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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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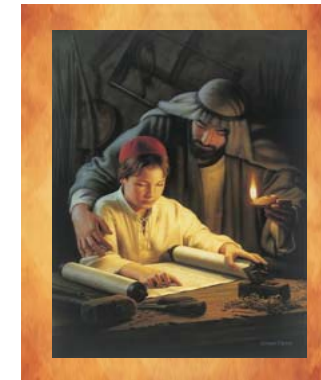
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PARENTS?

*Train up a child in the way he should go,
 And when he is old he will not depart from it.*

Proverbs 22:6



If you are looking for some interesting reading, try typing "What is a parent?" in Google. The articles you find will give you many opinions about what our culture thinks it means to be a parent. What struck me was the absence of verbs—you know, action words. Parenting isn't a position, it is an action.

I love high school football games; the NFL is sometimes entertaining, college football is ok, but the atmosphere at high school football games is incredible. Families are together. We appreciate a well-executed play but at this level, it is still about heart and passion both on the field and in the bleachers. I like to watch people in this environment. I think Blakemore Field on a Friday night is a microcosm of Van Buren. The things we see in that stadium happen every day in our community. I have to say that I think we have reason for concern. My concern is not related to coaching. It's not related to the size or skill of our kids. It's not related to the talent of our quarterback or the precision of the marching band. It is certainly not related to the quality of officiating—but there are times... My concern is parenting. I am amazed at the number of stoned-out parents I see. I am amazed at the number of parents who openly—and loudly—criticize coaches, officials, and even other people's kids. I am amazed at the adults who completely ignore the children who are with them. And, I am amazed at the number of fathers and mothers who are not even there. I think parenting may be the top issue we face as a community and even as a country. Solomon said it many years ago, how we raise our children now effects who they are tomorrow.

Think you have it hard as a parent? What about Joseph and Mary? How would we like to be responsible for raising the Savior of the world? On a typical Thursday night (Friday night was Sabbath), how did Joseph behave? What did Mary do when Jesus made a crushing tackle? Did Jesus enjoy the ride home with Joseph after the game? WWJD is a great acronym; maybe we could also use WWM&JD. I can't

think of better role models! Join us Sunday as Pastor Wes talks about Parenting Jesus: Raising Up Spiritual Champions. It's a lesson we all need!

See You Sunday!

Roger

p.s. You don't have to be a biological father or mother to be a parent. Check out the **CALL** (Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime) Sunday.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

In Hospital:
Johnny Parker (Mercy)
Maxine Fahrner (Mercy)
Isaac Wayne Boster (Mercy)

At Home:
Margene Bules, Jim and Gerlinda Dibble, BJ DuVall, Myron Kirksey, Jeri Nash, Linda Seubold, Alan Swaim, Sandra Thompson

All Military Personnel all around the world

Nursing Home:
Jean Stratton (Legacy Lodge)

Assisted Living:
Billie Jacks (Alma Health Care)
Mary Coble (Crawford H & R)
Lena Mae Smith (Crawford H & R)

In Thanksgiving:
Michael, Alexis and Caleigh Boster in the birth of their son and brother, *Isaac Wayne*. Proud grandparents are John and Brenda Boster and Jeff and Beth Stamp.

In Sympathy:
Ed Buckalew and Family in the death of his aunt, *Vivian Reeves*.
Wayne Ames and Family in the death of his cousin, *Pam Forman*.

October Volunteers

Ushers

8:05 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
John Poole	Wayne Stewart	Roger Burkert
Myron Kirksey	Connie Mendenhall	Jon Harper
Mike Kneeland	Mark Stafford	Matt Harper
Mike McSpadden	Mark Evans	Mark Anders

Greeters

8:05 am:
 Benton and Juanita Cone
 Bruce and Janet Johnson

9:30 am:
 Andy and Terry Williams
 Brian and Kelly Curd

11:00 am:
 Trudy Ledding and Christy Anders
 Sarah and Ruben Silva

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 13:
 NEWCOMERS' RECEPTION
 BETWEEN EACH SERVICE

Wednesday, November 20:
 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
 AT VB FINE ARTS CENTERS
 7 PM

HONORARIUM

In honor of **LENA MAE SMITH** by:
M/M Joe Lloyd (FP)
FP - Food Pantry

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church THIS Sunday, October 13th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement for the newsletter, please email it to Kathy at office@heritagevb.org by 9 am on Monday mornings.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

6th Annual
Community Thanksgiving Service
PLEASE JOIN US
—VAN BUREN FINE ARTS CENTER—
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th - 7 P.M.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Please consider having your newsletter sent to you by email if at all possible. 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. *****Thank you to those that have responded. It certainly helps with the mailing cost.***

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

NEWCOMERS' RECEPTION

If you are a guest or have come to Heritage within the last year, we would like to invite you to a meet and greet with Pastor Wes this Sunday, October 13th. It will be immediately following each service in the Welcome Center.



We have many Life Groups just waiting for you to join. We encourage you to pick up a brochure in the Great Hall and browse through the different groups and then contact Becki Kneeland, our Welcome Minister to get you plugged in. She can be contacted at 474-6424 or bkneeland@heritagevb.org.



A new GriefShare Support Group has begun. They meet at 9:30 am each Monday in the Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class or at 6:30 pm at Legacy Heights. For more information, contact Shirley Touchstone 629-7901 or Wanda Huie 501-249-7980.

SOCIAL MEDIA AT HERITAGE

If you have a Facebook account, be sure you add Heritage UMC as one of your friends. We often post upcoming events and interesting information on our Heritage Facebook page. You may also wish to follow us on Twitter at [Heritage_VB](https://twitter.com/Heritage_VB). Both are excellent ways to stay informed on the latest information and both of our sites welcome your comments!



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.

HEALTHY CONGREGATION DAY

Come to the Resource Center Sunday, October 20th, between 9 and 11:15 am and have your blood pressure and sugar level checked.

OUR DEARLY BELOVED, LENA MAE SMITH, HONORED FOR HER SERVICE



Lena Mae Smith, our oldest member at Heritage, was recognized for her years of military service in a Friday awards ceremony in Van Buren.

Retired Col. Steve Gray, military liaison to U.S. Sen. John Boozman, R-Ark., honored Smith, 100, a WAVE, Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, who served as a mail clerk in the Navy during World War II.

"We sign up to defend our Constitution," Gray said at the ceremony. "You chose to leave your job as a seamstress and joined the Navy to serve our country, so we honor you today. This is your day and we want to pay special tribute to you."

BABY SHOWER

Please join us for a drop-in baby shower in honor of Jessica Banhart Visalli on Sunday, October 13th from 2 - 4 pm in the Welcome Center. Jessica is registered at Target and Wal Mart. All are welcome!

10 GREAT DATES

Our next meeting is this Sunday, October 13th from 6 - 8 pm in the Community Room. Childcare is provided. Hope to see everyone there!

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.

PULSE AND THE BEAT

Attention students in 6th-12th grades, deadline to register for our Branson Fall Retreat has been extended to this Sunday, October 13th. The cost is \$70. We leave Saturday, October 26th at 7 am and return Sunday, October 27th at 9 pm. Registration forms are available in the Pulse office or online at pulse.heritagevb.org. Forms and payments can be given to Bob or turned into the church office.

3RD ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Your child (2's through 5th grade) is invited to participate in our annual Christmas Program. We meet every Sunday evening from 6-7 pm to learn songs, lines, make props, invitations and posters! Currently, we are meeting with the Kinder-5th grade, Pre-school age children will join us in a few weeks!



MOBILIZING THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE A FUTURE AND A HOPE TO CHILDREN IN ARKANSAS FOSTER CARE.

There are about 3,500 children in the Arkansas State Foster Care System at any given time. These children come into state custody through no fault of their own - it is because of abuse, neglect, or some other safety concern in the home. For instance, there are about 7,000 children in foster care in Arkansas within a year, and there are only about 1,100 foster families available to care for those children! Plus, there are over 500 children available for adoption through foster care in our state. It's a crisis shortage!

It's time for the Body of Christ to step up and meet the needs of these children in our own neighborhoods. We are asking you, if you are called, to care for one of these precious children through foster care, adoption, respite care, or volunteering in some way.

Come Sunday to hear more from Clay Warnock. He will be set-up in the Fellowship Hall to answer any questions that you may have and to help you get started with the application process.

Smith enlisted in the Navy in 1943. After basic training and technical school, she became a mail clerk at the 11th Naval District headquarters in San Diego, helping to sort and deliver thousands of directives, orders, citations and letters on a daily basis. She was presented with the American Defense Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and the Honorable World War II Lapel Button.

Smith, surrounded by friends and members of her church family, said she felt surprised and deeply honored. She recalled her days with her fellow WAVES as her most memorable moment.

"Being with them, my friends, the WAVES, we were always together and always so happy," Smith said. "I'm thinking about them today. I'm just really surprised and honored."

Congratulations, Lena Mae! Your church family loves you!