

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 AN ADMINISTRATOR'S HEART...



It's that time of year again. If you are like most people, every new year you develop a list of things you want to do (or stop doing). And, if you're like most people, less than a month into the year, you have already forgotten your new resolutions. You—and I—have rationalized that chocolate is not really so bad or that losing 20 pounds may be a stretch goal (and really, I am comfortable with my weight). That seems to be a common problem with resolutions, they never are kept. Maybe that's why I can't find any New Year's Resolutions in the Bible. I didn't find any place Moses said, "I am going to learn public speaking this year." I didn't find a scripture describing how Peter planned to control his temper.

What I find in Scripture is not resolutions but resolve. Resolutions are things we do. Resolve is a character trait; it's what we are. Joshua plainly stated that he and his household would fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness (read Joshua 24). Paul didn't say, "This year I will preach in 14 cities; I will plant 5 new churches; and, I will write 4 epistles." Paul said, "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Throughout Scripture, we see men turn their hearts to God and their actions follow. Resolutions without resolve are just, as Solomon would say, like chasing the wind.

So for me, no more resolutions. My resolve is to serve the Lord with all faithfulness. I do not know what He has planned for me this year but I do know that I will press on towards the prize. There will be ups and downs, successes and failures but I will keep pressing. Francesca Battistelli sings some words I can relate to, "I don't know how the story ends but I'll be alright 'cause You wrote it, I don't know where the highway bends, But I'm doing just fine, 'Cause You're in control." I don't know what 2012 holds for Heritage. But I do know that as we are faithful, he will be faithful. I know he has great plans for us. I have seen His work and I am excited to see what He will do next. And, no matter how strong our resolve is, we need each other. So, I'll see you Sunday; it's going to be amazing!

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On the Inside



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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, Gerlinda Dibble, Roy Dyer, Debbie Hill, Roy Mosher, Oline and Irene Oxford, Shawn Stumbaugh,

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 Thanksgiving:
Drew, Marlene, Aspen and Abe Cone in the birth of their son and brother, *Atcher Brynn*. Proud grandparents are Benton and Juanita Cone.

In Sympathy:
Family and Friends in the death of *Jim Tate*.
Family and Friends in the death of *Micah Hogan*.
Alfredo Maruri and family in the death of his grandmother, Carmen Maruri.

January Volunteers

Ushers

9:15 am	10:45 am
Mark Stafford	Eddie Prince
Mark Evans	Daniel Chisolm
Connie Mendenhall	Buster Colbert
Brodie Kneeland	Russ Aikman
Wayne Stewart	Jon Talley

Greeters

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

10:45 am:
Stacey Moore
Erich and Jennifer Bauman

Worship Notes

January 22:
An Undeclared Season:
The Overcoming Life

January 29:
An Undeclared Season:
Victory Over Addiction

February 5:
An Undeclared Season:
Defeating Offense

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

HERITAGE UNIVERSITY SPRING 2012 SEMESTER!

Heritage University is back for 2012! Classes will begin THIS Sunday, January 22nd. We will be offering a variety of courses to challenge your spirit and intellect:

Not A Fan – Marti Salisbury

Financial Peace – Brad Baldwin

The Cost of Discipleship – Michael Tursky

Sign up TODAY in the Great Hall.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Our next morning Ladies' Bible Study begins Monday January 23rd from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Childcare is provided! We'll be doing an 11-week study of Beth Moore's, *Breaking Free!* It's going to be great!



A new GriefShare Support Group will start Monday January 30th at 9:30 a.m. If you have had a loss, plan to attend this Christ-centered program as you go through your grief. God loves you and He promises in His word that He will be with you during this time and He will bring you back to joy. We will meet in the Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class. For more information call Shirley Touchstone at 479-629-7901

MOMS IN PRAYER

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 every Thursday at 8:00 am.

NEW MEMBERS



Scott and Denise McAfee joined Sunday along with their children, Cierra, Briana and Aleah.



Ryan and Trisha Breeze joined Sunday. They were accompanied by their children, Jaden, Emma and Adam.



Jake Boblett joined Sunday along with his daughter Sydney. Jake is the fiancé to Jennifer Archer.

NEWSLETTER

If you have an announcement for the newsletter, please email it to office@heritagevb.org by 9 am on Monday mornings. Also, if you would like the newsletter by email, contact Kathy Goins at kgoins@heritagevb.org.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Thursday, February 2nd, the 6:15 am women's Bible study will begin, *Not a fan* by Kyle Idleman. This study will focus on becoming a completely committed follower of Jesus not just an admirer. Come join us as we discuss, fellowship, and share what it means to be an active participant in God's plan. Books will be available for purchase on February 2nd.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, January 29th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

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.

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL

If you or someone you know has a child age 18 months to four years old and are interested in a two-day-a-week preschool, please contact us at 474-6424 to register.

LOVE TO SING?

Make Music a Part of Your Life. 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!



FROM THE HEART OF WELCOME...

John 15: 12

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you"



I hope you guys have been as blessed as I have with our services and our attendance over the past few Sundays. I feel like God is calling his people to assemble together to bring glory and honor to His name. Our hallways are overflowing with fellowship and every corner I turn I hear laughter and joy. This opens up so many ministry opportunities for us in the area of welcome. I would like to share with you a few tips I have come across that will help us be mindful of what God has called us **all** to do:

1. **Smile** - God wants us to be joyful. Romans 15: 13 says "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing...."
 2. **Make eye contact** - **When you say hello.....MEAN IT!** Don't just say hi in passing but slow down to look at someone in the eye and say hello. You can learn a lot about a person by looking them in the eye.
 3. **Don't ask "Are you new?" or "Is this your first time?"** - Begin a conversation with them by introducing yourself. I usually say "My name is Becki, have we met?" This gives the person the opportunity to say, "Yes we have" or "no, I am visiting today". If it is someone you have met prior, just explain to them that it takes time to learn names but you are working on it. There is no reason to be embarrassed if you have introduced yourself more than once. It is not upsetting to the person you are talking to, but does send a clear message that you care enough to put yourself out there.
 4. **If they are new, please ask them "Where can I take you?"** It could be the nursery, the sanctuary, or the restrooms. Please be ready to assist them with whatever their needs may be. Remember things we take for granted, other may not know.
 5. **Don't just focus on new faces, greet everyone.** Some of us have been around for a very long time and could use a smile or a hug from time to time.
- So this Sunday, put your best smile on, thank God for the blessings he has bestowed upon you, and then go out and be a blessing to someone else.

Becki Knuland

PULSE STUDENT MINISTRIES UPDATE



If you are in grades 7 - 12, join us each Sunday night from 5:45 - 8 pm for a time of dinner, fellowship, worship and teaching. This Sunday, January 22nd, we begin a new study, *The Truth Project*. It is a study looking at life from a biblical perspective, going into detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life. You won't want to miss out!



Spring Break 2012 is right around the corner. If you are signed up to go on the trip to California, don't forget that your account should show a minimum of \$250 paid toward the trip as of TODAY!

NORTHWEST DISTRICT MISSION TRIP TO RIO BRAVO, MEXICO

Rio Bravo has been the site of an ongoing United Methodist mission for many years and is sponsored and operated by The United Methodist Church of Mexico. It is located near the larger city of Reynosa just across the border from McAllen, TX. The next trip is March 18-24 and is being organized through the VIM office of the Arkansas Annual Conference and the Southcentral Jurisdiction. This trip is as much about building relationships as it is about construction. Projects will be decided by the Rio Bravo church leadership but may include building houses, schools, churches, and playground equipment. There is a hard cap at 50 people on this trip and it is first come, first serve. The cost is \$200 per person and that covers everything except food on the drive to and from McAllen. In order to reserve a spot, an application must be completed AND a deposit of \$50 must be received no later than January 29. A current U.S. passport is mandatory. For an application or more information contact Paul Bjornen at paulbjornen@hotmail.com (preferred) or 479)575-9500.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have some time to spare and would like to serve by:

- straightening and restocking the supplies in the pews weekly, every other month
- Dusting the Sunday School rooms along with other various parts of the church please contact the church office.