

HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

Weekly News & Updates

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... TIMOTHY TEAM SUNDAY! Gone Fishing with Jesus!

Sunday we will celebrate our 19th year of Timothy Team! We rejoice in the transformation of children, youth, and adults into spiritual champions through this intentional, Biblical discipleship ministry at Heritage. This year we have been studying the Gospel of Luke! Our message Sunday is **Who Do You Say Jesus Is?**

You'll get to witness our Tiny Tims (preschool) and Timothy Team (elementary) students leading us in worship, Bible memory verses, and testimonies. You don't want to miss this celebration! You will be blessed by these kids!

Come go fishing with Jesus with us! See you Sunday!

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P.S. Don't miss these important days coming up:

- 1) 5/2 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** gatherings, Thursday, May 2nd at noon on the lawn of our county court houses.
- 2. 5/5 Heritage Sunday!** This is the anniversary of Heritage Church. We'll have one outdoor (or indoor in case of rain) service at 10 a.m. followed by a BBQ lunch from J.C.'s. Bring some simple desserts to share if you are able! And bring your lawn chair!
- 3. 5/12 MOTHER'S DAY!** Come join us as we celebrate moms with a special video and we will also be celebrating baptisms. Call Becki at 474-6424 if you would like to be baptized.
- 4. 5/19 PENTECOST SUNDAY!** Celebrate the birthday of THE CHURCH with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit! Come receive THE Power! We are launching our new series, **WITNESS-- Declaring Hope!**

Upcoming Opportunities and Announcements

Disaffiliation Loan

In the last two months, we have paid \$26,177 on our disaffiliation loan. That leaves a balance of only \$82,702!

DISAFFILIATION LOAN



This would not have been possible without all of you and your faithful giving. God continues to bless Heritage Church through His people. If you would like to designate a contribution to help pay off this loan please make a note on the memo line of your check, or if you give online, you can choose UMC Disaffiliation from the dropdown box.

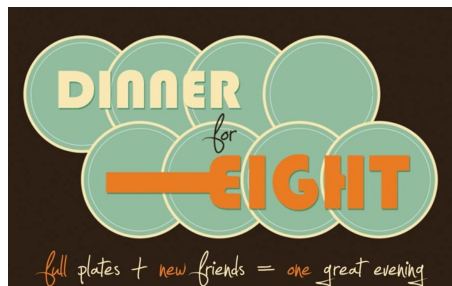
Thank you for your faithfulness!

Bobby

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From Heritage Church and Staff

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who served, cooked, cleaned, or set up for Wednesday evening Timothy Team community meals. Your servant heart is appreciated. We could not do it without you!



It's coming... The Return of Dinner for Eight

Did you know in the life of Jesus that breaking bread with people was at the top of His to do list? In the gospels, Jesus was either going to a meal, eating a meal, or coming from a meal. He emphasized repeatedly the importance of building relationships. In our discipleship process, we are to become like Jesus, to do as He did. With that being said, welcome

ministries, is offering you a chance to do just that. We are excited to announce the re-vamping of dinner for eight for the summer of 2024. I am currently looking for host couples or singles (it can be husbands and wives or two good friends or one person who just wants to meet more people) to host a simple dinner party. Here is the plan. Volunteer host will sign up with me at bkneeland@heritage.church. They will provide a space for their dinner party. It can be in a restaurant (host are not expected to pay for the meal), in their home, or perhaps a picnic at the park. They will pick a date and time. This can be during the day or evening. Once hosts are determined, we will open up the guest list to our congregation. Guests can come by our dinner for eight sign ups on Sunday morning or email me at the above email address and let me know which dinner you would like to attend. It is a very simple process.

Doesn't this sound like fun! We have had a blast with it in the past. Dinner for eight is designed for folks to fellowship with other people that they would not normally get to know. It is a great tool for our two congregations to come together. It is a great tool for age groups to inner mix. It's a great tool to become more like Jesus!

I know you will be tempted to sign up as a small group or to pick a host that you are best friends with, if you do that you will be missing new friends, new relationships, and new experiences.

Let's get this started! **I need hosts!** I would like to have people signing up for dinners in June!

Becki

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We are collecting snacks for snack packs at Central Elementary children to take with them over the weekend. We will be packing them on May 8th at 1 PM. Please drop off all the snacks by Wednesday, May 1st to the children's ministry office. We already have many things but are lacking these items: 40 Granola Bars, 20 two count poptarts, 40 chip or pretzel individual bags, and 36 Mac and cheese individual servings.

Madison

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Heritage Day - Sunday, May 5

Exciting News! We will have a **one combined outdoor service at 10 am** and lunch after.

Bring your lawn chair and join us for a great time of worship, BBQ, and fellowship! We are asking for volunteers to provide an easily served dessert (brownies, cookies, lemon bars...etc. Nothing that requires cutting or someone to serve). If you would like to volunteer to help with this, please contact Becki Kneeland at bkneeland@heritage.church.

Baptism Sunday

If you are interested in being baptized on Mother's Day, May 12th, contact Beck Kneeland at bkneeland@heritage.church.

Stepping Out Life Group

We have an exciting opportunity to join us:

May 4th - **Lunch – 11 a.m. - Joe's Grill & Cantina**, 3400 S. 74th St., Ft. Smith

- RSVP by Monday, April 29th

For more information, contact Coleen Jarrell at cbiscamp13@hotmail.com.

C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* – Wednesdays from 6 pm to 7 pm this summer

"There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight."

Preface to *The Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis

A Masterpiece of Satire on Hell's Latest Novelties and Heaven's Unanswerable Answer

C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* has entertained and enlightened readers the world over with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the unique vantage point of Screwtape, a

highly placed assistant to “Our Father Below.” At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C.S. Lewis gives us the correspondence of the wordly-wise devil to his nephew Wormwood, a novice demon in charge of securing the damnation of an ordinary young man. *The Screwtape Letters* is the most engaging account of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written.

“Readers are advised to remember that the devil is a liar. Not everything that Screwtape says should be assumed to be true even from his own angle...There is wishful thinking in Hell as well as on Earth.” Preface to *The Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis

Thanks, Michael

For more information please contact Michael at: mjtursky@gmail.com

Partner Update from The CALL

In March 2024, here are just a few of the many praises:

- 4 New Families in the Process
- 26 Individual Families Supported
- 18 Visits at the Support Center
- 1 New Families with Opened Homes!

Prayer requests:

- New Foster Families
- Adoptive Families for Older Kids
- Our Current Foster and Adoptive Families
- Volunteers for Key Positions

Upcoming Events:

- May 3rd - Fort Smith Chamber Business Expo-Fort Convention Center from 9 am - 3 pm
- May 6th - Foster/Adoptive Interest Meeting - Chapters on Main, Van Buren, 5:30 - 6:30 pm.
- May 19th - Foster/Adoptive Interest Meeting - Grace Community Church Fort Smith, 12:30 - 1:30 pm.

For more updates and information, go to crawfordsebastian@thecallinarkansas.org.

This Week at Heritage and Prayer Concerns

Sunday, April 28

Prayer Time, 8 am
Traditional Service, 9 am
Children's Ministry, 9 am
Growth Groups (SS Classes), 9 am
Contemporary Service, 10:30 am
Children's Ministry, 10:30 am
Growth Groups (Adult SS), 10:30 am
Firestarters Youth Prayer Group, 5:15 pm
Youth Worship (gr 6-12), 5:45 pm
Children's Ministry (infant - gr 3), 5:45 pm
FISH (gr 4-5), 5:45 pm
Inside Out, 5:45 pm

Monday, April 29

Food Pantry, 9:30 am

In the Hospital:

Paul Vinsant (*Craig Hospital in CO*)
Jamie Hartley (*Valley Springs*)
Rodney Roberson (*Baptist SR Care*)

At Home:

Steve Blythe
Ed Buckalew
Natasha Davis
Mary Dempsey
Lu Ann Donahu
Dale Edmonds
Jeanette Elkins
Neal Ellison
Sue Franklin
Janis Gipson

Freedom Fighters, 5 pm
Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm
Boy Scouts, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 30

Band of Brothers, 6:15 am
Preschool, 9 am
Staff Prayer/Meeting, 9:30 am
Strengthening Class, 11:30 am
Adonai Tsuru Cowboy Church, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 1

Prayer Team, 10:30 am
Healing Prayer Service, 12 pm
Handbells, 5:30 pm
Volunteer Dinner, 6 pm
Sanctuary Choir, 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 2

Preschool, 9 am
Seniors Growing with Christ, 10 am
Strengthening Class, 11:30 am
National Day of Prayer, (CC Courthouse), 12 pm
Food Pantry, 4 pm
Clothes Closet, 4 pm

Friday, May 3

Saturday, May 4

Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 am
Outreach Current (So. Campus), 8:30 am
Outreach (Midland Heights), 11 am

Sunday, May 5

Combined Outdoor Service with BBQ, 10 am

Have a prayer request? Email it
to: prayerchain@heritage.church

Darrell Goodlin
Johnie Ruth Hammontree
Jerry Hunter
Mary Beth Keller
Myron Kirksey
Jerry McBride
Scott Neal
Bonnie Sher
Scott Neal
Alan Swaim
Bertha Swindell
Janice Wargo

Assisted Living:

Mary Coble (*Blossoms*)
Norma Day (*Methodist Village*)
Fae Dyer (*Ashton Place*)
Joyce Greig (*Alma H&R*)
Mary Nash (*Legacy Heights Memory Lane*)
Vi Pettit (*Methodist Village*)

Honorarium and Memorial:

In honor of **Benton Cone's Birthday** by:
Scott and Pamm Treece (*Food Pantry*)

In memory of **Wayne Weege** by:
Sue Weege (*UMC Disaffiliation*)

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