

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

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As you navigate your way through the road construction on Pointer Trail, you might notice on our church lawn what looks like a Nativity Stable...well, in fact, it is! The stable was the place where King Jesus came to earth as Emmanuel-God with Us! But-why a stable in September?

This month, Jews around the world will be celebrating the High Holy days of *Rosh HaShanah*, *Yom Kippur*, and climaxing with *Sukkot*-or *the Feast of Tabernacles*. Sukkot is a joyous harvest festival lasting one week. Families will eat and sleep in temporary huts or shelters, in commemoration of God's presence with them in their 40-year sojourn through the desert. John 7 records that Yeshua (Jesus)

Himself went up to Jerusalem to celebrate this Feast!

Our "stable" is actually a *sukkah*-it's intended to be makeshift and shabby, made of sticks, boughs, palm branches, and the like. They are only occupied during the Feast and are temporary in every sense of the word. Jesus fulfills the symbolism of the *sukkah* by humbling Himself and coming to us in the frail, destructible body of a helpless baby. Like the Feast pilgrims, His *sukkah* was also temporary. Jesus was here for only a short time; However, He promises to return and harvest those who believe. What a glorious festival there will be when He finally returns!

That is the glorious promise of the *Sukkah*-the best is yet to come! As we are told in Revelation, 21:3, "Behold the Tabernacle of God is with men and He will dwell with them and they shall be His people and God Himself will be with them and be their God." Jesus Christ is the Tabernacle of God! When the glorious day comes and He returns, Christ will dwell among His people again. This is the ultimate fulfillment of the Feast of Tabernacles!

While waiting for His return, we invite you to join us at the Oaks Manor Retreat Center on Friday, September 13, for an outdoor celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles. The beautiful grounds there have been prepared for us to enjoy a one night camp out and worship under the stars, along with great Israeli food, dancing, crafts for the kids and more. (Bring your fishing gear!) Whether or not you choose to camp, this will still be a great opportunity to come and reconnect with the Jewish Roots of your faith, as Pastor Wes has been encouraging us to do.

The following week, on September 22nd, the Heritage family will combine for one glorious Feast of Tabernacles service at 10:00 at the VHBS Fine Arts Center. Rick Endel has assembled a great orchestra and the Arrows International Dancers will be with us again. Come and celebrate the Feast!



Your Worship Arts Minister,
Chuck King

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

At Home:
Margene Bules, Jim and Gerlinda Dibble, Jeri Nash, Linda Seubold
All Military Personnel all around the world

Assisted Living:
Billie Jacks (*Alma Health Care*)
Maxine Fahrner (*Ashton Place*)
Mary Coble (*Crawford H & R*)
Lena Mae Smith (*Crawford H & R*)

Nursing Home:
Jean Stratton (Legacy Lodge)

In Sympathy:
Martha Jones and Family in the death of her husband, *Bob Jones*.
Dan Gardner and Family in the death of his father, *Ollie Gardner*.

September Volunteers

Ushers

8:05 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
John Poole	Tom Konert	Justin Lovett
Jerry Frederiksen	John Symonds	Danny Turner
Alexis Boster	David Alexander	Kerry Kelly
Michael Boster	Andy Williams	Grace Kelly

Greeters

8:05 am:
Three-fold Cord Life Group
9:30 am:
Three-fold Cord Life Group
11:00 am:
Three-fold Cord Life Group

Upcoming Events

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.

NEW MEMBERS AND BAPTISMS



Gary and Janice Podgurski joined Sunday.



Brant Ramsey was baptized and joined Sunday.



Sam Vinson and Lily Vinson were baptized Sunday. They are the children of John and Sarah Vinson.



Stephen and Shannon Rogers were baptized Sunday. They are the children of Gary and Janice Podgurski.

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.

WALK TO EMMAUS

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

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

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

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



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



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

HALO REPORT

The Halo Co-ed softball team played two games Monday night. Game one was against Cedarville Assembly and Game two was against Kibler Baptist. The Halos had several hits, but never strung a bunch together. In fact, if you measured all the hits from end to end that the Halos got for both games you would travel a distance from Kibler to about half way to Fort Smith, Arkansas. Jared Richmond hit the farthest shot around 7:45 Monday evening; I saw it land on North Hills Blvd at 7:05 AM Tuesday on my way to work. The problem was, if you measured the hits from end to end that the Halo opponents got you could have traveled from Kibler to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Needless to say the Halos came up short on both games. The Halos play Monday evenings at the Kibler Diamond center; come see them play. As the great Yogi Berra said, "You can observe a lot just by watching."

OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed Monday, September 2nd, so the staff can enjoy Labor Day with their family and friends.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

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.

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.

RECLAIMING THIS NATION FOR GOD

If you would like to join a group of moms who have the heart to pray for our children and their schools, contact Monica Steele at 474-8165 or text 479-629-4384.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH COMING SOON!

Dr. Robbie Castleman in her book, *Parenting in the Pew* says it best; "Parents are the best people to teach their children what it means to worship!" Church staff, especially the Children's Ministry staff have struggled with how to facilitate this at Heritage. We struggle with the balance of parents needing to worship undistracted and modeling worship for their children. With your support we are beginning a new model for Children's Church at 11:00.

Beginning September 8, 2013 all elementary age children will begin the 11:00 worship with their families in the sanctuary. Right before the sermon, Pastor Wes will dismiss 1st-3rd graders to go back to the Backyard for their age level teaching.

If a parent is involved in serving or attending Sunday School at 11:00 then your child will sit with someone from the Children's Ministry team during the worship time.

There will be NO changes in the ministry for children ages, infant through Kindergarten.

As I have said many times, we as parents are on a holy assignment from God to raise our children to become who He intended them to be.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FEAST

If you would like to volunteer for the Feast of Tabernacles in one or more in the following areas, please contact Becki at 474-6424 or bkneeland@heritagevb.org:

- Serve meals
- Clean-up after meals
- Park cars
- Collect meal tickets
- Use personal truck to haul tables and return

HERITAGE UNIVERSITY'S FALL 2013 SEMESTER

Heritage University Fall semester classes will begin Sunday, September 15th! HU will be offering a variety of courses to engage your heart and mind in pursuit of a life of deeper discipleship. Signup 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

JOIN THE PARTY!

Every Wednesday morning a group of volunteers comes to fold, tab and label our 700+ newsletters. It begins at 9 am and lasts until around 10 am, depending on the number of workers. For more information, call the office at 474-6424.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

If you have a child in 6th grade and would like to sign up for Confirmation Class, please contact the church office at 474-6424. Children in grades 7th - 9th that haven't gone through Confirmation and would like to are welcome to sign up, as well.