

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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SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am

Myron Kirksey
Mike McSpadden
Mike Kneeland
Scott Treece

9:30 am

John Symonds
Merle Katz
Tom Konert
Carol Ray

11:00 am

Russ Aikman
Erich Bauman
Ryan Breeze
Cindi Breeze

Acolytes

9/9 - Rhyan Yancey
Maggie Adair

9/16 - Hayden Fontaine
Judah Martin

9/23 - Danielle Symonds
Annabelle Good

9/30 - Matthew Carter
Keila Tichenor



In Hospital:

Fred Kozlowski (Sparks FS)
Austyn Bibb (ACH)
Karen Dove (Sparks FS)

At Home:

Deanna Bradley, Mary Dempsey, Merle Dickerson, Jeanette Gardner, Claudine Keller, Bill Kelton, Mike Kneeland, Caleb Lester, Gary Powell, Avery Salisbury, Gene Short, Dorinda Stewart, Maria Sullivan, Alan Swaim, Bill Thomas, Connie Warren, Sandy Weifenbach, Saylor Wilkinson, Janice Wargo

Assisted Living:

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

In Sympathy:

Pat Lenzini and Family in the death of her father, *Harold Beeman*.

Jason Johnson and Family in the death of his grandfather, *Johnny Johnson*.



September 29

COLLEGE OF PRAYER MODULE 3
AT HOUSE OF RESTORATION

November 11

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Register Today!

Are you hungry for breakthrough in your life? Do you desire to go deeper in intimacy with God? Have you been working too hard and praying too little? Are you in need of a spiritual oil change? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, **join us this Saturday, September 29 at the College of Prayer in the Western Arkansas River Valley region for Lord, Teach Us to Pray with special guest, Bishop Donn Thomas! This Module will be held in Fort Smith at The House of Restoration. Registration/Check-in is at 8:30 am and worship/teaching begins at 9 am.**



The College of Prayer has a vision to mentor, train, and equip Christian pastors and leaders to reach a lost world through a revived church. We believe that prayer is not the latest church growth program; rather, it is a way of life. **God is pouring out His Spirit to revive His Church all over the world and He is doing it here in the Western Arkansas River Valley at the College of Prayer!**

Why should you attend?

- Learn the foundation and importance of a healthy prayer life.
- Embrace a lifestyle of worship, prayer and ministering to God's presence.
- Develop life-long friendships forged in the Upper Room.
- Be refreshed and renewed through an encounter with Christ.



Register today at heritage.church, collegeofprayer.org/events or in the Church Office!

Join us this Sunday for a great time of worship with Bishop Donn Thomas! He will be teaching and leading worship in all three services.

HONORARIUMS

In honor of **BILL THOMAS' 80TH BIRTHDAY** by:

Dorvan and Mikie Wiley (YM)

YM - Youth Ministry

THANK YOU



If you see Caleb Lester, Pam James, Christi Wilson, or Steve Kelton, thank them for the beautiful sukkot!

PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, October 1st from 7-8 pm at Alma First Methodist Church.

MEN'S STUDY

Come together with other men from all churches for *Band of Brothers*. We start our day in the Community Room on Tuesdays from 6:15 - 7:15 am for coffee, fellowship, study of the Word and prayer.

YOUNG AT HEART

If you are 55 or older, join us for a time of food and fellowship this Thursday, September 27th from 6-8 pm in the Welcome Center. **Bring a dish to share!*

NEED A WORD?

The Upper Room is a great source for a daily devotional. The September/October issue is available at the Welcome desk.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

NEW TO HERITAGE?

Join us for the Newcomers' Dinner this Thursday, September 13th at 6 pm at the Kneeland's. Contact Becki Kneeland at bkneeland@heritage.church to reserve your spot.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who participated in the silent auction, bake sale and the Cuban luncheon. It was a huge success! We raised \$886 from the luncheon, \$598 from the bake sale and \$2,830 from the silent auction! WOW! The Cuban team is so very blessed by your support!

Our rib sale continues through this Sunday, September 30th. The cost is \$30 per rack. Sign-up in the Church Office or in the Fellowship Hall this weekend.

We will have a garage sale at Cardio Studio on Saturday, October 6th from 6 am-12 pm. Please drop off your gently used clothes and/or household items at Cardio Studio during their normal business hours.



Again, 'THANK YOU' for supporting the Cuban Mission Team!

APPRECIATION MONTH

Did you remember that October is Clergy/Staff Appreciation month? This is a time for us (as individuals and/or as individual groups) to let our pastors and church staff know how much we love them and appreciated all they do for us.

In order to prevent overlaps (can't you just see three groups bringing lunch on the same day), please contact Alta Poppe at 471-1780 or altapoppe@cox.net to let her know what you plan to do and when you plan to do it.

In picking a date, remember a large portion of clergy and staff will be in Cuba October 16-23.

Thank you from the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

2018 GLOBAL GATHERING

"Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord."

2 Timothy 1:8



Heritage Church to Host Satellite Downlink for UNASHAMED: Global Gathering of the Wesleyan Covenant Association. Are you concerned or interested about the **next** Methodism of which Heritage

will be a part? If so, then you should attend the Global Gathering of the Wesleyan Covenant Association, Saturday, November 3rd, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. These are the bishops, professors, district superintendents, pastors, doctors, moms and dads with whom we are in covenant. Heritage is hosting a satellite downlink site of the event. You may register at www.wesleyan covenant.org/unashamed/. You will be inspired and encouraged!

CHURCH LIFE



Have you ever needed someone's address or phone number but didn't want to call the church? The Church Life app is for you! Download it today for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device. It's free!

PLANNERS, BIBLE

JOURNALING AND MORE!

Bring your supplies and enjoy sharing creative ideas, tips, donuts and a devotional on Saturday, October 6th at 10 am in the Welcome Center.

LEAVING A HERITAGE IN THE TIME OF THE HARVEST

First, I simply want to give praise to God who loves, forgives, redeems and calls. It is out the love of God that all these things spring forth. *"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs."* (Psalm 100:1-2)

We live in a time where "calls" seem to be ignored. After all, who answers their phone anymore, especially when we don't know if it is a "spam caller?" Email goes unanswered due to its overwhelming nature, not to mention spam, junk and clutter. Texts go unanswered because there are too many to keep track of or we simply just don't feel like responding. We seem to often pick and choose when we will answer a "call." I find it to be the same for the Church when it comes to God. Do we pick and choose to answer God when He is calling? Maybe the first question to ask is do we even take time to listen? Probably the greatest aspect of communication is found in listening. God is always talking. God is often calling. Have you taken the time to listen, hear and answer that call?

Heritage is a wonderful place that was built upon those things that have been entrusted to us: lives, facilities, ministries, etc. What are we doing to pass this heritage on to the next generation? It isn't so much about attending Heritage as it is leaving a heritage. Church isn't just a place to gather and receive, it is also a place to give and serve. I firmly believe that we are in the hours and days of the harvest. Jesus said in Matthew 9:27 that the harvest is here and it is great but there are very few workers in the fields. Why do you think this is so? How many of us are listening and responding to the Lord's calling in our life to contribute to the body of Christ with the gifts He has entrusted us with? We have many opportunities at Heritage for you to answer the Lord's call in your life. Will we take the time to ask, seek, listen and respond? Know this: where God calls, He also equips (Hebrews 13:20-21). May we be found as the generation that listens, answers, and leaves a heritage in the time of the harvest!



One area you can invest in is our student ministries department. If you have a heart to serve and minister to our youth, please contact me about opportunities that we have available.

Brian Seewald
Pastor of Youth and Families

STRENGTH AND MUSCLE TRAINING BASICS

Join us for a program designed for mature ladies who need to work on balance and muscle strength. We meet at 11:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Community Room. For details, contact Pat Johns at 405-651-6218 or Smokey McPhail 629-4904.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please email Pastor LaToya at lshepherd@heritage.church or call the church office at 474-6424 and leave your contact information and the area(s) you are interested in volunteering.

1. Interested in helping to provide transportation and/or drive a church van once a month for those needing a ride to one of our worship services
2. Help prepare and serve meals to 100-150 homeless people in the community at Midland Heights on the first Saturday of each month (food provided) from 11 am - 2 pm (8-10 volunteers needed monthly, with 2-3 consistent leaders)
3. Being a part of an organized outreach ministry team



WRITING MINISTRY

Expressions' will meet Thursday, October 5th at 5 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.*

WALKING IN FREEDOM

Jennifer Bauman is offering, *Walking in Freedom*, on Sundays at 9:30 am in room 124. This class will take participants on an in-depth look at how to receive for oneself and minister to others freedom from spiritual attacks, oppression, strongholds and warfare.

UPPER ROOM

PRAYER MEETING

Join us on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the Welcome Center or at 6 am in the Sanctuary as we encounter the Lord during a time of prayer.

ROOTS CLASS

To better understand the Hebraic roots of our Christian faith, join us Monday, October 8th at 6 pm at the home of Lucy Barry (1209 Monarch Drive in VB.)