

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

Heritage United Methodist Church
 1604 East Pointer Trail
 Van Buren, AR 72956-2326

Periodical
 Postage
 Paid
 At Van Buren,
 Arkansas 72956
 Permit 24448

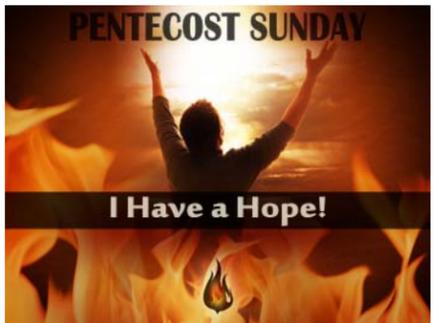


Heritage Happenings is published weekly

Office Hours: Mon - Thurs: 8 am - 5 pm; Fri: 8 am - 12 pm
 Phone: 479-474-6424
 FAX & E-mail Address: 474-8549; office@heritagevb.org
 Church Web Page: www.heritagevb.org
 Arkansas Area Bishop: Gary Mueller
 District Superintendent: Rev. Mackey Yokem
 Lead Pastor: J. Wesley Hilliard, wes@heritagevb.org
 Pastor Emeritus: Bill Kelton, bekelton@sbcglobal.net
 Director of Ministries: Roger Goins, rgoins@heritagevb.org
 Congregational Care Pastor: Max Goins, max@heritagevb.org
 Worship Arts Minister: Chuck King, cking@heritagevb.org
 Organist: Renee Baldwin, rbaldwin@heritagevb.org
 Accompanist: Rick Endel, rendel@heritagevb.org
 Technical Director: Devon Parks, dparks@heritagevb.org
 Youth Minister: Brian Seewald, brian@heritagevb.org
 Associate Youth Minister: Brad Martin, brad@heritagevb.org
 Middle School Minister: Bob Odiome, BobO@heritagevb.org
 Children's Minister: Debbie Marsh, dmarsh@heritagevb.org
 Early Childhood Coordinator: Anna Utz, autz@heritagevb.org
 Preschool Director: Erin Reeves, ereeves@heritagevb.org
 Newcomer Coordinator: Becki Kneeland, bkneeland@heritagevb.org
 Administrative Assistant: Ruth Ottinger, rottinger@heritagevb.org
 Staff Secretary: Kathy Goins, kgoins@heritagevb.org
 Newsletter/Bulletin Announcements: office@heritagevb.org
 Meal Coordinator: Renee Baldwin, rbaldwin@heritagevb.org
 Maintenance Superintendent: Wayne Weege, maintenance@heritagevb.org

Heritage Happenings

Heritage Happenings (USPS Periodical Permit 24448) is published weekly (except Christmas) by Heritage United Methodist Church, 1604 Pointer Trail, Van Buren AR 72956-2326. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Heritage United Methodist Church, 1604 Pointer Trail, Van Buren, AR 72956-2326 PH 479-474-6424



**FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ...ARISE, SHINE!
 SUNDAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY! DON'T MISS IT!**

Jesus is calling His Church to rediscover the Feasts of the LORD! This Sunday, we celebrate the FEAST OF PENTECOST and its fulfillment with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church throughout the ages! The following excerpt* is from the book *The Days of His Presence*, by Pastor Francis Frangipane. It talks about the work of the Holy Spirit in these latter days! Arise, Shine!

"It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thess. 2:14). The Word of God states plainly -- no, it commands those at the end of the age to be fearless in the face of darkness! Speaking through the prophet Isaiah, the Spirit of the Lord orders His people:

*Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
 For behold, darkness will cover the earth, And deep darkness the peoples;
 But the Lord will rise upon you And His glory will appear upon you.
 Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. Isaiah 60:1-3*

Clearly these first three verses of Isaiah 60 are a pre-Rapture, pre-millennial command from God. The Lord calls us not just to endure the darkness but to arise in His manifest glory! People argue about the timing of the Rapture, but what I am presenting here does not disturb any popular eschatology. I'm saying between now and whatever scenario you believe, there will be a time of increasing glory for true Christ followers.

Some of us feel defeated; others are worn out and weakened by the increasing gloom in the world. Yet it is here, where depression would otherwise capture our souls, that we are commanded to rise. To throw off oppression is not just an act of faith; it is an act of obedience. It is time to cancel our plans to be miserable! Through the blood of Christ, we break our covenant with death and darkness; we obey the voice of our destiny!

One may argue, "But you do not know my difficulties." Listen to how the Amplified Bible renders the Lord's command: "Arise [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you -- rise to a new life]!" Right at this moment, even as you read these words, new life from the presence of God is descending into your spirit. Receive it! Accept it! Obey it!

You see, God's plan is that here on Earth, in us, the glory of the Lord will be revealed. The luminous, radiant light of His presence, as it shone from Moses' face and flooded Solomon's temple at its dedication, as it radiated from Jesus and bathed His disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration -- that light of God's presence shall arise from within us at the end of the age! This same divine glory shall, in ever-increasing degrees of brightness, appear upon us in the years prior to the Lord's actual Second Coming.

In truth, this great work of grace has already begun. We are part of the Holy Spirit's expansive preparation. God is gathering together His people. We are learning to humble ourselves in repentance and prayer; we are finding friendship and unity with other Christians. Indeed, our reconciliation across denominational and ethnic barriers has an immeasurable reward attached to it. As valleys are "lifted up, and every mountain and hill . . . made low . . . then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together" (Isa. 40:4-5). God is qualifying us to receive His splendor! Nations shall come to His light and kings to the brightness of His rising!

Only He is Worthy! Do not fear or think of yourself as unworthy--of course you are! We all are. It is for His glory that we are being prepared. He made no mistake in choosing you, just as He made no mistake in dying for your sins. He chose to put His Spirit within you. Personal unworthiness is not a valid excuse. Your destiny is God's decision. Beware lest your sense of unworthiness become a smoke screen for unbelief!

The darkness, chaos, or emptiness that may still exist in your life is not any more of a deterrent to the Almighty than the terrible, pre-creation void that awaited Him in the beginning. Certainly your individual genesis from darkness to light shall not be too difficult for God!

Even now the Holy Spirit is descending, hovering, and brooding over you. To your "new creation self" the voice of the Lord commands, "Arise! Shine! Shake yourself from the depression in which circumstances have kept you! You are standing at the threshold of God's glory!"



*Used by permission.
Pastor Wes

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

In Hospital:

At Home:
Margene Bules, Jim Dibble, Roy Dyer, Myron Kirksey, Randy Mattox, Jeri Nash, Dick Pettit, Linda Seubold, Alan Swaim, Sandra Thompson

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)

May Volunteers

Ushers

8:05 am John Poole Cyndy Rogers Jane Sanders Rick Sanders	9:30 am Seekers' Life Group	11:00 am John Poole Chad Sharbono Kelly Nash Greg McClure
--	---------------------------------------	--

Greeters

8:05 am:
Max and Leanna Garrett
Buster Colbert

9:30 am:
Seekers' Life Group

11:00 am:
Laura and Chris Christensen

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.

HONORARIUMS

In honor of **CHLOE KIRKSEY** by:
M/M Myron Kirksey (Food Pantry)

BAPTISM SUNDAY

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



PRAISE THE LORD! The mission trip to the Lakota Sioux Nation in South Dakota June 10-15 is FULL. There is a parent meeting this Sunday, May 19th at 7:45 pm in the Block.



AMP for students going into 6th grade thru those going into 8th grade will be June 18-20. The cost is \$25 per student. The non-refundable payment is due this Sunday, May 19th. Registration packets may be picked up in the Pulse office or through Bob Odiorne. There is a mandatory parent meeting this Sunday, May 19th at 7:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

VBHS BACCALAUREATE

Please come out and support the VBHS Seniors at their baccalaureate service, this Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Van Buren Fine Arts Center. Our own pastors, Wes Hilliard and Mark "Sully" Sullivan, will give the message for the service.

INFANT DEDICATION



Austin Hubbard, son of Shane and Tonya Hubbard, was dedicated Sunday, May 12th.

He is baby brother to Jamie, Jathan and Autumn.

WEDDING INVITATION

Please join John Moose and Lisa Darden as they join in marriage Saturday, May 25th at 10 am in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow.

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.

Backyard Blast Summer Day Camp

WHO: one-year-old through 5th grade this fall

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

WHERE: Heritage Church

WHEN: Tuesday's and Thursday's from 9 am - 2 pm

Session I June 11 - June 27

Session II July 9 - July 25

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.**

WEDDING INVITATION

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

JOIN THE PARTY!

Every Wednesday morning a group of volunteers come and fold, tab and label our 700+ newsletters. It begins at 8 am and lasts until around 9 am, depending on the number of workers. For more information, call the office at 474-6424.

PARENT MEETING

There is a fifth grade celebration and parent meeting at 12:30 pm this 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.

TIMOTHY TEAM

Registration is now underway for Timothy Team & Tiny Tims! (for children 2 yrs. old through 5th grade as of 8/1/13). We will study the Book of Luke. Deadline to register is August 4th. Registration forms are available at the computer check-in stations!

BOOK SIGNING



Paula Dickerson has written a book, *Glory Came in Amber Rays*. She will have a book signing this Saturday, May 18th at 1 pm at the Lifeway Christian Store in Fort Smith.

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.

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 missions. There are too many extras to list. Contact the church office for more information.



This summer our adult Bible study is on the next revolution in discipleship - Emotionally Healthy Spirituality! You've known folks who are on fire for God but are simply not healthy emotionally! It can

be for many reasons: past hurts, unresolved grief, lack of rest, over work, loss of connection with God, busyness. All these things can stunt or blunt the fullness of love, peace, and joy that the LORD intends for us to have! Join us in this revolutionary study this summer on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.! Call the church office or mark on your connection card your intention to participate so we can have enough materials.

2013 Summer Wednesday Evening Bible Study Schedule!
Begins at 6 p.m.

June 12: Revolution - 1

The Problem of Emotionally Unhealthy Spirituality

June 19: Revolution - 2

Know Yourself that You May Know God

June 26: Revolution - 3

Going Back in Order to Go Forward

July 3: Revolution - 4

Journey Through the Wall

July 10: Heritage Swim Party at Alma Water Park!!

July 17: Revolution - 5

Enlarge Your Soul Through Grief and Loss

July 24: Revolution - 6

Discover the Rhythms of the Daily Office and Sabbath

July 31: Revolution - 7

Grow into an Emotionally Mature Adult

August 7: Revolution - 8

Go the Next Step to Develop a "Rule of Life."

HALO REPORT

Why have there been no Halo reports in the past month? The fact is the undefeated Halos have been scoring so many runs my head has just stopped spinning from counting. Our boys ran around the bases so fast the ump didn't catch some of our guys going around twice during the same at bat. The Halo's have batted around the line up in one inning at least once per game and some games twice. Each game was laced with singles, doubles, triples and quadruples. Some of the quadruples hit by Andrew Elkins, Wes Strassle, Brian Seawald, Michael Jennings were homeruns actually hit over the fence. Others Halos hit homeruns out of the park that were counted as outs because the Halo men were over the limit. You know things are going well when our Halo, Andrew Elkins, got an urgent phone call, on the umpire's cell phone, from a big league agent while Andrew was at bat. The game stopped and waited patiently while Andrew finished his call.

The defense at times has been as entertaining as a "Cirque du Soleil event" with acrobatic back-flipping snags by Wes Strassle, spectacular diving catches by Brian Curd, and Dave Watkins, fleet footed leaping grabs by Blake Bryant, Andrew Elkins, Denver Riddle and Brian Seawald. Wait, I take back Brian Seawald from that list because his catch was more of a graceful slow jog. Bill Huston, Heath Wagner, Kip James, Michael Arellanes and Mike Jennings were solid bricks in a wall of defense that was at times impenetrable. Honorable mention goes to Mike Kneeland who swung the bat real well while in the on deck circle.

The Halo's have averaged 4.5 fans per game over the past 7 games. If you are thinking you want to go cheer on the mighty men of Heritage, I can tell you that you will surely get a full return on your price of admission. Next scheduled games are Monday May 20th at both 6 PM vs Kibler Baptist and 7PM VS Momentum and again on Tuesday May 21st at 8PM vs Grand Ave Baptist.