

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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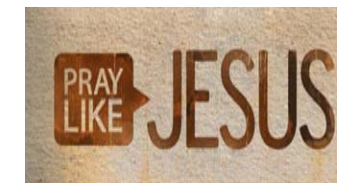
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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... LET'S PRAY THE JESUS WAY!



This Sunday we will be in Luke 11 with the disciples asking Jesus how to pray. Nothing is more important in our relationship with God than knowing how to communicate with Him! Prayer is the life-blood of our spiritual life, and who better to learn from than Jesus Himself! We'll look at the Lord's Prayer and how to pray it for all its worth! Then, we'll look at how to approach prayer so that we can be assured of receiving God's answer!

Wednesday, February 12th I'll be teaching on "The Good Samaritan" in Luke 10; Wednesday, February 19th I'll be teaching on "The Lost Son and His Older Brother."

I also look forward to sharing a couple more stories from the book The Insanity of God! It has really challenged and inspired me as a believer. I think every Christian should read this book!



See you Sunday at the House of Prayer!

Pastor Wes

P.S. WELCOME OUR GUESTS! All of us are responsible for providing warm, welcoming, loving hospitality to our guests. God's house ought to be the warmest, friendliest, and most welcoming place on the planet!! Please do not let a stranger pass you on Sunday mornings without introducing yourself. I know having three services and the large number of people makes it difficult to know everyone, but it breaks my heart when a new person tells me (like he did Sunday) that he walked through our halls and visited our fellowship hall and no one talked to him. This is rare, but please don't let it EVER happen again. God is sending angels to us, and we might miss them! Here are three easy questions you can ask: 1) Hi, I'm not sure I've met you yet! My name is _____, what is yours?, 2) How long have you been attending Heritage? (if they are new, offer to show them around, take them and introduce them to Steve and Silvia Burns in the Welcome Center, show them where the children's area is if they have kids and introduce them to Becki Kneeland and Pastor Wes), 3) Ask, "Is there anything I can pray for you today?" If they give you something to pray, then take a brief moment and pray with them! We want to make sure we practice the best hospitality of any church anywhere, but it requires every one of us to be on the alert to welcome others to God's house!

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Jim and Gerlinda Dibble,
Jeanette Elkins, Bruce Johnson,
Carolyn Loyd, Jeri Nash, Carolyn
Scott, Linda Seubold

All Military Personnel *all around the world*

Assisted Living:

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

Upcoming Events

February 16:
BAPTISM SUNDAY

February 28 - March 1:
RUBIES' WOMEN CONFERENCE

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

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am

John Poole
Jane Sanders
Rick Sanders

9:30 am

Seeker's Life Group

11:00 am

Erich Bauman
Tom Banhart
Russ Aikman

8:05 am

Bruce Brown
Mary Dempsey

9:30 am

Seeker's Life Group

11:00 am

Justin Lovett
Drew and Marlene Cone

MEMORIALS

In memory of **JOHNNY PARKER**
by: Sharon Breyman (BF)
Sheryl Wilbanks (BF)

In memory of **MARGENE BULES**
by: Wayne and Sue Weege (UC)
The Unity SS Class (WFB)

Jean Sabatier (UC)

Connie Warren (UC)

Donna Francis (UC)

M/M Joe Lloyd (UC)

M/M Steven Peer (UC)

Patricia Sears (UC)

M/M Jim Udouj (UC)

In memory of **BETSY DENNIS** by:
Donna Parker (BDM)

Rick and Susan Skillen (BDM)

John and Brenda Boster (BDM)

Glenda Jackson (BDM)

Wayne and Sue Weege (BDM)

Mary Ellen Burris (BDM)

M/M Roger Burkert (FP)

Unity SS Class (BDM)

Vesta Everitt (BF)

M/M Bob Freeman (CM)

M/M Glen Hopkins, Jr. (BDM)

Debbie Kendrick (BDM)

Carolyn Loyd (CM)

M/M Steven Peer (BDM)

Prince Drug Store, Inc. (BDM)

M/M Johnny Ragsdale (CM)

M/M Paul Ray (EF)

Jean Sabatier (BF)

M/M Jim Udouj (BDM)

M/M Dorvan Wiley (BDM)

In memory of **GLENN PEER**
(brother of Steven Peer) by:

Wayne and Sue Weege (BF)

In memory of **EMILY FONTAINE**
(grandmother of Jason Fontaine) by:

M/M Benton Cone (BF)

In memory of **GERALD COLLIER**
(brother of Doris Wortham) by:

Vesta Everitt (BF)

CM - Children's Ministry UC - Unity Class
WFB - Walk of Faith Brick FP - Food Pantry
BDM - Betsy Dennis Memorial
BF - Building Fund EF-Endowment Fund

IN REMEMBRANCE



Jana Elizabeth "Betsy" Shook Dennis of Van Buren died January 31, 2014, in Oklahoma. She was born August 29, 1979, in Fort Smith. She attended Van Buren High School and Westark School of Nursing, where she earned her RN degree. She joined Heritage United Methodist Church 22 years ago after completing confirmation class. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, J.R. and Joyce Shook. She is survived by her husband, Curt Dennis of the home; sons, Luke and Kade Dennis; her parents, Darrell and Rhonda Shook; her brother, Travis Shook and wife Summer; two nephews, Braxton and Baylor Shook; and grandparents, Doyle and Mary Beth Autry, all of Van Buren. Memorial contributions may be made to Heritage.



REGISTER TODAY

Rubies Women's Conference, *Grow*, is scheduled for February 28th - March 1st here at Heritage. Make plans to come hear some of the amazing speakers we have lined-up. To register, contact the church office or online at www.heritagevb.org. Cost is \$35. To receive a t-shirt, you must register by Wednesday, February 19th.

THE OVERCOMER'S MEN'S GROUP

Are you a real man? Real men can identify weaknesses and can reach out to a brother for help. If you are dealing with issues like, drugs or alcohol abuse, pornography, anger, forgiveness, unworthiness, anxiety, depression, or anything else that is holding you back from becoming the man Christ made you to be and the man your friends and family need you to be, come join us Wednesday nights at 6 pm in the Prayer Room. We are a Christ-centered group with deep-seeded roots in Celebrate Recovery. For more information, contact the church office at 474-6424.

BRAZIL MISSION TRIP

Some of the youth are going on a Mission Trip to Brazil this summer. They are having a garage sale on March 1st and need your help. Please drop off any and all donations at Cardio Studio.

YOU'RE INVITED

We will have a Mom and Baby Celebration Saturday, February 22nd from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we celebrate the babies born to our Heritage family in 2013.

NEW MEMBERS



From Right to Left: Amber Fimpel, Kim Fimpel, Mark Fimpel, Dustin Fimpel and Liz Price.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church this Sunday, February 16th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.



Welcome to Community Celebrate Recovery for adults and teens 9th -12th grade. We meet Thursday nights at Hope Academy located in the Career Center, 501 North 24th street in Van Buren. (the old JJ Izard Elementary School).

We understand how hard it can be to reach out for help. We want you to know that Community Celebrate Recovery is a place where it's okay to NOT be okay. The Good News is we don't need to stay that way because God has provided a way out.

Who is Community Celebrate Recovery for?

Can you answer "YES" to any of the following questions:

1. Do you have trouble setting limits for yourself?
2. Do you sacrifice your identity, desires or needs to make others feel good about themselves or to keep the peace?
3. Do you struggle feeling safe when you aren't in control?
4. Do you raise your voice to get our way?
5. Do you act kind on the outside, but feel bitter on the inside?
6. Do you use food, sex/pornography, relationships, alcohol or drugs to cope with life's problems?
7. Do you struggle with your body image?
8. Do you love someone struggling with destructive behaviors, such as pornography, drugs or alcohol?
9. Do you live with someone who abuses you physically, sexually or emotionally or feel the continued effects from past traumas and abuse?

We want you to know there is HOPE!

We meet every Thursday night for:

6 pm to 7 pm - Dinner/ Connect Time- Dinner is \$6.00 a plate

7 pm to 8 pm - General Large Group Meeting with Sue Barnes

8 pm to 9 pm - Small Groups/ Newcomers 101

9 pm to 9:15 pm - Fellowship/Hang Out

We do not have childcare at this time. We are praying that God will provide a place for childcare.

Dinner is an optional time to hang out and meet some new friends whom will develop into accountability partners and sponsors.

General Meeting follows dinner where everyone meets together for worship, teaching of one of the steps of recovery or a testimony from someone who has been through the steps.

Small Groups are facilitated by Celebrate Recovery Leaders who have been through recovery themselves. Small groups are a safe place to open up about life struggles and celebrate the victories God is giving us. All groups are issue specific and gender based.

Newcomers 101 is a group specifically to help you get more familiar with what takes place and how you can get plugged in to this new way of life.

Hang out time gives us a chance to know people from our groups.

For more information, email Karen Beckner at kbeckner@vbsd.us or call 479-719-9465.