

**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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**NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS**

**Ushers**

8:05 am  
 Rick Moore  
 Alexis Boster  
 John Poole  
 Eddie Prince  
 9:30 am  
 Ed Buckalew  
 Joe Stewart  
 Rob Thomas  
 11:00 am  
 Roger Burkert  
 Jon Harper  
 Matt Harper  
 David Harper

**Acolytes**

11/4 - Abe Cone  
 Keila Tichenor  
 Maggie Adair  
 11/11 - Annabelle Good  
 Danielle Symonds  
 11/18 - Ethan Hurst  
 Matthew Carter  
 11/25 - Hayden Fontaine  
 Judah Martin



**In Hospital:**

**At Home:**

**Carolyn Bradford, Mary Dempsey, Jeanette Gardner, Claudine Keller, Bill Kelton, Mike Kneeland, Caleb Lester, Marilyn Lewis, Gary Powell, Gene Short, Cheryl Stapleton, Dorinda Stewart, Maria Sullivan, Bill Thomas, Connie Warren**

**Assisted Living:**

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

**In Sympathy:**

**Silvia Burns and Family** in the death of her father, Luis Ferrer.



**November 4**

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (FALL BACK)  
 ALL SAINT'S DAY

**November 11**

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE  
 AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

**FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... From Cuba with (a Revival of) LOVE!**



Our mission trip to Cuba was a powerful time of being with people who are passionately in love with Jesus and who passionately love each other and those who don't know Jesus. The biggest "take home" for me from the Cuban revival is LOVE. I want to LOVE Jesus more passionately. But I notice that my own love for others has become more reserved, and I notice others in the congregation holding on to hurt feelings and resentments and not loving one another like the Christians I encountered in Cuba. We criticize each other instead of loving each other. **We need a revival of LOVE!**

LORD, help us! Convict our hearts. Your Word warns us that in the latter days, "the love of many will grow cold!" (Matthew 24:12). Lord, convict us! Forgive us! Heal us! Help us to give and receive forgiveness! Restore our relationships with You and one another! **Pour out the FIRE of Your DIVINE LOVE!** Let it spill over into our "love for the brethren!" Then, move us with **Your COMPASSION** for all people in our lives who do not know You ... who are not firmly connected to the Body of Christ.



Help us to take our place in Your Body ... using our spiritual gifts and fulfilling our calling to help **Your Heritage Church** be healthy and grow--to help Your Church reach out to the people of this region for Your Kingdom.

Help us to **CELEBRATE** Your goodness and answers to our prayer with joy inexpressible and full of glory!



See you Sunday at Heritage where we love God and people passionately!

*Pastor Wes*



## HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **JOHN AND MARGO SYMONDS** by:

June Lewis (BF)  
In memory of **KAREN FARMER**  
(daughter of Ruth Morrison) by:  
Dorvan and Mikie Wiley (WA)

BF - Building fund WA - Worship Arts

## THANK YOU

A huge 'THANK YOU' from the SPRC to all who helped make October (and November) so special for our staff. Our congregation is awesome!

## CITY ON OUR KNEES

Join hundreds of other Christians as we answer the call of God to pray. We will gather at St. James Missionary Baptist Church (4916 High St., Fort Smith) this Sunday, November 4th at 6 pm.

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

We need 8-10 people to help prepare and serve a meal to 100-150 homeless people in the community at Midland Heights this Saturday, November 3rd (food provided) from 11 am - 2 pm. If you are interested, contact LaToya at [lshepherd@heritage.church](mailto:lshepherd@heritage.church) or call the church office at 474-6424.

## JOY SEEKERS

We will meet at the new restaurant *Crazy Cajun-Mex* in downtown Van Buren. Invite a friend and join us for lunch (Dutch treat) and fellowship Friday, November 9th at 11 am at 700 Main Street. If you have any questions call Vesta Everitt at 471-5476 or Alta Poppe at 471-1780.

## NEED A WORD?

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



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

RSVP to Alicia Fittin by phone at 651-4791 or by email at [afittin44@gmail.com](mailto:afittin44@gmail.com) by this Sunday November 4th if you want to volunteer at the next work day on November 10th.

## BIRTHDAY LIST

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

## WRITING MINISTRY

*Expressions'* will meet Thursday, November 1st at 5 pm in the Welcome Center. Anyone can submit a writing at anytime to Lu Ann Donahou at 479-208-2065. \*Our writings are published in a monthly newsletter that is available in the Great Hall.

## HELP NEEDED

Debbie Thomas is collecting new or slightly worn jackets, hoodies and coats for ages 3-18. These will go to children in our local schools who may not have one. For more information, contact Debbie at 651-0810.

## PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, November 5th from 7-8 pm at Encounter Church in Van Buren.

## 2018 GLOBAL GATHERING: UNASHAMED

Heritage is hosting a satellite downlink site for the Wesleyan Covenant Association this Saturday, November 3rd from 8 am - 3 pm! Are you concerned or interested about the next Methodism of which Heritage will be a part? If so, then make plans to attend. The cost is \$50. The day will be filled with worship, inspiring teaching, warm-hearted testimonies, and the celebration of Holy Communion. These are the bishops, professors, district superintendents, pastors, doctors, moms and dads with whom we are in covenant. Register at [www.wesleyan covenant.org/unashamed/](http://www.wesleyan covenant.org/unashamed/).

## TIMOTHY TEAM NOTICE

All Bible studies **WILL MEET** at the regular time this Wednesday, October 31st but will dismiss at 7 pm so the families can enjoy the holiday. Please make every effort to attend Timothy Team.

## LOVE TO SING AND WORSHIP?

You are invited to participate in our Community Thanksgiving choir - even if you are not already involved in Worship Arts! We will rehearse this Saturday, November 3rd at 3 pm at Heritage and Tuesday, November 6th at 6:15 pm at First Baptist Church. Music and rehearsal CDs are available in the Worship Arts Room.

## CTS

First Baptist Church will host our 11th Annual Community Thanksgiving Service. Join us Sunday, November 11th at 6 pm as we join other churches for a time of worship and thanksgiving. Joe White is the guest speaker. Joe is President and CEO of Kanakuk Ministries.

## DISCOUNT AT LIFEWAY

November 5-10 is Heritage Church week at the Fort Smith LifeWay Christian store! Be sure to stop by to check out tons of trustworthy resources for your faith journey. LifeWay's offering 20% off your purchase storewide—just mention Heritage Church to get your discount! \*Some exclusions apply. See store for details.

## QUESTION: ARE ALL THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO YOU NECESSARILY FROM GOD?

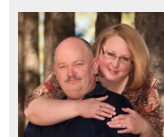
Often times, we think of things that are not pleasant as bad, and pleasant circumstances as good. Pastor Wes told a story about a father and son having this discussion over the course of the young man's life. The story goes something like this:

The young man had a horse of great breeding and was desirable by many. One day the horse got out of the enclosure that it was kept in, and ran off. The young man said this is a bad day for me as I have lost a very valuable prize. His father said are you sure this is a bad thing? A few weeks passed and the horse returned to the young man's pasture, without the assistance of anyone, with a mare along side. The young man said this is truly a great day! My stud horse has returned and brought with him a mare. Again, the father said are you sure this is such a good thing? Now let your mind wander in this story and you write the final page. Does the young man reap good from the event or does his life become muddled by the return of his stud horse?

The Word says Satan means for bad to happen to us, but God intends for it to be used for our good. We all too often give credit for the things that at first look appear to be bad things to Satan, and to God all the things that on the front end seem to be good things. Let me explain it in another way--if you were to win the lottery and become the richest person in Arkansas, but over time you waste all your great riches and wind up more in debt than you were prior to becoming so instantaneously rich (this often times is exactly what happens to lottery winners.) Was this a gift from God or did Satan find a hole in your armor? You are worse off for the event.

Had I not suffered for so many years with an addiction I could not shake, I would not have been able to give grace to those around me that suffer from similar addictions. My human nature, given to me by my parents, is to look down upon those who appear less fortunate than I do on the outside. My assertion is Satan intended for me to die in the addiction, but God intended to use that experience in life to teach me an object lesson I would have been unable to learn any other way. Now I am not saying that God led me into the addiction, however, He did know me before I was formed in my mother's womb. He knew I would have a tendency to see others through law and not grace. So, I believe God allowed Satan to ensnare me in an addiction that could have ruined my life so that His will in me might be done.

The Word says to give thanks in all things in this life--both the things we see as good and those we see as bad. "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance," James 1:2. Stop giving Satan so much credit in your life and start praising God from whom all things flow. God's ways are higher than our ways and after all He wrote the book of your life. God knows the ending from the beginning and we struggle with the day to day.



"Praise God from whom all blessings flow." He blesses you in the good and the bad times if you will just hang on to your faith and allow God to work His will in you.

Max Garrett

## GRIEF SHARE AND DIVORCE CARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? Surviving the Holidays is especially for people who are separated, divorced or grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- Ways to give your kids a good holiday experience
- How to discover hope for your future

GRIEF SHARE

10 am - 12 pm

DIVORCE Care

2 - 4 pm

Join us Saturday, November 10th for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again. Call today to register: 474-6424. Deadline is Wednesday, November 7th.

