

**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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**And then they took down the monkey bars...**

It seems that we rarely operate in an offensive mindset anymore. It seems as if we are much more defensive than what we were created to be. Passion has been replaced by fear. While these statements may bother you, it seems that in the Church today, we are far more likely to run away in fear than to storm the gates in victory. Why? Because it is safe (or is it?).

Many parks and schools no longer have some of the “playground equipment” that I once had growing up. We had monkey bars (with bars missing), telephone poles with a vertical bar that extended about twenty feet into the sky, old rusted and bent basketball rims with metal chains, swings that we would literally try to swing over the top bar on, teeter totters that could launch someone into outer space, and the list goes on (I am almost certain that some of you are thinking of those things right now). Many of these items are no longer available for certain reasons (definitely some for good reasons as it pertains to safety). However, it just seemed different back then. We would play hard, get a bruise, bleed a little, even break a bone and the next day, kids were using the same equipment as before. It wasn't removed or we didn't stop playing on it just because someone got hurt. We just learned (some of us...hahaha) how to not get hurt on it. We adapted. We overcame fear by conquering that one moment of defeat. We saw others be victorious and we wanted victory as well. We had passion. We suffered until we overcame.

When things get tough today, it seems that it is easier to “take down the monkey bars” than to try to conquer them. We remove or avoid something and this somehow makes us feel like victors. As Christians, we were never called to flee (well, we are called to flee from sin). In fact, we are called to submit to God, resist the devil and the enemy himself will have to flee in the presence of an Almighty God (James 4:7). Why do we flee? We are powerless without God, but with God all things are possible. His Word gives us the power to overcome. It gives us words to praise our Father and words to defeat the enemy. If we are in the Word and the Word is in us, this ought to ignite a passion in us in which the enemy is rendered powerless. For we have overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. We must begin to testify of the power and the pleasure of God's Word in our lives, fueling a passion to press on and claim the victory that is already ours! Let the monkey bars stay up. Climb. Swing. Overcome! Join us Sunday as we look into Psalm 119:9-16 and ask God to give us *A Passion for the Word*.



*Brian Seewald*

**AUGUST VOLUNTEERS**

**Ushers**

8:05 am

John Wallace  
 Don Naugle  
 Rick Moore  
 Bruce Brown

9:30 am

Scott Weege  
 Rob Thomas  
 Ed Buckalew  
 Candis Barnes

11:00 am

Ryan Breeze  
 Cindi Breeze  
 Mary Knight  
 Justin Lovett  
 Justin Sangster



In Hospital:

At Home:

**Susan Beasley, Judy Bowen, Mary Dempsey, Betty James, Wendell Keller, Justin Lovett, Garrett Neal, Barbara Niba, Gary Powell, Maria Sullivan, Bill Thomas**

Assisted Living:

**Mary Coble (Crawford H&R)**  
**Sammye Gilbert (Walnut Grove Rehab)**  
**Therese Zolk (Valley Springs H&R)**



**August 25**

SPECIAL MUSIC  
 WITH SUMMIT TRACE

**September 8**

FALL KICKOFF  
 WITH SPECIAL GUEST,  
 COACH MOE HENRY

BETTER IS  
**ONE DAY**  
 IN YOUR COURTS  
 THAN A  
**THOUSAND**  
 ELSEWHERE;  
 - PSALM 84:10

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

## HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In memory of **Danny Chisolm** (father of Daniel Chisolm) by:

Bruce and Janet Johnson (BF)

BF - Building Fund

## BRANSON TRIP

The Joyseekers are planning a trip to Branson on Friday, October 4th to see *Samson*. They will take the church bus and leave the church at 8:45 am to attend the afternoon showing and arrive back in Van Buren around 10 pm. The cost for a ticket and transportation is \$62/person. They will eat lunch at College of the Ozarks before the show and dinner afterwards at Fuddrucker's. Each of these meals is not included in the cost. To insure good seating, we need to receive your money ASAP. For more information, please call Vesta Everitt at 501-230-0427.

## BAPTISM SUNDAY

Want to be baptized at church this Sunday, August 18th? Contact the church office at 474-6424.

## ATTENTION DANCERS AND MOVERS!

Would you like to use your athletic and dancing abilities to glorify the Lord? Join the Tribute Dance team! This will be a ministry through Heritage Church in which we will use movement and dance to point to the Lord as we worship Him! Auditions will be Saturday, August 31st from 9 am - 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall for ages 13 – adult. Even if you have a remote interest, please show up and join us, we would love to see you there!

## HERITAGE RIDERS

Heritage Riders, we are planning on going to Oark Café Saturday, August 24th for a breakfast run before it gets to hot. We will leave the Church at 7:30 am and ride to Oark. What the rest of the day holds is up to you and the weather. If weather is permitting we could take the long way back home and enjoy some wind therapy and get some Vitamin D therapy as well. Doctors orders after all! See you then. — Max Garrett

## CUBA MISSION TRIP

This October, Heritage will be partnering with Rick Bonfim Ministries in sending a team to work with the churches of the Camaguey district in eastern Cuba. The team members are Bobby Boyakin, Caleb Lester, LaToya Shepherd, Leonard Shepherd, Greg McClure, Ronda Brown, Bob Odiorne, Shannon Westbrook, Georgia Hutton, Chris Watson and Liz Schuman.

The team of eleven from Heritage has three fundraisers scheduled that you are invited to participate in.

- ♦ Sunday, 8/25/19 thru Sunday, 9/8/19 – Silent Auction. Bidding will begin 8/25 and close after worship on 9/8. We have numerous items including a cedar rocker, handmade quilts, handmade afghans/throws, catered dinners, oil painting, cedar chest, certificates for massages, homemade bread/rolls, deserts from Confectionately Yours, handmade wreaths, and several other items. You don't want to miss the opportunity to get your hands on these items.
- ♦ Saturday, 9/7/19, 6 PM to 8 PM – Fish Fry. We will be serving catfish, homemade hushpuppies, fresh cut fries, coleslaw, deserts and drinks. Adult tickets are \$12 and tickets for children 10 and under are \$6. Tickets are available in the church office or from any team member. Invite your family, friends and coworkers. The Razorbacks will be playing Ole Miss and we will have it on the big screens in the Fellowship Hall!
- ♦ Sunday, 9/29/19 – Bake Sale. If you enjoy baking, we would love for you to share your talents with us! Everyone loves a good pie, cake, cheesecake, cookies, bread, cinnamon rolls (you get the idea....). If you would like to donate items to the bake sale, please call the office and let us know or just bring it on the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ♦ We look forward to what the Lord is going to do in and through the Cuba Mission Team, and the blessings that come your way for supporting the team.

## CUBA TEAM YARD SALE

The Cuba team is collecting items for their yard sale fundraiser on Saturday, August 17th from 7 am-12 pm in the west parking lot.

If you have clean gently used items you would like to donate, please contact the church office at 474-6424, Pastor LaToya at 522-1481 or Bobby Boyakin at 831-5019.

Come and support the team by shopping at the yard sale THIS Saturday!!

## WE NEED YOU

Have you ever wanted to sing in the choir or play the handbells? Now is a good time to start sharing your gifts and talents! The Sanctuary Choir and Carillon Ringers have openings for anyone interested. Sanctuary Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm and the Carillon Ringers practice on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm. Please contact the church office at 474-6424 today to get plugged in!

## FROM YOU PASTOR'S HEART ... BACK!

School is starting back and that means all our fall activities are almost back! Are you BACK? I hope so! Do you have some friends and family who need to get BACK in Jesus' Church and need a place to plug in? INVITE THEM TO HERITAGE! We have some awesome things going on this FALL!

I'll be BACK leading Timothy Team worship! I will also be BACK leading the ADULT TIMOTHY TEAM CLASS on the Book of Acts! I am excited as we are going to combine worship, Bible study, and prayer together. We are going to look at the book of Acts as a springboard for launching us into our own Upper Room Prayer. I am excited about it! Won't you join me as Brian Seewald and Dr. Mike McSpadden also help me along with anointed worship leaders?

Feel led to do something different? Pastor LaToya will lead a Wednesday evening class on MULTI-ETHNIC CONVERSTATION – A Journey Toward Unity in Your Church. This comes from the leaders of Mosaic Church in Little Rock and will be a great help in moving us toward becoming a more healthy multiethnic congregation.

Our Timothy Team parents meeting is Wednesday evening, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Our Fall Kickoff for Wednesday evening meals and studies starts September 4<sup>th</sup>! Are you ready to be BACK? I can't wait!



Eager to do this with you!

*Pastor Wes*

## UPON THESE SHOULDERS WE STAND:

*Letter to my son,*

*Since last year I have had a stroke and a bypass surgery for obstructions in my heart. In this series of painful experiences, I have never been depressed about these illnesses, but I am thankful I can rely on the Lord and he gives me strength. I have also had the opportunity to evangelize to the sick to the witness of the glory of the Lord! Enjoy the joy of being blessed by illness!...*

I recently came upon a letter that my father in law sent to his son, a short excerpt from the letter is written above. This is a group text that my wife's side of the family communicates with, and since it is in Chinese characters I rarely look at it. However, I took some time one day, to copy and paste one of the texts to Google translate (I have to corrected the grammar as it does not necessarily translate word for word). What I found were words that made me cry, yearn for a deeper faith and rejoice all at the same time. In crying, yearning and rejoicing I also was overcome with an overwhelming sense of gratitude as I began thinking about the faith of those that have influenced my life personally or from example. My grandmother, whom I watched tell all her nurses about the Lord even though she barely could keep her oxygen numbers up for herself while she was in the hospital. Persons like Bill Kelton, whose devotion to Christ leaves a legacy that will be a blessing for many generations. My parents who instilled in me a Biblical moral code. My uncle, Namen, who regularly pours Godly wisdom and insight into me and many, many more. These are the shoulders on which I stand. Those who have faced adversity and pressed into the Lord, rather than throwing up their hands in frustration, those who have spent the long nights praying for their family, those who have fought the fight of faith and persevered to the very end!

Thank you Lord for placing in our lives those who spur us on to a deeper faith and point us toward Christ. That through Christ, not only do we grow in wisdom and knowledge, You also keep us strong to the end so that we will be free from all blame on the day when Christ returns. I know that You will do this because You are faithful!



Father keep Your children firmly planted in Your word that as we go from glory to glory You will, indeed, receive all glory. In Jesus Name Amen

Gratefully,

*Caleb Lester*

## TEA TIME

Ladies, join us this Thursday, August 15th from 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall for tea, food and fellowship.

## YOUNG AT HEART

55 or older? Join us for food and fellowship Thursday, August 22nd 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. There are a few July/August issues still available in the Great Hall. There are available in large and small print.