

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

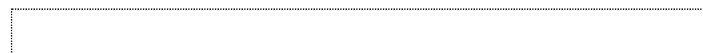
11:00 AM
Contemporary Worship

Nursery provided for all services.

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

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In Our Thoughts & Prayers

In Hospital:
Michelle Young (Mercy)
Linda Seubold (UAMS)

At Home:
Margene Bules, Debbie Carter, Jim and Gerlinda Dibble, Roy and Fae Dyer, Jeanette Elkins, Larry Mills, Jeri Nash, Erin Parochka, John Parochka, Abbie Utz, Jessica Utz

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:
Buster Colbert and Family in the death of his sister, *Carolyn Fae*.
Brandy Girard and Family in the death of her grandfather, *Wayne Ramsey*.
Dixie Smith and Family in the death of her aunt, *Coreen Runyan*.

Upcoming Events

March 10:
 NEWCOMER'S CLASS
 9:20 AM

March 25:
 MALCOLM HEDDING
 7 PM
 VB FINE ARTS CENTER

February Volunteers

Ushers

8:05 am John Poole Alexis Boster Michael Boster Eddie Prince John Vinson	9:30 am Seekers Life Group	11:00 am Erich Bauman Rick Rauser John Poole Tom Banhart Malia Putman
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Greeters

8:05 am:
Bruce Brown
Mary Dempsey

9:30 am:
Seekers Life Group

11:00 am:
Justin Lovett
Kim and Jeff Bowerman

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... THE LAW OF DIVINE RECIPROCITY



Luke 6:38 "Give and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

In my devotional time, I read from five parts of the Bible: Law and History, Poetic Books, Prophets, Gospels, and NT Letters. My reading today in the Gospels was Luke 6:38. It leapt out at me! I remember the LORD teaching me the Law of Reciprocity when I was in college – a new Christian growing in the LORD. It is a great key to living in the Kingdom of God. And it has blessed me, my family, and those I've served as I've

lived it out. It is a universal law! My study Bible says:

"You give; God gives in return. When you plant a seed, the ground yields a harvest. That is a reciprocal relationship. The ground can only give to you as you give to the ground. You put money in the bank, and the bank returns interest. That is reciprocity."

"But many people want something for nothing when it comes to the things of God. They know that it does not work that way in the world system. Yet they always expect God to send them something when they have not invested in the Kingdom of God."

"If you are not investing your time, talent, commitment, and your money, why do you want something? How can you get something when you have not planted any seed? How can you expect God to honor your desire when you have not honored His command to give? Abundance begins with investment." (New Spirit-Filled Life Study Bible, page 1398).

Thank you, Heritage, for being such a faithful, obedient and generous congregation! We have been able to increase our giving to missions, missionaries, and evangelism efforts. We are able to do vital repairs and renovations we had put off for years. We are paying off our debt on the land and building more quickly. Praise the LORD!



May we live the principal of reciprocity in all areas of our lives! See you Sunday as we look at **Romans 8:31-39!** "In all these things we are **more than conquerors** through Him who loved us!" (vs. 37).

Pastor Wes

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

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **KATHRYN JONES** (mother of Leanna Garrett) by:

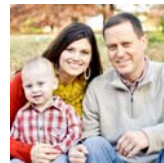
M/M Joe Lloyd

In honor of **BILL AND EMMA LEE KELTON** by:

Jean Sabatier (SLC)

SLC - Student Life Center

ALL ARE INVITED



Bob Odiorne and Carrie Bull invite you to join them Friday, March 8th at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary as they join in marriage.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, March 17th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

THE SEASON OF LENT

There are brochures available in the Great Hall to help you understand why we celebrate Lent.

THE SEASON OF LENT

A 2013 Lenten devotional reading plan is available in the Great Hall.

ITEMS NEEDED

It's time for our 3rd Annual Brazil Mission Team Yard Sale on March 9th! If you have any items (gently used or new) to donate to support our Brazil Mission Team, please bring them by Cardio Studio anytime from now until March 8th. Thanks for your help and support!

THANK YOU

I want to give a big thank you to all my church family for the calls, cards, visits, and food and especially for the prayers during my recovery. An extra thank you to the *God's Armor Bearer* Life Group for being there for me. You are the best church family.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the phone calls, visits, and prayers during my illness. They have been a blessing to me and have helped me through this difficult time. I am now back at UAMS in Little Rock; so, please continue to pray.

Love, *Linda Seibold*

4 KEYS TO HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD FOLLOW UP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Mornings:

9:30 am

Hearing the Voice of God facilitated by Stephanie Watkins

11:00 am

Pairs and Spares facilitated by Gary Nishmuta

Do Good for Nothing facilitated by Wayne and Debbie Stewart

Monday Nights:

6:00 pm **Hearing the Voice of God** facilitated by Linda Nelson

PRAYER MEETING

The next River Valley First Monday Community Prayer Meeting is Monday, March 4th at the Union Christian Windsor Campus from 7-8 pm. Join us as we lift up the River Valley in prayer.

PULSE STUDENTS



If you are signed up to go on the Spring Break trip to Colorado, the final payment is due Wednesday, February 27th!

YOU'RE INVITED



Brett Wiley and Emily Travis are getting married May 4th in Lee Summitt, Missouri. Please join us for a Bridal Shower honoring Brett and Emily, Sunday March 10th from 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Target; Bed, Bath & Beyond; and Pottery Barn. The hostesses are Donna Parker, Debbie Thomas, Carolyn Lloyd and Debbie Moore.

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.

HELP NEEDED

The Food Pantry needs volunteers to help unload the delivery truck every Wednesday morning at 8:30 am. If you are interested, please contact Roger Burkert at 462-3392.

MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER



This is going to be a wonderful Seder experience that will take place on Friday, March 29th at the Alma High School Athletic Arena. It will be a community-wide event that could possibly involve 1000 people experiencing the gospel of Christ through drama, dance, and fellowship. As always, there will be a place for you to serve. This week we are focusing on certain areas where we need volunteers.

WE NEED 16 USHERS AND 9 BANNER BEARERS. It is our goal to have these volunteer positions filled by the end of this week. We have already had three volunteers to be banner bearers. (Please remember, in order to volunteer to be a banner bearer, you must be able to lift and sustain 30 lbs.) Contact Becki Kneeland or Chuck King to participate.

Purchase tickets TODAY online at www.heritagevb.org. They are \$15 per adults and \$10 per child 18 and under. Please consider purchasing a 'Gift Ticket' for someone who might not be able to purchase one.

PLEASE JOIN US



We invite you to join us Saturday March 2 as we "Go" and tell the people of Van Buren and Alma about our event "Messiah in the Passover". We will be meeting in fellowship hall at 1:30 pm for prayer and direction. We really need your help. The more people we have the more people we can reach. If you would like to participate please contact Bob at BobO@heritagevb.org or Becki at bkneeland@heritagevb.org.

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!

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, March 3rd beginning at 9:20 am and ending with a luncheon at 12:30 pm. Contact Becki at the church office at 474-6424.



2012 NEW BABY CELEBRATION

Heritage is blessed to have these precious additions to our church family last year!

Sitting L to R: Tonya Hubbard & Austin; Brooke Daily & Hudson; Marlene Cone & Atcher; Tara Oliver & Isaiah

Standing L to R: Brigette Imhoff &

Sophia; Erin Reeves & Joslynn; Sara Hurst & Clara; Angela Diaz & Paisley; Sara Adair & Lily Kate

Not Pictured: Rachal Pendergrass & Judah; Kelly Painter & McKinley.

BENEFIT CONCERT AND SILENT AUCTION



A concert to benefit Fulton Poppe, grandson of Ken and Alta Poppe, will be from 7 - 10 pm on Saturday, March 2nd at Christ the King Church Parish Hall. Three bands (featuring blues, jazz and blue grass) have volunteered to perform including the Chris Cameron Band. Fulton was burned over 30% of his body in an accident this past January and is being treated at Shriners' Children's Hospital in Galveston. Money raised will be used to offset family travel expenses for next several months, medical bills from the initial accident, and ongoing expenses as he faces regular surgeries for many years. Tickets are \$15 and are only available by reservation. For tickets, contact Kathy Watson at kathywatson@cox.net. Silent auction items are needed for this event. Anyone wishing to donate an item or to volunteer for the event is asked to contact Alta Poppe at 471-1780.