

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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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... LETTING YOUR LIGHT SHINE ... FUELING YOUR FIRE IN 2015

This week in our "First Monday Prayer Meeting for Revival in the River Valley" a distinct theme emerged on "letting your light shine" as Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount. The LORD gave me **Isaiah 62: 1-3, 5b-7** which I prayed throughout the evening, and I want to share with you now:



*For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as **brightness**, and her salvation as **a lamp that burns**. 2 The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord will name. 3 You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ... 5 ... And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. 6 I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall **never hold their peace** day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent, 7 and **give Him no rest** till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth!*

The brightness of our shining is directly related to the earnestness and sincerity of our prayer. Will you join me in praying that Heritage will burn like a blazing torch with the Glory of the LORD in this River Valley? --That His righteousness and deliverance will be unmistakably evident in our lives? Will you join me in prayer and not stop until



He accomplishes this? Just as He will do this someday for Jerusalem (and we especially pray for that) may He also do this for His Church in The River Valley. **Prayer FUELS THE FIRE!**

Pastor Wes

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In the Hospital:

John Luckau (Sparks)

At Home:

Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Ellarene Crowley, Jeanette Elkins, Charles Frey, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Linda Seubold, Don Spillman, Mary Wrisinger

Assisted Living:

Mary Coble (Crawford H & R)
Jim and Gerlinda Dibble (Willowbrook)
Geraldine Hurst (Covington Court Rehab)
Jean Stratton (Crawford H & R)
Maxine Fahrner (Ashton Place)

In Thanksgiving:

Jonathan and Brittany Goins in the birth of their son, *Tatum Edward*. Proud grandparents are Roger and Kathy Goins. Great-grandparent are Max and Marilyn Goins.

In Sympathy:

Lisa Pendleton and Family in the death of her sister and brother-in-law, *Rachelle and Rogelio Perez*.



Sunday, January 11

BAPTISM SUNDAY
NEWCOMERS' CLASS AND LUNCHEON

Wednesday, January 14:

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am

John Poole
Benton Cone
Rick Moore

9:30 am

Wayne Stewart
Connie Mendenhall
Mark Stafford
Mark Evans

11:00 am

Daniel Chisolm
Nathan Elliott
Grant Elliott
Justin Sangster

Greeters

8:05 am

Friends for Life Life Group

9:30 am

Carolyn Loyd and Margo Symonds
Mark Wilkinson and Anita Dowty

11:00 am

Judy Bowen
Jason and Tiffany Parks

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

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In honor of **MARY BETH AUTRY** by: Unity SS Class (BF)

In honor of **WANDA HUIE AND SHIRLEY TOUCHSTONE** by:

Anonymous (GS)

In honor of **WES AND ALLISON HILLIARD'S ANNIVERSARY** by:

M/M Joe Lloyd (BF)

In honor of **NINA SULLIVAN'S BIRTHDAY** by:

Sue Stranathan (BF)

In honor of **JEANETTE ELKINS' BIRTHDAY** by:

Sue Stranathan (BF)

In honor of **DEBBIE CARTER'S BIRTHDAY** by:

Sue Stranathan (BF)

In memory of **SALLY DENNIS** by:

Unity SS Class (BF)

Martha Ervin

Barbara Armstrong (BF)

Robin Moore (BF)

In memory of **ED CHANDLER** (father of Jane Sanders and grandfather of Nicole Beket) by: M/M Skip Steele

In memory of **RAMONA CONLY** (sister of Gary Nishmuta) by:

M/M Skip Steele

In memory of **LUCILLE OTTINGER** (mother of Bill Ottinger) by:

M/M Skip Steele

Janalou Devers

M/M Benton Cone

M/M Charles Sullivan

M/M Wayne Weege

In memory of **PAT DODSON** (sister of Carol Ray) by:

M/M Wayne Weege

M/M Bruce Johnson (BF)

M/M Jim Udouj (BF)

In memory of **LENA MAE SMITH** by:

Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris (BF)

M/M Scott Treece (BF)

M/M Benton Cone (BF)

Rev. and Mrs. Max Goins (BF)

M/M Joe Lloyd (BF)

M/M John Symonds (BF)

M/M Bill Thomas (YM)

M/M Wayne Weege (BF)

In memory of **ANN AUTRY HERON** (sister of Doyle Autry) by:

Unity SS Class (BF)

M/M Bruce Johnson (BF)

M/M Jim Udouj (BF)

In memory of **DIANE SMOTHERMAN** (sister of Pam Thomas) by: M/M Wayne Weege

Vesta Everitt

M/M Jim Udouj (BF)

In memory of **GILDA BATES** (grandmother of Tara Teague) by:

M/M Bruce Johnson (BF)

In memory of **HELEN MCGOWAN** (mother of John Poole) by:

M/M Skip Steele

BF - Building Fund YM - Youth Ministry

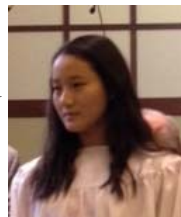
GS - GriefShare

NEW MEMBERS, BAPTISMS AND DEDICATION

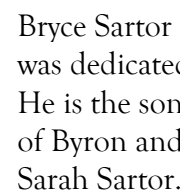


Jasmin Vorabouth joined and was baptized.

Shuyah Li joined and was baptized.



Asher Wood was baptized. He is the son of Tyler and Casey Wood.



Bryce Sartor was dedicated. He is the son of Byron and Sarah Sartor.



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 this Sunday, January 11th. 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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We need volunteers to sack groceries and help customers on Mondays & Fridays 9:30 am - 12 pm and on Thursdays 4-6 pm. If you are interested, please contact Roger Burkert at 462-3392.

INVITATION TO PASTOR WES' MILITARY RETIREMENT

Chaplain (Colonel) J. Wesley Hilliard invites you to his retirement from the Arkansas National Guard on Saturday, February 7th, at 1500 hours (3 p.m.) at Armstrong Chapel, Camp Robinson, North Little Rock, Arkansas. A reception will follow. Brigadier General Keith Klemmer will preside over the ceremony with closing remarks and benediction by Bishop Gary Mueller. Please RSVP to Pam James in the Heritage Church office if you plan to attend, pjames@heritagevb.org or 474-6424. This is for security purposes and to get you through the guard gate at Camp Robinson. You may pick up a map to the chapel in the church office or Pam can email one to you.

HERITAGE UNIVERSITY SPRING 2015 SEMESTER!

HU returns with classes beginning on Sunday, January 18th. We are offering a variety of courses to challenge your spirit and intellect:

HU404 Thrive - led by Jamie Ellison, this course will help you build learned optimism, flourishing, and authentic happiness by exploring scientific discoveries about what creates true happiness and success.

HU602 David - Seeking a Heart Like His - led by Justin Lovett, this study of "the man after God's own heart", will explore David's relationship with God.

HU706 The Five Love Languages - led by Leanna Garrett, this study will provide insight into God's design for loving others and being loved.

HU 808 God's Not Dead - So Live it Out! - led by Michael Tursky, this study will lead senior high school (grades 9-12) and college students in investigating the huge amount of evidence for the Christian faith.

Look for the HU information and sign-up table. Please join us as we strive to expand the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives through God-based learning!



Perspectives is a fifteen week course that brings fresh knowledge and understanding of God's unchanging purposes and why they're relevant to your life. It isn't a class about missions, but a course on how every believer can be intimately woven into the story of God using His people to be a blessing to all the peoples of the earth. It begins Friday, January 12th at Grand Avenue Church Refuge Building in Fort Smith. For more information, contact Scott Ward at 221-2425.

USHER AND GREETER TRAINING

For anyone interested in serving on either one of these teams please attend one of the meetings listed below. If you currently serve as an usher or greeter, you also need to attend one of the meetings. New guidelines are being developed. Sunday, January 11th at 2 pm in Community Room OR Wednesday, January 14th at 7:30 pm in Community Room.

COMMUNITY RECOVERY OUTREACH AT HOPE ACADEMY

Struggling with a hurt, habit, or hang-up? Take the first step to living a better life in 2015. Community Recovery is not a place where we try to fix you. It's a place where we do life together and support each other. A place to be real and get rid of past hurts and regrets so you start living the life God has for you with the freedom that only comes from him. We work through a 12-step faith based program from Celebrate Recovery. We meet Thursday nights at 6:15 pm at the Career Center at 501 N 24th Street in Van Buren beginning January 8th. For more information, contact Karen Beckner at 719-9465.



Please join the **LAUGH YOUR WAY to a Better Marriage Mids with Kids** on Saturday, January 10th from 5 - 7 pm in the Community Room. They are a group geared toward active middle-aged (30's-40's) with kids still at home. They will participate in a marriage enrichment study by Mark Gungor, "Laugh Your Way to a better Marriage." Children are welcome.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church this Sunday, January 11th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

L.I.G.H.T.



Come join Janice Podgurski and Lu Ann Donahu as they learn how to learn then dig into God's Word. We will study Mark Virkler's, *The 4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice*. We meet every Tuesday from 9 am-noon in room 122 at Heritage.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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