

Heritage Baptist Church

Heritage Highlights - December 2025



Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Scott Curtis

Assoc. Pastor of Youth:
Rev. Shawn Shepherd

Administrative Assistant:
Deborah Burley

Choir Director:

Accompanist: Jacob Pulver
Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs. 9:00 am-4:30 pm

Worship Service Options

All are welcome to join in Worship with Heritage in several different ways:

- ◇ **In-Person Service** inside the Church Sanctuary.
- ◇ **Facebook Live** on our page or on the group.
- ◇ **Live Streaming** on our website www.hbcfarmville.com.

[Both online options can be viewed live at 11 am or view them later at your leisure if you are unable to join us live.]

Thankful for the many ways to worship and stay connected here at Heritage.

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Prayer Time

Two Opportunities to Join Together in Prayer

1. Every Sunday Morning - Room 154, 9:30 am. Grab your coffee and donut and join us.
2. Monthly every 3rd Sunday, after Worship, meet in the Sanctuary.

We will be lifting our prayers to praise and honor the Lord.

You may join in or pray silently. We are offering petitions for:

- our church and community,
- healing for loved ones and our country,
- World peace and the spread of God's Word.

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”

Colossians 3:15



Deacon's Message

Wishing You Peace This Christmas

The good news is that peace isn't found in the absence of problems. It is found in the presence of Jesus.

Ephesians 2:14 reminds us that Jesus came as our peace. Our peace is tethered to the presence of our unchanging God. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. We won't find peace in our changing circumstances or by seeking it out on our own. **Jesus is our missing peace**, and when we stop fixating on our problems and instead focus our thoughts on Him, and give Him our complete trust, we will experience His perfect peace that passes all understanding.

The deacons need your help. We will begin focusing on accomplishing our goals with the coming of the new year. Team leaders will be recruiting team assistants to that end. There are many exciting possibilities. Do you know what "messy church," or "knees under the table" refer to? (Two Deacon's Goals) You can help achieve these and other goals by becoming part of a goal team. Say yes when asked and you will help to reach others for Christ and be richly blessed in the process.

Quotes for the New Year

"Although New Year's resolutions may crumble, God's plans never fail."
Charles Stanley

"God nowhere promises happiness is to be a goal in life. It's not a goal. Our goal is to obey God. Our goal is to do the will of God. Our goal is to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ." – Billy Graham

"Trophies don't last. Awards come and go. Impressive titles move from one person to the next. But fighting for those who can't fight for themselves can make an eternal impact." – Tim Tebow

"God never said that the journey would be easy, but did say that the arrival would be worthwhile." – Max Lucado

FYI and Clarification

There is a new Dedicated Fund, Youth Facilities Fund.

An explanation and information: Over the past at least five years we have tried to improve or enlarge the youth meeting space. Each time it just died because there was no drive behind it. Now there are several people who are working on getting something concrete to work on. They have been busy reaching out and securing bids, meeting with city inspectors more than once to put together an affordable plan that will increase the capacity of the youth meeting space. Also providing a bathroom for their space, and also the plan is to increase the size by adding a 12x40 foot area to accommodate the growing attendance we are experiencing. Plus, as stated, putting in a bathroom which is very necessary. The biggest expense is getting running water to the shed plus a sewer line. There is an acceptable bid we are considering. Once we have all the answers this will have to be voted on by the church. Originally we will be seeking Phase One, the plumbing. This is roughly \$25,000. The entire completed project will be under \$50,000. Please be in prayer. If you're led to contribute before the end of the year for tax purposes, mark it for this dedicated fund. Thank you.

People you may reach out to for answers are:

Ann Miller
Ralph Harris
Gordan Pohlman
Harvey Tackett

Ann

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Church Life - Christmas 2025



Deacon Families

	Ann Miller	Laura French	Robb Koether
We are Here to Serve!	Chris, June and Brett Bamberg Deborah Burley Bob and Susan Lawman Penny Puckett Archer and Nancy Southall John and Frances Turner Pat Williams Lydia Snyder Shirley Townseend Patty Pedrick Candy Satterwhite	Connie Coates Alice Chrobak Jerry, Abbey and John O'Connor Harvey and Jan Tackett Chris and Rusty Wade Gordon and Jeanne Pohlman Bob and Debra Shepherd Becca Shepherd Sally Mottley Shawn, Mary and Asher Shepherd Jen McCrossin Amy and Bobby Franklin	Tom and Barbara Crowder Scott, Kristen, Morgan, Cate and John Curtis Sarah Fox – cards only Ron and Jan Markin Ann Miller Chris and Jen Murphy Gordon and Debbie Smith Alice Templeton Freeman Fox Debbie Russell Jacob Pulver
Chris Bamberg	Susan Lawman	Noah Mullins	Abbey O'Connor
Elsie Angus Henry and Fay Booth Bob and Donna Browning Jane Knott Kevin and Tammy Knott Betty Noblin Windy Wade Karen and Henry Gibson Tommy Mason Roderick and Queta Smithson Mattie Hermanson Lensey Glover	Jimmy and Theresa Adams Ted and Jan Chapman Carroll and Barbara Foster Ann Marcum and Laura Fugate Terry and Ann Simpson Nona Summitt Wayne and Cam Tinnell Houston and Doris Hatcher Virginia Price Tom and Sheridan Curtis Phil Weaver Noah and Marjo Mullins	Donny and Christine Buechling Andrew, Anna and Clara Ronemus Henry Fulcher Ralph and Anita Harris Robb and Cindy Koether Joe Lackey Lee Lackey Dolly Worthy Helen Schmidt Judy Smith Pierre and Christian Suprenant	Gene and Mary Brooks Harold and Nan Colvin Mark, Laura and Sydney French Ted and Pauly Hollingsworth Betty Mull Lorraine Smith Florence Watson Angie and Harry Wyatt Juanita Smith Sam and Patti Carey Frank and Brenda Puryear



JANUARY Birthdays

John Chrobak	01/01
Anita Harris	01/04
Jane Powers	01/10
Jerry O'Connor	01/11
Daniel Puckett	01/13
Harold Colvin	01/14
Shawn Shepherd	01/16
Christian Suprenant	01/16
Sam Rabon	01/19
Donny Buechling	01/21
Lydia Snyder	01/26
Ted Hollingsworth	01/27
Dr. Ben Powers	01/28
Houston Hatcher	01/29

FEBRUARY Birthdays

Freeman Fox	02/15
Marjo Mullins	02/18
Stan Smith	02/19
Jane Timma	02/23

If you would like your Birthday to be included, please contact the church office.

Please contact the church office for use of facilities, church van, and adding/removing events on the church calendar.

Publicity Director

Is your Sunday school class or group involved in a project that you would like to promote and share with our community? Take a digital picture of your group's involvement in the project, write a short caption about the project, and email it to Jen Murphy.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer Request:

Remember, if you wish to add a name to the prayer list, you must have permission from the person to do so.

Gary Barton (S. Townsend's friend)
Rosie Bond (Lawman's friend)
Donny Buechling
Karen Cooper (Puryear's niece)
Barbara Corbett
Charlie Cox (O'Connor's friend)
Erik Deitrich (D. Buechling's brother)
Carroll Foster
Karen Gibson
Lensey Glover
Earl Harris (Curtis' friend)
Debbie Heitala (Prout's sister)
Ted Hollingsworth
Glenn Lawman (Lawman's brother)
Nancy Moorefield
Jerry & John O'Connor
Bob O'Connor (Jerry's cousin)
Cecil Philpott (Curtis' friend)
Jimmy Prout (Prout's brother)
Meri Beth Puryear (Puryear's daughter-in-law)
Clay Ramsey (Puryear's brother-in-law)
Tommy Riley (Puryear's son)
Anna Ronemus
Dennis Thompson (Mullins' friend)
John Turner, III
Joan W. (Harris' sister)
Bill Wellman (Lawman's friend)
Terri Wieder (Ronemus' sister-in-law)
Connie Wilson
Dolly Worthy
Angie Wyatt
Harry Wyatt

Compassion List:

Bob Browning (Home)
Freeman Fox (Home)
Sarah Fox (Hickory Hill)
Henry Fulcher (Forest Health & Rehab)
Doris Hatcher (Hickory Hill)
Houston Hatcher (Home)
Ted Hollingsworth (Home)
Ron Markin (Hickory Hill)
Sally Mottley (Brookview)
Virginia Price (Home)
Archie & Nancy Southall (Lynchburg)
Nona Summitt (Home)
Bea Wallace (Home)
Florence Watson (Home)

Armed Services:

Jacob Green-Navy 8/2018
(grandson of Russ & Diane Green)
Tyler Harris-U.S. Coast Guard 8/2025
(Grandson of Ralph & Anita Harris)
Nathan McMillian-Marines 4/2020
(grandson of Wayne & Kat Knipping)
Dylan Ott-Marines 7/2014
Jacob Spencer-Air Force 6/2016
(grandson of Ralph & Anita Harris)
Dawn Taylor-Army Chaplain 5/2016

Our Missionaries

**Remember Our Baptist Missionaries
serving in America and all around the world.**

**For our Leaders,
our Nation and our World**

Prayer Requests will be removed after 60 days unless notified differently.



Finance Committee Report For November 2025

On the chart below, I have the finance figures for October and November. Our income for November, \$28,163, was the highest of any month so far in 2025 and resulted in a positive difference of \$1,677. The average income for 2025 so far is \$22,963. which is below the average amount needed to fulfill our budget, \$27,247. It is the Holiday season and many of us are traveling to visit families. I encourage everyone to "make up" any missed offerings on the Sunday's you will be here or give online. Also keep in mind the church in any "end of year" giving plans you have. There are some tax changes coming in 2026 that make it financially advantageous to give in 2025 rather than in 2026 for some tax brackets.

The Finance Committee has worked hard to balance our church's budget against the challenge of decreasing income and increasing expenses. Please pray for the Finance Committee to have discernment and wisdom as we consider our Church's finances.

New Designated Fund: The Deacons and the Finance Committee have set up a new designated fund, the "Youth Facilities Fund" that may be used for any improvement to a youth meeting area. Contributions to it should be noted on your check or offering envelope.

If you would like to set up a recurring online giving plan at www.hbcfarmville.com to help you give consistently, just ask in the office for the handout with instructions on how to do it. Please let me know if you would like to share your stewardship testimonial with the congregation. Copies of the 2026 budget as well as the November Treasurer's Report are available in the church office.

Cindy Koether, Finance Committee Chairman

<u>Time Period</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
October '25	\$15,293	\$25,536	(\$10,243)
November '25	\$28,163	\$26,486	(\$1,677)
'25 YTD	\$253,274	\$266,035	(\$13,441)
'25 Monthly Average	\$22,963	\$24,185	(\$1,221)

Team Ministry

We need some additional volunteers for the Small Teams Ministry. The categories for the teams are "Meals", "Visitation" and "Small Jobs". You can prepare a meal for those that are sick or recovering from hospital stays, help do small jobs around a house or yard for those unable to do so, or just visit with shut-ins and those who may live alone and just need their spirits lifted. If anyone would like to help in these areas, please contact the Deacons. I promise YOU will be blessed as well as those who need you. If you know someone who needs help, please let the Deacons know.



Flower Team

Coordinator: Anita Harris

Anyone wishing to give a floral arrangement in honor of or In Memory of a Loved One, please contact Anita.

*Flower Team Member for
January: Anita Harris*

Reminder - If you need help Or are unable to decorate the Sanctuary on any Sunday morning during your month, please contact Anita.

Social Committee

Our Christmas meal is water under the bridge and oh how marvelous it was. I'm sorry that some of you missed out on a spectacular meal. Thanks to Elton and Arlene Layton, Piggin' Out, is the all inclusive way to go. We had the largest crowd this year with more than 90 people. The room was a picture without a frame, truly decorated and tables spread out for easy access, Thanks to the committee members, nothing ever slows them down or stops them. They may not always want to hear the next challenge but rise to the occasion. We will meet on the 29th to determine the price increase for our meals and the menus for the next several months. One item to pay attention to is starting in January the dinners will be on the 4th Wednesday of the month..



Ann



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Monthly Sermon Series

January 04, 2026
Jesus Changes Everything
Mark 2:18-22

January 11, 2026
Freedom in Christ
Mark 2:23-28

January 18, 2026
Doing Good for God
Mark 3:1-6

January 25, 2026
Faithful Ministering
Mark 3:7-21



Pastor's Page

A Fresh Start for 2026

As we step into 2026 a new year sparks thoughts of fresh starts. This is the time of year that we look to lose weight, begin a new routine, start a new project, ect... Scripture reminds us of God's heart for renewal and hope. In Isaiah 43:18-19, the Lord says: *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."* These words invite us to release yesterday's burdens and embrace the fresh work God is doing today.

The turning of the calendar often brings reflection—on victories, failures, and lessons learned. But God calls us not to be trapped by what was. He is the God of new beginnings, and His plans are not limited by our past mistakes or disappointments. Where we see wilderness, He promises a way forward. Where life feels dry and barren, He brings streams of living water. This is not just a hopeful thought—it is a guarantee that God is actively working for our good.

This year will you allow God to give you a fresh start as you seek to know God in a more personal way? It is never too late to seek God's forgiveness and build a deeper relationship with him.

Blessings,



Pastor Scott

Scripture Reading for January 2026

1	1 Timothy 3:14-17
2	Matthew 1
3	Matthew 2
4	Matthew 3
5	Matthew 4
6	Matthew 5:1-26
7	Matthew 5:27-48
8	Matthew 6
9	Matthew 7
10	Matthew 8
11	Matthew 9:1-17
12	Matthew 9:18-38
13	Matthew 10:1-23
14	Matthew 10:24-42
15	Matthew 11
16	Matthew 12:1-21
17	Matthew 12:22-50
18	Matthew 13:1-33
19	Matthew 13:34-58
20	Matthew 14:1-21
21	Matthew 14:22-36
22	Matthew 15:1-20
23	Matthew 15:21-39
24	Matthew 16
25	Matthew 17
26	Matthew 18:1-20
27	Matthew 18:21-35
28	Matthew 19:1-15
29	Matthew 19:16-30
30	Matthew 20:1-16
31	Matthew 20:17-34

Worship / Bible Study

10:00 AM Sunday Bible Studies

<u>Class Name</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Curriculum</u>	<u>Description</u>
Nursery	125	Nursery Worker	Bible Stories	Birth - Age 3
Grades K-3	144	Lorraine Smith Barbara Crowder	Bible Studies for Life	Grades K - 3
Elementary	146	Ann Miller	Bible Studies for Life	Grades 4 - 5
Youth	Shed	Shawn Shepherd Pierre Surprenant	Bible Studies for Life	Grades 6 - 12
Young Adult	Log Cabin Room	Tom Crowder	Explore the Bible	College and Career
Unfiltered	116	Kristen Curtis	Book Study	Adults, mixed ages
Branches of the Vine	FH	Cam Tinnell Lydia Snyder	Explore the Bible	Adults, mixed ages
Seekers Round Table	148	Chris Bamberg Mattie Hermanson	Explore the Bible	Adults, mixed ages

To make corrections to this list, please contact the Bible Study Director or the Church Admin Assistant.



Church Nursery

The Church Nursery is now open and staffed during Worship Services on Sundays.
Please let Mary Shepherd know if you are willing to serve in the nursery on a rotating basis.

Youth Facilities

Huge THANKS to the generosity and love shown for this project. As stated more than once the youth are our future. This project will be beneficial to our youth group and volunteers to have a bathroom in the shed for their convenience. The real kicker is to be in compliance with our insurance. We will pursue the balance of the work on expanding the actual meeting space when the bathroom is done. Thanks again, and if you have any questions, talk to Ralph Harris, Gordon Pohlman, Harvey Tackett or Ann Miller.

Ann

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Heritage Text Alert

Sign up by texting Hello to 833-477-5104.

Send a prayer request by texting
“Pray” and your request.

If you would like to be added to
HBC email list, please email to
secretary@hbcfarmville.com and ask to be
added to the HBC email list

January 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 Clothes Closet 1:00 - 3:00 pm Bell Practice 6:30 pm	2 HH Quilters 9:00 am - 12:00	3
4 9:00 am Praise 9:30 am Prayer Time 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Worship	5 Scouts	6 Clothes Closet 1:00 - 3:00 pm Council Meeting 6:30 pm	7 Choir Practice 5:00 pm Adult & Youth Bible Study - 6:30 pm	8 CBS 9:30-11:45 am Clothes Closet 1:00 - 3:00 pm Bell Practice 6:30 pm	9 HH Quilters 9:00 am - 12:00	10
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18 9:00 am Praise 9:30 am Prayer Time 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Worship Sanctity of Life	19 Scouts	20 LLL-11:30 am Soup Lunch & games Clothes Closet 1:00 - 3:00 pm	21 Choir Practice 5:00 pm Adult & Youth Bible Study - 6:30 pm	22 CBS 9:30-11:45 Clothes Closet 1:00 - 3:00 pm Bell Practice 6:30 pm	23 HH Quilters 9:00 am - 12:00	24
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