

Heritage Happenings

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LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE BEACH!



My family just returned from our first vacation in several years. We had an amazing time with absolutely no agenda or schedule except to relax. I slept late, ran through the Florida national forests, sat on the beach, read, and ate (lots). It was a great time to bask in the glory of God. I did spend a little time in reflection and I think I heard a word—or two—from the Lord. Here are just a few of the things I learned:

1. Don't wait till you need gas to get it. There is a direct relationship between gas prices and distance from the interstate. I learned about the 5 "P"s (Proper Planning Prevents Poor Performance) a long time ago but I don't always remember. Jesus thought planning was important; check out Luke 14:28-32. God is a PLANNER; look up Jeremiah 29:11.
2. Face the waves—or you'll lose your new prescription sunglasses. Water can hold lots of energy and ocean waves can transfer that energy very effectively. If you face the waves, you know when to dive under or when to grab your sunglasses. If you turn your back to the waves, bad things happen. James 4:7 tells us to resist the devil and he will flee. Like the waves, we can't just turn our back to the devil; bad things will happen.
3. Rainy days can be the best days. It rained every day of our vacation. It was definitely not the weather I would have asked for but it was wonderful! I got to wake up to the sound of the rain on the tin roof every day. The air was cooled and the beach cleaned every morning. We had plenty of sunshine for tanning. It was absolutely perfect. His thoughts and ways are so much better than mine (Isaiah 55:8-9).
4. Lost doesn't mean lost forever. There are countless scriptures discussing the Lord's desire and ability to find and save the lost; there's the parable of the lost sheep, the parable of the lost coins, the prodigal son. He even gave His only son to save the lost. On Thursday, Justin lost his wedding band in the surf. Now if I can't find my big black sunglasses, there is no way that he is going to find that little silver band. When we got to the beach Friday afternoon, we were greeted by a young mother and her son. She explained to Justin how she found his ring; Jesus still redeems the lost and even the small details of our lives are important to Him (Matthew 6:25-34)!
5. Women age more gracefully than men. I'm not sure what the spiritual truth—or the fairness—behind this one is!
6. God is so good! I think King David may have been sitting on the beach when he wrote in the 19th Psalm "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork." Every day we have is a gift from Him! My family and I are very thankful for this time away. Most importantly, we are very thankful that we serve such an amazing and awesome God!



See You Sunday!

Roger

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **THELMA GAMBLE**
(mother of Pat Poole) by:
M/M Ed Buckalew (FP)

In honor of **JOHNNY PARKER'S**
BIRTHDAY by:
M/M Dorwan Wiley (FP)

FP - Food Pantry

BABY SHOWER



Please join us for a baby shower honoring Alexis Boster and baby #2 on Sunday, August 25th from 2 - 4 pm in the Welcome Center.

DIABETES WORKSHOP

Mercy Hospital in Fort Smith believes that education is the key to helping people with diabetes to better manage the disease, feel better, and avoid complications associated with diabetes. Mercy is offering a free program at the Hennessy Education Center at Mercy Hospital on Tuesday, August 13th from 8 am - 3 pm for those individuals who have diabetes, their family members, and any interested individuals.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Women, would you like to learn how to process emotions and resolve conflicts in ways that lead to a much more peaceful life? Come join us on Monday mornings beginning September 9th as we study, *Lysa Turkest's, Unglued*. We will meet from 9:30-11:30 am in the Welcome Center. Childcare is provided. Husbands, sign your wife up today! 😊

BAPTISM



Noah Teague was baptized Sunday. He is the son of Travis and Tara Teague.

CLOTHES NEEDED

The Clothes Closet will be open when parents and children come for the Back-to-School Extravaganza on Monday, August 12th. We need clean, ready to wear clothing for children Kindergarten through 12th grade. Please drop off donations in the receptacle on the back porch at the clothes closet by, August 5th.

WORSHIP ARTS...TAKE NOTE!

Have you considered joining Heritage Worship Arts Ministry? Now is the time! There is a place for you in:

- Sanctuary Choir
- Praise Team
- Carillon Handbells
- Media/Tech Team
- Joyful Sound Instrumental Ensemble
- Made for Praise Kids Choir Leadership

Want to learn more? Join us for food, fun, and fellowship at the home of Joan and Peyton Miller **THIS SATURDAY**, August 10th from 6-8 pm 924 Fine Way in Alma. RSVP to Louann King 479-629-5709.

CD'S ON SALE

Pick up your copy of the anointed music of Lady Anitta Smith in the church office. The cost is \$12 per CD.

ARE YOU UP FOR THE GIG?

At this time of year, our educators have kicked it in gear and their hearts and minds are set toward the job ahead. We are blessed at Heritage with an abundance of people who work in our local school districts, preschools, and homeschools. We would like to honor them on Sunday morning, August 18th in all three services with prayer and appreciation. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall between the services for everyone.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER!

September 13-14

Heritage Church Celebrates the Feast of Tabernacles*
Campout, Middle Eastern Meal, and Night of Worship at Oaks Manor Retreat Center...more info coming!

Sunday, September 22

Combined Celebration with Heritage Choirs, Lady Anitta Smith and Encore Choir, and Arrows International Dancers! Want to sing in the choir for this special event? See Chuck for details.

**Please note: These will be area-wide events. Based on our success with recent events, many volunteers will be needed to serve in a number of areas. See Becki Kneeland or Chuck King for opportunities!*

PULSE AND THE BEAT



Join us Sunday, August, 11th in the Block from 6 - 8 pm for dinner, worship and special music by Timothy Brinkman. You won't want to miss out! Parents and adults are invited.

THE BEAT



If you are in grades 6-9, mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 14th 8:30 am - 4 pm for *Destination Unknown!* The cost is \$20. It includes activities, transportation, lunch and a snack. Register via email at BobO@heritagevb.org or via text at 479-670-2340. Deadline to register is Monday, August 12th!

10 GREAT DATES™

Please begin to RSVP for 10 Great Dates. It will be Sunday, August 18. We will be meeting at the Malco Theater in Van Buren to see the movie, "The Butler". Child care will be at the church. Time will be announced. Contact Becki Kneeland at bkneeland@heritagevb.org

DRIVER NEEDED

Every Wednesday morning, our Food Pantry volunteers pick up food from the food bank. If you would be willing to help by driving the truck, please contact Roger Burkert at 462-3392.

FALL KICK OFF



Mark your calendar for Sunday morning, August 25th. We will kick off the Fall with our baseball theme "PUT ME IN COACH"! Our worship services will be blessed with testimony of our guest speaker and baseball player, Tyler Spoon. Heritage ministries will be highlighted in the Fellowship Hall. There will be fellowship and snacks for all. You don't want to miss it.

WOMEN OF FAITH 2013



The Heritage Rubies had an amazing time at the Women of Faith Conference this last weekend in Oklahoma City. We will have a potluck and a time of sharing Monday, August 12 from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Welcome Center. Bring your favorite dish and any testimony you wish to share or just come and listen to what fellow attendees have to share about their WOF experience.

WORSHIP ARTS

Important Dates to remember:

August 14

Handbells resume 5:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir resumes 6:30 pm

September 8

Made for Praise Kids Choir resumes 4:30 pm for 1st-5th graders

HERITAGE TRAVELERS

Heritage Travelers will be taking a trip to Crystal Bridges on Friday, September 20th. Vesta Everitt will have a sign up table in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday for all interested parties. The price will be \$47.00 per person. This includes transportation on a chartered bus, lunch at the facility, and a guided tour of the museum. We have 55 spots, reserve yours today. Please make checks payable to Heritage Church and on the memo line please write *Heritage Travelers*.

FAMILY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

At Heritage, we are blessed each year with new babies! One of the ways we minister to our families is to provide a few meals to them after the baby is born. If you are interested in making meals for these precious new families, please contact Debbie Marsh, dmarsh@heritagevb.org or 474-6424.

COMING SOON

The Heritage Board of Trustees voted this past Sunday to pave our gravel parking lot and add approximately 45 new parking spaces. They also voted to pave the drive around the back of the building. These projects will happen fast and may even be a little inconvenient; please be patient. It will definitely worth the wait!

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

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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Hospital:

At Home:

Margene Bules, Jim and Gerlinda Dibble, Myron Kirksey, Rachelle Lambert, Carolyn Loyd, Emily Marsh, Jeri Nash, John Parochka, Linda Seubold, Dawn Yates

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 Sympathy:

Mary Coble, Alan Swaim and Family in the death of her brother and his uncle, *John Bell.*

August Volunteers

Ushers

8:05 am

John Poole
Buster Colbert
Jane Sanders
Rick Sanders

9:30 am

Seekers' Life Group

11:00 am

Erich Bauman
Rick Rauser
Tom Banhart
Russ Aikman

Greeters

8:05 am:

Becky and Clay Brown
Deborah Pearson

9:30 am:

Seekers' Life Group

11:00 am:

Terry Furr
Steve and Silvia Burns

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 18:

EDUCATION APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 25:

FALL KICK OFF

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