

**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 ... GETTING FREE!



Anything that becomes a habit in your life can become an addiction. Normally, when we hear the word addiction, our mind goes to illegal drugs or alcohol, but many other things can become harmful compulsions: texting, watching TV, playing video games, having to have the last word, cheating, taking prescription medications, eating disorders, negative thinking, gambling, pornography, anger, pouting, receiving compliments, getting your way, internet browsing, etc. ... just to name a few!

Praise God, He has given us the way and the power to get free from addictions and to be healed of our hurts and hang-ups. It's time to get real about what is going on in you! And if not you, then, come learn how to help a friend, family member, or co-worker get free!

Have your hope restored and be encouraged! We've got a great Sunday morning planned for you! Bring a friend, family member, co-worker or neighbor you think might be blessed. We are on our way through "An Undefeated Season!" This week, we are claiming "Victory Over Addiction!"

See you Sunday at the Freedom Center!

*Wes*

## On the Inside



- Women's Ministry
- Thank You • GriefShare
- Preschool • Opportunities

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**In the Hospital:**  
Sparks: **Jeri Nash**  
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, Luke Dennis, Gerlinda Dibble, Merle Dickerson, Roy Dyer, Debbie Hill, 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 Sympathy:**  
**Carolyn Loyd** and family in the death of her mother, *Marie Cole*.

## January Volunteers

**Ushers**

<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
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 29:**  
An Undefeated Season:  
Victory Over Addiction

**February 5:**  
An Undefeated Season:  
The Overcoming Life, Part II

**February 12:**  
An Undefeated Season:  
A Winning Romance

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

## HONORARIUMS

In memory of **Marie Cole** (mother of **Carolyn Loyd** by:

M/M Benton Cone (Food Pantry)  
Glenda Jackson (Food Pantry)

In memory of **Glory Morton** by:

M/M Skip Steele (Missionary Fund: Daniel)

In honor of **Mikey Wiley's Birthday** by:

M/M Johnny Parker (Clothes Closet)

## 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.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Please join us this this Sunday, January 29th at 3 pm. Remember, if you lead a Life Group or a Sunday School Class, you are an at-large member of Church Council.

## OPPORTUNITIES

If you have some time to spare and love to serve, please contact the church office at 474-6424. We have several opportunities:

- Straightening and restocking the supplies in the pews weekly, every other month
- Dusting the Sunday School rooms
- Break down & set up the Fellowship Hall, particularly for Wednesdays
- Transport recyclable items from church to VBHS.

## THANK YOU

Tom and I, as well as my entire family, would like to express our thanks to our church family for praying and visiting with my mom, Jessie Head, while she was recovering from hip surgery and in re-hab. My mom was asked one day while she was in the hospital by a priest if she needed any one to pray with her or talk to while she was there and she replied to them, "No, my daughter's church is praying and checking on me." That statement made me so proud to be a member of this church. I personally don't know all of you who visited and shared a kind word with my mom, but my family has been blessed by your ministry.

*Tom and Jo Ellen Banhart*

## CALLING ALL THIRD GRADERS

This Sunday, the 3rd Grade Hide & Seek (Sunday School) Class begins Crown Financial Study for children, *The Secret of Handling Money God's Way*. They will explore what the Scripture has to say about money. They will also learn God's perspective of work, giving, saving, spending and other practical areas dealing with money. The class meets ever Sunday at 9:15 am in the Backyard and is led by Sarah Vinson.

## 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.



## BAPTISM SUNDAY

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



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

## CONGRATULATIONS



Heritage's own Theresa Fontaine of Alma was named chair of Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus' new Registered Nurse (RN) program during the regular December meeting of the ATU Board of Trustees.

Fontaine has served as an instructor since 2007 in Arkansas Tech-Ozark's Licensed Practical Nurse program. She holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in nursing from ATU.

Chancellor Jo Alice Blondin said, "Theresa Fontaine has demonstrated leadership and professionalism on the Ozark Campus as an instructor, Faculty Senate chair and mentor. The health care community and students will enjoy working with her." Congratulations, Theresa!



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Women's Ministry is alive and well at Heritage! If you are looking for a place to plug in with other women, we have several options for you. Check out our weekly women's ministry opportunities:

Monday - 9:30 -11:30 am Beth Moore's *Breaking Free* -childcare provided  
Thursday - 6:15 am Kyle Idelman's *Not A Fan* (begins February 2nd)  
Thursday - 8:00 am Moms In Prayer

Mark your calendar - Coming April 20-21 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Women's Conference - SPARKLE! Join us as we look at ordinary women from the Bible that God used in extraordinary ways to SPARKLE for His glory!!!

## PULSE STUDENT MINISTRIES UPDATE

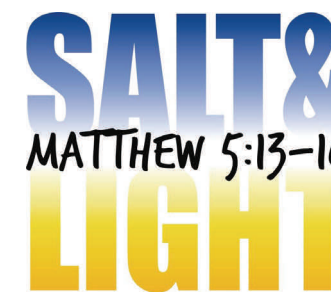


If you are in grades 7 - 12, join us each Sunday night from 5:45 - 8 pm for a time of dinner, fellowship, worship and teaching of *The Truth Project*. It is a study looking at life from a biblical perspective. We will discuss the relevance and importance of living the Christian life daily. You won't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



Join us for a Super Bowl Party on February 5th from 4:15 - 9 pm in the Block. **6TH GRADERS ARE INVITED!** There will be BBQ, fun and fellowship!

## A VERY SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY



You have heard that we (Christians) are the salt of the earth. This was one of the primary points of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Salt in the shaker doesn't flavor anything. We have to get out in the community and make a difference in people's lives. To be cliché, the community needs to know we care before they care what we know.

One of our goals for 2012 is for our life groups, Sunday schools, and other groups to regularly do ministry in our community. Before we can really do this, we need to determine what needs exist within our community. Are you are interested in being part of a team that interacts with city government, service agencies, ministries, and our neighbors in order to find meaningful projects for our groups? If you are, please contact me or Jerry Goodson; join our "Salt and Light" team so we can shine the light of Jesus on this River Valley.

*Mark Goins*



## TO THE PARENTS!

The TRUTH and nothing but the TRUTH!

I wanted to give you an update and will continue to do so throughout the Truth Project Series. Our first night of our new study was last Sunday! Oh, to gaze upon the faces of those who have gazed upon the face of God. That is what I saw. I have to admit that this series will challenge all of us in many ways from our perspective of who we thought God was to simply being still for an hour-long teaching. Regardless, joy filled my heart last night as we followed up our teaching with discussion. To see eyes that revealed one thing: "I am beginning to understand TRUTH!" Words cannot express the overwhelming peace of knowing that our students/adults are going to, with out a doubt, grow closer to God through this series. A familiar phrase from the movies rings in my ears as I write this: "You can't handle the truth!" I have to tell you, that is what Satan wants us to believe. And yet, while I can easily admit that we may not get it ALL, even in just one session, God has revealed Himself in a mighty way. He wants us to know the Truth. He wants us to know Him as it says in I Timothy 2:3-4, "This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." NOW THAT IS TRUTH! Please continue to be in prayer for us as we are in this incredible journey that has eternal value! I believe that this is where God wants us to be...with all my heart!

*RS*