

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

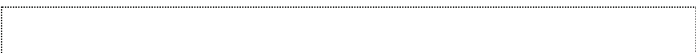
11:00 AM
Contemporary Worship

Nursery provided for all services.

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

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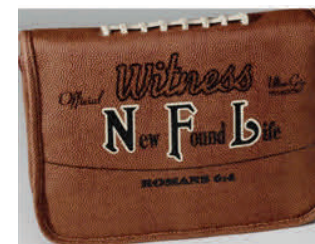
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How can a man be born when he is old? (John 3:4a) So you don't really understand baptism? Obviously, you are not the first—and you probably won't be the last. Nicodemus was a Pharisee and even a member of the ruling council and he didn't get it. In Romans 6, Paul has to explain it to the Roman Christians. And, I am sure that there have been countless sermons on baptism over the last 2000 years. I bet I have heard several hundred baptism messages. Guess what—we still don't get it. When I say "we", I really mean "me".



Baptism is so much more than standing up in front of the congregation and getting our hair wet. It is even more than a public profession faith in Jesus. Baptism changes us inside and out—or at least it is supposed to change us—so that we can live a new life.

Are you content with your life? Is it really everything you have always dreamed of? Have you considered the possibility that you have set your goals a little bit low? We were each designed and created for significance. God loved each one of us—individually—enough to send His Son to die so that we could have life eternally. Would you sacrifice your son so I could simply work a 9-5 job, pay the bills, and play golf on weekends? I'm sorry but I wouldn't do that for you. Somehow, I don't think that's what God had in mind either. So, if you're content with life, you will probably want to skip church this Sunday—go to the lake and relax. Want to better understand what it means to live a new life through the glory of the Father? I will see YOU Sunday!

Roger

P.S. If you are on vacation this weekend, the lake or the beach really would be a great place to relax.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

In the Hospital:
 Pointer Trail H & R: **Jeri Nash**
 Crawford H & R: **Mary Coble**
 Crawford H & R: **Mary Friday**
 Crawford H & R: **Lena Mae Smith**

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

All Military Personnel all around the world

At Home:
Margene Bules, Gerlinda Dibble, Roy Dyer, Jeanette Elkins, Joyce Hopkins, Oline and Irene Oxford, Teresa Ray, Wayne Weege, David Wilson

Nursing Home:
Jean Stratton (Legacy Lodge)

July Volunteers

Ushers

8:05 am Buster Colbert Brodie Kneeland Mike Kneeland Mike McSpadden	9:30 am Mark Evans Connie Mendenhall Mark Stafford Wayne Stewart	11:00 am Russ Aikman Daniel Chisolm Eddie Prince Jon Talley
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Greeters

8:05 am:
Mary Dempsey

9:30 am:
Donna and Johnny Parker
Gail Sly and John Ferrell

11:00 am:
Darlene Craft and Stephanie Hill
Carolyn and Terry Furr

Upcoming Events

July 29:
 CHILDREN LEAVE FOR CAMP
 Check-in at Student Life Center
 12:30 pm

August 1:
 SUMMER SIZZLE
 Testimonies from Israel trip
 6 pm

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

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **Lewis Belcher** by:

M/M Benton Cone (CTV)
M/M Charles Housley
Marilyn Jennings (FP)
M/M Joe Lloyd (FP)
M/M Ronny Ocker
Donna Pape (CTV)
M/M John Symonds (CTV)
M/M Dorvan Wiley
M/M Johnny Parker (CTV)
Glenda Jackson (BF)
M/M Maurice Sagely (BF)

In memory of **Glory Morton**
(daughter of Philip and Kerry Morton) by:

M/M Grant Symonds (CM)

In honor of **Ronald DuCharme**
(son of Jim and Wanda Lloyd) by:

M/M Jim Lloyd (BPF)

In honor of **Lisa Gearhart** (daughter
of Jim and Wanda Lloyd) by:

M/M Jim Lloyd (BPF)

*BF - Building Fund *BPF - Back Pack Fund
*FP - Food Pantry *CTV - Catch the Vision
*CM - Children's Ministry

BAPTISM SUNDAY

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

DOWNLOAD THE APP

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SAVE A LITTLE GREEN

A programmable thermostat is an excellent way to save on your electric bill. We have several of these thermostats available in the church office free to good homes.

IN REMEMBRANCE



Lewis Jefferson Belcher, 70 of Van Buren passed away on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 in his home. He was a retired Chief Engineer for Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Company, a member of Heritage Methodist Church of Van Buren, a member of the Professional Engineers Club, a graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Engineering. He celebrated his 50th Wedding Anniversary to Janice on October 14, 2011. He was the 1st baby born in Waldron in 1942.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Belcher of the home; one daughter, Julie Bynum and husband, Rodney of Van Buren; one son, Jeffrey Belcher and wife, Barbara of Van Buren; two grandchildren, Stacie Bynum and Savanna Bynum; one sister, Mary Martine of Pensacola, Florida.

Pallbearers are Bob Housley, Jay King, Paul Parks, Darral Sparkman, Ronnie Walker and Tim Weege.

The word that comes to mind in thinking of Lewis is faithful. He and Janice joined our congregation in 1974. They were quiet members. Lewis served often as an usher and preferred to not serve in other up front positions. You could be absolutely sure that unless they were out of town, they were at church-period. They were also faithful members of first the Upper Room Sunday School and then, the last few years, the Once a Month SS class. Another example of their faithfulness, the day Lewis died, the church office received a church contribution in the mail—a check made out by Lewis. Lewis will be greatly missed by his family and many friends, we truly celebrate his life!

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR BACKPACKS

Sponsors are needed for our Back-to-School Backpack Program! Please stop by the church office and pick up a child's name. If you prefer not to shop, monetary donations will gladly be accepted. If you like to donate school supplies to help fill the backpacks, we need the following items: glue sticks, glue, pens, pencils, kleenex, baby wipes, colored pencils and black dry erase markers. Backpacks and school supplies need to be returned to the church office by **Wednesday, August 8th!**

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL



Registration is underway for children ages 18 months to four years old.

If you or someone you know is interested in a two-day-a-week preschool, please contact us at 474-6424 to register for the 2012-2013 school year.

CHILDREN'S CAMP

If your child has signed up for camp, please check them in at 12:30 pm Sunday at the entrance to the Student Life Center then proceed to the Fellowship Hall for lunch. After lunch, we will board the bus and leave for Pinecrest Camp in Ozone, Arkansas.

TIMOTHY TEAM AND TINY TIMS

Register NOW for Timothy Team & Tiny Tims (for children 2 - years - old through 5th grade as of 8/1/12!) We will study the 'Heroes of the Bible'. Deadline is **August 5th**. Registration forms are available at the computer check-in stations!

AMAZING TESTIMONY

What an awesome service! The Holy Spirit was moving, not only in the Fine Arts Center, but He was felt in the River Valley. Our son, Joe, called Sunday evening and asked how our Sunday morning went. As we started telling him how the Holy Spirit was there and about all of the healings. He started to cry and said, "Now I know what was happening this morning at New Life (his home church.) Brother White opened his Bible to read God's word before his message. As he finished reading, he closed the Bible, looked up and said, 'People there is something happening in the River Valley, this morning. I would suggest if you need healing or need God in your heart, you better come to the altar now!'"

So as the Holy Spirit was moving in our service, it was felt in other church services, as well.

How awesome is our God!

Trecia Lloyd

WOMEN OF FAITH IN OKC

There will be a meeting Thursday, August 2nd at 6:30 pm in the Welcome Center for everyone signed up for the conference in OKC. Please make plans to attend.



We have a fired-up schedule for our last Wednesday night!

* Aug. 1st - Testimonies from the Israel trip

Grab a friend and make plans to join us!

SPARKLE SPEAKER



If you would like to hear one of the small group speakers from the 'Sparkle' Conference, here's your chance. They will speak during the 9:30 and 11 am Sunday School hours for the next two months in the Welcome Center.

Sunday, July 29th: Sue Barnes
Overcoming Your Past

Your past does not determine your future. She who has been forgiven much, loves much.

Come see how God can change a life from shame and guilt to mercy and grace. Learn how to overcome your past by looking at Mary Magdalene's amazing walk with Jesus.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

HELP WITH FALL KICK OFF



John Wesley said, "Catch on fire with enthusiasm and people will come for miles to watch you burn!" That is what we at Heritage want to remember as we get back to our roots for Fall Kick off on Aug. 26th. We are currently in the planning stages for this year's kick off and we need you. If you can help out in any of the following areas please contact Becki Kneeland at bkneeland@heritagevb.org as soon as possible. We are looking for a Coordinator of Children's area, a Coordinator of Food, a Coordinator of the Adult area, a Setup Crew and a Clean-up Crew. Some additional items that are needed: wooden chest/trunk, spinning wheel, empty baby food jars, butter churn and quilt rack with a folded quilt.

PULSE UPDATE



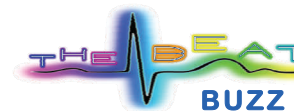
If you have signed up for Lake Day, we will pull out of the parking lot at 8 am sharp this Saturday, July 28th! Make sure you eat breakfast before you come!



Next Thursday August 2nd, we will have 'Night Life'. Be watching for the tweet! To get updates on twitter, follow us at @pulsevanburen.



Sunday, August 12th, we will travel to Northwest Arkansas to a Naturals' baseball ballgame. Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, August 5th. Cost is \$9 per person. Sign up online or through the PULSE Student Ministries' Office.



If you are going into 5th or 6th grade, please join us for a fun time at Incredible Pizza on Wednesday, August 8th. For more information and to sign-up, log on to pulse.heritagevb.org. You must have a 2012-13 medical release form on file in order to attend.