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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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*

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

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

Nursing Home:
Jean Stratton (Legacy Lodge)

In Sympathy:
Max Goins and family in the death of his sister, *Annie Venus.*

Lewis Harris in the death of his cousin.

Chris, Brad and Renee Baldwin in the death of their father and son, *Jeff Baldwin.*

In Thanksgiving:
Chris and Hannah Angel in the birth of their son, *Declan Samuel.* Proud Grandparents are Gary & Diane Nishmuta and Claude & Lea Angel. Proud aunt is Christa Nishmuta.

August Volunteers

Ushers

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

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

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

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Education Appreciation Sunday

Last year I had the honor of writing an article in the newsletter for Education Appreciation. I know you guys don't remember what I wrote but because of modern technology I was able to apply a few clicks of my mouse and magically last year's article was before me. In the previous article I challenged all Educators to "*get into the word*". I asked that everyone make it a priority and a part of their daily routine. I still believe that is very important. However, there is so much more than just reading God's word. This year I am going to challenge you to "APPLY" it. Through the Power and Love conference, the point that was driven home to me was "Love God and Love People". It became apparent to me that the two go hand in hand. My brain knowledge told me "you must do the first in order to effectively do the second", but my heart knowledge (which is so much louder than my brain) said, "Because I do the first, I can't help but do the second". That message was so freeing to me. It made me think about the people I come into contact with on a daily basis. Do I show them the love that I have for my Father? I sure hope so! I don't believe there is one person that is put in my path by mistake.

This year as you enter the building where you teach, administrate, clean, cook, or drop off students, be a vessel of love. I beg you not to speak ill of one another. Encourage one another, walk with one another, and love one another just as you do your Heavenly Father.

Join us this Sunday. Dr. Mike McSpadden, Assistant Superintendent from the Alma School District will bring the message "Show and Tell". There will be a church wide reception from 9:00 to 9:30 and again from 10:15 to 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall to honor the educators, administrators, and support staff. A special gift will be given to each honoree.

Blessings,

Becki

Becki Kneeland

Heritage Frontier Day

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 and a contest for best pickling or canned goods. So, be thinking of your best recipe and get ready to bake or can!!!!! You can enter as many as you desire. You may pick up an entry form this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Other activities and events:

Pig Chase
Hatchet throw
Archery
Sack races
Butter churning
Homemade ice cream
Square dancing

Stick horse races
Horse and buggy rides
Music by:
the Coon Supper Boys
A Visit from:
The Aldersgate Man

Activities begin at 5:00 pm
The Play begins at 6:30 pm

Baptism

Phoebe Lowrimore was baptized. She is the daughter of Roger and Annetta Lowrimore and grand-daughter of Dick and Vi Pettit.

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

Food Pantry News

The Heritage Food Pantry fed 570 families for a total of 1681 people in the month of July. Don't forget that for $7 you can provide 3-4 meals for a family. We always welcome new volunteers! Our hours are:

Monday	9:30 - 12 pm
	6 - 7:30 pm
Wednesday	9:30 - 12 pm
Friday	9:30 - 12 pm
1st Saturday of the Month	
	9:30 - 12 pm

Infant Dedication

Alaina Fontaine was dedicated. She is the daughter of Kevin and Christina Fontaine.

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!

Nursery Workers and Volunteers

Children's Ministry has many opportunities in both volunteer and paid positions in the nursery and 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!

Free Wi-Fi

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

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 and 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!

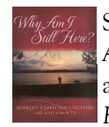
Sparkle Speaker

Debbie Marsh, 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.

Motherhood

Motherhood is not easy, but it is a high calling from God. Just like God called Mary to be the mother of Jesus, He called us to be the mother of the children He has given us.

Book Signing



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. There is a book signing at Legacy Heights, 1012 Fayetteville Road in Van Buren, this Saturday, August 18th from 1 - 3 pm. Everyone is invited.

Download the App

Want the church directory in the palm of your hand 24/7? Download the ***Church Life*** app for your smartphone—IT'S FREE. The app is available for iPhone, Droid or Blackberry.

Healthy Congregation Day

Come to the Resource Center this Sunday between 9 am and 11:15 am and have your blood pressure and sugar level checked.

Women's Ministry

Morning Bible Study

Cindi Wood's study, *Desperate: Seeking Simplicity...Finding the Cross* is a 7-session Bible study for women that will be offered on Monday mornings at 9:30am starting September 10th. Connecting with the heart of God is possible even while living a frazzled life! This women's Bible study will help you explore God and the cross—for the first time or for a fresh look at what the cross means for life today. Sessions:

- Week One: Desperate
- Week Two: The Cross
- Week Three: His Blood
- Week Four: His Grace
- Week Five: Cross Living
- Week Six: The Holiness of God

Evening Bible Study

Beth Moore's study for women, *James: Mercy Triumphs*, will be offered on Monday evenings beginning September 10th at 6:30 pm. Topics in this study include: joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer. Plus, Beth introduces a 5-tiered study approach that she has never done before. This Bible study will be facilitated by Linda Nelson who is relatively new to our congregation but is an experienced powerful teacher. You don't want to miss it.

Worship and Prayer

You are invited to sit and soak in the Heritage Sanctuary every Thursday from 12 - 1pm as Chuck leads a time of worship and prayer.

Resumé Help

Want your resume to go from the trash pile to the 2nd look pile? An attender of our church with 10 years of corporate recruiting experience will be offering free resume editing and interview coaching on Tuesdays and Thursday from 9-12 starting Sept 18. Call the church to sign up for an appointment. You can contact Becki Kneeland at bkneeland@heritagevb.org if you have questions.

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.

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