

**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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# Heritage Happenings

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**FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE!**



*"Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance" (Exodus 12:14)*

I've been in the Church for 47 years. I've been a "born-again" believer for over 31; but I feel like I have had more revelation from the Lord and learned more in the last six months than I ever had in such a short period of time. What am I learning? --God's revelation and divine plan for redemption and the history of humanity revealed in the **BIBLICAL FESTIVALS**.

God **ORDAINED** these celebrations and **COMMANDED** that we celebrate them as a **"PERMANENT ORDINANCE!"** This didn't change when Jesus came. He celebrated and fulfills these festivals; however, the institutional church quit observing them when anti-semitism and paganism crept in, especially between 318 and 600 A.D. Pastors and congregations were forbidden and persecuted for participating in what God had commanded. Those three hundred years were enough to divorce us from the Jewish roots and trunk that support the branches of Christianity. We have suffered ever since.

In God's Reformation He is healing and restoring these roots to the Church. When we **rediscover, reconnect and reclaim** these roots, there is a tremendous blessing/outpouring of **DIVINE LIFE!**

Join us Friday evening and Saturday morning at Oaks Manor in Rudy at 7:30 p.m. and 8 a.m. with your lawn chairs or blankets as we celebrate Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) and the beginning of Sukkot (The Feast/Festival of Tabernacles). Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> we will worship the LORD for His provision of a **COVERING (ATONEMENT)** by sending His one and only Son through a virgin to be our Y'shua/Jesus (Savior/Deliverer)! We will exclaim with the angel Gabriel, "For with God, **NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE!**" (Luke 1:37).

Then don't forget!! **WE WILL HAVE ONE BIG WORSHIP CELEBRATION NEXT SUNDAY, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, AT THE VAN BUREN FINE ARTS CENTER AT 10 A.M.!** Jeff and Natalie Lewis and the Arrows International Dance Team will be with us for a Great Feast of Tabernacles Worship experience. Don't miss it!



Blessed to be your shepherd, following the Good Shepherd's lead!

*Wes*

*In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

At Home:  
**Margene Bules, Jim and Gerlinda Dibble, BJ DuVall, Connie Gregory, Jeri Nash, Linda Seubold, Alan Swaim**  
**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:  
**Jim Terry and Family** in the death of his brother, *Heath Shoulders*.

**September Volunteers**

Ushers

<b>8:05 am</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
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.

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **BOB JONES** by:  
M/M Bill Thomas (FP)

In honor of **M/M DOYLE  
AUTRY'S 60TH WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY** by:  
M/M Bill Thomas (FP)  
M/M Johnny Parker (CM)

In honor of **SUE STRANATHAN'S  
BIRTHDAY** by:  
M/M Bill Thomas (FP)  
FP - Food Pantry CM - Children's Ministry

## BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church THIS Sunday, September 15th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

## HEALTHY CONGREGATION DAY

Come to the Resource Center THIS Sunday, September 15th, between 9 and 11:15 am and have your blood pressure and sugar level checked.



A new GriefShare Support Group will start on Monday, September 23rd. They will meet at 9:30 am each Monday in the Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class and at 6:30 pm at Legacy Heights. For more information, please call Shirley Touchstone 629-7901.

## WORSHIP AND PRAYER

You are invited to sit and soak in the Heritage Sanctuary every Thursday from 12 - 1pm as Chuck leads a time of worship and prayer.

## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Due to the increased cost and handling requirements in mailing our newsletter each week, we would prefer to send it by email if at all possible. Please email the church office at office@heritagevb.org and type 'EMAIL NEWSLETTER' in the subject line so that we can add your email address to our newsletter list. If you don't have an email address, we will continue to send your newsletter by regular mail.

## VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN

We are still in need of a few more volunteers. 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.

## FAT, SKINNY, TALL, OR SHORT; WHAT'S YOUR SHAPE?

Why are you here? What does God want you to do? What is God's plan for your life? Why are you frustrated? Who is your perfect mate? Ephesians 1:11 tells us "It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone. (The Message)"

Each of us is given different spiritual gifts. We have different passions (heart) and abilities. Our personalities vary from person to person—some of us even have multiple personalities 😊. We have each experienced things that have changed our life and lives of others. God, in his infinite wisdom and creativity, has shaped each of us to do the work He has planned. He continues to mold and shape us daily because He wants us to have an abundant life (John 10:10).

Join us September 29th 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Welcome Center to answer your questions and discover your SHAPE. Dinner and childcare are provided. We will take inventory of our spiritual gifts; complete a personality profile; reflect on our passions, our skills, and our experiences; and we will spend time with our Father. We probably won't discover your perfect mate, but we may just find the right ministry for you. Call the office for more information.

## MULBERRY PRAYER BLITZ

Crawford county National Day of Prayer is sponsoring a time of prayer over the town of Mulberry this Saturday, September 14th at 1:00 pm. We will meet at the City hall on Main Street and pray over the city government and then break up in teams to cover the town. We welcome anyone who has a heart to pray over this city and the welfare of our county and the river valley.

*Janabou Devers*

## BYKOTA

The "Be Ye Kind One To Another" Circle will meet Tuesday, September 17th 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.

## WEDDING SHOWER

Join us as we honor Whitney Wilbourn and Jared Richmond at a wedding shower this Saturday, September 14th from 4-6:30 pm in the Welcome Center. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Target, Walmart, and Dillards.

## RECLAIMING THIS NATION FOR GOD

If you would like to join a group of moms who have the heart to pray for Your children and their schools, contact Monica Steele at 474-8165 or text 479-629-4384. For more information, go to www.momsinprayer.org.

## 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.

## HALO "MUSH-BALL" REPORT

Did you know that in the late 1800's, George Hancock of Chicago, created the game known today as 'softball.' Over the years since then the game has been called *mush-ball*, *super-slow pitch*, *cabbage-ball*, *indoor baseball* and *kitten ball*. The original game kept many rules similar to baseball and was played indoors for the first year or so. The ball was a soft and mushy and around 16-inches in diameter, roughly the size of a cabbage head. The bats were smaller than baseball bats. Since the bats were smaller and because the ball was so large no gloves were allowed on defense. From the onset the game was Co-ed with both men and women participating. Currently this version of softball is still played in leagues in Chicago

## HERITAGE UNIVERSITY'S FALL 2013 SEMESTER

HU Fall semester classes begin THIS 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. Call the church office to signup. 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

## OFFERING FOR THE CHURCH IN CUBA

This Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, we will receive a love offering for the Methodist Church of Cuba. Pastor Wes will take this offering with him to present to Bishop Ricardo Pereira at the end of the month. The church of Cuba has been tremendously oppressed and impoverished by the communist government over the past few decades, but it is thriving and booming with growth. The Methodist Church of Cuba is the largest and fastest growing church in Cuba, even larger than the Roman Catholic Church. Right now, the Methodist Church has great influence in the country, but very little resources. Thank you for blessing our brothers and sisters and the work of the Gospel in Cuba.

## SISTERS OF STRENGTH

Sisters of Strength (S.O.S.) has started a new study and support group based on Lysa Turkest's study, *Made to Crave*. We meet every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Welcome Center. It is 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 as we study, Lysa Turkest's *Unglued*. We meet from 9:30-11:30 am in the Welcome Center. Childcare is provided.

and New Orleans. Today the more popular game uses a 12-inch diameter ball, the defense can use gloves, and the bats are highly-engineered composite metal bats that pack a powerful punch. The rules are similar to baseball except no bunts or no stealing bases. In the modern Co-ed games, the women can opt to hit an 11-inch ball if they choose. The first 4 games of the season the Halo's have been using old, beaten-up, mush-balls that have lost their ping and zing. This has contributed to the Halos leading the league in unintentional bunts. Come see the Halo's play Monday nights and witness the Halo bats turn high-tech, smartly-engineered, glow in the dark, new, crisp, softballs into mush-balls.