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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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PUT ME IN COACH



*Well, beat the drum and hold the phone - the sun came out today!
 We're born again, there's new grass on the field.
 A-roundin' third, and headed for home, it's a brown-eyed handsome man;
 Anyone can understand the way I feel.*

*Oh, put me in, Coach - I'm ready to play today;
 Put me in, Coach - I'm ready to play today;
 Look at me, I can be Centerfield. John Fogarty-Centerfield*

I have never been very good at sitting on the bench or sideline; it didn't matter the sport. Don't get me wrong, team success—winning—is the goal. Sometimes that meant I had to come off the field in order for a wide receiver to come in for a pass play. I know you won't believe this but there were even times Coach Wayne Raney sent in a pinch runner for me (speed was never my strength). I know those were good coaching decisions. BUT, I was always had this deep desire to be in the play; to be an active part of the team's success. It was great when Larry Wilson ran around the end and went 60 yards for a touchdown. BUT it was really really great when I led Larry through the middle of the line for 8 yards and a first down. John Eldredge calls it a sacred romance; it's that feeling of familiarity—that you are somehow connected—but wanting more. It's drives us to search for meaning. It gives us a sense of being truly alive. Solomon said it best in Proverbs 13:12, "Hope deferred makes the *heart* sick, but a *longing* fulfilled is a tree of life."

This Sunday, we will provide you with the opportunity to get into the game. Maybe you're an infielder or an outfielder; maybe you're a pinch runner or designated hitter. Whatever your talent, we want you in the game. Check out the ministry booths in the Fellowship Hall, find your spot on the team and get into the game. Kathy and I watched **Home Run** last week. It is a great movie and I highly recommend it. I think my favorite scene is when Tyler is up to bat; he has recently been hit by a pitch. He stands at the very back of batter's box petrified and unable to swing. His coach instantly recognizes the problem and calls for time. Coach ends his pep talk with, "Get back in there, step up to the plate, and hit the ball... Nothing great happens when you hold back." Tyler steps back into the box and hits a bomb.



Sunday is going to be great. Tyler Spoon will join us; bring your favorite baseball or Razorback item for an autograph. Enjoy popcorn, Cracker Jacks, peanuts, and cotton candy. Most importantly, find your position on the team. Nothing great happens when you hold back!

See you Sunday!
Roger

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

At Home:
Margene Bules, Philip Conger, Jim and Gerlinda Dibble, Rachelle Lambert, Jeri Nash, Linda Seubold

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:
Glen Hopkins, Jr. and Family in the death of his cousin, *Nita Kay Cox.*

Don Naugle and Family in the death of his sister, Diranda Randolph.

In Thanksgiving:
Josh and Lesa Pack in the birth of their daughter, *Georgia RaeAnne.* Proud grandparents are Candis Barnes and Otis Barnes.

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 Tom Banhart Russ Aikman
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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
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Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 25:
 PUT ME IN COACH
 FALL KICK OFF

September 13 - 14:
 THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES
 AT OAKS MANOR RETREAT CENTER

Sunday, September 22:
 COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
 AT VBHS FINE ARTS CENTER
 10 AM

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

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **BILL BROWN** (*father of Sherry Hays*) by:

M/M Joe Lloyd (FP)

M/M Johnny Parker (YM)

In honor of **ROY ELKINS' 80TH BIRTHDAY** by:

M/M Darrell Goodlin (FP)

FP - Food Pantry YM - Youth Ministries

NEW MEMBER



John Henry was baptized and joined Sunday. He has one daughter, Alexis.

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.

WALK TO EMMAUS

It's time for the Fall Walks in the River Valley! The men's walk is Sept. 26 - 29 and the women's walk is Oct. 3 - 5. Both are at St. Scholastica in Fort Smith. If you would like to attend a walk, please contact Bob Bretch at 632-0585. A brochure with more information is available in the Great Hall.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN

In Van Buren, I believe God wants to raise up groups of moms to pray for their children and their school so that every school has a hedge of prayer protection. If you have a heart for this, whether you are an aunt, grandmother, mother or have no biological children, you are included. It doesn't matter if the children you desire to pray for are in diapers or college or beyond!! Pray for God to show you how He wants you to join a Moms in Prayer group or to get a group started in your home or join a group that will be started here at Heritage or somewhere else. After prayer, contact Monisteele@aol.com or call 474-8165 or text 479-629-4384. Let us "reclaim" this nation for God!

Monica Steele

BABY SHOWER



Please join us for a baby shower honoring Alexis Boster and baby #2 this Sunday, August 25th from 2 - 4 pm in the Welcome Center. She is registered at Target and Wal Mart.

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.

PRAYER MEETING

The next River Valley First Monday Community Prayer Meeting is Monday, September 2nd from 7-8 pm at Central Christian Church on Waldron Road.

VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN

If you enjoy listening and praying with people and would like to be a volunteer chaplain at Summit Medical Center in Van Buren, contact Max Goins at 926-5157.

KINDERGARTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS AND CITY HEIGHTS PARENTS AND TEACHERS

We are super excited this year to pray over a different elementary school each month. City Heights Elementary will be prayed over on Saturday, September 7th. We will meet at 9 a.m. to circle in prayer together. Then we will split up and walk the grounds to pray individually. This will be powerful and the kindergarten students are excited about it! Please join us! (Go ahead and mark your calendars for October 5th at Tate!)
Mrs. Elizabeth & Mrs. Ronda

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

There will be a prayer shawl meeting on Sunday, September 8th at 2 pm in the Library.

JOIN US

The Good Shepherd Class is celebrating the new Sunday School year with a potluck brunch in our classroom this Sunday, August 25th at 11 am. Come join us for food and fellowship and a new study on Luke beginning the next week.

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!*

SISTERS OF STRENGTH

Heritage Rubies is starting a new study and support group, S.O.S.. Lysa Turkest's study, *Made to Crave*, is a health and fitness Bible study for sisters in Christ to come together and work on their 'temples' together through exercise, guest speakers and prayer. An informational meeting is Thursday, September 5th at 6:30 pm in the Welcome Center. It will be facilitated by Christi Wilson and Pam James.

HERITAGE TRAVELERS

Heritage Travelers are travelling to Crystal Bridges on Friday, September 20th. The price is \$47 per person which includes transportation on a chartered bus, lunch at the facility, and a guided tour of the museum. Must sign up with Vesta Everitt at 501-230-0427 by Sunday, September 8th.

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.

10 GREAT DATES

The official start of 10 Great Dates is Sunday, September 8th at 5:30 pm in the Community Room. More details to come.

WORSHIP ARTS

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 and/or Made for Praise Kids Choir Leadership. For information, contact Chuck at 474-6424 or cking@heritagevb.org.



Mark your calendars, *Made for Praise* Kids Choir resumes 4:30 pm on Sunday, September 8 for 1st-5th graders.

HERITAGE UNIVERSITY'S FALL 2013 SEMESTER

Heritage University Fall semester classes will begin Sunday, September 15th! This is an excellent opportunity for you to grow as a Christian! Heritage University will be offering a variety of courses to engage your heart and mind in pursuit of a life of deeper discipleship. Signups will begin Sunday, September 1st - look for the information at the sign-up table in the Great Hall. Courses to be offered during the 9:30 education hour:

HU 305: Jewish Roots - Glen Wigginton

HU 503: Crown Financial Bible Study - Brad Baldwin

HU 507: Living With Confidence in a Chaotic World - Bobby Boyakin

HU 803: The Case For Christ - Michael Tursky

HUGE THANK YOU

The backpack program was a huge success!!!! We filled and gave out 100 backpacks to area children. Thank you to everyone that bought and filled backpacks or donated money-we couldn't have done it without you!!!! Big thanks to Swaim Office Products for school supplies and all the beauticians who donated their time to help!!! Also a thank you to Mrs. Debbie and her 5th graders for the yummy sno cones and the girls who helped polish nails. There were a lot of behind the scenes workers and a huge thank you to all of you!! My prayer was that when each child left with a fresh haircut, new backpack or painted nails that they felt loved and special. I saw some very excited kids so I believe my prayer was answered. Each child we served is a child of God and I think he was smiling down on all of us that day. Thank you all again and may God bless each of you...

Tara Teague