when we cry out to Him, His joy is our strength and He loves us!

Caleb Lester, Worship Arts Minister

S.H.A.P.E.S.

"A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church." 1 Cor. 12:7 (NLT)

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, (5) so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. (6) We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. (7) If he is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; (8) if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. Romans 12:4-8

Come discover what gift(s) you have been given and how you can find meaning and purpose in your life!!

Spiritual

Heart

Abilities

Personality

Experience

Strengthfinders

Class meets on Sundays at 9:30 am beginning September 9th.

Sign-up today in the Fellowship Hall.



EVEN WHEN....
I WILL PRAISE HIM.

NEW CLASSES

Pastor LaToya Shepherd will facilitate GriefShare on Sundays at 2 pm or DivorceCare on Sundays at 5:30 pm. Sign-up today in the Fellowship Hall. Classes begin September 9th.

PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, September 10th from 7-8 pm at Calvary Baptist Church in Fort Smith.

ENCOUNTER TIME

Join us on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the Welcome Center or—beginning Wednesday, September 5th—at 6 am in the Sanctuary as we encounter the Lord during a time of prayer.