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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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FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF MINISTRIES HEART... HOW TO RESPOND TO AN ACTIVE SHOOTER?



We now have federal guidelines for responding to an active shooter in a house of worship; I got the pamphlet last week. The federally approved responses—in order of priority—are to 1) Run, 2) Hide, or 3) Fight.

I try to stay out of the "separation of church and state" conversations—not that the topic isn't worth discussing; I just don't have the time. And, if you get right down to it, most of those political issues would go away if Christians would just act like Christ. Besides, the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution tells me that one of the primary purposes of the federal government is to provide for the common defense. So it doesn't bother me that our government is giving us guidelines to that purpose. It also doesn't really bother me to think that a shooter would target a place of worship. After all, we are in a war against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places (Ephesians 6:12). It only makes sense for Satan to attack where Christians are gathered. No, the part that bothers me is that the first recommendation is "to run".

One of the first things I was taught as a U. S. Army Infantry officer was that the only way to survive an ambush was to immediately attack; you could try to run and hide—and some of you might get away—but running would ultimately result in more casualties. So you could say that I have been trained not to run. But that's not really why the idea bothers me. It bothers me to think of turning and running away leaving my family and friends. That seems to me to be the ultimate statement of selfishness. Many Jewish scholars will tell you that the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah was not murder, adultery, fornication, or homosexuality; the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah was selfishness and greed. It bothers me that our society has degraded to the point that we are like two cities that the Lord destroyed. It bothers me that our officially sanctioned position is to choose personal survival over helping others. It really bothers me that Christians (in a nation founded on Christian principles) have so little impact on our culture.

So what do we do? Read II Chronicles 7; we—Christians—turn from OUR wicked ways, humble OURselves, pray, and seek HIS face. He will heal our land. In the meantime, the brand new doors at the back of the sanctuary are entrance only. Please exit through the middle door.

See you Sunday!

Roger

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Hospital:
At Home:
Margene Bules, Jim and Gerlinda Dibble, Myron Kirksey, John Lovelace, Jeri Nash, Linda Seubold, Sandra Thompson
All Military Personnel all around the world
Nursing Home:
Jean Stratton (Legacy Lodge)
Assisted Living:
Billie Jacks (Alma Health Care)
Maxine Fahrner (Ashton Place)

Mary Coble (Crawford H & R)
Lena Mae Smith (Crawford H & R)
In Thanksgiving:
John and Nancy Turner in the birth of their son, *James William*. Proud grandparents are Danny and Donishia Turner.
In Sympathy:
John and Kay Lovelace and Roger Sonja Lovelace in the death of their daughter-in-law and sister-in-law, *Linda Lovelace*.

July Volunteers

Ushers

8:05 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
John Poole	Wayne Stewart	Eddie Prince
Mike McSpaden	Connie Mendenhall	Daniel Chisolm
Mike Kneeland	Mark Stafford	Matt Oliver
Myron Kirksey	Mark Evans	Malia Putman
	Jerry Frederiksen	Jon Talley

Greeters

8:05 am:
 Mary Dempsey
 Darlene Craft

9:30 am:
 Gail Sly and John Ferrell
 Kim and Nathan Teague

11:00 am:
 Kelly Nash
 Grace Kelly

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 21:
 BAPTISM SUNDAY
 NEWCOMERS' CLASS

Sunday, August 18:
 EDUCATOR'S APPRECIATION SUNDAY

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

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, July 21st, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

BABY SHOWER

Please join us for a baby shower honoring Nicole Beket Sunday, July 21st from 2 - 4 pm in the Welcome Center. Hostesses are Jennifer Boblett, Brooke Miller and Alia Lyle.

BYKOTA

The "Be Ye Kind One To Another" Circle will meet Tuesday, July 16th at 1:30 pm in the Welcome Center. The BYKOTA Circle is a group of women who meet monthly for Bible study and fellowship. All women are welcome.

INFANT DEDICATION



David Lane Sangster was dedicated Sunday. He is the son of Justin and Radonna Sangster and brother of Elijah, Christian and Joshua.

HERITAGE CHURCH KINDERGARTEN GOODY'S PARTY



Monday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Goody's in Van Buren.

Let's celebrate dessert, summer, friends and Kindergarten!!!!

Hope to see you there!

Mrs. Elizabeth & Ms. Hattie
Mrs. Ronda & Ms. Bryce

HERITAGE HALO REPORT



The Halo's took the first two of the best of three to win the Crawford county church league championship. It was like watching Wile E. Coyote try to catch the roadrunner. The Halo roadrunner's were mounting up runs so fast Butterfield defense threw down their gloves then replaced them with products from ACME, Inc. They started dropping anvils, pianos, large boulders from the sky. On top of that they went to using cleverly designed improvised traps to catch the roadrunners of Heritage. The Halos continued to leave a trail of dust as they piled up the runs. Slower, older Halo players used wisdom instead of speed to make it around the bases. These old birds went around the bases in the order the game intended while they patiently waited for the ACME traps to spring before they moved ahead. The younger much faster birds literally had to stay right on the old wise mens' heels before touching home. Halos win game one 16-1 and game two 22-3.

Two new leagues start August 1st, 2013, co-ed league and a men's league. We need more players especially women interested in the co-ed league. If you are interested in playing Heritage Halo softball contact Mike Kneeland at 719-9274 or mknee1260@cox.net.

THANK YOU

To All Our Brothers and Sisters, Thank you so much for all the prayers, visits and calls while John was hospitalized. We so often felt the love and care holding us up.

Thanks again and God Bless each one of you!

Love, *Kaye and John Lovelace and Family*

LOOKING FOR LUKE

Please help Pastor Wes do a better job teaching the Gospel of Luke this school year! If he has loaned you a commentary on Luke, please return it to him. He especially is looking for his New International Greek New Testament Commentary on Luke by I. Howard Marshall. It will be expensive to replace. Please look on your shelves and if you have it, please return to the church office! Thank you!

PULSE AND THE BEAT UPCOMING EVENTS

POOL PARTY

Join us for dinner, worship, and swimming this Sunday, July 14th. Pulse will meet at the Bricker's from 5-8:30 pm and the Beat will meet at the Shook's from 5-8 pm. Please have your parents drop you off and pick you up at the host home. Modest swimwear please

BASEBALL TIME

Pulse and the Beat will travel to watch the Naturals in action on Sunday, July 21st. We will leave at 3:45 pm and return at 10 pm. Cost is \$10 per person plus food money. Register by email at pulsevb@gmail.com. Deadline to register is this Sunday, July 14th.

10 GREAT DATES

We will have our second, large group date on Sunday, July 21st from 6-8 pm at Wheels in Motion in Van Buren. We will eat pizza, skate and fellowship. The cost is \$5 per couple. RSVP to Becki at bkneeland@heritagevb.org.

HELP NEEDED

The Food Pantry needs extra help during vacation season especially on Thursdays 4-6 pm and Fridays 9:30 - 12 pm. If you are interested, please contact Roger Burkert at 462-3392.

USHERS AND GREETERS NEEDED

It is time to update our Usher and Greeter schedules for the upcoming year. If you would like the opportunity to serve in one of these areas, please contact Becki at bkneeland@heritagevb.org.

VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS NEEDED

Summit Medical Center in Van Buren is looking for volunteer chaplains. If you enjoy listening and praying with people, contact Max Goins at 926-5157. There is an application and training that is necessary to be certified.

REKINDLE THE FLAME



The 2013 Conference with Rick Bonfim is scheduled for July 25-28 at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia. For a list of conference speakers and schedule or to register, go to www.latterain.com.



This summer our adult Bible study is on the next revolution in discipleship- *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality!* Our next lesson is *Enlarge Your Soul Through Grief and Loss*. Join us Wednesday, July 17th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

FORT SMITH PREGNANCY HELP CENTER

FSPHC is currently accepting pregnant volunteers who are interested in receiving a free ultrasound and serving as ultrasound models from now until Aug. 8th. Contact Angie Lane at -484-5244 to schedule your appointment.

TIMOTHY TEAM

Registration is 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!

BENEFIT

Great Day of Singing to benefit *Imagine No Malaria* on Sunday, July 21st at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary at First United Methodist Church, Fort Smith. Bishop Gary E. Mueller will deliver an inspirational sermon. A love offering will be taken for *Imagine No Malaria*. Fellowship with cold watermelon will follow in the Family Life Center. Nine area church choirs are participating! Please join us!!!!

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 Sunday, July 21st beginning at 9:20 am and ending with a luncheon at 12:30 pm. Contact Becki at the church office at 474-6424.

HEALTHY CONGREGATION DAY

Come to the Resource Center Sunday, July 21st, between 9 and 11:15 am and have your blood pressure and sugar level checked.

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL

Enroll now for the 2013-14 school year for ages 1 year to 5 years. Stop by the Heritage preschool office for more information or email Erin Reeves at ereeves@heritagevb.org.



YOUVERSION LIVE

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