

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!

8:05 AM
Awakening Service

9:30 AM
Traditional Service

11:00 AM
Contemporary Worship

Nursery provided for all services.

Sunday School for All Ages
9:30 & 11:00 AM

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RESURRECTION AFTERGLOW ... CONTINUING IN THE POWER THAT RAISED JESUS!



My wife, Allison, remarked that after the services Sunday, many people just seemed to linger in the sanctuary, not wanting to leave—just basking the afterglow ... in the majesty of His presence! It was one of those Sundays! The splendor of the music and the beauty and power of the dances deeply touched many people, including me! I resonate with Allison's comment about the dancers, "Their dancing was such a beautiful reflection of how my soul feels. That's what I'm going to do in heaven!" Thank you, Jeff and Natalie Lewis and the Arrows International Dance Troupe!

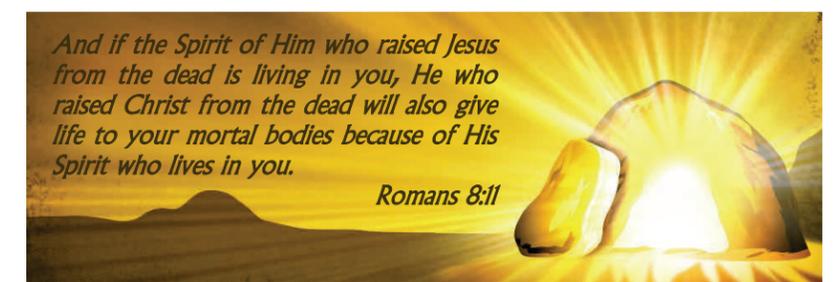
Praise God for your faithfulness to reach out and invite your friends, family members, neighbors, clients and co-workers. We had 1,035 in attendance! We could handle that every Sunday! We've got more great Sunday mornings planned for the weeks ahead! Keep reaching out and inviting others to worship with us!

A special thank you goes out again to the choir and praise team/band members who participated in all three services the past two Sundays! Wow! You added so much to the worship experience in each service!

In the next two Sundays we continue our proclamation of "An Undefeated Season!" This week we focus on "The Power of the Gospel!" Next Sunday we'll explore more on how to be a vessel of this resurrection power! There's no greater power than Jesus! There's no greater love, peace, or joy!

Proud to be your Pastor!

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And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you.
 Romans 8:11

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

In the Hospital:
 Mercy: **Erin Reeves**
 Pointer Trail H & R: **Jeri Nash**
 Crawford H & R: **Mary Coble**
 Crawford H & R: **Mary Friday**
 Crawford H & R: **Lena Mae Smith**
 Legacy Rehab in FS: **Richard Childers**

At Home:
Taylor Anders, Danny Berg, Gerlinda Dibble, Roy and Fae Dyer, Jeanette Elkins, Debbie Hill, Marilyn Lewis, Oline and Irene Oxford, Pat Patton, 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:
Selma Mattox and family in the death of her brother, *Johnny Ferguson*.
Billie Schriver and family in the death of her husband, *Paul Schriver*.

April Volunteers

Ushers

8:05 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
Jake Boblett	Mark Evans	Jon Harper
Bruce Brown	Brodie Kneeland	Ray Hart
Mike Kneeland	Connie Mendenhall	John Poole
John Poole	Mark Stafford	Justin Sangster
	Wayne Stewart	Danny Turner
	John Symonds	

Greeters

8:05 am:
 Buster Colbert
 Jennifer Archer and Lisa Gist

9:30 am:
 Rick and D'Ann Brumett
 Dorvan and Mikie Wiley

11:00 am:
 Drew and Marlene Cone
 Daniel and Melinda Chisolm

Worship Notes

April 15: THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL!
April 22: STEP UP! SPEAK OUT!
April 29: TIMOTHY TEAM SUNDAY

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

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MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **Glenn Briley** by:
Martha Smith (FP)

In memory of **Lena Russell** by:
Jim Cotton (CM)

In memory of **Dixie Shumaker**
(niece of Margene Bules, cousin of
Carolyn Scott and Debbie Moore) by:
Jean Sabatier (SLC)

In honor of **Jeanette Elkins** by:
The Unity SS Class (BF)

*FP - Food Pantry *SLC - Student Life Center
*BF - Building Fund *CM - Children's Ministry

THANK YOU

Thank you for praying for me. I truly believe in prayer often! I am so thankful we (Jack and I) are a part of Heritage Church. Thank you to all who prayed for me. I love and appreciate all of you. May God bless each one of you greatly!

Love, *Jack and Juanita Burns*

UNEXPECTED BLESSING



From L to R: Aiden Moore, Mikenna Moore, Abbigail Simpson

Friday afternoon, Heritage received a blessing from a very special, young lady. Abbigail Simpson had a birthday party and instead of gifts she asked her guests to bring canned food to donate to our food pantry. Thank you, Abbigail!

HEALTHY CONGREGATION

Come to the Resource Center THIS Sunday between 9 and 11:15 am and have your blood pressure and sugar level checked. We want to help you get healthy and stay healthy!

IN LOVING MEMORY



Paul Martin Schriver, 93, of Van Buren, Arkansas died Saturday, April 7, 2012 in his home. He was a retired maintenance superintendent with the U.S. National Park Service in Fort Smith, a U.S. Army Veteran of WWII, a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Van Buren Lodge # 6.

He has been a member of Heritage United Methodist Church since 1962. Although he was unable to attend church on a regular basis due to health reasons, he faithfully supported and loved his church. Several years ago, the Do Good For Nothing Sunday School Class 'adopted' both Paul and his wife, Billie and the class was truly blessed by such a wonderful and loving couple. Paul was preceded in death by his parents, David and Ada Mae Schriver and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Billie Kathryn Schriver of the home; a daughter, Gail Jarrell and husband, Freeman, of Teague, Texas; a son Paul David Schriver and wife, Wilma, of Leesville, Virginia; three grandchildren, Felicia Kelly of Ft. Worth, TX, Steven Schriver of Conway and Christine Mashburn of Booneville and nine great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be members of the Van Buren Masonic Lodge #6.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, April 22nd, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

BABY SHOWER

 Please join us for a baby shower honoring Brigette Imhoff, daughter of Grant and Becke Symonds on Saturday, April 28th from 2-4 pm in the Welcome Center.

WEDDING SHOWER

 A wedding shower honoring Lindsay Hilliard and Josh Staggs will be held Sunday, April 29th from 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The hostesses are Haley Burkert, Gina Burkert, Mary Ann Dodd, D'Ann Brumett, Debbie Thomas, Mikey Wiley. They are registered at Wal Mart, Dillard's, Bath Bath and Beyond.

DAILY SANCTUARY

Start your weekdays in quiet time with the Lord. We will be open every weekday morning 6 to 8 am to provide a sanctuary for you. Gym clothes and coffee, iPods and notebooks are all welcome. Enter through the Bell Tower.



Heritage Church and Legacy will start a new GriefShare Support Group at Legacy Heights, 1012 Fayetteville Road, Van Buren. Monday, April 23 at 6:30 in the evening. If you have a recent loss, or are still grieving from a past loss GriefShare can help you. Everyone is invited. Please call Shirley Touchstone for more information. 629-7901.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR!

When John the Baptist told the crowds to "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near," he wasn't telling them that the world was about to end. The many times that Jesus described the Kingdom of Heaven, he was never describing some far-away cloud where angels sat around singing "Kumbaya". And, when Jesus talked about salvation, he wasn't talking about fire insurance. Salvation isn't just "Heaven or Hell" and getting your ticket punched. True salvation is about Kingdom living today.

In the first chapter of Acts, Jesus tells the disciples to wait in Jerusalem and that they will receive power. This power was to enable them to change lives. This same power is available to each of us today. Salvation is about so much more than Heaven or Hell; salvation is

about changed lives. We have available to each of us the power to live a kingdom lifestyle here today. The beatitudes don't just describe what it will be like when we all get to heaven—what a day of rejoicing that will be. The resurrection power of Jesus Christ makes it possible today for those who mourn to be comforted; for the pure in heart to see God; for the peacemakers to be called sons of God. When Jesus gave us the model prayer, he wasn't joking around; His will can be done on earth as it is in heaven.

If your life is like mine, there are times that you get a glimpse of the Kingdom but living in the Kingdom every day seems like an impossible dream. Join us Sunday as we learn about the true Power of the Gospel. It might just change your life today!

APRIL TEACHER FEATURE



It's April and time for our last Teacher Feature for this school year. Heritage Preschool has a wonderful group of teachers that we would love for you to know a little more about. This month we will introduce to you the Rainbow Class Teachers. These teachers are focused on getting these little ones ready for kindergarten.

Amy Adams is the first teacher in the Rainbow Class. She is married to Chad & they have a daughter, Ashtyn who is 11 and attends Central. They also have a son, Caleb, who is 7 and is in 1st grade at Parkview. They are active members of First Baptist Church here in Van Buren where she is involved with both the adult & children's choirs. Amy believes that we are each given gifts by God & He has given her the gift of teaching. She loves teaching at Heritage Preschool because she not only has the opportunity to prepare children for kindergarten, but also gets to share God's love with them.

Mendi Burris is the next teacher in the Rainbow Class. She is married to Greg & they have two precious little girls, Tatum, who is 7 & is in 2nd grade at Rena, Burklee, who is 5 & is in kindergarten at Rena. They are members of Van Buren First Assembly & are very active in their church. Mendi enjoys reading, playing basketball, hiking camping & watching the Hogs! She loves working with children here at Heritage & at her

home church. She loves helping them learn & seeing the progress they make.

Traci Lewis is the third teacher in the Rainbow Class. She is married to Mark & they have 2 daughters. Samantha is a senior at VBHS & Ashley is in the 7th grade at Coleman. Traci & her family are members of First Baptist Van Buren where she is active in several ministries. Traci loves going to church, studying the Bible & also doing all sorts of arts & crafts. She feels blessed that God would think her worthy to teach His children. She says this is the most rewarding job she has ever had & she loves to teach!

Our Pre-K program works a little differently than our other classes. The children rotate to each teacher in groups of 10 or less. Each of the 3 teachers focuses on 1 or 2 areas of curriculum & teach the same lesson to all of the groups. They each have an opportunity to learn in the areas of math, science, language, writing music & art. We still have a few openings in our program for this year. We have also started our enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year. We start at 18 months & go through Pre-K. If you have a child in this age group & are looking for a great place for your child to spend a few hours a week, give us a call 474-6424. Stop by or give us a call if you are interested in enrolling your child or grandchild for the 2012-2013 school year.



Serving Him Gladly-
Amber Hurst, Preschool Director