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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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21 FOR 2013 – HALF WAY THERE ... STILL CALLING TO PRAYER!

I pray that in some way, all of you are participating in our River Valley 21 for 2013 – Fasting and Praying for Revival in the River Valley. I pray that in some what you are fasting and setting aside extra time to seek the LORD and intercede for our area.

Our Monday evening gatherings have been tremendous blessings! At our first one, nearly 300 people came with over 30 churches and ministries represented. We had around 235 at the River Front Pavilion this past Monday. There was a great spirit of unity and intercession. God is in this! The last community prayer meeting that we have scheduled for this fast is Monday, January 21st, at the Alma High School Student Union. Coming from the west, drive past the Alma Performing Arts Center and turn right on Spring Street. You may park in the east parking lots and enter the Student Union from that side.

Let's show up in force with a heart cry for God to come and manifest His glory. Let us pray that the LORD will send the laborers into the Harvest in the River Valley and that we will be equipped to care for and disciple the multitudes God is sending forth to us like a flood! We must be prepared. Ask for whom the LORD would have you pray. Invite them to Heritage where they will encounter the Gospel of Grace in Jesus Christ and discover the power to have a transformed life!

We are doing two things that precipitated the great Evangelical Revival in England and the Second Great Awakening in the United States, 1) gathering for community prayer for revival and 2) Focusing in the book of Romans, especially chapter 8 which we enter this week. Come discover the Blessings of the Holy Spirit through the New Covenant! Here's just one: "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you." **Romans 8:11**



See you Sunday at the Revival Center! And Monday at 7 p.m. at the Alma Student Union! Humbled to be your pastor!

Pastor Wes

On the Inside



- Memorials and Honorariums
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In Our Thoughts & Prayers

In Hospital:
Jeri Nash (Sparks)

At Home:
Margene Bules, Darlene Craft, Gerlinda Dibble, Roy Dyer, Jeanette Elkins, 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 Sympathy:
Mark Stafford and Family in the death of his stepfather, *Wayne Johnson*.
Sheila Reid and Family in the death of her uncle, *Theyran Chappell*.
Dorotha David and Family in the death of her brother, *John Ross Cox*.

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 27:
BAPTISM SUNDAY

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 Roger Burkert
M/M Ron Smith

In memory of **Daryl Brandon** (friend of the Bretch's) by:

M/M Bob Bretch (EW)

In memory of **Elmo Evans** by:

Donna Pape (FLC)
M/M Ron Smith (FLC)
M/M Wayne Stewart (FLC)

In memory of **John Ross Cox** (brother of Dorothea David) by:

Dorothea David (BF)

In memory of **Wayne Johnson** (stepfather of Mark Stafford) by:

M/M Johnny Parker (FP)
M/M Ron Smith
M/M Bill Thomas (BF)
M/M Mark Wilkerson

In honor of **Mikey Wiley's** Birthday:

M/M Bill Thomas (BF)

In honor of **Kathy Goins** by:
Evalyn Cottey (WAF)

FP - Food Pantry FLC - Family Life Center
BF - Building Fund EW - Emmaus Walk
WAF - Worship Arts Fund

HEALTHY CONGREGATION DAY

Come to the Resource Center THIS Sunday, January 20th between 9 and 11:15 am and have your blood pressure and sugar level checked.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, January 27th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

BABY SHOWER

Please join us for a baby shower honoring Radonna Sangster Saturday, January 19th at 1 pm in the Welcome Center. Hostesses are Christy Wilson and Pam James.

LOVE TO SING?

Make a new start with the Sanctuary Choir! We meet every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. No experience necessary - just a heart for worship and a willingness to make a joyful noise!

PULSE STUDENTS:



Spring Break 2013 is right around the corner. If you are signed up to go on the trip to Colorado, don't forget that your account should show a minimum of \$250 paid toward the trip as of Sunday, January 27th!

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

GRIEFSHARE PROGRAM RESTARTING

This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them. Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Too often people, including Christians, tend to stuff their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future. Workbooks will be provided. We will be starting morning and evening sessions.

Monday, January 28th
9:30 am

Heritage United Methodist Church
1604 E. Pointer Trail
Van Buren

Monday January 28, 2013
6:00 pm

Legacy Heights Active Retirement
1012 Fayetteville Road
Van Buren

For more information, contact one of the facilitators:
Shirley Touchstone: 479-629-7901
Wanda Huie: 501-249-7980
Pat Taff: 918-510-0247

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

LIFE GROUPS

We have many Life Groups just waiting for you to join. We encourage you to pick up a brochure in the Great Hall and browse through the different groups and then contact Becki Kneeland, our Welcome Minister to get you plugged in. She can be contacted at 474-6424 or bkneeland@heritagevb.org.

PRAYER GATHERINGS

As part of our call to fasting and prayer, we will have our last community-wide prayer gathering Monday evening from 7 - 8 p.m. January 21st at the Alma High School Student Union.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Jesus said, "Let the little children come, do not hinder them..."! Jesus loves children and so do we! Jesus wants His children to be nurtured and loved here at Heritage! We want Sunday morning to be a blessed time for your child as well as you! We strive to provide a safe and caring environment where children can experience the love of Jesus in relevant and age appropriate ways. We are looking for people to help us accomplish this goal; Currently we have the following Sunday morning opportunities available:

9:30

- Rocking babies in the nursery
- Teacher for the two year old classroom

11:00

- Rocking babies in the nursery
- Teacher for the two-year-old classroom
- Teacher for Pre-school Praise (3s, 4s & Kinder)
- Adult helpers for Big Backyard Adventure(1-5th)

We offer several options for time commitment:

- Once a month for 12 months
- Every Sunday for nine months with Summer's off
- Summer teacher
- Substitute (last minute fill-in)

Requirements for a regular Children's ministry volunteer:

- Have attended Heritage for least six months
- Pass a background check
- Be 'Safe Sanctuary' Trained
- Love sharing the love of Jesus with His children

If you are interested please contact me @ dmarsh@heritagevb.org.

Debbie Marsh

HAS SOMEONE BEEN A "BARNABUS" TO YOU?

In her testimony read during worship on December 29th, Lena Mae Smith shared how much her uncle had encouraged her in tithing while she was growing up and a young adult and how she wished she had told others how much he had encouraged her. Isn't that the truth for all of us! So many people encourage us day by day and we don't stop to let them know. Most don't even realize they encouraged you. We had "Barnabus: Be an Encourager" stickers left over from our fall stewardship program. They could be thrown away or they could be put to good use. They are in a basket on a table in the main hall. If someone has encouraged you recently, take a sticker, put it on them and let them know you appreciate their encouragement! If you see someone encourage someone else, do the same! Wearing a sticker also encourages others to be encouragers. We may discover we have a church full of Barnabuses!

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