

HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

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FROM YOU PASTOR'S HEART ... The Joy of Forgiveness

This Sunday we are excited to welcome back to the Heritage pulpit, Pastor Brett Wiley. Brett is the son of Dorvan and Mikie Wiley and grew up at Heritage. Currently, he is the Pastor of Discipleship at City Life Church in Wichita, Kansas. Brett and his wife, Emily, have two children, Sutton and Turner. His message will be on **Psalm 32, The Joy of Forgiveness**. Come and join in with us as we worship the LORD and receive and give His forgiveness. What a great preparation for Thanksgiving!

We want to give another shout out to Jake Simmons and Brian Seewald for all their work in planning and executing the Thanksgiving Turkey and meal give away. Thank you to those who purchased meals and turkeys and packed up the meals. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out Saturday morning to visit, pray with, and minister to all those who came to receive. It was a wonderful day!

Sunday, we are looking forward to several baptisms in the second service. If you attend the traditional service, see the article on new hymnals later in the newsletter. This will be a blessing for our worship together in the coming years.

I love and appreciate you all! Thankful to be your lead pastor!

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New Hymnals

I hope your week is going well! I am looking forward to seeing everyone again when we gather for worship on Sunday! Just a quick reminder that we are still receiving gifts for our new hymnals. We have a display out in the Great Hall so you can see the new hymnals. Just make a note on your Connection Card if you would like to donate in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Each hymnal will cost \$29. Your donation can be placed in the offering box or through Realm. It is going to be such a blessing for many years to come!

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Order Your Heritage T-Shirt or Sweatshirt Today

We will be taking orders in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday and throughout the week in the office.

Deadline to order is Sunday, November 26th.

T-shirts:

Cost: Adult/Children are \$12 each. (\$15 each for Adult 2X or 3X)

Colors available: Heather Navy, Cream, Ice Blue, Mauve and Dark Heather Gray

**Children's T's are only available in Charcoal and Ice Blue.*

Crew neck sweatshirts:

Cost: \$20 each (\$3 extra for Adult 2X or 3X)

Colors available: Navy, Sandstone, Columbia Blue, and Blush *(sizes limited)*

Hoodies:

Cost: \$25 each (\$3 extra for Adult 2X or 3X)

Colors available: Navy, Heather Maroon, Chocolate, Safari, and Rock

**Children's hoodie and crew neck available in Navy only!*

If you are planning on serving here at church or in the community, this is a great way to represent Heritage Church.

PAYMENT REQUIRED WITH ORDER...THANK YOU!

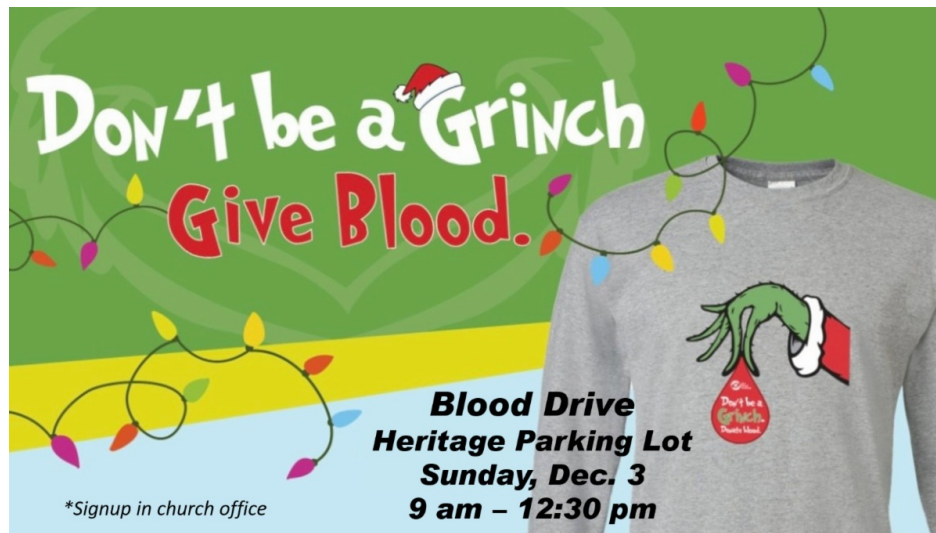


Heritage Christmas Angels

It's that time of year when we love to bless some of the children in our area schools! Please consider purchasing a gift card (Walmart, Target, Visa, etc.) and return it to the church by Wednesday, December 6. If you feel the need to purchase something extra to go with the gift card, the children are always in need of blankets/sleeping bags. For more information, contact the church office or Debbie Thomas at 651- 0810.

Blood Drive

Signup in the Great Hall this Sunday or in the church office throughout the week.



Upcoming Opportunities and Announcements

Won't You Be My Friend?!

We have a future friend just waiting for you! Some of our church members have been very active in the past but now life has changed for them and it is difficult, if not impossible, for them to be out and about as they would wish and they miss being with others. They have lots of stories they would love to tell and they would love to hear your stories.

Life Seekers small group is helping to organize a group of people willing to adopt one or two of these members. They will visit with the different groups and ask them to consider being part of this sharing. Responsibilities will include getting in contact with them at least once a month and just be a friend. And what are some of the things a friend does? They listen to see if there are particular concerns. They give them a call on birthdays. Maybe take a meal and stay to eat with them. You are caring individuals and with a little thought you can come up with many ways to be a friend.

Maybe you need a friend just as much as they do! You will find you are blessed as much as the one you visit. Does this sound interesting to you but you are not in a small group or class? There is a need for you! Just give the church office a call and someone will contact you about joining this very special ministry.

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Stepping Out Life Group - Come join us!

We have plenty of opportunities for anyone to jump right in and get involved! Here are a few upcoming events:

- December 2 - Stewart Family Christmas Lights in Fayetteville (walk through) - We will take the church bus (limited seating) at 2:30 pm and eat beforehand at the Mellow Mushroom. The cost is \$5 for travel and lunch is dutch treat. Grab a friend and join us either on the bus or on your own. RSVP ASAP.
- December 10 - Christmas Card to the Community 6 pm in Alma. Our life group will volunteer to assist wherever we are needed and then attend the program. RSVP by 11/26 if you can volunteer.

- December 16 - Project Christmas Card We will divide up into teams and leave the church at 10 am to deliver Christmas cards to nursing homes and assisted living facilities throughout Van Buren and Alma. If you would like to donate to purchase cards, you are welcome to do so but it is not required.

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Clothes Closet Needs

For the month of November we are asking for blankets, sheets (sets if possible) and towels. Just place them in the container marked "Clothes Closet Donations" in the fellowship hall. Thank you for helping us to care for our neighbors.

SMILE! WE WANT TO CONNECT BETTER!

Don't forget to send us your photos so that we can update our REALM system. Email them to office@heritage.church (if you already have REALM you can actually update your profile with these photos yourself).

For more help, please contact me at: bseewald@heritage.church or call 479-474-6424.

This Week at Heritage and Prayer Concerns

Sunday, November 19

Prayer Time, 8 am
Traditional Service, 9 am
Children's Ministry, 9 am
Growth Groups (*Sunday School Classes*), 9 am
Contemporary Service, 10:30 am
Children's Ministry, 10:30 am
Growth Groups (*Adult Sunday School*), 10:30 am
GriefShare, 2 pm
Pain Support/Encouragement Group, 4 pm

Monday, November 20

Food Pantry, 9:30 am
Clothes Closet, 9:30 am
Freedom Fighters, 5 pm
Boy Scouts, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 21

Band of Brothers, 6:15 am
Staff Prayer/Meeting, 9:30 am

Wednesday, November 22

Stock the Food Pantry, 8:30 am
Prayer Team, 10:30 am
Office Closed, 12 pm

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day
Office Closed

Friday, November 24

In the Hospital:

Brenda Diamond (*Encompass*)
Fae Dyer (*Mercy*)

At Home:

Jake Ball
Steve Blythe
David and Donna Carson (*friends of the James'*)
Natasha Davis
Mary Dempsey
Neal Ellison
Lisa Fox
Curtis Gardner
Leanna Garrett
Janis Gipson
Darrell Goodlin
Ron Hall
Allen Hansen
Jerry Hunter
Charlie and Betty James
Clifton James (*son of Charlie and Betty James*)
Sue Lewis
Judy Spencer-Marsicano
Alan Swaim
Sue Swedeen (*sister of Betty James*)
Luther and Bertha Swindell
Rob Thomas
Sandy Thompson

Assisted Living:

Steve Blythe (*VB H&R*)

Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

Outreach at Current, So. Campus, 8:30 am

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You can also give through the Realm app or by texting **HERITAGEVB** to **73256** or by scanning the QR code.



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

Praise:



Tyler and Rachel Wood's daughter, **Juliana Elizabeth Wood** was baptized Sunday. She is the sister to Asher, Leila, Callum, Caroline, Grayson, and Benjamin. Proud grandparents are Roger and Gina Burkert, Jerry and Laurie Wood, and Marc and Sherry Reano.

Mary Coble (*The Blossoms*)

Joyce Greig (*The Blossoms*)

Carol Jones (*VB H&R*)

Wendell Keller (*VB H&R*)

Mary Nash (*Legacy Heights Memory Lane*)

G.M. O'Neal (*Methodist Village - husband of Pat O'Neal and father of Kelly Jacimore*)

Vi Pettit (*Methodist Village*)

In Sympathy:

Valicia Weege and family in the death of her step-father, **Arnold DuVall**.

Scott Neidecker and family in the death of his father, **Melvin Gene Neidecker**.

Honorarium and Memorials:

In honor of **Juliana Wood** given by:
Roger and Gina Burkert

In memory of **Henry "Sonny" and Donna Pape** given by:
Bob and Terry Freeman (*Worship Arts-Hymnals*)

In memory of **Max Goins** given by:
Donna Parker (*Worship Arts-Hymnal*)

In memory of **Marvin Thomas** (*father of Suzi McPherson*) given by:
Bob and Terry Freeman

In memory of **Maria Sullivan** given by:
Bob and Terry Freeman (*Children's Ministry*)
Nina Sullivan (*Worship Arts-Hymnals*)

In memory of **Charles Sullivan** given by:
Nina Sullivan (*Worship Arts-Hymnals*)

In memory of **Lena Russell** given by:
Donna Parker (*Worship Arts-Hymnals*)

In memory of **Johnny Parker** given by:
Donna Parker (*Worship Arts-Hymnals*)

In memory of **Henry and Margaret Pape** given by:
Bob and Terry Freeman (*Worship Arts-Hymnals*)

In memory of **Harry and Virginia Freeman** given by:
Bob and Terry Freeman (*Worship Arts-Hymnals*)

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