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*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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## WHERE HAVE THE MEN GONE?



Multiple studies have shown that men, specifically blue-collar men, are the most "unchurched" segment of American society today. This seems ironic given that that the Christian church is centered on Jesus Christ, a carpenter. It's a trend that I find particularly alarming. At the risk of sounding chauvinistic, I have to say that I don't believe men and women are equal. We are certainly equal in our worth but we are obviously created differently. We are shaped differently; we are wired differently; our brains are even sized differently (on average, the male brain is 15% larger). We learn differently and we communicate differently. When Kathy or Kathryn tell me about their day-- even if I don't ask about their day, I get blow-by-blow details in no particular order. Conversely, Justin, Jonathan, and I can spend hours together working on something without speaking more than a few words. We even connect with God differently; Mary, sister of Lazarus, washed Jesus' feet while Jacob wrestled with the Angel of the Lord all night. Neither sex is inherently better--or worse--just different.

So what does this all have to do with men leaving or avoiding the church? I am not a cultural anthropologist, a sociologist, or a psychologist but I do have a theory. And don't criticize my theory unless you have a better one. I believe that as we have shaped our society to facilitate equality, our men have opted out. As men have opted out, women have had to fill the void. As more women fill the voids, more men opt out. It's a downward spiral. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor, 73% of educators today are female. If you subtract college educators, that number jumps to 79%. Is it any wonder that boys struggle more in today's classrooms. I think we are seeing the same thing in the church today. Of the adults who attend Heritage regularly, 60% are female. Only 8 of our 50 volunteers in children's ministry are male.

If we want our boys to grow to become Godly men, we need men to engage rather than opt out. We most certainly need Marys, Marthas, Deborahs, and Esthers. But we desperately need Daniels, Jacobs, Samsons, Davids, and Pauls. Men of God, it is time to step up to the plate; this Sunday would be a great day to start!

See you Sunday!

*Roger*

*P.S. If I have struck a nerve, join us for a Men's Ministry organizational meeting Sunday afternoon at 3 in the community room.*

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**In the Hospital:**  
**Anna Moon** (Sparks)  
**Bo Dyer** (Covington Court)  
**Jeanette Elkins** (Covington Court)  
**Emmett Spencer** (Crawford H & R)

**At Home:**  
**Margene Bules, Gerlinda Dibble, Roy Dyer, Elmo Evans, Debbie Hill, Jim Lloyd, Jeri Nash, Marion and Kay Newton, Oline and Irene Oxford, Paul Ray, Teresa Ray, Don Spillman, Wayne Weege**

**All Military Personnel** all around the world

**Nursing Home:**  
**Jean Stratton** (Legacy Lodge)

**Assisted Living:**  
**Billie Jacks** (Alma Health Care)  
**Maxine Fahrner** (Hope's Creek)  
**Mattie Lindsey** (Alma H & R)  
**Mary Coble** (Crawford H & R)  
**Mary Friday** (Crawford H & R)  
**Lena Mae Smith** (Crawford H & R)

**In Sympathy:**  
**Seth Marsh and Family** in the death of his mother, *Carole Marsh*.

## September Volunteers

### Ushers

<b>8:05 am</b> John Poole Myron Kirksey Mike Kneeland Mike McSpadden	<b>9:30 am</b> Tom Konert John Symonds David Alexander Andy Williams	<b>11:00 am</b> Benton Cone Justin Lovett Jason Fontaine Kerry Kelly Grace Kelly
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### Greeters

**8:05 am:**  
Max and Leanna Garrett  
Buster Colbert  
**9:30 am:**  
Deborah Pearson and kids  
Anita Dowty  
**11:00 am:**  
Sarah and Ruben Silva  
Drew and Marlene Cone

## Upcoming Events

**September 23:**  
 BAPTISM SUNDAY  
 MEN'S MINISTRY MEETING @ 3 PM

**September 30:**  
 CHURCH COUNCIL @ 3 PM  
 JOYFUL SOUND ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL @ 3 PM



## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

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

M/M Rick Brumett (YM)

In honor of **Doris Wortham's Birthday** by:

M/M Bill Thomas (FP)

In honor of **Bill Thomas' Birthday** by:

M/M Johnny Parker (FP)

In honor of **Dorvan Wiley's Birthday** by:

M/M Johnny Parker (FP)

In honor of **Jeff Gearhart** (son-in-law of Jim and Wanda Lloyd) by:

M/M Jim Lloyd (FP)

\*FP - Food Pantry \*YM - Youth Ministries

## BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church this Sunday, September 23rd, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

### ROOM CHANGE

We will now meet in Room 133 at 9:30 am each Sunday morning.

## BIRTHDAY LIST

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

## JOYFUL SOUND

The Heritage Instrumental Ensemble, under the direction of Rick Endel, will rehearse Sunday, September 30th at 3 pm. Any student or adult (brass and wood, strings, percussion players - all levels of experience) is encouraged to join us. If you are interested or need more information, contact Rick at 806-3522.

## NEW MEMBERS



Mary Shrader and Mary Friday joined Thursday, September 13th.



Matt and Tara Oliver, along with their children, Heaven, Noah, Grace and Isaiah, joined Sunday, September 16th.



John Gibson joined Sunday, September 16th.

## ATTENTION: PULSE AND THE BEAT



## THANK YOU

We want to thank Wes, Roger, Kathy and Heritage Church for making our book signing at Heritage so special. We pray that all who bought a book will be blessed by the stories and that God will show you what your purpose is in life because of something you read in this book. *Why Am I Still Here?* is truly God's book and He has just allowed the two of us to put the book together. We also want to thank all who contributed testimonies/stories for the book.

In His Love,  
*Shirley Touchstone and Anita Dowty*

## WALK TO EMMAUS

Emmaus Sunday will be Sunday, September 30th! The men's walk is November 1-4 and the woman's walk will be the following week on November 8-11. A brochure will be available on Sunday 9\30.



Are you grieving from a recent or past loss and feel you will never recover from your grief? You may feel like you will never have joy again. It is never too late to get the support you need. We all grieve differently and GriefShare support group may help you go through your mourning. There is still time to join us in a new session of GriefShare. We meet each Monday at Legacy Heights Active Retirement, 1012 Fayetteville Road, Van Buren at 6:30 pm. Join us as we walk through the journey of grief into joy. For more information call Shirley Touchstone 629-7901.



## YOUVERSION LIVE

We are trying something new! Bring your iPad, iPhone, Android, or other smartphone or tablet with you to church on Sunday! With YouVersion Live, you can follow the service on your screen or smartphone and you don't have to use a bulletin if you don't want.

## MISSION TRIP TO CUBA

Do you like to ask people for money? Well, I don't. In fact, I hate it. I always have. Even more than that I hate to rob others. Not everyone can go on a mission trip, but everyone can participate. My next trip to Cuba is Sept 30 - Oct 5 and I'd like for you to be blessed too. Not by giving money to me, but by giving it to the pastors of Cuba. These are precious people who work tirelessly for the Lord. If you'd like to contribute to our gift to the Methodist Church in Cuba, please contact Stephanie Watkins at swatkins@vbsd.us or 806-8948.

*Stephanie Watkins*

## HERITAGE UNIVERSITY

Heritage University Fall semester classes have begun and it's not too late to join. Each class meets at 9:30 am each Sunday morning! Here are the classes and their room assignments:

HU505 in Room 121 *Forgotten God*

- taught by Bobby Boyakin

HU202 in Room 123 *John Wesley: Holiness of Heart and Life*

- taught by Michael Tursky

HU105 in Room 124A *Fingerprints of God*

- taught by Mike Rogers

HU806 in Room 134 *Spiritual Warfare*

- taught by Marti Salisbury


## MISSING DVD

If anyone has the church's copy of *Not A Fan* DVD's please contact Becki Kneeland in the church office.

## "MEAL" MINISTRY

We have a very active ministry that prepares meals for our families in special times of need. This team can always use help in cooking and preparing meals, setting up, and cleaning up. For more information (or to volunteer), call Sue Stranathan at 474-8748

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

 Every year the Salvation Army gives the community the chance to support various outreaches through the use of the "red Kettle." The blessings received by the bell ringers themselves are numberless. This would be a wonderful opportunity for a Sunday school class or Life Group to experience service to God in a very unique way. If you are interested or have any questions, contact the Charles Smith at 783-6145 or at Charles\_smith@uss.salvationarmy.org.

## WALKING IN VICTORY

Sue Barnes will start from the beginning with her class, *Walking in Victory* at 9:30 am in room 130. We all have issues that we have worked through but somehow we just can't forget. The focus of this class is to help each of us walk in victory each day through the power of the Holy Spirit.

## CHILDREN'S REHEARSAL

The Children have begun their preparation for the Christmas Program in December! Mark your calendars and make plans to join us each Sunday night from 6-7 pm (this will be for Kinder - 5th grade. We will add the preschoolers a little later).

## CLOTHES CLOSET CLEANOUT!

The Clothes closet crew will hold an end-of-summer giveaway this Saturday, Sept. 22, from 9am until noon. We need to make space for winter clothes. If you have any good, children's clothes you'd like to donate, please bring them to the Good Shepherd Classroom. If you'd like to volunteer, call Judy Goodson at 806-8740.