

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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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... WHAT'S ALL THIS TALK ABOUT ASHES AND LINT? SOUNDS MESSY TO ME! 😊

Some people who first come to Heritage are puzzled by our celebration of Lent (not lint that you find in your belly button or clothes drier vent) and Ash Wednesday. They say, "Isn't that Roman Catholic?" Well, the ancient Christian practices of Ash Wednesday and Lent pre-date the Roman Catholic Church. Early Christians marked off the 40 days plus Sundays prior to Resurrection Sunday as a special time to remember Jesus's 40 days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness. That's Lent. It was a time to contemplate Jesus's journey to the cross. It was a part of the rhythm of life. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of this season.

We start by a time of self-examination and deep repentance of our sin. **Our theme is revival!** It's been said, "The height of your revival is directly proportional to the depth of your repentance!" The ashes are a symbol of our mortality and repentance: Hebrews 9:27 says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, and then the judgment!" It is a time to make sure we are prepared for death and judgment because only those spiritually prepared to die are truly prepared to live in the joy of resurrection life! You may have the ashes placed on your hand or forehead and wipe them off before you leave the church if you want. Ash Wednesday and Lent helps us identify with Jesus's life as a human and understand why He had to go to the cross for us. Let's walk with Jesus in these 40 days of fasting and prayer that our experience of the resurrection will be more joyous and glorious than ever before! May the LORD send a mighty revival to us!



Rev. Dr. Bud Reeves, our new district superintendent, will be our preacher for the Ash Wednesday Service, March 5th, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will release Timothy Team in time for everybody to attend. We try to keep the service to one hour. People from Methodist Churches across Crawford County will be joining with us. Dr. Reeves will be preaching on REVIVAL! I look forward to seeing you there.

Filling Father's House! March 9th will be a special Sunday celebrating the impact of our lives on others! In 1996, the Arkansas Gazette ran a sports article entitled "God and Football at SAU" (Southern Arkansas University). The SAU Muleriders football team had gone from the bottom of the NAIA to one of the top teams in the nation; but what caught the attention of the reporter is the powerful and bold witness of the players to their faith in Jesus Christ! There were many stories of radical conversion on the team. When the reporter asked how this all started, the answer was, "It was the guys from Van Buren." Well, those "guys" are our very own, Drew Cone, Coach Adam Pendergrass and Michael Boster. They were the answer to the prayers of head Coach Steve Roberts. Assistant Coach John Bland, Drew's brother-in-law, recruited the VB players to SAU. Drew, Coach P. and Michael will share their testimonies. Coach John Bland, head football coach of last year's NAIA national championship runner-up Cumberland College will share a special video testimony; and Coach Steve Roberts will be with us in person! It will be a banner day! Wear your favorite sports memorabilia! And invite your friends and family! Don't miss! Let's FILL FATHER'S HOUSE!

VERY IMPORTANT!! MARCH 9th will be the morning to SPRING FORWARD 1 HOUR FOR JESUS! It is daylight savings! Don't forget to set your clock ahead!!



Hospital:

At Home:

Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris,
Jim and Gerlinda Dibble,
Jeanette Elkins, Bruce Johnson,
Carolyn Loyd, Jeri Nash, Bill Ottinger,
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)

In Sympathy:

Rosemary Poague and Family in the death of her mother, *Mary Alice Jones.*

Kim Teague and Family in the death of her grandfather, *CB Norris.*

Dr. Elliott Hayes and Family in the death of his brother, *Thomas Hayes.*

Jeannette Edwards and Family in the death of her husband, *Dr. Henry Edwards.*

Kathy Goins and Family in the death of her aunt, *Peg Cottey.*

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.

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am

John Poole
Jerry Frederiksen
Alexis Boster
Michael Boster

9:30 am

John Poole
Jerry Frederiksen
Alexis Boster
Michael Boster

11:00 am

Justin Lovett
Danny Turner
Kerry Kelly
Grace Kelly

Greeters

8:05 am

Threefold Cord Life Group

9:30 am

Threefold Cord Life Group

11:00 am

Threefold Cord Life Group

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **BETSY DENNIS** by:

M/M David King
M/M Brad Hall
M/M Grayson Moore (BDM)
M/M Ron Smith (BF)
M/M Bill Thomas (YM)
M/M Heath Wagner (BF)
M/M Alan Swaim (WFB)

In memory of **JOHNNY PARKER** by: Sherri Wheeler (BF)

In memory of **MARGENE BULES** by: M/M Bill Thomas (YM)
M/M Heath Wagner (BF)

In memory of **MARY ALICE JONES** (mother of Rosemary Poague) by:

M/M Bill Thomas (YM)

*BDM - Betsy Dennis Memorial
BF - Building Fund YM - Youth Ministry
WFB - Walk of Faith Bricks*

MISSIONARY OFFERING

If you have a birthday in March, you are invited to place an offering in our little white church on the chancel rail during the announcements. Currently, all birthday offerings go to support the Rupp family ministering in East Asia.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

PRAYER MEETING

The next River Valley First Monday Community Prayer Meeting is Monday, March 3rd from 7-8 pm at Lao Liberty Baptist Church in Fort Smith, 3201 Walnut.



Next Wednesday, March 5th we will begin the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Bud Reeves will bring the message. Timothy Team/Tiny Tim's, as well as the Adult/Youth Bible Studies, will still meet at the regular time but will dismiss early that evening so that everyone will be able to attend.

GET YOUR TRAVELLING SHOES ON

Heritage Travelers has scheduled their next trip for Friday, March 14th leaving Heritage at 9 am and headed for Garvin Gardens in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Explore the beautiful woodlands, daffodils and tulips that are in bloom. The trip includes a golf cart tour, lunch, chartered bus and gratuities for approximately \$80. To sign up or for more information, contact Vesta Everitt at 479-471-5476



March 9th. Final payment of \$20 will be due on Sunday March 23rd. Registration forms can be picked up outside Pulse Student Ministries office or downloaded at www.thebeat.heritagevb.org. If you haven't filled out a medical release form this school year then you MUST fill one out in order to go!!! Because the Destination is Unknown to the kids, all parents need to contact Bob Odiorne at the church office or preferably email him at bobo@heritagevb.org for trip details. We have an amazing trip planned that your kids won't want to miss!!

NEW MEMBER



Jennifer Welch joined Sunday. She has two daughters, Mia and Jessie.

DISASTER DRILL

On Thursday, March 6th, Sparks Memorial Hospital will be having another Disaster Drill. They are asking for volunteers that will be both triage teams and victims needing treatment. The purpose is to help our River Valley be prepared for any future disaster, should one happen. It will be a fun day with a huge impact on our future. If you would like to volunteer, contact the church office or Shirley Harrod at the Pastoral Office at Sparks.



The Beat will be going on Destination Unknown 2014 this Spring Break. The dates will be March 27th-28th. This will be an overnight trip. The cost will be \$30 with a \$10 non-refundable deposit and registration form due on Sunday

MENTORING MINISTRY

Are you an older woman interested in helping a younger woman?

Are you a younger woman who would welcome the companionship of someone who has "been there and done that"?

When I was a sophomore in college, because I was a close friend of their daughter, I had the opportunity to live in the home of the Christian college president's family. Although it was not an intentional mentoring situation, I learned so much from Mrs. Boatman: how to juggle career and family, Christian hospitality, healthy eating habits, and I observed that she and Bro. Boatman always displayed love and respect for each other. Mrs. Boatman will have her 100th birthday next month; she is still very active, alert, and a large influence in my life.

Most of us are familiar with mentoring in the academic world. It involves faculty helping the students succeed by intentionally reaching out and providing a safety net of sorts.

But, few of us know about mentoring in the church. It is described in Titus 2 where older women are teaching younger women to be good stewards in the home, good wives and mothers. Of course, we each teach by our example, but I think these instructions were meant to be intentional and perhaps even aggressive.



If you are interested in learning more about or participating in this new ministry you may sign up at the Women's Conference or on Sunday morning.

Marilyn Goins

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Logan Moore. She was crowned Miss Arkansas Tech 2014 in Russellville, Arkansas last Friday night. She is the daughter of Zane and Laura Moore and sister of Ethan Moore.

HERITAGE BLOOD DRIVE

Please make time to give blood here at church Wednesday, March 12th from 4:30-8:30 pm. Schedule your appointment today by calling the church office at 474-6424.

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 by now. The final payment is due Sunday, March 9th!

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.

ATTENTION:

KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADE

Please join us in the Backyard Saturday, March 8th at 9 am for donuts and juice. We will then load up in the church van and head to Parkview Elementary for prayer. Permission slips will be handed out during Sunday School or you may ask your Timothy Team teacher for one.

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! *Sydney Turisky*

ISRAEL TRIP

There are only a few spots left for the Israel trip the summer. If you are interested in going, contact Chuck at the church ASAP.

BAND OF BROTHERS

The Tuesday morning men's group will meet at Oaks Manor Retreat Center on March 4th. Breakfast will served at 6:15 am.