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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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IT'S MEMORIAL DAY!



The national holiday that we call Memorial Day was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. People have been memorializing the sacrifice of others since the beginning of time. Americans especially love to have holidays in memory of those who have passed on. We also love to name buildings, streets, cities, and counties after people who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Sadly, for most of us, these memorials eventually become little more than a

name or an opportunity to sleep in and barbecue.

Laying down our lives for others is a biblical virtue. Jesus told his disciples that they should love each other as He loved them and then He laid down His life as a symbol of His love (John 15:13). Laying down your life for someone or something other than yourself is actually the greatest of virtues—it is the essence of the Gospel. Jesus laid down His life for us. We can choose to remember and accept His sacrifice or we can forget. We can also choose to remember the many Americans who have laid down their lives so that we can live freely in the greatest nation in the world. It seems a little unappreciative to only remember those sacrifices on Memorial Day and Good Friday. Here's a thought, why don't we live our lives in a way that is worthy of their sacrifices? I have seen "Saving Private Ryan" many times and I still get choked up at the last seen. Ryan is standing at the grave of the men who died so that he could live and asking if he was worth it. As Christians, we don't even have to ask that question. We know that God loved us enough to send His Son; that Jesus loved us enough to lay down His life; and that we are worthy of His sacrifice simply because He chose us. Now that is something worth celebrating every day!



I'll see you Sunday—but not Monday

Roger

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

At Home:
Margene Bules, Jim Dibble, Roy Dyer, Bill Kelton, 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)
In Sympathy:
Shawna Seewald and Family in the death of her grandmother, *Edith Clelland*.

James Orr and Family in the death of his uncle, *Bill Orr*.

Wayne Weege and Family in the death of his brother, *Wayne Weege*.

Sherry Miller and Family in the death of her sister, *Lynn Young*.

Ronny Mayfield and Family in the death of his wife, *Lisa Mayfield*.

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 26:
 PROMOTION SUNDAY

May 31:
 RESOUND
 ELMWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER IN FORT SMITH

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

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **SALLY CLANCY**
(sister of Wayne Weege) by:

M/M Johnny Parker (EF)
M/M Jack Infield (BF)
M/M Benton Cone (BF)
M/M Bob Freeman

In memory of **GEORGE WEEGE**
(brother of Wayne Weege) by:

M/M Benton Cone (BF)
M/M Bob Freeman

In memory of **EDITH CLELLAND**
(grandmother of Shawna Seewald) by:

M/M Benton Cone (BF)

In memory of **DON GIBSON** by:

M/M John Claunch (CR)

In honor of **WAYNE AND SUE WEEGE** by:

M/M Scott Weege (BF)

BF - Building Fund CR - Celebrate Recovery
EF - Endowment Fund

PROMOTION SUNDAY

This Sunday, May 26th all grade school children and youth will move up to their next year's grade! All preschool children are placed in a class based on their birthday as of August 1, 2013.



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.

NEW MEMBERS AND BAPTISM



J.D. Frederiksen was baptized Sunday. He is the son of Jerry and Brenda Frekeriksen.



John Burkett was baptized



Natalie Williams was baptized Sunday. She is the daughter of Michelle Young.



Katie Harrison joined Sunday.



John and Kaye Lovelace joined Sunday.



John Moose joined Sunday.

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: Tuesdays and Thursdays 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 may be accepted for \$20/per child per day.**

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.

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!



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.

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL

Preschool open enrollment has begun for the 2013-2014 school year. Class ages range from 1 year to 5 years. Stop by the Heritage preschool office for more information or email Erin Reeves at ereeves@heritagevb.org.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Monday, May 27th so that the staff can spend Memorial Day with their friends and family.

HERITAGE UNIVERSITY SUMMER OFFERING!

Stephanie Watkins will be leading a course studying Jonathan Cahn's 'The Harbinger'. The course will last ten to twelve weeks, with an in-depth study of the book. Books will be available through Heritage and Stephanie is requesting that students read the book prior to the start of the course. Signups will begin this Sunday, May 26th. Please look for the sign-up table for more information.



Our Summer Sunday Vacation Bible Study begins THIS Sunday for two-year-olds and up during the 9:30 and 11 am services. We are looking forward to GREAT summer!



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. The first Wednesday night Bible study will be June 12th at 6 pm.

HERITAGE RUBIES T-SHIRTS



We are taking orders for t-shirts for a limited time for Heritage Women's Ministry - RUBIES. If you are attending the Women of Faith Women's conference in Oklahoma City you'll want to have one of these shirts. We wear these shirts as a group on Saturday to identify our group (on Friday night we wear our B.I.G. conference shirts)

NEW STUDY

The Do Good for Nothing class is beginning a study based on the book, The Harbinger. The Harbinger relates current events with prophesy from the book of Isaiah that are precise down the exact day! The class meets in the community room at 11:00 in the adult wing. Books are available.

HELP WANTED

The Monday food pantry crew needs your help. We have several volunteer spaces available every Monday from 9:30 am - noon. Contact Roger Burkert at 474-9352.

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.

CLOTHES NEEDED

The Brazil group will be taking clothes to give the men, women, and children to whom they minister. They need baby clothes, athletic shoes and warm jackets. If you have any of these items, please consider donating them at Cardio Studio so that we can bless the people of Brazil and keep them warm during their winter season.

PRAYER MEETING

The next River Valley First Monday Community Prayer Meeting is Monday, June 3rd from 7-8 pm at Union Christian Academy. UCA is located on the corner of Albert Pike and Windsor Drive in Fort Smith. Join us as we lift up the River Valley in prayer.