

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

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AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am
John Poole
Jane Sanders
Rick Sanders
Tom Banhart

9:30 am
Seeker's Life Group

11:00 am
Erich Bauman
Michael Jennings
Russ Aikman
Rick Rauser

Greeters

8:05 am
Bruce and Janet Johnson
Mary Dempsey

9:30 am
Seeker's Life Group

11:00 am
Terry Furr
Steve and Silvia Burns

*Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

Hospital:

At Home:

Ron Hall, Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Neal and Patsy Ellison, John Luckau, Jeri Nash, Donna Pape, Carolyn Scott, Linda Seubold, Don Spillman, Sue Stranathan

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:

Barbara Bethell and Family in the death of her mother, *Rose Bethell*.

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 1

LABOR DAY
OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, September 3

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
ACTIVITIES RESUME

Sunday, September 21

BAPTISM SUNDAY
NEWCOMERS' CLASS

Have an Announcement for the Bulletin or Newsletter?

Email it to office@heritagevb.org.

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... CONNECTING AND GROWING!

The Apostle John wrote, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth" 3 John 1:4. As your lead pastor, nothing gives me greater joy than to see the people of our Heritage family connecting and growing through discipleship groups. John Wesley, the father of the Evangelical Revival in England said, "To awaken sinners to New Birth without organizing them in small groups for discipleship is like birthing children for The Devourer!" Wow! Those are strong words!!

We have all kinds of opportunities for you to get connected in a group. We have on-going Sunday School classes, Heritage University classes, and Life-groups and ministry groups. We ask all members to make a commitment to always be a part of some type of discipleship group. Below are JUST A FEW of the options available to connect with a group now. Also, TIMOTHY TEAM, our Wednesday evening Bible study FOR ALL AGES begins its 2014-2015 season on Wednesday, September 3rd at 5:45. Let us all be **connecting** to the Body and **growing** in Jesus!

Some of the open groups:

- 1. Emmanuel** – Led by Mike and Kim Tursky, meet 2nd and 4th Sundays @ Heritage Welcome Center from 5:30-8. Couples and singles, mostly 40s – 60s.
- 2. R.A.T. Pack** – Led by Brandi and Drew Deffenbaugh and Staci Whitley, Young Singles, 25-early-40s. Meeting time TBA.
- 3. Koinonia** – Led by Kim and Shawn Shankle, meets in Alma/Kibler area in homes on Friday evenings.
- 4. Piecemakers** – Share a devotional time, prayer and fellowship while making quilts. Led by Marilyn Lewis in her home.
- 5. ONE** – Young Married Couples led by Dr. Elliot and Sherry Hays, every other Sunday evening.
- 6. Jewish Roots** – led by Glen Wiggington and Charles Reneau, meets Sunday mornings at Heritage at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Learn about and celebrate the Jewish Roots of our faith.
- 7. Heritage Riders** – Monthly motorcycle rides and fellowship, led by Joe Stewart and Michael Turskey
- 8. Joy Seekers** – for those who have worked through the stages of grief and are moving forward to greater joy! Led by Vesta Everitt.
- 9. S.A.L.T.** – for women whose husbands do not attend with them or who may be divorced or widowed. Meets every other Sunday evening at Heritage in the Unity Room led by Shelly King
- 10. Band of Brothers.** Men of all ages, meets every Tuesday from 6:15 – 7:15 a.m. in the Heritage Community Room for prayer and Bible study, led by Merle Dickerson. Starting a new study, *Jesus Hates Religion*.

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New Groups:

- 1. **Full House** – led by Byron and Sarah Sartor at their home in the Kibler area for young couples with young children.
- 2. **Piecing It Together** – led by Christi Wilson and Tammy Prince. A group for parents with children with special needs. This group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. beginning September 7th.
- 3. **The Refuge** – mostly families with children led by Wes and Casey Jo Bailey, meets on Tuesday evenings in Alma. Starts September 2nd. For more information, see www.bostonmtn.com
- 4. **2:22 – Our new college and young adult ministry:** 18-24 year olds led by Pastor Bryan and Traci Tabakian, Curtis and Tammy Gardner, Eric and Shea Marsh, Stephen and Lori Louks, Erin Marsh and Joey Brown.

For more information check out the Life-group boards located in the Great Hall. You may also contact Bryan Tabakian, Discipleship Pastor btabakian@heritagevb.org or Becki Kneeland, Welcome Minister bkneeland@heritagevb.org. New groups are forming continually. Watch the newsletter, bulletin, and website (www.heritagevb.org) for updates. We will have our next Life-Group leader training led by Pastor

Bryan Tabakian September 7th @ 9:30 and 11 in the Heritage Welcome Center. If you are a Life-group leader or are looking at starting a group, please attend one of these hours.



Pastor Wes

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

MEMORIAL

In memory of **KEN POPPE** by:
M/M Bob Bretch (BF)
BF - Building Fund

PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer Meeting is Monday, September 1st from 7-8 pm at New Life Church of God in Fort Smith. It is located at 1808 N. Greenwood across from Martin Luther King Park.



F.I.S.H. begins September 7th from 5:45-8 pm in the Backyard. A snack supper is provided for -\$1 donation. Fall calendars will be sent home. All 4th & 5th graders invited! Join us for fun, fellowship and missions.

OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed Monday, September 1st, so the staff can enjoy Labor Day with their family and friends.

SIGN-UP TODAY FOR HU FALL SEMESTER

“Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge.” Proverbs 23:12 (NIV)

Please look for information at the *Heritage University* sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall. We are offering two courses for this semester:

The God I Never Knew, lead by Earle and Darlene Craft.

In this course, author Robert Morris will clearly explain the Holy Spirit: Who He is, What He does, What He wants and How He operates. This will be a discussion-based class, based on a DVD series. Each DVD will last approximately 20 minutes, and questions and discussion time will follow.

When God Winks at You, lead by Justin Lovett.

This course will investigate several true stories, demonstrating that God does communicate with us, making incredible things happen in our lives every single day. We receive personalized messages that reassure us, stop us from worrying, chart our path in life, and help us keep the faith. Those *godwinks* are a way God affirms that he knows everything we are going through, so we are reminded he is there.

Classes begin Sunday, September 14th.

WOMEN’S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Rubies women’s Bible study will begin a new study on Monday, September 15th at 9:30am.

HERITAGE RIDERS



Great ride to Paris and Mt. Magazine last Saturday!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The number of people coming to our Food Pantry lately has more than doubled. We are very low on food at this time. Where we get our food, one dollar will buy five pounds of food. Please donate what you can to our budget so we can be able to feed these needy persons.

Thank you and God bless you.
Katy Marsh

WANT TO RING BELLS?

Carillon Handbell Choir resume rehearsals next Wednesday, September 3rd at 5:30 pm! Whether you are a returning ringer, an alumni, or a new recruit, we guarantee a great musical experience, with lots of fun and laughs. See you next week!

BACKYARD BLAST

Sunday evening activities for children begins September 7th with a new format! We meet 6-8 pm (5-8 pm for those involved in Life Groups.) Rotations will include, Bible teaching, games, 1st -5th grade Praise Makers, 3’s - Kindergarten Choir, and holiday celebrations. Snacks will be provided, but no meal served. If your Life Group meets, please bring a sack lunch for your children, they will eat, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. See you September 7th!

REMINDER

Wednesday night activities resume next Wednesday, September 3rd beginning with dinner at 5 pm. Timothy Team, Tiny Tim’s, Pulse, and the Beat will begin their study with worship starting at 5:45 pm. The Adult Bible Study will begin at 6 pm. See you on the 3rd!!

OPPORTUNITIES



• **CALL Information Meeting**
Monday, September 8 @ 6pm.
Woodlands UMC
7804 Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith
This meeting is for anyone interested in learning more about the process to become a Foster or Adoptive Parent.

• **We Need Your Help**
Is your bible study group, life group, etc. looking for a service project or want to get involved in helping others? The CALL is looking for groups to take on projects to help our local foster families. Please call Megan Scott at 479-651-8816 to see how your group can help!

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 today for the Newcomers’ class scheduled for Sunday, September 21st. 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 474-6424 or email bkneeland@heritagevb.org.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

If you have a child in 6th grade and would like to sign-up for Confirmation Class, please contact the church office at 474-6424. Children in grades 7th -9th that haven’t gone through Confirmation and would like to are welcome to sign up, as well.

HERITAGE TRAVELERS



Please join us **Saturday, September 27th** as we travel to see Jonah in Branson. We will leave Heritage at 9:15 am and return at 9:15 pm. The cost of \$97 includes transportation and show ticket. Lunch and light snack are **NOT** included. Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday. For more information, contact Vesta Everitt at 501-230-0427.

CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS

We needs women's plus sizes and extra large clothes, men's jeans and shoes (good tennis shoes), jeans for older teens (boys with waist around 29 or 30) and any household goods like dishes, cookware, linens, blankets, etc. The needs in our community are great. We pass on what our members no longer use or need.

ATTENTION: LIFE GROUP LEADERS

We will have a training on September 7th during the 9:30 am and 11 am worship service in the Welcome Center. If you lead a life group, please plan on attending one of these training times.