

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.

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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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LET'S PARTY!

What an amazing Sunday -- Ten Baptisms, four baby dedications, and two families joining.....WOW!

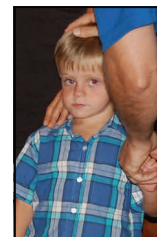
Attendance including nursery was almost 700. Luke 15:10 tells us that the angels rejoice when one sinner repents. There was rejoicing in heaven and at Heritage Sunday! God is changing lives here every day. Now that is something worth celebrating and sharing!



Aspen Cone was dedicated. Daughter of Drew and Marlene Cone



Atcher Cone was dedicated. Son of Drew and Marlene Cone



Abe Cone was dedicated. Son of Drew and Marlene Cone



McKinley Painter was dedicated. Daughter of Jeff and Kelly Painter



Nona Pendergrass joined and was baptized.



Madalynne Painter was baptized. Daughter of Jeff and Kelly Painter



Baylor Shook was baptized. Son of Travis and Summer Shook



Matthias Harper was baptized. Son of Jon and Jena Harper



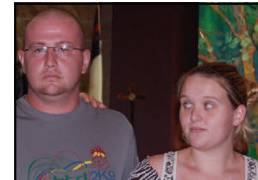
Bob Merchant was baptized.



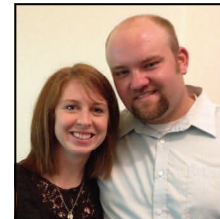
Kaye Merchant was baptized.



Sheila Reed joined and was baptized.



Chris and Amber Green joined.



Eric and Shea Marsh joined.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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

All Military Personnel all around the world

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

Nursing Home:
 Jean Stratton (Legacy Lodge)

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

In Sympathy:
 Abbi Rankin, Josh Rankin and Katelyn King in the death of their grandfather, Wayne Rankin.

August Volunteers

Ushers

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| 8:05 am John Poole Buster Colbert Jane Sanders Rick Sanders | 9:30 am Goodson Life Group | 11:00 am Erich Bauman Rick Rauser John Poole Tom Banhart Russ Aikman |
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Greeters

8:05 am: Becky and Clay Brown, Mary Dempsey
9:30 am: Goodson Life Group
11:00 am: Terry Furr, Rhonda Chambers and Grace Kelly

Upcoming Events

August 5:
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE
 For Timothy Team and Tiny Tims

August 19:
 EDUCATION APPRECIATION SUNDAY

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 Roger Burkert (FP)
M/M Bruce Johnson (FP)
Sue Stranathan (CTV)

In memory of **Charles Yates** (son of Gene and Dawn Yates) by:
M/M Gene Yates (FP)

In memory of **Johnny Ferguson** (brother of Selma Mattox) by:
Three-fold Cord LifeGroup (WAF)

In honor of **Aspen, Abe, and Atcher Cone** (children of Drew and Marlene Cone) by:
Connie Ashbacher

*FP - Food Pantry *CTV - Catch the Vision
*WAF - Worship Arts Fund

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

MISSIONARY OFFERING

If you have a birthday in August, you are invited to place an offering in our little white church on the chancel rail during the announcements this Sunday. Currently, all birthday offerings go to support the Rupp family ministering in the Far East.

DOWNLOAD THE APP

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WORSHIP ARTS: TAKE NOTE!

Is it time for you to commit your artistic abilities to service at Heritage? We have so many ways for you to be involved!

Praise Singers
Praise Band
Brass/Wind Instrumentalists
Sanctuary Choir

Drama/Dance
Children's Choir Leadership
Handbell Choir

We are not looking for "performance/perfection", but hearts that are committed to worshipping the Lord with joy and creativity. If that is you, we want to encourage you to join us for a time of food and fellowship as we gear up for a great season in the Heritage Worship Arts Department!

Saturday, August 18th at 6 pm
at the home of Chuck and Louann King
1022 S. Greenwood, Fort Smith
Please RSVP to Chuck at the Church office!

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church this Sunday, August 12th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

FREE WI-FI

We now have free Wi-Fi at Heritage. Bring your iPad and check the bulletin this Sunday for the password.

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL



New Class Open for BABIES!!!

Must be 3 months to 12 months old. Space is Limited!

Heritage Preschool meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 2 pm following the VB School Calendar. Classes are available for ages 3-months through pre-K. Classes begin September 4th.

For information contact: Erin Reeves at 474-6424 or ereeves@heritagevb.org

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.

SPONSORS NEEDED

School is just around the corner and sponsors are desperately 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 next **Wednesday, August 8th!**

REGISTER NOW

Deadline to register for Timothy Team & Tiny Tims is **THIS Sunday August 5th**. Registration forms are available at the computer check-in stations!

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, Aug. 5th: Vesta Everitt
Healing from Loss

The story of Naomi tells of God's plan and faithfulness to restore fullness and purpose to a broken heart. Nothing in life compares to the loss, sorrow and grief of the death of a loved one. However, many who have experienced this have looked back to see that something of great importance spiritually grew from the experience.

We come to understand it is all part of God's plan. As we suffer adversity and affliction, we also experience God's grace to heal. I invite you to come as we discuss ways to return the "sparkle" to our lives.

HELP NEEDED WITH THE AUGUST 26TH FALL KICK-OFF

Frontier Day is our official title for our Heritage Fall/ End of Summer Kick-Off. We are so excited about this big event and we want you to be excited too. As a part of the event, we will have a pie auction and contest for best pies (there will be different categories that will be judged) and a contest for best pickling or canned goods. So, be thinking of your best recipe and get ready to bake or can!!!! Thank you for the response from last week's newsletter, as a result, Coordinators for Set up/Clean up, Pie Auction, Children events, and Adult/Youth events are in place. What we need now is volunteers to help in each area. Please contact Becki Kneeland if you would like to participate at bkneeland@heritagevb.org. Other items needed for Frontier Day: Empty baby food jars, Feed sacks, Live baby (not newborn) pig (if you have access to one talk to Becki or Chuck), Spinning wheel Judges for the best pie contest and canning contest (Bring your appetite), Horses and Horse and buggy.

NURSERY WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Heritage has definitely been blessed with lots of young children. Our mission in Heritage Children's Ministry is to transform them into spiritual champions. We have many opportunities for you to be a part of this awesome ministry. We have both volunteer and paid positions in the nursery; we have positions for teachers and helpers; if you have a heart for children's ministry, we have a place for you to serve. Contact Anna Utz at 474-6424 or e-mail her at autz@heritagevb.org. You will be amazed at what God will teach!

NEW BLESSING MEALS

Children are amazing gifts from God. Those first few days and even weeks with a newborn child can also be stressful for a young family. Would you like the opportunity to reach out and make their lives a little less stressful? Please contact Anna at 474-6424 or at autz@heritagevb.org to volunteer to provide a meal for the families as they welcome these precious gifts into their lives. We are expecting several special deliveries through the end of 2012.

YOU'RE INVITED



Please join us for a Bridal Shower honoring Jonathan Goins and Brittany Ivey Sunday, August 12th from 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The hostesses are Maria Goins, Laura Moore, Kathryn Goins, Alexis Boster, Renee Baldwin and Debbie Thomas. They are registered at Wal Mart, Target, Sears, and Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

PULSE UPDATE



Sunday, August 12th, we will travel to Northwest Arkansas to a Naturals' baseball ballgame. Deadline to sign-up is this 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 in Tulsa 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.