

**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.*

**WORSHIP WITH US EVERY SUNDAY!**

**9:15 AM**  
**Traditional Service**

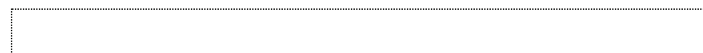
**10:45 AM**  
**Contemporary Worship**

Nursery provided for all services.

**Sunday School for All Ages**  
**9:15 & 10:45 AM**

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## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... 2012??!!



There is a great deal of speculation out there about the year 2012. What will it bring? The ancient Mayan calendar ends on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012. What does that mean? Will history as we know it end on that date? Will time run out? What does God's Word say about 2012 and the end and beginning of things? The next two Sundays we will explore these questions and see what the Word of God says about the signs of the end. I have learned several new things I look forward to sharing with you!

Amos 3:7 says "Surely the Lord GOD does nothing unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets." What is God saying to His present-day prophets concerning what He is about to do? What is He saying about the River Valley? What is He calling us to do? The LORD has a "Word" for us, and I look forward to sharing it with you in the coming Sundays. Invite a friend who needs Jesus and a church home!

See you Sunday! Get ready to be encouraged!

*Pastor Wes*

You won't want to miss this FREE event. ALL are invited to an awesome night of music, worship and testimony! He will also provide special music at the 9:15 service on Sunday and lead worship at the 10:45 service.



## *In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

**In the Hospital:**  
 Crawford H & R: **Glenn Briley**  
 Crawford H & R: **Mary Coble**  
 Crawford H & R: **Mary Friday**  
 Crawford H & R: **Lena Mae Smith**  
 Legacy Rehab in FS: **Richard Childers**

**At Home:**  
**Danny Berg, Pat Brodie, Earle Craft, Gerlinda Dibble, Roy Dyer, Roy Elkins, Debbie Hill, Roy Mosher, Oline and Irene Oxford, Shawn Stumbaugh, Mary Ellen Weidman**

**All Military Personnel** all around the world

**Nursing Home:**  
**Jean Stratton** (Legacy Lodge)

**Assisted Living:**  
**Billie Jacks** (Alma Health Care)  
**Maxine Fahrner** (Hope's Creek)  
**Mattie Lindsey** (Alma H & R)

**In Sympathy:**  
**Dionne Sangster and Becke Symonds** in the death of their father and grandfather, Jackie Nichols.

## *January Volunteers*

**Ushers**

<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
Mark Stafford	Eddie Prince
Mark Evans	Danny Chislom
Connie Mendenhall	Russ Aikman
Brodie Kneeland	Jon Talley
Wayne Stewart	Grace Kelley
	Clay Brown

**Greeters**

**9:15 am:**  
 Heath and Leslie Wagner  
 Bill and Debbie Thomas

**10:45 am:**  
 Stacey Moore  
 Erich and Jennifer Bauman

## *Worship Notes*

**January 8**  
 2012:  
 What's Real? What's Hype?

**January 15:**  
 2012:  
 What is God Saying for the River Valley?

Have an Announcement for the Bulletin or Newsletter? Email it to office@heritagevb.org.

## HONORARIUMS

In honor of **Wes and Allison Hilliard's 25th Anniversary** by:

M/M Bruce Johnson

In honor of **Wes and Allison Hilliard** by:

Lena Mae Smith (Food Pantry)

In honor of **Max and Marilyn Goins** by:

Lena Mae Smith (Food Pantry)

In honor of **Donna Pape** by:

BYKOTA (Building Fund)

In honor of **Debbie Bretch** by:

Bob Bretch (Food Pantry)

## THANK YOU

Many thanks to all of you who have supported the mission trip to Guatemala with toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. Heritage is the best! I leave February 18 and return the 26th. It will be my second mission trip with First UMC of Fort Smith. —*Sue Lewis*

## SUNDAY BREAKFAST

A continental breakfast will be served in the Welcome Center before each service on Sunday mornings.

## MOMS IN TOUCH

If you are interested in joining a group of moms to pray for your child/children and their schools, please join us here at the church for a meeting Thursday, January 5th at 8:15 am. For more information, contact Monica Steele at 629-4384.

## WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Every Thursday from 12 - 1 pm, you are invited to sit and soak in the Heritage Sanctuary as Chuck leads a time of worship and prayer.

## FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The food pantry volunteers would like to thank all those who have helped the food pantry this year. Your prayers, service and donations make it possible for us to share Christ's blessings with many in our church and community. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

The Food Pantry workers made many trips to the Food Bank, Rice Depot, Allen Canning, Little Debbie and other resources. Through your donations and the hard work of our volunteers we brought in **148,794 pounds** of food (and related items). The Food Pantry served **16,592 people** with food boxes that would provide them with 4-5 complete meals and various snacks. It has been a pleasure serving people from our church and community, sharing Christ's love with them and helping them feed their families.

At the annual Food Pantry Appreciation Dinner, we awarded the following awards: Volunteer of the Year given to John Poole, Most Appreciated Volunteer given to Alia Lyle and the Foundation Award given to Don Spillman. Congratulations to all Food Pantry volunteers for the wonderful ministry you provide.

## HERITAGE UNIVERSITY SPRING 2012 SEMESTER!

*Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge.* Proverbs 23:12

Heritage University is back for 2012! Classes will begin Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be offering a variety of courses to challenge your spirit and intellect! Watch for the information and sign-up table coming soon. Please join us as we strive to expand the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives through God-based learning!

## LOVE TO SING?



Join the Choir!

Make a New Start with The Sanctuary Choir! We meet every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. No experience necessary - just a heart for worship and a willingness to make a joyful noise!



The Made For Praise Children's Choir will resume rehearsals this Sunday, January 8th in the Worship Arts Room. We meet every Sunday from 4:30 - 5:30 pm. All children in 1st - 6th grades are invited to join us for fun, fellowship and singing God's praises.

## DON'T MISS OUT!



*Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* introduces you to the unchanging desire of God from the very beginning to have people from every language, tribe, and people group worshipping Him at His throne in heaven. You can see how God has worked through history and cultures to bring this about...and how you can fit into this plan!

*Perspectives* is a dynamic, 15-week discipleship training course that will be offered at Heritage beginning Monday, Jan. 16th. For more information, contact Malia Putman or go to [www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org).

## Christmas Poinsettias

*were placed in the church by:*

Johnny and Donna Parker in memory of Lena Russell  
Johnny and Donna Parker in memory of Marie Minor  
Glen and Ann Hopkins, Jr. in memory of Mrs. Glen Hopkins, Sr.  
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Sandra Thompson in memory of her mother, Mary G. Stephenson  
Trudy Leding in memory of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Kidd  
Steven and Diana Peer in memory of Louis and Jean Peer  
The Weidman Family in memory of Bill Weidman  
The Tom Everitt Family in memory of Granddad  
Bob and Terry Freeman in memory of Harry and Virginia Freeman  
Bob and Terry Freeman in memory of Jessie Gruber  
Lillie Smith in memory of James Smith  
Merle and Paula Dickerson in memory of Merle and Bettie Dickerson  
Merle and Paula Dickerson in memory of Bettie Ann Johnson  
Merle and Paula Dickerson in memory of Amber CarLeigh Morris  
Rick and D'Ann Brumett in memory of their mothers, Alice Robison and Betty Brumett  
James and Ellarene Crowley in memory of Scott Stumbaugh  
Myron and Teresa Kirksey and Audra Anhalt in memory of Vanus and Dot Bartlett  
Myron and Teresa Kirksey and Audra Anhalt in memory of Joe and Chloe Kirksey  
Darrell and Alice Goodlin in memory of Homer and Harriet Goodlin  
Darrell and Alice Goodlin in memory of John and Laura Gutt  
Roberta Yoder and Family in memory of Robert Hippensteel and in honor of Eloise Hippensteel  
Ben, Allison, Lucy and Will in honor of Donna Pape and in memory of Henry F. Pape  
Rick and D'Ann Brumett in honor of Matthew Brumett's 19th Birthday on December 25th  
Bob and Terry Freeman in honor of Lt. David and Emily Freeman  
Bob and Terry Freeman in honor in Lt. Ben and Sarah Kaminar  
Bob and Terry Freeman in honor of the Heritage Church Congregation  
The Chisolm Family in honor of Lost Souls  
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lloyd in honor of Glenn Briley

## BIRTHDAY LIST

A list of January birthdays is available in the Great Hall.

## NEWCOMER'S CLASS

If you are interested in making Heritage Church your home or you want to learn more about the church and its core vision and values, please sign up for the newcomer's class. The class will be THIS Sunday, January 8th beginning at 9:15 am and ending with a luncheon at 12:30 pm. Contact Becki Kneeland, [bkneeland@heritagevb.org](mailto:bkneeland@heritagevb.org), or by calling the Heritage Church office, 474-6424.

## ENJOY A GOOD MYSTERY?

If so, then the Good Shepherd Class begins a new study December 8 you will like - "Detective Stories from the Bible" by J. Ellsworth Kalas. The Bible contains some detective stories, but they might best be called "life mysteries." These stories are not all mystery stories in the conventional sense of the word, but they investigate incidents, personalities, and topics that ought to catch the interest of anyone with a detective's turn of mind. For example, the Bible has a lot to say about blood. Why is this so important, and how far back, biblically, does this theme go? Cain was warned that the ground would no longer yield for him because he had killed his brother; is there a spiritual connection between our moral conduct and the welfare of this earth? What could be more of a mystery than God's love for the human race? How about a biography of Satan - our adversary?

Join the class for this 12-week study every Sunday in room 134 (third room on the right in the adult wing) at 10:45 AM for this discussion oriented class led by Bob Freeman. Get a new fascination with God, the grandest Mystery-the One who at the same time is quite beyond our wildest reach, yet always is soliciting our attention.