

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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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... "Becoming the Church of God's Dreams ..."
Faith that prays for and expects miracles!

The vision the LORD gave us for Heritage back in 2001 was "Becoming the Church of God's Dreams!" This takes the focus off of ourselves -- our wants, preferences and desires -- and puts the focus properly on the LORD and HIS desires! The LORD gave us seven elements of that vision from Acts 2 and 4 on which to focus:

- Teaching that is Life-Changing.
- Fellowship that goes well below the surface.
- Love that is like Christ's -- self-sacrificial.
- Faith that prays for and expects miracles.
- Sharing and Serving that is extravagant.
- Worship that is joyful, reverent, and engaging.
- Team that seeks and saves the lost.

This week Jesus is teaching us about element number four: **faith that prays for and expects miracles.** In Acts 2:42-43, Dr. Luke says that the early believers "dedicated themselves ... to prayer. Then awe/fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles." Soon afterwards, the Holy Spirit was doing the same through the deacons and later through other ordinary believers.

In Luke 18:1-8 Jesus tells a parable "that people should always pray and not lose heart." After the story, Jesus asks, "When the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" This week we are going to study **How to Pray and Not Lose Heart!** We are going to look at how we can pray in such a way to build ourselves up and strengthen ourselves for whatever the days ahead bring! I'm excited to stand with you as part of the Heritage Family in these days. May we all -- including those watching us -- be in awe! May the fear of the LORD come upon those not born again as they witness the signs and wonders the LORD does through us in the coming days! LORD, thank You, for granting us such faith!



See You Sunday in the House of Prayer! "I will make them joyful in My House of Prayer! ... says the LORD!" Isaiah 56:7
Pastor Wes

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am
 John Poole
 Myron Kirksey
 Mike Kneeland
 Mike McSpadden

9:30 am
 Wayne Stewart
 Connie Mendenhall
 Mark Stafford
 Mark Evans

11:00 am
 Roger Burkert
 Jon Harper
 Matt Harper
 Mark Anders

Greeters

8:05 am
 Mary Dempsey
 Bruce Brown

9:30 am
 Jan Katz and Doris Wortham
 Bill and Emma Lee Kelton

11:00 am
 Kim and Jon Talley
 Jena, David and Matt Harper



Hospital:

Lavita Middleton (Ashton Place)

At Home:

**Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris,
 Jim and Gerlinda Dibble,
 Jeanette Elkins, Bruce Johnson,
 Kerry Kelly, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman,
 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:

Russ Aikman and Family in the death of his grandmother, Ruth Inez Aikman Stormant.

Upcoming Events

March 30:
 CRAWFORD COUNTY LENTEN
 SERVICE AT MULBERRY UMC
 6 PM

April 13:
 PALM SUNDAY

April 20:
 RESURRECTION SUNDAY
 8:05 AM, 9:30 AM
 AND 11:00 AM

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

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **CHUCK KING** by:
Cyndy West (FP)

In memory of **DR. HENRY EDWARDS** by:
Mitchell Brown (EMF)

FP-Food Pantry
EMF-Edwards Memorial Fund

NEWCOMERS' CLASS

If you are interested in making Heritage Church your home or if you want to learn more about the church and its core vision and values, please sign up for the newcomers' class Sunday, April 6th. Join us for worship at 8:05 am and the class will begin at 9:30 am in the welcome center. We will end with a luncheon at 12:30 pm. Contact Becki at the church office at 474-6424 or email bkneeland@heritagevb.org

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

EASTER LILIES



Lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter morning. To place a lily in memory or in honor of someone please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or return it to the office with payment of \$10 per lily.

Placed in (circle one)

In Memory of _____ In Honor of _____

By: _____

ANNE FRANK: A HISTORY FOR TODAY April 1-30

Traveling Exhibit from The Anne Frank Center, New York City

Offers visitors a look into the life of Anne Frank against the backdrop of the Holocaust and the Second World War. The tour will consist of a video presentation based on the life of Anne Frank with time for a question and answer session followed by a walk-through tour of the exhibit. The entire experience should last around 90 minutes.

FULL SCHEDULE OF ANNE FRANK EXHIBIT

April 1 - 13

Alma Performing Arts Center, 103 East Main St., Alma

April 15 - 23

Van Buren Fine Arts Center, 2001 Pointer Trail, Van Buren
Large group tours (schools and organizations) will be provided weekdays from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

April 15, 17, 22

Anne Frank Exhibit open to the public from 6 pm to 8:30 pm

April 19

Anne Frank Exhibit open to public from 10 am to 3 pm

April 25 - April 30

United Hebrew Congregation, 126 N. 47th St., Fort Smith

AND THEN THEY CAME FOR ME
Dramatic Presentation Alma High School

Directed by Terry McGonigle

Friday, April 11, 2014 @ 7 pm

Saturday, April 12, 2014 @ 7 pm

Sunday, April 13, 2014 @ 2 pm



A unique theatrical experience combining multimedia and video taped interviews with Holocaust survivors and contemporaries of Anne Frank, Ed Silverberg and Eva Schloss. Ed was Anne Frank's first boyfriend, and she wrote about him in the beginning of her now-famous diary. Eva

Schloss was the same age as Anne Frank and lived in the same apartment building in Amsterdam. Her family went into hiding the same day as the Frank family. Like the Frank family, they were betrayed by those around them. Part oral history, part dramatic action, part direct address, part remembrance, the ensemble-driven 'And Then They Came for Me' breaks new ground and has been acclaimed by audiences and critics in its world-wide productions.

For ticket information: www.almapac.org

PASSOVER IS COMING!



Would you like to host a Passover "Seder" in your home or elsewhere? Heritage is offering the basic supplies and training you need. Contact Becki Kneeland by April 2 for more information. Training for leaders will be on Wednesday, April 9th at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.



We have many Life Groups just waiting for you. 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 connected. She can be contacted at 474-6424 or bkneeland@heritagevb.org.

DANCE WORKSHOP



Dance Intensive with Yvonne Peters is coming in April. Come and be equipped spiritually and physically to minister to the Lord in dance. Contact Rachal Pendergrass at 610-999-6074 for more information.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION



All children are invited to participate in waving the palm leaves on Palm Sunday, April 13th. They will need to meet in the Fellowship Hall five minutes before the service they attend.

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

The Brazil Mission Team will be making clothing to take on their mission trip. Please consider donating \$20.00 to go toward the purchase of materials so the team can give Sunday outfits to the Brazilians.

GET YOUR TRAVELLING SHOES ON

Heritage Travelers is headed to Garvin Gardens in Hot Springs Friday, April 4th. We will leave Heritage at 8:30 am to 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 471-5476.

BACKYARD BLAST SUMMER DAY CAMP

All one-year-olds through 5th grade are invited to sign-up for *Summer Day Camp* at Heritage. Camp will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am - 2 pm. Registration will begin soon.



Registration begins for Children's Camp! Camp is July 16 - 18 for children entering 3rd - 6th grade in the Fall of 2014. Forms are available in the Children's area and in the office. Deadline is Sunday, June 29th.

T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

We are taking orders for the Rubies Women's Conference 'Grow' t-shirts. Pay \$10 when you place the order in the church office with Pam James. Deadline is Tuesday, April 1st.

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL



The 2013 - 2014 school year has been very exciting! We are so pleased with the efforts of the teachers and the progress of the children. Registration for 2014-2015 school year has begun. Feel free to stop by the church office and pick up an enrollment form or call Erin at 474-6424 or email her at ereeves@heritagevb.org.

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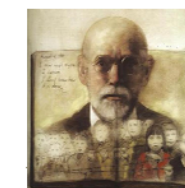


The 5th graders are headed to Midland Bowl in Fort Smith Sunday, April 6th from 6-8 pm. We will meet at the church at 5:45 pm for a snack dinner then leave for the skating rink at 6 pm. Permission slip and \$5 needed! (scholarships available)

PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 7th from 7-8 pm at Maple Shade Nazarene Church in Alma.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW



Korczak's Children tickets are available now at the church or online at www.heritagevb.org.

Performance dates are Friday, April 25th at 7 pm and Saturday 26th at 3 pm and 7 pm. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for students. The play is presented in conjunction with *River Valley Remembers*: a month of Holocaust Education and Awareness.