

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.

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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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- Men's Group
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- Our Thoughts and Prayers



FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... THREE THINGS!

Great things are happening at Heritage! Great things often lead to good problems ... like lack of space and a need to change the way we do certain ministries, etc. ...

1. Our Heritage Church Council meets this Sunday, February 23rd at 3 p.m. in the Community Room. **THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING.** At Heritage, we place the priority of ministry over meetings, but sometimes, business meetings are necessary to help us move forward in the work of the church in an orderly and unified manner. We do not have a small group that makes all the decisions at Heritage. Our policy is that all ministry team leaders, life-group leaders, and adult Sunday School leaders/teachers are "at-large" members of our Church Council. So please make sure your Sunday School or Life-group sends a leader to our meeting this Sunday. It is one of the most important meetings we have had in the past three years. We have some critical questions we need to be asking to help us move forward in ministry. We have four major opportunities for which we need to commission task forces to study and bring back recommendations to the congregation. Thank you for being a part of this process.
2. One of those initiatives is in the area of outreach. We are forming a couple of groups to study the book When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the Poor ... and Yourself. These groups will help us look at the best ways we can do ministry to help others and not to hurt them by enabling them to continue in their present condition. Call Becki Kneeland at 474-6424 if you are interested in being a part of one of these groups.
3. This Sunday we'll be studying Luke 12: 13-34. I'm calling the message Financial Foolishness or Financial Peace. Come discover what Jesus teaches us in this passage about how to handle our finances and how to achieve **peace** in this vitally important area in our lives! Wednesday the 19th we will study our commission "to seek and to save the lost" in Luke 15. Wednesday night the 26th come get transformed like Zacchaeus did when he encountered Jesus! Don't miss! You'll be blessed!



See you Sunday! God is on the move through His people at Heritage! So glad to be on this adventure with you as my family!

Pastor Wes



Hospital:
Mary Coble (Mercy)
Bill Ottinger (Sparks)

At Home:
Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris,
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 28 ~ March 1:
 RUBIES' WOMEN CONFERENCE

March 12:
 BLOOD DRIVE
 4:30 - 8:30 PM

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 AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **BETSY DENNIS** by:
 M/M Mark Sullivan (CM)
 Virginia Ballard (BDM)
 Marilyn Ballentine (BDM)
 Sally Brooks, Bob Jeff, and
 Anne House (BDM)
 Kathy Hubbs (BDM)
 Ida Moore (BDM)
 Kimberly Parker (BDM)
 M/M Charles Peer (BDM)
 Eddie Roberson (BDM)
 Carolyn Scott (BDM)
 M/M Dennis Taff (BDM)
 Wesley Terhune (BDM)
 M/M Bob Bretch (YM)
 Nancy Helmer (BDM)
 Janice Mayhew, Mary Lou Ray
 Mary Wilmot, Cindy Jenkins
 (BDM)
 James Minor (BDM)
 M/M Gene Rankin (BDM)
 M/M Darrell Shook (BDM)
 M/M Charles Sullivan (CM)
 M/M John Symonds (BF)
 Edward Valley (BDM)
 M/M Bob Bretch (YM)

In honor of **DARRELL SHOOK** by:
 Wesley Terhune (BDM)
 In honor of **MAX AND MARILYN
 GOINS' ANNIVERSARY** by:
 M/M Bob Bretch (MF)
 In honor of **RON MCPHAIL'S
 BIRTHDAY** by:
 Smokey McPhail (RM)
 In memory of **JOHNNY PARKER**
 by: Cynthia Suchecki (BF)
 In memory of **MARGENE BULES**
 by: Carolyn Scott (UC)
 M/M Charles Sullivan (BF)
 M/M John Symonds (BF)

In memory of **GLENN PEER**
 (brother of Steven Peer) by:
 Worship Arts Ministry Class
 M/M Charles Sullivan (BF)
 In memory of **GERALD COLLIER**
 (brother of Doris Wortham) by:
 M/M Charles Sullivan (BF)
 In memory of **DAVID WOMACK**
 (nephew of Doris Wortham) by:
 M/M Charles Sullivan (BF)
 RMF - Rupp Mission Fund
 BDM - Betsy Dennis Memorial
 BF - Building Fund MF - Missionary Fund
 YM - Youth Ministry UC - Unity Class
 CM - Children's Ministry

DEDICATION, BAPTISMS AND NEW MEMBERS



Gracie Newlon joined and was baptized Sunday. She is the daughter of Mechelle Newlon.



Brandon Beaver joined and was baptized Sunday. He is the son of Brian and Donna Beaver; brother of Ashley Beaver.



Russ Visalli was dedicated Sunday. He is the son of Scott and Jessica Visalli; Brother of Bailey Cropsey; Grandson of Tom and JoEllen Banhart.

BRAZIL MISSION TRIP

A group of our youth are having a garage sale on Saturday, March 1st to support their mission trip to Brazil. Please drop donations off at Cardio Studio.

REGISTER TODAY

Rubies Women's Conference, *Grow*, is 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.

THE OVERCOMER'S MEN'S GROUP

Men, if you are a looking for Christ-centered group with deep-seeded roots in Celebrate Recovery, please join us every Wednesday evening at 6 pm in the Prayer Room.

SPRING BREAK TRIP

If you are a youth and signed up to go on the NYC Mission Trip, you should have half of your trip paid for by now. If you aren't sure of your balance, check with Brian. The final payment is due Sunday, March 9th!



Community Celebrate Recovery for adults and teens 9th -12th grade will begin meeting on Thursday nights beginning March 6th at Hope Academy located in the Career Center, 501 North 24th street in Van Buren. (the old JJ Izard Elementary School).

Schedule:

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.



Why give blood with Arkansas Blood Institute? Because each blood donation you make can save as many as THREE lives. Please make time to give at...
 Heritage Church
 Wednesday, March 12th
 4:30 - 8:30 pm

Schedule your appointment today by calling the church office at 474-6424.

NEW FLOORS ARE COMING

Please be patient with us as the new flooring is being installed over the next several weeks.

GRIEFSHARE

The Monday morning GriefShare class will meet in apartment 112 at Legacy Heights at 9:30 am for the next few weeks.

ROOTS

If you are interested in discovering your "Jewish Roots", we have a life group that is forming to continue the study. Besides wonderful fellowship, Charles Reneau and Glenn Wigginton will facilitate a group that will study the history of the tabernacle, the tallit, the feasts and much more. Please contact Charles at char4032@yahoo.com or Glen at gwiggi1242@aol.com for more details.

ONCE UPON A TIME



I am collecting prom dresses to give away to girls who can't afford one! Please bring your dresses to the Van Buren Fine Arts Center on March 1st from 10 am - 12 pm. Please make sure the dresses are clean and in good condition. If you have any questions, text or call me at 479-208-3568.

Thank you!

Sydne Tursky

HEADED TO CUBA



Terry Furr has the privilege of travelling to Cuba in March with Rick Bonfim. If you would like to make a gift to the church in Cuba, make your check payable to Heritage and put "Cuba" on the memo line.

YOU'RE INVITED

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