

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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DON'T MISS HERITAGE FRONTIER DAY!
This Sunday, August 26th, 8:05 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
Evening Activities begin at 5! Worship in the Big Tent at 6:30 p.m.!

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART...RECLAIMING OUR HERITAGE!



Many of you have heard my testimony: When I was a senior in high school, for my honors English class, I wrote my final paper on John Wesley. My dad and the retired ministers in the congregation loaned me their books on John Wesley and early Methodism. I was floored and fired up by what I read. I was also puzzled! What had happened? We didn't look anything like the early Methodists! They were so bold and courageous in their faith! They expressed their faith so authentically that it transformed England and prevented a bloody revolution like what happened in France and Germany during the mid-1700's.

By the grace of God and by their love for and obedience to God, every arena of life was impacted in England by the spiritual revival and awakening: prison reform, education reform, labor reform, care for the poor, strengthening the family, abolition of slavery, political reform, improvement of health care, etc. ...

Then the revival jumped the Atlantic and came to America helping to fuel the First and spawn the Second Great Awakenings. The American Revolution was birthed in the midst of revival and framed by men and women of deep, Biblical faith.

The man through whom God ignited these original revival fires was John Wesley, whose heart was "strangely warmed" upon finally receiving salvation by faith—nearly 15 years after becoming a minister in the Church of England! Soon his brother, Charles received the witness of the Holy Spirit, and the two became a mighty duo: Charles the worship leader and John the preacher.

I cannot over-emphasize the importance and potential of us RECLAIMING OUR SPIRITUAL HERITAGE! Sunday morning and evening we have a great opportunity to celebrate our heritage and to be moved by the Holy Spirit as we retell the old stories of Jesus and His love expressed through our spiritual forebears. Their secret? Primitive Christianity! The same old faith and fire of the Apostles and Martyrs! It's what the LORD would have us reclaim in our day! Don't miss the powerful preaching of Mr. John Wesley himself, portrayed by Mr. B.J. Johnston. You are going to be blessed! Others will be blessed too, as we continue in the faith as expressed by the early Methodists. See You Sunday a.m. and p.m.!

Pastor Wes

"I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit, and discipline with which they first set out."
 — John Wesley

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

In the Hospital:
 Sparks: **Debbie Hill**
 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, Ron Hall, Jeri Nash,
Kay Newton, Oline and Irene
Oxford, Teresa Ray, Wayne Weege,
Nan Wemhaner, 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 Thanksgiving:
Matt and Tara Oliver and family
 in the birth of their son and brother,
Isaiah Matthew.

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
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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 26:
 FRONTIER DAY AT HERITAGE
 ACTIVITIES BEGIN AT 5 PM
 THE PLAY BEGINS AT 6:30 PM

August 29:
 TIMOTHY TEAM/TINY TIMS
 PARENT MEETING
 6 PM

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

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **Jeff Baldwin** (son of Brad and Reneé Balwin; father of Chris Baldwin) by:

Glenda Jackson (BF)
M/M John Boster (YM)
M/M Roger Burkert (FP)
M/M Benton Cone (YM)
M/M Bob Freeman (WA)
Jason Lewis (BF)
M/M Johnny Parker (WA)
M/M Scott Treece (YM)
M/M Jim Udouj (FP)
M/M Dorvan Wiley (WA)
M/M Darrell Shook (YM)

In memory of **Annie Venis** (sister of Max Goins) by:

M/M Johnny Parker (FP)
M/M Benton Cone (FP)

In honor of **All the Food Pantry volunteers** by:

Katy Marsh (FP)

*FP - Food Pantry *BF - Building Fund
*YM - Youth Ministries *WA - Worship Arts

DIVORCE Care

Heritage will launch a new class of "Divorce Care" on Sunday, Sept. 9th at 6:00 pm. The class is a thirteen-week program designed to help heal the hurts and pains associated with going through a divorce. The information you receive will be both biblical and practical in a support group setting. The class will meet in the Community Room. If you have any questions about the class or wish to sign up please contact Becki Kneeland at bkneeland@heritagevb.org.

GUEST SPEAKER

Heritage will host a night of the India Mission Conference on Tuesday, August 28th at 7 pm. Guest speaker is the Bishop from India. All are invited.

NEW MEMBER



Terry McGonigle joined Sunday, August 19th.

COMING SOON-Bridging the Gap



Bridging the Gap is a new ministry focused on bringing together those-who-have with those-who-need. At a recent conference, I had a revelation; the Lord said.... There are so many people in need, HOW CAN WE NOT DO SOMETHING?! This is what the Lord is saying, "What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions?...So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless." James 3:14,17 It is time we rise up and take care of those who need "stuff". By "stuff" I mean furniture, appliances, dish sets etc. We have someone who can do repairs to slightly broken items or appliances that may need a minor repair. If you have something that you would like to donate, if you have a need or know someone with a need, or if you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Gary Deal at 479-651-2013. Jesus asked Peter to "take care of my sheep" John 21:16. This is part of taking care of the sheep!

Carrie Bull

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. Heritage's own Pam James will facilitate this incredible study.

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. 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.

FOOD PANTRY HELP

We could always use 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

Contact the church office at 474-6424 so we can get you plugged in.

HERITAGE FRONTIER DAY



We are so excited about Frontier Day this Sunday, August 26th at Heritage and we want you to be excited, too. Activities begin at 5:00 pm. The Play begins at 6:30 pm. Invite your friends and neighbors, bring your lawn chairs and blankets and join us!

SCHEDULE EVENTS:

Pig Chase (bring a towel)
5:15 pm 3 yrs - 5 yrs
5:30 pm 6 yrs - 10 yrs
5:45 pm 11 yrs - 14 yrs
6 pm 15 and up
5:45 pm
Pie Auction
6:30 pm
Worship with Coon Supper
Boys followed by Man from Aldersgate

ON GOING EVENTS:

Hatchet throw	Horse and buggy photo opportunities
Archery	Log roll
Sack races	Log run
Butter churning	Food
Homemade ice cream	Barrel roll
Stick horse races	

ATTENTION: FRONTIER DAY VOLUNTEERS

*Need volunteers to help with set-up beginning at 8 am THIS Saturday. Please show up to help put up small tents, prepare pig pen, and various other activities.

*If you volunteered to help with the children's activities on Sunday, please be here at 4:45 pm.

SPARKLE SPEAKER

Jennifer Bauman, 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.

Women in Leadership

Wherever you look in the body of Christ today, it is clear that God is calling women to rise up into their destiny. Whether they are students, professionals, or stay-at-home moms, God is calling them to take their place in the forefront of the spiritual battles that are defining our age. Just as He called Deborah in the age of the Judges.

FUNDRAISER



Arkansas Valley Habitat for Humanity has announced that ASU head football coach Gus Malzahn will be the featured guest speaker at the first annual Food, Fun & Faith Luncheon this Sunday, August 26th at the FS Convention Center at 1 pm. For more information, call 782-8255 or visit www.habitatfs.org.

RESUME 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.

HERITAGE UNIVERSITY

HU Fall semester classes will begin Sunday, September 16th! Proverbs 23:12 says "Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge." This is an excellent opportunity for you to grow as a Christian! HU will offer a variety of courses to engage your heart and mind in pursuit of a life of deeper discipleship. Signups will begin this Sunday, August 26th - look for the information and sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall.

96 KIDS GET BACKPACKS

There were a bunch of happy kids and parents in our Church on August 13th! Through your generosity and faithfulness to others, 96 kids from low income families were given backpacks with a pair of shoes, underwear, socks, and school supplies. Many received haircuts and some girls got their nails polished. Almost everyone took Debbie Marsh up on her free snow cones. Families were also treated to a trip to the food pantry and the clothes closet. We are so thankful for our hairdressers Barbara, Danette, and Kelly who volunteer their time and talents to help the kids look and feel better. This event would not be possible without our congregation's commitment and the hard work of the Good Shepherd Sunday School Class, the Seekers Life Group, and the food pantry and clothes closet volunteers. A special thanks to those parents and grandparents who bring their children to help-what a great lesson in serving others!