

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

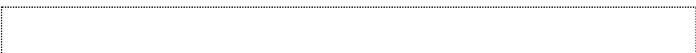
11:00 AM
Contemporary Worship

Nursery provided for all services.

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

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WISE UP!
JOIN A HERITAGE UNIVERSITY
SPRING 2013 COURSE!



"Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge."
 Proverbs 23:12 (NIV)

HU 807 Hearing the Voice of God

If you are one of His sheep, then Jesus is speaking to you and you are hearing His voice! The problem is that we have not learned how to identify His voice and differentiate it from all of the other thoughts that bombard our hearts and minds. This course will incorporate Mark Virkler's teaching on the four keys to hearing God's voice from the 'Communicating with God' seminar scheduled for February 8-10. The class is led by Stephanie Watkins at 9:30 am.

HU 506 Travelling Light

WE all lug loads we were never intended to carry. Fear. Worry. Discontent. No wonder we get so weary. We're worn out from carrying that excess baggage. Max Lucado walks us through the twenty-third Psalm and teaches us how to leave our excess luggage behind. This class is led by Max and Leanna Garrett at 9:30 am.

HU 106 Basic Christianity

How can I be sure of my salvation? How do I gain victory over temptation? How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit? Who can help me understand the Bible? How can I receive answers to my prayers? How can I introduce my loved ones and friends to Christ? Following Bill Bright's book, *A Handbook for Christian Maturity*, this course will present answers to those questions. This class is led by Lori Brady at 9:30 am.

HU 504 Financial Peace

Are you tired of struggling to make ends meet from paycheck to paycheck? Is debt a problem for your family? Do you want to get control of your finances? This course will teach you how to beat debt, build wealth, find bargains, invest for the future, give like never before, and much more.

9:30 am - led by Michael Tursky
 11:00 am - led by Brad Baldwin
 5:30 pm (or TBD) - led by Brad Baldwin

Please join us as we strive to expand the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives through God-based learning!

Sign-up TODAY in the Fellowship Hall and get more information about all of these courses.

CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 20TH!

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

In Hospital:
Jeri Nash (Sparks)

At Home:
Margene Bules, Gerlinda Dibble, Roy Dyer, Jeanette Elkins, Austin Hubbard, Linda Seubold

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 Thanksgiving:
Nick and Saferen Fonville in the birth of their daughter, *Phoenix JoAnn*. She is the granddaughter of Tonda Moorhouse and the great-granddaughter of Tommy and Mary Ann Dodd.

In Sympathy:
Mark Evans and Family in the death of his father, *Elmo Evans*.
Barbara Bostick and Family in the death of her father, *Ron Jefferson*.

January Volunteers

Ushers		
8:05 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
John Poole	Wayne Stewart	Daniel Chisolm
Cyndy Rogers	Connie Mendenhall	Matt Oliver
Jane Sanders	Mark Stafford	Russ Aikman
Rick Sanders	Mark Evans	Jon Talley
	Jerry Frederiksen	

Greeters

8:05 am:
Alexis and Michael Boster
Buster Colbert
9:30 am:
Malia Putman
Brenda and Jerry Frederiksen
11:00 am:
Malia Putman
Kelley Nash

Upcoming Events

January 16:
 REGULAR WEDNESDAY
 ACTIVITIES RESUME

February 8 & 9:
 SPRING REVIVAL
 HEARING GOD'S VOICE WITH MARK VIRKLER

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

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **John Robison** (father of D'Ann Brumett) by:

M/M Darrell Goodlin (FP)
M/M Mark Wilkerson

In memory of **Louise Kendrick** (grandmother of Linda Rankin) by:

M/M Wayne Weege (EF)

In memory of **Elmo Evans** by:

M/M Rick Brumett (FLC)
M/M Benton Cone (BF)
M/M Bob Freeman (FP)
M/M James Minor (BF)
M/M Johnny Parker (FLC)
M/M John Symonds (FLC)
M/M Bill Thomas (BF)
M/M Jim Udouj (FP)
M/M Mark Wilkerson (FLC)

In honor of **Myron Kirksey** by:

M/M Rick Sanders (FP)

In honor of **M/M John Poole** by:

M/M Buddy Turner (FP)
M/M Wayne Weege (FP)

In honor of **Rose Ann Boster** by:

M/M John Boster (FP)

In honor of **Wayne Weege** by:

M/M Scott Weege (BF)

In honor of **John and Margo Symonds** by:

M/M Grant Symonds (BF)

In honor of **Mary Beth Autry** by:

Unity Sunday School Class (BF)

In honor of **Benton Cone** by:

M/M Bill Thomas (BF)

In honor of **Jack Infield** by:

M/M Wayne Weege (BF)

In honor of **John Kelly** by:

Chris Baldwin (FP)

FP - Food Pantry EF - Endowment Fund
BF - Building Fund FLC - Family Life Center

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone that contributed food or money to the Heritage Food Pantry in honor of our wedding! We are truly blessed.

John and Pat Poole

IN REMEMBRANCE



Elmo M. Evans, C.L.U. 83 of Van Buren passed away Wednesday, January 02, 2013 in a local hospital. He was a manager for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for over 30 years and a member of Heritage United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Diane Brocchus Evans, a son, Gaylon Evans and a daughter-in-law Marilyn Evans.

He is survived by his three sons, Brian & Mark Evans both of Van Buren, Chris Evans of Bryant; two sisters, Armeda Holmes of Van Buren, Angie Benham of Rogers; eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The name of our church, Heritage, certainly fits Elmo. His parents were members of St. John's (one of the two merging churches that formed Heritage) all their lives and so was Elmo. He grew up just a few blocks from the church and he and Diane, except for a few years when his job took them out of state, made their home just down the street. Their four boys were raised at St. John's and now that heritage is being passed down through Mark and Julie to their two sons. When the merger was proposed in the fall of 1984, Elmo was elected to serve on the merger study committee. Because of his long family ties with St. John's, it was a very difficult decision for him to make, but Elmo felt that the two churches could do much more together than they could separately. After the merger was approved, he served on the building committee to plan and oversee construction of our present facilities. He was very faithful in attending and participating with both committees and his keen business sense was a valuable asset. Elmo felt strongly that the new building needed a baptistry; he felt people should not have to borrow one from another church if they wanted to be immersed. He was disappointed when that had to be eliminated as part of construction cost cuts and was pleased when our portable baptistry was purchased later with memorial funds. As Heritage grew, Elmo felt that we needed a large Family Life Center. Accordingly, the family asks that memorials be given to the Family Life Center. These memorials will be used for our future multi-purpose building.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to James Stumbaugh on his recent marriage to Christy Parham. James and Christy were married on December 11, 2012. He is the son of Shawn Stumbaugh and the grandson of James and Ellarene Crowley.



An amazing 15-week course in Christianity begins Monday, January 14th from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm at Grand Avenue Baptist, South Campus. For more information contact Mary McCutchen at mmcutchen@vbsd.us or go to www.perspectives.org.

NEW MEMBERS



Hunter and McKenna Wiley joined Sunday, December 23rd. They have twin sons, Cayden and Cullen. Hunter was also baptized. Bill and Melissa Sinclair joined Sunday, December 23rd. Victoria Wiley also joined Sunday, December 23rd.



Coalton Bland joined and was baptized on Sunday, December 23rd.



Vinnie Vorabouth joined and was baptized on Sunday, December 23rd. She has two children, Tommi and Jasmin.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday morning Bible study will start January 14th at 9:30 am. We will be reading and studying 'The Girl's Still Got It: Take a Walk with Ruth and the God Who Rocked Her World' by Liz Curtis Higgs.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Have you ever wished you could sit down and have a long talk with the Lord?

Heritage will host *Hearing God's Voice* with Mark Virkler on February 8th and 9th. Mark travels extensively teaching people how to clearly and continuously discern the voice of God within their hearts. Jesus promised that "My sheep hear My voice" (Jn. 10:27); so God is speaking to you! This course will help you discern the voice of the Lord clearly and consistently, leading to a deeper intimacy with Him as well as greater faith, hope and joy. Your life will be transformed!

The cost is:

\$20 per person

\$35 per couple

Registration has begun online at:

www.heritagevb.org

PRAYER GATHERINGS

As part of our call to fasting and prayer, we will have a community-wide prayer gathering each Monday evening from 7 - 8 p.m.

- January 14th: Riverfront Pavilion, Fort Smith
- January 21st: Alma High School Student Union

BENEFIT

The Arkansas Gospel Mass Choir (AGMC) will be performing a Benefit Concert on Sunday, January 13th at 4pm at the Van Buren High School Fine Arts Center. The concert will benefit the VBHS Theatre students who have been selected to perform at the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland in August of 2013. Our VBHS Theatre Department is one of only 24 High Schools that have been invited to perform on this world renowned stage. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Chuck King, or Kimberly Tursky (208-0063) or Donna Young at (474-4300).



Two new GriefShare Support Groups will meet each Monday beginning January 28th.

- 9:30 am at Heritage
 - 6:30 pm at Legacy Heights
- GriefShare is a weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. You'll learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life and be around people who understand the pain of your loss. For more information please call Shirley Touchstone 629-7901 or Wanda Huie 501-249-7980. We will meet in the Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class. For more information call Shirley Touchstone at 479-629-7901.

NEWCOMERS' CLASS

If you are interested in making Heritage Church your home or you want to learn more about the church and its core vision and values, please sign up for the newcomers' class. The class will be this Sunday, January 13th beginning at 9:20 am and ending with a luncheon at 12:30 pm. Contact Becki at the church office at 474-6424.