

**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**

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### FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... "MY GLORY AND THE LIFTER OF MY HEAD." HELP IN TIMES OF TROUBLE

In Psalm 3:1-3, King David prays and sings,

1 Lord, how they increased that trouble me! Many are they that rise up against me!

2 Many are they which say of my soul, "There is no help for him in God!"

Ever feel that way? Like the world is against you and the "naysayers" are saying your problems are so big that not even God can help you? David was in just that kind of situation as his son, Absalom, led the nation in rebellion against the king. But David knew his God, his Good Shepherd. As discouraged as David was leaving the city, he sang in praise and affirmation,

3 But thou, O Lord, are a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter of my head.

In the midst of your trouble, will you praise God and trust Him to be your Shield? Will you trust God's goodness and favor, His Presence, to shine upon you and through you to vindicate your reputation and to bring you joy in the midst of suffering? That's part of what it means for God to be your "glory." Will you allow Him to encourage you and give you hope – to be "the lifter of [your] head?"

David continues in faith...

4 I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill.

5 I laid me down and I slept; I awoke for the Lord sustained me.

David could rest in peace because he had cast his cares upon the LORD! He would not live in fear though he was surrounded by enemies...

6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about.

7 Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek ...

8 Salvation belongs to the Lord: thy blessing is upon thy people.

Though it took some time, David trusted the LORD to deliver Him! He acted IN FAITH and prayed IN FAITH! Trust the LORD to deliver you as you go to Him in prayer! Know that He is able and that His blessing is upon His people!

Can't wait to see you Sunday as we praise the LORD in advance for His deliverance!

But thou, O Lord, are a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter of my head!

Pastor Wes

P.S. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE! Look for newcomers on Sundays ... people you do not know, and introduce yourself to them. We are having so many guests come every Sunday. We want them to feel a warm welcome and love from the Heritage family. If you meet a new person or family, try to introduce them to me or Becki Kneeland after the service! This Sunday we are having a newcomers' reception in the Welcome Center following each service. Bring your new friends to the Welcome Center to meet me and have some refreshments!

## JULY VOLUNTEERS

### Ushers

**8:05 am**

John Poole  
Benton Cone  
Bill Ottinger  
Rick Moore

**9:30 am**

Wayne Stewart  
Connie Mendenhall  
Mark Stafford  
Mark Evans

**11:00 am**

Daniel Chisolm  
Nathan Elliot  
Grant Elliot  
Justin Sangster

### Greeters

**8:05 am**

Alexis Boster

**9:30 am**

Gail Sly and John Ferrell  
Kim and Nathan Teague

**11:00 am**

Kelley Nash  
Grace Kelly

*Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

### Hospital:

### At Home:

**Sylvia Burns, Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris,  
Linda Dahl, Jeanette Elkins, Neal Ellison,  
John Luckau, Jeri Nash, Donna Pape,  
Dick Pettit, Cyndy Rogers, Carolyn Scott,  
Linda Seubold**

### Assisted Living:

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

### In Sympathy:

**Matthew Utz and Valerie Hubbs and their families** in the death of their sister, Crystal.

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, July 10:**  
NEWCOMERS' DESSERT

**Sunday, July 13:**  
NEWCOMERS' RECEPTION

**July 16 - 19:**  
HEALING SCHOOL

**Have an Announcement for the Bulletin or Newsletter?**

**Email it to office@heritagevb.org.**

## MEMORIALS

In memory of **BETTY ROBINS** (mother of Mary Anne McGill and grandmother of Clayton McGill) by:

Vesta Everitt (BF)  
Donna Parker (CM)

In memory of Crystal Utz (sister of Valerie Hubbs and Matthew Utz) by:

Donna Parker (CM)

In memory of Ronnie Coble (brother of Charles Coble and father of Brad Coble) by:

Donna Parker (BF)

CM - Children's Ministry BF - Building Fund

## TIMOTHY TEAM AND TINY TIM'S

Registration deadline is approaching fast for Timothy Team & Tiny Tims! (for children 2 yrs. old through 5th grade as of 8/1/14). We will study the book of Acts. Deadline to register is August 3rd. Forms are available at the computer check-in stations!

## HERITAGE PRESCHOOL



Register today for the 2014-2015 school year. Please stop by the church office and pick up an enrollment form.

## THE WELCOME CENTER

When you are greeting our guest, don't forget to bring them by the Welcome Center to meet our welcome team. The team is there each Sunday to provide ministry, answer questions, give directions.....whatever the need may be. We want our guests to know that they are loved.

## BIRTHDAY LIST

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

## REKINDLE THE FLAME

The 2014 conference with Rick Bonfim is July 24-27 at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia. For a list of speakers that includes our very own Pastor Wes Hilliard and for the schedule of events or to register, go to [www.latterain.com](http://www.latterain.com).

## NEW STUDY

The *Do Good For Nothing* Sunday school class will begin a new study 10:30 am this Sunday, July 13th. The study is *You'll Get Through This: Hope and Help for your Turbulent Times* by Max Lucado. The class will include a video teaching along with group discussion. Please join us!

## CONTRIBUTIONS



You can contribute to the ministries of Heritage by placing your gift in the offering on Sundays. Envelopes are available in the pew. You can also give on line at [www.heritagevb.org](http://www.heritagevb.org). You can also give using your smartphone using the QR code or by texting 1801960 to 715-803-4772. You can even give using your debit or credit card at our kiosk in the Library.

## PLEASE UPDATE

Many of you no longer have home phones. This Sunday, please indicate on your connection card any new phone numbers or email address. We want to stay in touch with you!

## NEWCOMERS' RECEPTION

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

## BABY SHOWER

**THINK PINK** Please join us in a celebration honoring Cole and Tricia German's newest arrival, *Brystol Madison*, on Sunday, July 13th from 2-3:30 pm in the Welcome Center. They are registered at Target.

## iCOMMIT CONFERENCE

The Voice of the Martyrs' Regional Conference, *iCommit*, will be at Immanuel Baptist Church in Rogers on Saturday, July 26th from 9 am - 5 pm. The conference speakers will encourage and challenge you through personal testimonies, readings from God's Word and information that will stir and equip you for His eternal purposes. This cost is free. For more information, visit [www.vonmeetings.com](http://www.vonmeetings.com) or call 877-337-0302.

## MOMS IN PRAYER



We meet every Thursday at 9:30 am and 6 pm in the Prayer Room. Join us either or both times to pray for our own children, the local children, teachers, and our schools. Call or text Monica Steele at 629-4384 or 474-8165 for more information or questions.

## SOUTH DAKOTA MISSION TRIP REPORT

It all began with a garden! This was our second trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. It is very easy to plan a mission trip with "a mission in mind." But God has truly made these trips to South Dakota "one of a kind trips." One of the words spoken to us on this trip was to "come and be not just come and do." And this was a tremendous blessing. We got to be family. We worked, laughed, played, engaged, planted, and experienced God. Since last year, Lakota Hope Ministry was able to plant 24 gardens on the reservation! This news made our journey there worth it all! Thank you for prayers and support. Continue to pray for Pine Ridge and for God to break the chains of depression and hopelessness.



## HALO REPORT THURSDAY JULY 3, 2014

Well it wasn't the season ending one might've dreamed of, 'cuz the Halos played like a farmer trying to Jimmie a stubborn mule. Game one all was well against New Life. No carrot on a stick was needed. When speaking "Mule," one might say, "Jee" to get the mule to turn right. Then you might use "Haw," to get a mule to turn left. The Halos only needed "Haw" in the first innings against New Life 'cuz they made left turns like a NASCAR driver around the Daytona track. They only went around 13 laps in the first frame, but it was enough to keep a pretty distance 'tween the Halos and New Life for the rest of the game. Nick Holman, Andrew Elkins, Marshall Newby helped to keep the mule pulling the wagon as each sent coach to chase horse apples over the fence along Kibler Highway. Halos took game one 23-8.

Game two started bad from the coin flip, which wasn't a coin at all, resulting in the Halos being the visiting team yet another time. I guess this was the event that caused the Halo mule to get real stubborn. Our Mule was not "Jee-Hawing," which means to *get along forward* in "Mule-speak." In fact, it seemed like an hour long first inning on defense as our Halos committed several errors against our brothers at First Baptist Van Buren. After it was over FBVB had scored 13 runs. As the game progressed the mule remained stubborn; mule-speak was useless; horse apples were useless; FBVB kept hitting and scoring runs. Tim Elkins was the only one who could get the beast to budge as he batted in 5 runs with his string of 4 doubles in 4 at bats. Marshall and Andrew hit a couple more horse apples to keep us close. Although the mood was otherwise, the Halos were a big inning away from pulling even with FBVB. Despite the Halos having 10 carrots on the scoreboard by the fourth inning it wasn't enough to compete as our mule sat down and "brayed." Our boys seemed close enough to still be in the game, but there was no satisfaction to be found for our Halos in this game. The highlight of the game was a sensational Halo defensive play that pretty much summed up the frustrations for the Halos. A hard shot was hit toward Brian Curd who got in front of it only to have a bad hop carom off his glove ten feet into the air toward second base. Jason Lolley closed in on the caromed ball and tipped it back toward Brian who caught it then threw a frozen rope to Michael Jennings on first base. For all intensive purposes we were out of the inning as I saw it. I was even wearing my glasses. However, the ump has never seen an optometrist 'cuz he called him safe much to our dismay. Next guy up for FBVB hit a grand slam to end the game as FBVB run-ruled the Halos 20-10. Halos start the season ending tournament July 10<sup>th</sup>. This tournament is a one and done tourney. We need Halo fans who can help get The Halos to "jee" and to "haw," so come on out and cheer us on. Game time TBA.

## PULSE AND THE BEAT

This Sunday, July 13th, we will meet at the home of John and Brenda Boster for our annual Independence Day Celebration. We will hang out from 6 - 10 pm at 4519 Parks Road in Van Buren for a night of food, swimming and fireworks. Grab a friend and join us!

## GOLF CART SHUTTLE

If you need a lift from your car on Sundays, park on the west side of the church and someone will pick you up in the golf cart and shuttle you to the front door.