

**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 ... THE POWER OF FULL ENGAGEMENT!**

Allison and I had a wonderful time on our vacation! I think it may have been the only time in 23 years of full-time ministry that we took a full, two-week vacation apart from military leave or the sabbatical time the Heritage leaders granted me in 2011. I have to confess, "That is NOT good!" We should have always taken a full vacation – for YOUR sake! 😊 We normally didn't because I felt like I had been away too much during the summers for military duty. Honestly, I know it has taken a toll on us, and I am committed to living differently in the future for the sake of God's Kingdom. In order to fulfill our core values of LASTING and LEAVING A LEGACY, time away is essential.

I remembered while we were gone about the truth I have often taught on but rarely followed: ***In order to experience the power of full engagement, you must regularly fully disengage.*** You should treat life not like a marathon but like a series of sprints where you run hard for short distances, then rest and give yourself adequate time to recover. This is from the book, The Power of Full Engagement, by Dr. Jim Loehr and Tony Schwartz.

After two weeks of rest and recreation, we are ready to fully engage again! We relaxed and hiked in the Blue Ridge Mountains, rafted white water, road lots of roller coasters, visited Kitty Hawk and the Billy Graham library, listened to a John Grisham novel, and ate lots of good food – although I don't consider Carolina bar-be-que to be real barbeque. It's good. It's just not bar-be-que! 😊 I feel like the LORD has communicated some deep truths to me during this time, and I am eager to follow His leadership in this next season at Heritage. I hear the LORD saying, **"It's Harvest Time!"**

In spite of-- or because of-- all the unrest and chaos in the world today, God is casting His net wide and looking for laborers to bring in a massive harvest for His Kingdom! This is His heart – to SAVE the LOST – His children who are astray!



This Sunday will be a great time to start! This is Harvest Sunday in the FREEWAY series. Now that we've taken the preliminary steps to be free, now is time to take THE DECISIVE STEP – ACCEPTANCE! Invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family. Even if they haven't done the earlier steps, this message is for anyone who is ready for a new life of true freedom!

See you Sunday on the FREEWAY ... headed for a great harvest!

Blessed to be your lead pastor!

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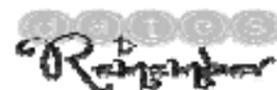


**At Home:**

**Jeanette Elkins, Jamie Hartley, Shareen Hobbs, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Linda Seubold, Maria Sullivan, Mary Wrisinger**

**Assisted Living:**

**Mary Coble (Crawford H & R)**  
**Gerlinda Dibble (Willowbrook)**  
**Geraldine Hurst (Pink Bud Home)**  
**Jean Stratton (Crawford H & R)**  
**Maxine Fahrner (Ashton Place)**



**Sunday, August 9:**  
EDUCATION APPRECIATION SUNDAY

**Wednesday, August 12:**  
FAMILY FUN AT ALMA AQUATIC PARK

**AUGUST VOLUNTEERS**

**Ushers**

**8:05 am**  
John Poole  
Jane Sanders  
Rick Sanders

**9:30 am**  
Seekers' Life Group

**11:00 am**

Erich Bauman  
Russ Aikman  
Rick Rauser  
Justin Lovett

**Greeters**

**8:05 am**  
Bruce and Janet Johnson  
Mary Dempsey

**9:30 am**  
Seekers' Life Group

**11:00 am**  
Steve and Silvia Burns  
Terry Furr

Have an Announcement for the Bulletin or Newsletter?  
Email it to [office@heritage.church](mailto:office@heritage.church).

## HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **BILL KELTON'S BIRTHDAY** by:

Ron and Smokey McPhail (BF)

In honor of **DARRELL GOODLIN'S BIRTHDAY** by:

Ron and Smokey McPhail (BF)

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

Ron and Smokey McPhail (BF)

In memory of **JOYCE HOPKINS** by:

Bob and Terry Freeman (BF)

BF - Building Fund

## BLESS THE KIDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

The number one need for children going back to school is tennis shoes. As you clean out your closets and do your school shopping, consider donating new or gently worn tennis shoes. We are looking for all sizes for ages 6-18. We will donate them to the Boys and Girls Club and local schools. Please drop them off in the church office.

## SPONSORS NEEDED

Sponsor a child by stopping by the church office or pick up a child's name in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday morning. We still have plenty to sponsor. We ask that you purchase a backpack, a pair of inexpensive tennis shoes, socks, and underwear for the child(ren) you sponsor. **Please return the Backpacks to the church office by Tuesday, 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".

## THANK YOU

Bereavement Committee:

Thank You so much for the lovely lunch you provided for us after mom's service. It was so nice to not have to "think." It's a wonderful thing for grieving families.

Karen Nash and the  
Family of Joyce Hopkins

## FALL KICK OFF 2015

We need plenty of volunteers in the areas of dunking booth (*both sitting and dunking*), redneck waterslide, log roll, judges for homemade ice cream contest, pie eating contest contestants and coordinator, children's games, parking cars and clean up. Please email Becki Kneeland at [bkneeland@heritage.church](mailto:bkneeland@heritage.church) to say "YES"!!!!

## TOWN HALL MEETING

Somebody oughta do that! We need a group to do this! We need a place to (fill-in-the-blank)! Wouldn't it be great if.....? Chances are you have made one of those statements about Heritage or the River Valley. On Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall, you will have your chance to share. Our Ministry and Facility Study Team is hosting a listening session. This team is tasked with determining the ministry needs in our community and congregation then recommending resources to meet those needs. They would love to hear from you!

## THIS IS OUR HERITAGE

We need your help. We are updating our church history in preparation for our celebration of "This Is Our Heritage." If you have any memories from the time First Methodist and St. John's merged to the present we would love for you to email them to Sue Weege, [sueweege@cox.net](mailto:sueweege@cox.net). It is valuable that we record our spiritual history for the next generation.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who went out of their way to provide us meals after the twins were born. We greatly appreciate and thank you.

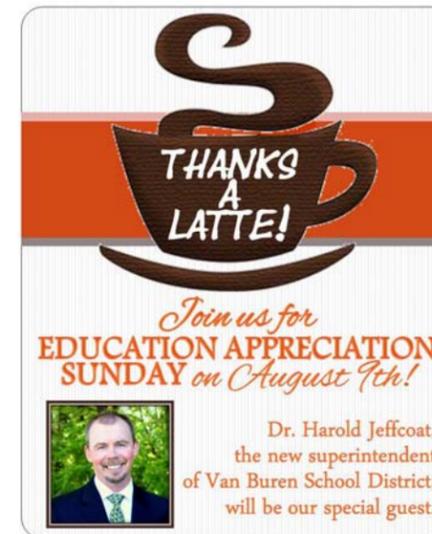
Hallie Collins and  
Robert McDonald

## TEAM MEETING

There is a meeting for altar ministers this Sunday, August 2nd at 3:30 pm in the Community Room.

## PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, August 3rd from 7-8 pm at Rena Christian Church in Van Buren. Please join other believers as we pray for our community!



If you are interested in being baptized at church this Sunday, August 2nd, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

In Children's Church, we are memorizing the LORD's Prayer. Your child will have the opportunity to recite it to Debbie Marsh on August 9th or August 16th at either one of the three services. If they can recite it, they will receive a gift card.

## DEADLINE APPROACHING

**genesis** 2015-2016 Register TODAY For Timothy Team & Tiny Tims! (*children 2 yrs. old through 5th grade as of 8/1/15*). **Deadline is this Sunday, August 2nd.**

## 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 this Sunday. Currently, all birthday offerings go to support the Rupp family ministering in East Asia.

## CREW FOR CHRIST



The Heritage Crew for Christ project was a huge success! Thanks to all that came out to build the wheelchair ramp. Special thanks to Ed Buckalew for the fabulous lunch!

## HALO REPORT JULY 2015

The Halo men continued in the loser's bracket this past Tuesday. Our boys had to play Kibler Baptist again after losing to them a week earlier in the first game of the tournament. The game went well until the coin toss even though the highlights of the night were defensive plays that showed off the glove skills of the Halo defense. Great defense was displayed all year, but some of the key plays were David Watkins' diving catch to save a double in the outfield. Andrew Elkins' threw several frozen-rope relays from the outfield holding runners, Tyler Goodnight's had several snags in the hot corner at third and finally, Brian Curd laid out at shortstop to snag a hard grounder then quickly gained his feet finally turned and threw a rocket to Nick Holman at first for an inning ending play. These

plays among many others kept the Halos close enough to make the game competitive. A lack of run scoring hits kept our men from pulling out a win and Kibler advanced on in the tournament. The Halos after winning the league and tournament the past two years were left with a consolation prize, a delicacy in the Congo which is a bag of roasted termites.

I want to thank all the players on this year's Halo men's team for setting a good example as Christians with their fellowship and competitiveness. The players are as follows: Justin Goins, Marshall Newby, Tyler Goodnight, Andrew Elkins, Brian Curd, Nick Holman, Kevin Lea, Terrin St. John, David Watkins, Kansas Whagely, Caleb Bauman, Mitch Osburn Jason Lolley, Jason Bonner, and Stonie Hopkins.



## PROMOTION SUNDAY

This Sunday, August 2, 2015 we will be promoting all children to the next age group! Children are promoted by grade or birthday. If your child is 3 years old by August 1, 2015 they will be moved to Preschool Praise. All children entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade this fall will move to Children's Church. Baby Bible-toddlers to 2 years old Preschool Praise-3's thru Kindergarten (at 9:30 we have a special SS for Kinders.) Children's Church-g geared for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades, but 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome.