

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

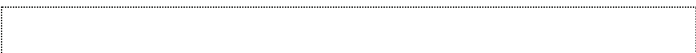
11:00 AM
Contemporary Worship

Nursery provided for all services.

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

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From Your Pastor's Heart ... Discovering Who You Really Are!



I have always been something of an existentialist. Existentialists are people who ask those big questions about life: "Who am I? Why am I here? What is expected of me?" And, "What can I hope for?"

I have found that the seasons in which I have had the most difficulty in my life are when I was least clear about my identity and purpose—the times I have believed lies that I was less than who God says I am IN CHRIST. The times in my life where I find myself the MOST ALIVE and fulfilled and pumped about life are when I am MOST CLEAR about who I am, why I am here, what is expected of me and for what I can hope!

We are in a great crisis in our society where the vast masses have a huge identity crisis. We have forgotten who we are! ... or we have been deceived to believe we are much less than who we REALLY ARE! **This crisis affects everything!** It keeps people in bondage to the world, themselves, and the devil. Do you know who you REALLY are?

I pray that this Sunday you will have a veil lifted from your eyes and you will have a fresh revelation of who you are IN CHRIST that will set you free to manifest your Father!

See you Sunday at the Revelation Station! It's going to be amazing!! Get ready for an encounter!

Pastor Wes

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

In the Hospital:
 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:
 Margene Bules, Gerlinda Dibble,
 Mary Ann Dodd, Roy Dyer,
 Jeanette Elkins, Joyce Hopkins,
 Jeri Nash, Oline and Irene
 Oxford, Teresa Ray, Wayne
 Weege, David Wilson

In Sympathy:
 Kay Newton and family in the death of her sister, Alice Palmer.

August Volunteers

Ushers

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

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 19:
 EDUCATION APPRECIATION SUNDAY

August 26:
 FRONTIER DAY AT HERITAGE

On the Inside



- Memorials and Honorariums
- Bridal Shower
- Casting Call
- Fall Kick-Off
- Preschool

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 Wayne Weege (BF)

In memory of **Jude Brumett**
(father of Rick Brumett) by:
M/M Darrell Goodlin (FP)

In honor of **Margene Bules** by:
Unity Sunday School Class (BF)

In honor of **John Luckau** by:
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*FP - Food Pantry *BF - Building Fund

BAPTISM SUNDAY

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

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

FREE WI-FI

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

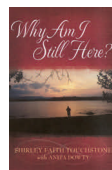
HERITAGE PRESCHOOL



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

AVAILABLE

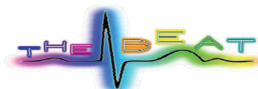


Shirley Touchstone and Anita Dowty have written a book, *Why Am I Still Here?*, that is now available through Amazon or any Christian book store. You can also order this book from Anchor Distributors. You can even purchase a copy for your Kindle.

Synopsis:

Life is filled with tragedy. What happens when you're the one left behind? How can you go on? Follow along with Shirley Faith Touchstone and Anita Dowty as they gather story after story detailing the answer to the all-important question, Why Am I Still Here?. You'll learn how God is at work in the lives of those who grieve.

Why Am I Still Here? will help you understand what Jesus meant when he said, "Blessed are those who mourn."



Check out the new website for the Beat, thebeat.heritagevb.org.

CHILDREN'S CAMP LOST AND FOUND

Is your child missing a swim suit, towel or t-shirt? We may have it in the lost and found box at the entrance to the Student Life Center!

CONTEST AND AUCTION



Get ready Heritage family for some good family fun and some great food! There will be a pie, cake, cookie, and home canned/preserved items auction and competition at Heritage Frontier Day on August 26th. This is the time to get out your time tested, family favorite recipes and enter the contest. You can enter as many as you desire. You may pick up an entry form this Sunday in the fellowship hall. All instructions are on the form. So start pondering what to enter and we will see you at the auction!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement for the newsletter, please email it to Kathy at office@heritagevb.org by 9 am on Monday mornings.

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 and/or 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!

SPARKLE SPEAKER



Pam James, speaker from the "Sparkle" conference, will be featured this Sunday during the 9:30 and 11:00 am Sunday School hour in the Welcome Center. All are invited.

Serving the Lord with your Marriage

As couples, we should strive to be used in the service of the Lord. Aquilla and Priscilla are a great example of a couple who understood the providential workings of God in their lives, experienced togetherness in their marriage, and put God first in their lives.

Learn how they were determined to serve Him together with a godly marriage for ministry, and how you and your spouse can do the same.

HELP NEEDED



We are so excited about Frontier Day on Aug. 26th at Heritage and we want you to be excited too. 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!!!! We still need volunteers to help with the activities. Please contact Becki at bkneeland@heritagevb.org if you would like to participate. Other items needed for Frontier Day: feed sacks, a live baby pig (not newborn), a spinning wheel, a horses, and horse and buggy. We also need judges for the best pie contest and canning contest.

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!

CASTING CALL



Heritage Worship Arts presents *SCROOGE*, A musical based on Charles Dickens', *A Christmas Carol!* There are parts available for all age groups, as well as, **children 3rd grade and up**. The musical will be performed December 19 - 23 at the King Opera House. Auditions are this Sunday and Monday, August 12th and 13th at 4 pm in the Worship Arts Room. No experience required!

LOST AND FOUND

Please check the front office and the kitchen for items that have been turned in lately. There is an assortment of Bibles, books, jewelry, dishes and many other odds and ends.

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.

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.

SOCIAL MEDIA AT HERITAGE



For all of you hip happening people on Facebook, be



sure you make Heritage UMC a friend. We often post upcoming events and interesting information on our Heritage Facebook page. You may also wish to follow us on Twitter at [Heritage_VB](https://twitter.com/Heritage_VB). Both are excellent ways to stay informed on the latest information and both of our sites welcome your comments!