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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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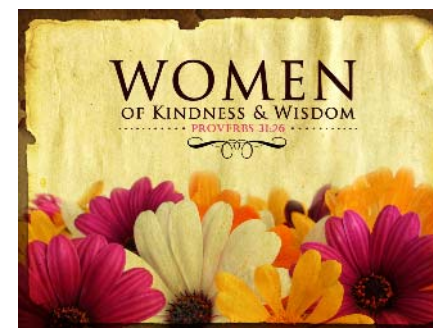
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## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ...HONORING OUR MOTHERS!



Sunday is Mother's Day – a day set aside to celebrate, honor, and give thanks to our mothers, a day to remember and tell them what they mean to us.

One of my most vivid memories of my mother was the day I wanted to climb down the train trestle on a rope. I was no older than 5 or 6 years. Why I was so possessed and obsessed with doing this, I don't know. But no one else was available to do this with me, so somehow I convinced my mom to do it. I remember walking through the field and then the woods. We got to the train tracks and walked to the trestle where I tied my rope at the top to one of the cross ties. It seemed like it was 40 feet above the creek, but I'm sure it was only 10 or 15. Mom went down below to catch me at the bottom if I fell.

In the process of getting on the rope, I got my glove stuck between the rope and the cross tie. I hung there in panic for a moment desperately trying to get my hand and glove free. Finally, I jerked my hand free but the glove stayed lodged between the rope and wood. Quickly, I realized I wasn't as strong as I thought. I slid down the rope rapidly, burning my gloveless hand as I went. I hit my mom and the ground pretty solidly. As we picked ourselves off the ground, she laughed and asked if I was alright. She saw my bleeding hand but didn't make a big deal about it. I was her third son. She knew enough about boys by that time to not wound my pride any further. We retrieved my rope and walked silently back to the house.

As I think back to that moment, I wonder, "Why in the world did she let me do that?!" Then I think, "I can't believe my mom did that! What a mom! – not squashing my inner G.I. Joe or



Tarzan, but letting me live dangerously and daringly, like any little boy should." Thanks, Mom, for encouraging me to live courageously the adventure God has for me!

Join us Sunday as we worship the LORD and thank Him for the mothers in our lives!

*Pastor Wes*

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**In Hospital:**  
**Sandra Thompson** (Sparks)

**At Home:**  
**Mary Beth Autry, Margene Bules, Jim Dibble, Roy Dyer, Randy Mattox, Jeri Nash, Bill Ottinger, 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)  
**Mary Coble** (Crawford H & R)  
**Mary Friday** (Crawford H & R)  
**Lena Mae Smith** (Crawford H & R)

**In Sympathy:**  
**Lida Taylor and Family** in the death of her brother-in-law, *Jerry King*.

**Wayne Weege and Family** in the death of his sister, *Sally Clancy*.

**May Volunteers**

**Ushers**

<b>8:05 am</b> John Poole Cyndy Rogers Jane Sanders Rick Sanders	<b>9:30 am</b> Seekers' Life Group	<b>11:00 am</b> John Poole Chad Sharbono Kelly Nash Greg McClure
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**Greeters**

<b>8:05 am:</b> Max and Leanna Garrett Buster Colbert	<b>9:30 am:</b> Seekers' Life Group	<b>11:00 am:</b> Laura and Chris Christensen
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## Upcoming Events

**May 18:**  
 EMILY GARDNER AND DEVON PARKS  
 WEDDING AND RECEPTION  
 3 PM

**May 19:**  
 BAPTISM SUNDAY  
 NEWCOMERS' CLASS

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

**MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS**

In honor of **MARY BETH AUTRY** by:

The Unity Class (BF)

In honor of **TERRI DAVIS** by:

M/M John Parochka (FP)

In honor of **WES' MISSION TRIP TO CUBA** by:

Good Shepherd Class (MT)

In honor of the **2013 CONFIRMATION CLASS** by:

M/M Ron Smith (CM)

In honor of **WES HILLIARD'S BIRTHDAY** by:

M/M Jerry Goodson (MT)

BF - Building Fund MT - Mission Trip  
FP - Food Pantry CM - Children's Ministry

**BAPTISM SUNDAY**

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, May 19th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

**BIRTHDAY LIST**

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

**NEW MEMBERS**



**CONFIRMATION CLASS 2012-2013**

Front Row (L to R): Sutton Bauman, Gracen Agent, Olivia Harris, Gabrielle Lenzini, Becca Hamby, Briana McAfee

Second Row (L to R): Wes Hilliard, Saylor Ables, Sydney Seegers, Israel Jackson, Tucker Anders, Linden Norman, Fisher Wagner, Benjamin Neidecker

Third Row (L to R): Sarah Fontaine, Taylor Teague, Skyler Putman, Kammie Wemhaner, Matthew Maruri, Ethan Moore, Allison Hilliard

**BAPTISMS**



Saylor Ables



Matthew Maruri



Briana McAfee



Ethan Moore



Benjamin Neidecker



Bailey Cropsey



Fisher Wagner



Sarah Fontaine



**WEDDING INVITATION**

Join us as we celebrate the marriage of Emily Gardner and Devon Parks on Saturday, May 18th at 3 pm in the Sanctuary.

**HAWG FOR SALE**

2002 Harley Davidson Road King Classic with 22,000 miles for sale. This amazing machine has been donated to the church and will be sold so that the proceeds can be used for evangelism. There are too many extras to list. Contact the church office for more information.

**WALK FOR LIFE**

Please join the Fort Smith Pregnancy Help Center for the annual *Walk for Life*, Saturday, May 18th at Creekmore Park. Registration will be in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday through May 12th. For more information please contact Melissa Sinclair 479-739-6216.

**Backyard Blast Summer Day Camp**

**WHO:** one-year-old - 5th grade (this fall)

**WHAT:** Summer Day Camp: age appropriate: sports, water fun, art games, worship & MORE

**WHERE:** Heritage Church

**WHEN:** Tues & Thurs from 9 am - 2 pm  
Session I - June 11 - June 27  
Session II - July 9 - July 25

**WHY:** Summer Fun & Fellowship

**COST:** \$75 per session

**\*\*To adequately staff this day camp, session registration is required. IF space is available, drop-ins accepted for \$20/per child per day.**

**PARENT MEETING**

There is a fifth grade celebration and parent meeting at 12:30 pm Sunday, May 19th in the Backyard. This is a meeting for fifth graders that will be promoted to the BEAT Youth Ministry. Lunch will be provided.

**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, May 19th beginning at 9:20 am and ending with a luncheon at 12:30 pm. Contact Becki at the church office at 474-6424.

**BRIDGING THE GAP**

If you have furniture, appliances, dish sets etc. that you would like to donate to the Bridging the Gap ministry, or if you have a need or know someone with a need, please contact Gary Deal at 651-2013.



Pulse students will have the opportunity to be part of a mission trip to the Lakota Sioux Nation in South Dakota June 10-15. Registration Packets can only be obtained at PULSE STUDENT MINISTRIES' OFFICE. Space is extremely limited! Registration closes May 5th or when full.

**CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP**  
(for children entering 3rd - 6th grade this fall)



The camp is July 31 - August 2 at Pinecrest Camp in Ozone, Arkansas. The cost is \$75 per child. For scholarship info, see Debbie Marsh. Registration forms are available at the computer check-in stations.



June 18-20

Cost: \$25

Non-refundable payment of \$25 is due by Sunday, May 19th

AMP is a local mission project headed up by the THE BEAT Student Ministries. This year we will focus on clean-up projects within the city limits as well as a day of ministry at Pointer Trail Rehab. THE BEAT will be spending each night at the church with special events planned for each evening. AMP is open to all students going into 6th grade thru those going into 8th grade. Registration packets may be picked up in the Pulse office or through Bob Odiorne. This is an experience you won't want to miss!