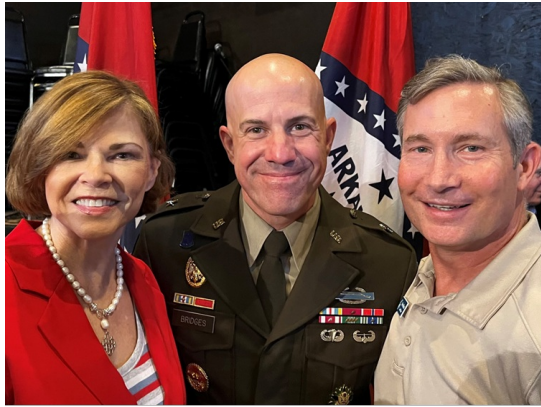


HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

Weekly News & Updates

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Representative Charlene Fite and Major General Chad Bridges, the new Adjutant General of Arkansas.

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART . . .

Relationships

Your quality of life is directly related to the quality of your relationships. Knowing how to form and nurture healthy, life-giving relationships is essential to a whole and joyful life. The book and short-course we have offered at Heritage, **Emotionally Healthy Relationships** by Dr. Pete Scazzero, is a great guide to equip you in the art of human connections and thriving.

Tuesday, Heritage member, State Representative Charlene Fite, invited me to the "State Capital for the Day" meet and greet in Van Buren with the governor and her cabinet. I was thrilled and surprised to walk in and see a long-time Army buddy there, Brigadier General (promotable) Chad Bridges. Chad and I worked together and did church together 25 years ago. We served together in the military until I retired in 2015. He is a great leader and a great man of God who is full of compassion and humility. Three weeks ago he was tapped to be the new Adjutant General of Arkansas. The state of Arkansas and its military members will be blessed by his leadership. It was great to rekindle our friendship.

Our relationships are the greatest blessings we have on planet earth. If our friends and loved ones are born-again believers, those relationships will last through eternity. **How is your relationship with Jesus?** Is it a daily walk of friendship and an adventure following His Lordship? How are you investing in the quality of your family and friend relationships, especially those within the family of God, the Church?

Labor Day weekend is a great time to strengthen our relationships and to give thanks to the LORD for the work He has provided for us, to help us serve others and provide for our families.

Hope to see you Sunday. We'll be proclaiming The BEST NEWS EVER!!!

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P.S. I want to encourage you to consider sharing THE BEST NEWS EVER!! Do you have a friend,

family member, acquaintance, co-worker, or neighbor who does not know Jesus or is not engaged in a church family? Invite him or her to meet with you once a week to read together and discuss the Gospel of Mark. It is so easy and yet so rewarding and enriching! Get our **Heritage Bible Reading Plan** and read together our Sunday passage from Mark. Discuss the three questions in the reading plan. Maybe you can open and close in prayer ... and especially add prayers of thanksgiving at the end. Let's BE with Jesus and DO what Jesus did! ☺

Upcoming Opportunities and Announcements

DISAFFILIATION LOAN



Disaffiliation Loan

WE ARE IN THE HOME STRETCH! The finish line is in sight! Our loan balance is \$32,000! Can you believe that less than two years ago we started paying on a \$367,000 loan, and look where we are now!! God continues to bless Heritage Church through His people, and we cannot thank you enough. 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 continued faithful giving! **You are an amazing church!!**

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Upcoming Children's Ministry Dates

The Call

We have The Call Foster & Adoptive Parent Night coming up on September 19th. I am looking for a group to provide a meal to about 15 parents on that night. For more information, please contact me.

Snack Packs

This year we are helping Central Elementary send home weekend snack packs for 40 children who may need something a little extra to help get them through the weekend. We need 8 snacks per bag. Things like mac & cheese cups, apple sauce, granola bars, goldfish, ramen noodles, fresh oranges, or crackers can all go in. If you can provide 40 of a snack in bulk, please bring them to my office no later than Wednesday, Sept. 11th. We will be stuffing the bags on the 11th. If you'd like to help participate in that, let me know!

Nursery help

We have a growing babies class during our 10:30 service and, we are looking to provide some extra hands of support during that time in the nursery. If you are interested in finding out what it takes to help out in the nursery once a month, please contact me.

Fall Festival

We will be having our annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 20th from 5-7PM. It takes MANY volunteers to make this event possible. We will have all kinds of fun things for everyone. If you could

give an hour of your time to help staff a booth during this event, that would be amazing. Additionally, if you have a group that would like to participate, please contact me!

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Outreach News

Back to Guatemala

We will be heading back to Sumpango, Guatemala on January 5-11, 2025. We will be partnering with Breaking Cycles once again. We are looking to take a group of people to build homes, do a medical clinic, and or help with VBS at a local church in Sumpango. If you are interested in going on this trip please contact me for more information. As of right now, the cost will be around \$1600. The price could change depending on the price of plane tickets. A passport is required. The deadline to sign up is October 20th.

A Gathering of Helpers in Time of Need

We want to put together a list of people who would be willing to be called on for help when we have storms or other natural disasters. Some individuals and families could greatly benefit from a helping hand in times of need or situations like the recent storms. If you would like to be added to this list, please send me an email at jsimmons@heritage.church. In the email, please include specialized skills if those apply. The list does not mean you have signed up to help every time something happens. When help is needed, I will simply call the people on the list, if you cannot help that day, it is okay, if you can then great. I just want an ongoing list so that we know who is willing to be contacted in times of need.

Serving and Outreach Opportunity!

On Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am we will be doing a cookie delivery in neighborhoods near Heritage to invite them to church. We are looking to give each of the 100 homes 6 cookies so, we'll need 600 cookies total. There will be a sign-up sheet in the great hall starting this Sunday for people who want to bake, help deliver, or do both. You can also email me to sign-up. If you are willing to bake, but cannot deliver, we are asking that you bring the cookies to the church office on Thursday, October 3rd by 5:00 pm. Please package the cookies in a zip lock baggie with 6 cookies in each bag.

On delivery day we will meet on the west side of Heritage at 9:00 am. We will all park our cars at Heritage and use the people mover to shuttle everyone to the neighborhood we are trying to reach. We will give out maps and divide into groups to make sure all the homes get cookies and an invitation to Heritage. If you have any questions about this please feel free to email me.

Jake

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THE GOSPEL OF MARK BIBLE STUDY: DEEP DIVE with Dr. Charles Armour

Beginning Sunday, September 8 at 6:00 pm in the Community Room, we will be offering a course on the Gospel of Mark. Each session will be self-contained so folks

can still benefit even if they are unable to attend regularly.

This will be an in-depth Study geared at helping people gain a better and deeper understanding as well as an appreciation of this Gospel. Both the beginning and advanced Bible student will find things they can learn. It will be taught in such a way that it will not be so technical as to get over peoples' heads, while at the same time offering new cutting-edge information.

We shall examine the language and meaning of the text in order to convey Mark's original intent and compare it to the other Gospel traditions. And from that we will ask the question; "What is God saying through this?"

Other writings may also be considered as they pertain to Mark, inclusive of early church fathers, Dead Sea Scrolls and Hellenistic literature. All of Mark will be taught from the perspective of it being "sacred and inspired literature", which we believe it certainly is.

Prison Ministry Opportunity

Kairos Prison Ministry is an International Prison Ministry whose mission is to help establish and support the Body of Christ in prisons throughout the world. We are in preparation for the Grimes Unit Kairos Weekend #6 which will take place October 24-27 in Newport.

The training dates for this weekend are Saturday 9/28, Saturday 10/5, and Thursday-Saturday 10/10-12. There are other opportunities for involvement such as prayer, cookie donations, and financial support. If you are interested in being involved in this outreach, please contact Eddie Prince at 479-414-4910 or Mike McSpadden at 479-651-2902.



Ushers Needed for the 10:30 Service!

If you or your entire family would like to volunteer to be a part of our usher team on Sunday mornings, please contact me. We ask that folks sign up for one month a year that they can commit to arriving early, greeting our folks at the entrance to the Sanctuary, helping people find seats, passing out bulletins and ministering communion (1st Sunday of every month). It's a great way to meet people and a great way to serve. We would love to have you!

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We Need You

The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers on Mondays 9:30 am - 12 pm and on Thursdays 4-6 pm. There are plenty of different things for you to do, such as filling sacks with groceries, taking them to the cars, praying for people in line for their food, and much, much more. If you are interested, contact the church office. You will be blessed!

Reminder

Wednesday, September 4th, nightly activities resume with community meal at 4:30 pm, Timothy

Team and youth studies for kids at 5:45 pm, and adult studies at 6 pm.

Can't wait to see everyone!

Discipleship Bible School

Youth With A Mission is offering a 13-week class every Thursday evening from 7-9 pm beginning September 19 at Ozark Church in Ozark, AR. Follow God's story of redemption through the Bible. Engage with God's Word and gain background knowledge to deepen your understanding of the Bible. Featuring new guest speakers each week. Snacks will be provided. For more information, see Johnson Tran at 858-504-0331

This Week at Heritage and Prayer Concerns

Sunday, September 1

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

Monday, September 2

Labor Day
Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3

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

Wednesday, September 4

Community Bible Study, 9 am
Prayer Team, 10:30 am
Communion/Healing Prayer Service, 12 pm
Community Meal, 4:30 pm
Handbells, 5:30 pm
Timothy Team, 5:45 pm
Youth Bible Study, 5:45 pm
Adult Bible Study, 6 pm
Sanctuary Choir, 6:30 pm

Thursday, September 5

Preschool, 9 am
Experiencing God for Women, 10 am
Seniors Growing with Christ, 10 am
Keep Moving Exercise Class, 11:30 am
Food Pantry, 4 pm
Clothes Closet, 4 pm

Friday, September 6

Office Closed

Saturday, September 7

Outreach at The Current (So. Campus), 8:30 am
Outreach at Midland Heights, 11 am

In the Hospital:

Paul Vinsant (*QLI Rehab - Omaha, NE*)

At Home:

Mary Dempsey
Phyllis George (*Danville - mother of Lary George*)
Tedra Gwartney
Diane Hays
Jerry Hunter
Mary Beth Keller
Jean May
Scott Neal
Stephan and Carly Norris
Michael Pitts
Gary Powell
Rodney Roberson
Alan Swaim
Velta Thomas
Janice Wargo

Assisted Living:

Mary Coble (*Blossoms*)
Norma Day (*Methodist Village*)
Jeanette Elkins (*VB H&R*)
Joyce Greig (*Alma H&R*)
Mary Nash (*Legacy Heights Memory Lane*)
Vi Pettit (*Methodist Village*)

In Sympathy:

Elsie Means, Kortney Davis, and family in the death of Elsie's sister, and Kortney's aunt, ***Oma Thomas.***

Welcome to the Heritage Family:



Zack Riordan

Ransom and
Shawntae Dean and
their children,
Ransom, Amira, and

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Memorials:

In memory of **Dolores (Dodie) McSpadden** (mother of Mike McSpadden) given by John and Margo Symons (Prison Ministry)

In memory of **Roy Elkins** given by John and Margo Symonds (Food Pantry)

In memory of **Dr. Compton George** (father of Lary George) given by Barbara Carter (Disaffiliation Fund)

In memory of **Joe McCullar** given by Stephanie McCullar (Lumina)



Aryah.



Dillon Waller



Haskall Swanson



Tommy Bradley

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