

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 ... SPREAD THE FIRE!



Our worship times recently at Heritage have been amazing! What God poured out through Dr. Bobby Cabot is startling! So many people have already been healed of deep inner wounds and bodies are responding with new health and energy too! Praise the Lord! Please keep sending your testimonies to me (wes@heritagevb.org)! We'll be sharing some of these in the upcoming Sundays! Michael Barry sent me the devotional below from Rev. David Wilkerson's son, Gary Wilkerson. It's so good, I want to share it with you in its entirety:

UNSEAL MY LIPS by Gary Wilkerson

David writes, "Then I will teach your ways to [sinners], and they will return to you. . . . Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you" (Psalm 51:13, 15, NLT).

When God sparks a fire in us it is not meant for our benefit alone. It is meant to set us ablaze with zeal for the lost in our nearby communities and around the world. If we allow this flame to burn within us, it will compel us to take the good news beyond our church walls. We'll realize, "This fire burning inside me will not be quenched. Woe is me if I keep it inside!"

We simply cannot contain our zeal when we have been personally cleansed by God and filled with a persistent hunger to have His life dwelling within us. This makes us want to shout His praises to the world. Some of the best Sunday worshipers I know are those who cry out, "Thank You, Jesus, that today my coworker is sitting next to me in the pew experiencing Your amazing love."

If we do not have this kind of fire, it will not matter how powerful our church services are. Heavenly flames could rest on our heads and we could all fall on our faces in awe, but those things alone do not show the power of Pentecost. As long as revival is contained in church, it probably isn't revival. If there is a true fire burning, it will move us to create a fire in our city. Our prayer has to be, "God, if You are going to touch me with a spark, then cause me to speak to sinners. Anoint me to teach them about Your love. Send me into the byways with the compelling love of Jesus." If the fire of God's Holy Spirit is operating in your life, you can know your life is no longer a spark but a torch.

To this, I add my "AMEN!" This Sunday, will be a powerful time! Come expecting a powerful encounter with Jesus! Come expecting Him to show up and confirm His Word! Come with your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers! Spread the fire!

See you Sunday at the "Church on Fire!"

Pastor Wes

P.S. This Sunday is the deadline to sign your children up for Timothy Team! This year's theme is "The Book of Acts: Spread the Fire!"

JULY VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am
John Poole
Buster Colbert
Jane Sanders
Rick Sanders

9:30 am
Seeker's Life Group

11:00 am
Erich Bauman
Tom Banhart
Russ Aikman
Rick Rauser

Greeters

8:05 am
Becky and Clay Brown
Mary Dempsey

9:30 am
Seeker's Life Group

11:00 am
Terry Furr
Steve and Silvia Burns



Hospital:

At Home:

Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Linda Dahl, Jennell Dove, Jeanette Elkins, Neal and Patsy Ellison, Teresa Kirksey, John Luckau, Jeri Nash, Donna Pape, 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 Thanksgiving:

Justin and Maria Goins in the birth of their daughter, *Sophie Marie*. Proud grandparents are Roger and Kathy Goins. Proud great-grandparents are Max and Marilyn Goins.

In Sympathy:

Shannon Salisbury and Family in the death of his grandfather, *Homer Salisbury*.

Matthew Utz and Valorie Hubbs in the death of their aunt, *Darlene Church*.

Upcoming Events


Monday, August 4:
RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY
PRAYER MEETING AT HERITAGE
7 PM

Sunday, August 17
EDUCATION APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Saturday, August 23:
FALL KICK OFF
WIPE OUT BEACH PARTY

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

TIMOTHY TEAM/TINY TIM'S

 The 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. The deadline to register is August 3rd. Forms are available at the computer check-in stations! The mandatory parent meeting is Wednesday, August 27th and the first night of classes is Wednesday, August 6th!


WORSHIP AND PRAYER

You are invited to sit and soak in the Heritage Sanctuary every Thursday from 12 - 1 pm as Chuck leads a time of worship and prayer.

PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer Meeting is next Monday, August 4th from 7-8 pm here in the Heritage Sanctuary.

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL

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

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!

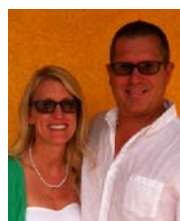
NEW MEMBERS AND BAPTISMS

Sarah Miller was baptized.



Nicole Wilke joined. She has one daughter, Khloe.

Jamie and Larissa Ellison joined. Larissa was also baptized.



Children's Camp was awesome this year! We had 81 people attend! We love Pinecrest Camp and the awesome staff that support us! We had GREAT teaching by Stephanie Smith and GREAT worship lead by Brian Seewald! We had a wonderful time up in the mountains, cool weather and warm friendships!

MISSIONARY OFFERING

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


BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone that gave blood on Sunday! Your generosity has saved lives!

CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS

We need help sorting and hanging up clothes on the Wednesday before the first and third Fridays of each month starting at 11 am. We also need help assisting people when we are open on the first and third Fridays of each month from 9:30 - 12 pm. Please call Alice Goodlin at 479-420-4553 if you are interested. We are accepting donations of linens, dishes, kitchen items and men's clothing.

HEY 18 TO 24 YEAR OLDS

 Please join Bryan Tabakian, our Discipleship Pastor, next Sunday, August 3rd right after the 11 am service for a cookout at the church to discuss our vision and excitement to launch a life group this fall. Bryan has a huge passion for this age group and wholeheartedly believes that you are not just the future leaders of the church but rather the heartbeat of the church now as authentic worshipers and genuine lovers of God. Please feel free to contact Bryan at btabakian@heritagevb.org with any questions.

WIPE OUT



Beach Experience of the Summer!! Saturday, August 23rd beginning at 5:30 here at Heritage! There will be Water Slides/Beach Blanket Bingo/Children's Activities/Youth Activities/Food/Antique Car Show/Motorcycles, SAND!! Lots and lots of SAND!! Mark Your Calendars NOW!!

JOIN US

Have you considered joining Heritage Worship Arts Ministry? Now is the time! Join us for food, fun and fellowship at a Worship Arts Fellowship for current and perspective members at Lake Fort Smith Pavilion Thursday, August 7th from 6-9 pm. Please R.S.V.P. to Chuck, Worship Arts Pastor. Spouses and children welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers are needed to help with our Fall Kick-off **WIPE OUT** "beach experience!" Please contact Becki Kneeland at bkneeland@heritagevb.org if you are interested in any of the following positions:

- Children's Area Coordinator
- Youth Area Coordinator
- Beach Blanket Bingo Coordinator
- Antique Car Show Coordinator
- Sanctuary Décor Coordinator
- Food Area Coordinator
- Set Up Coordinator
- Tear Down Coordinator



SHOAL CREEK CAMP

Sign-up today for day camp for grades K-2 at Shoal Creek in New Blaine, AR. They will meet new friends, enjoy Bible stories, swim and enjoy lunch.

Date: Monday, August 4

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: \$20 with souvenir

Director: Judy Hall 479-438-1429
To Register: Judy Hall, P.O. Box 439, Magazine, AR 72943
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Transportation: Call Mardell McClurkin 461-5209 or email her at mardellmclurkin@gmail.com, if a ride is needed.

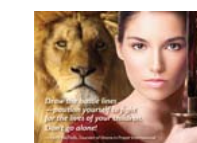
BACKPACK SPONSORS NEEDED



We need twenty-five more sponsors to support our backpack program.

Please consider picking up a child's name in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday morning. We ask that you purchase a backpack, a pair of inexpensive tennis shoes, socks, and underwear for the child—or children—you sponsor. **Please return the Backpacks to the church office by Monday, August 4th.** If you prefer not to shop, donations will be gladly accepted and we will shop for you. Just drop off your donation at the office, or put it in the offering plate in an envelope marked, "BACKPACK". If you have any questions, please contact Tara Teague at 414-5775.

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.

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.