

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
9:30 & 11:00 AM

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... THE HEART OF WORSHIP! (PLEASE READ THIS)

Last Wednesday we studied Cain and Able (Genesis 4). Able brought the **FIRST** and **BEST** of his income to the Lord and Hebrews 4:11 says that he offered it *in faith* to the Lord. Cain brought *some* of his income, but it was neither his first ten percent (off the top) nor his best, nor did he offer it *in faith* to the Lord. When the Lord confronted him about this, Cain was not humble. He was not contrite, nor did he tremble in holy awe/reverence at the Lord's Word (see Isaiah 66:1-2). Instead, he sulked. He got angry. He got **offended**. He let sin in! He got jealous of his brother Able who did what was right ... so angry, in fact, that he murdered his brother.

This is a true and heart-breaking story. And we need to let it be a mirror for us. Our response to this story is a good "heart check-up" for us. Few things offend people like talking about giving in church. Are you one of those? Let's be honest. Do you have the spirit of Cain or of Able? The book of Genesis is about the very **FOUNDATIONS** of our faith and life. Giving to God is a core, foundational, issue for humans. Like it or not, our relationship with the LORD hinges upon our giving. Salvation is a free gift, but following Jesus will cost you your life!

It is critical that each of us walks in a right relationship with the LORD in our giving. So ask yourself, do I give God my first and best--the first and best of my time, talents, and treasures? Do I tithe (give God 10%) of my income to the Lord? Is it the first check or automatic draft that I make, or do I wait to the end of the pay period to see if there is anything left over to give to God? Do I give the Lord the best and first of my time, or do I check Facebook or email or read the paper or watch the news instead? Am I giving the first and best of my talents to the Lord, or is all my time and energy given first to other things?

Frankly, I'm deeply concerned about the worshipping of other gods and the idolatry in our culture in the River Valley. It grieves my heart when I see our families serving the values and cares of the world and not giving the Lord their first and best. What grieves me the most is our kids learn by watching their parents. Don't short circuit what God wants to do in your kids by giving God leftovers!

Proverbs 3:9-12 says, ⁹*Honor the Lord from your wealth, and from the first of all your produce;* ¹⁰*So your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine.* ¹¹*My son, do not reject the discipline of the Lord or loathe His reproof,* ¹²*For whom the Lord loves He reproveth, even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights.*

Heritage is blessed with some of the greatest givers I know. Our giving to the budget is up 8% over this time last year and we have paid over \$550K on our building principal; our current loan is under \$250K. PRAISE THE LORD! May we all honor the LORD by giving our FIRST and BEST to Him! This is the true heart of worship! May we be the kind of givers He can bless!



Blessed to be your pastor!

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P.S. This week we move into the story of Noah! More great foundational life lessons for us!

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am
John Poole
Myron Kirksey
Mike McSpadden
Benton Cone

9:30 am
Wise Guys' Life Group

11:00 am
Jon Harper
Matt Harper
David Harper
Roger Burkert

Greeters

8:05 am
Malinda McSpadden
Juanita Cone
Teresa Kirksey
Christine Fontaine

9:30 am
Mary Hall
Bonnie Sher
Pat Johns
Sarah Buckalew

11:00 am
Jamie and Larissa Ellison
Mark and Gretchen Turner



In Hospital:

Stacey Walker (Mercy)
Jennifer Thompson (Sparks)

At Home:

Saylor Ables, Lee James, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Linda Seubold, Maria Sullivan, Mary Wrisinger

Assisted Living:

Mary Coble (Crawford H & R)

Gerlinda Dibble (Willowbrook)

Jennell Dove (Alma Rehab)

Geraldine Hurst (Pink Bud Home)

Jean Stratton (Crawford H & R)

Maxine Fahrner (Ashton Place)

In Sympathy:

Shawna Seewald and Family in the death of her aunt, Sherry Farr.



Friday & Saturday
October 23-24
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Monday, October 26
SPECIAL GUEST,
SONDRA BARAS
6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 5
SPECIAL GUEST,
ANGUS BUCHAN
7 PM @ HARPER STADIUM

Have an Announcement for the Bulletin or Newsletter?
Email it to office@heritage.church.

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In memory of **DON MONK** (father of Pamm Treece) by:

Bruce and Janet Johnson (BF)

In memory of Helen Painter (grandmother of Alexis Boster) by:

Bruce and Janet Johnson (BF)

In memory of Roy Ferguson, Jr. (brother of Selma Mattox) by:

Bruce and Janet Johnson (BF)

BF - Building Fund

HERITAGE RIDERS

Rides for the month of October:

October 17

Meet at the Walmart gas station in Van Buren. Kickstands up at 10 am. We will eat lunch at Mt. Magazine and return around 3 pm.

October 23-24

Overnighter to Jasper, Arkansas. Everyone make their way up on Friday evening. We will stay at the HUB which is the old Dogpatch Hotel. Everyone needs to make their own reservations at www.huginfo.com. We will have three separate rides for Saturday the 24th. For more information, contact Max Garrett at 479-414-7757.

NEW STUDY

Are you single, dating, or married or think you might be one of these at some point in the future? Are you in a dead-end job or do you just dread going to work? Do you somehow feel less than energized about your life and question "What is the meaning?" Then this life group is for you! *The Science of Love and Happiness* will introduce you to the latest scientific discoveries which corroborate the teachings of Scripture concerning how to have a happy, successful, and fulfilling life here on planet Earth! This study takes the Word of God and shows you scientific discoveries which not only demonstrate that the Biblical teachings are accurate, but shows you how to practically implement them into your daily life. For more information, contact Jamie Ellison at EllisonJ@jbu.edu. Sign up this week in the Fellowship Hall! Classes start SOON!

WELCOME



Georgia Hutton



Jane Witten

GOOD JOB!



Congratulations to Devon Parks and Chuck King! They each received an Emmy as producers for their short film "Step Into: The King Opera House." Devon won a second Emmy for director of the short film! WAY TO GO!

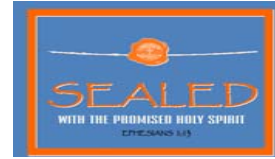
To watch the whole film from AETN log onto http://www.aetn.org/loupe/arts/posts/kings_opera_house

You have made everyone at Heritage and in Van Buren proud!

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

HERITAGE RUBIES



Join us Friday and Saturday, October 23-24 for our 5th Annual Women's Conference, *SEALED!* Our guest speaker is Pastor Daniel's wife, Kayla. We also have a number of other exciting speakers lined up for this two day event. Registration forms are available in the Great Hall and online at www.heritage.church. To receive a t-shirt, you must register by Monday, October 12th. The fee is \$35 per person.

BABY SHOWER

Please join us Saturday, October 24th from 2-4 pm at the home of Teresa Kirksey (9426 Old Graphic Road in Mulberry) for a baby shower honoring Bentley Grayson, soon-to-be son of Anthony and Audra Kuykendall. They are registered at Walmart, Target and Toys R Us. Please R.S.V.P. to Teresa Kirksey at 479-209-6006.

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.heritage.church. 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 Great Hall.



If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, October 18th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

BLESS THE KIDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

As you clean out your closets, 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.

WAY TO GO, JERRY!



Jerry McBride finished first in five different events at the Arkansas State Senior Olympic Games in Hot Springs. Competing in the 75-79 age group, he set a state record in winning the high jump (at four feet), and also won first-place medals in the long jump (10 feet), triple jump (23 feet), pole vault (seven feet) and the javelin (88 feet). He also took second place in the shot put (28 feet) and the discus (77 feet).

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

In Children's Church, we are memorizing the 12 Disciples, Peter, Andrew, James (son of Zebedee), John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the Zealot), Thaddeus and Judas Iscariot. Your child will receive a reward for their hard work if they recite it to Debbie on Sunday November 29th or December 6th at either one of the three services.

WE WANT YOUR PICTURES

We would like to keep adding new pictures to the Heritage website, facebook, instagram and twitter accounts and we need your help! Anytime your life group, Sunday school class or any other Heritage group gets together or if you take pictures at any of our Heritage events, please email them to office@heritage.church.

CHURCH LIFE



Have you ever needed someone's address or phone number but didn't want to call the church? The Church Life app is for you! Download it today for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device. It's free!

SOCIAL MEDIA AT HERITAGE

If you have a Facebook account, be sure you add Heritage UMC as one of your friends. We often post upcoming events and interesting information on our Heritage Facebook page. You may also wish to follow us on Twitter at Heritage_VB. Both are excellent ways to stay informed on the latest information and both of our sites welcome your comments!

WHO WAS THE PHARAOH OF THE EXODUS?



Colonel David Hansen, PhD. presents, *Who was the Pharaoh of the Exodus?* on Thursday, October 22nd at 7:30 pm at YWAM, 7119 Mountain View Drive, Ozark, Arkansas. This very controversial topic has been the focus of many books, movies and TV specials. Dr. David Hansen has his own thoughts based on what the Bible states, Egyptian chronology, history and archaeology. You may be surprised to learn that the popular Rameses is not one of his candidates. For more information, email sbs@ywamozarks.com or call 479-667-1152.

COMING TO HERITAGE



Special Israeli Speaker, Sondra Baras is coming to Heritage Monday, October 26th at 6:30 pm. Sondra, is a resident of Samaria, a former attorney and a student of the Bible. She will update audiences and provide a Biblical perspective on the challenges facing Israel today. Hosted by Chuck and Louann King. This is a meeting you won't want to miss! A love offering will be received to help the vital work CFOIC (Christian Friends of Israeli Communities) Heartland in Israel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement for the newsletter, please email it to Kathy at office@heritagevb.org by 9 am on Monday mornings.

MEN'S STUDY

The *Band of Brothers* Bible study group meets every Tuesday from 6:15 - 7:15 am for coffee, fellowship, study of the Word and prayer. Please join us!

ITEMS FOR SALE

Pick up your Heritage items today in the Library. Hats are \$12. Mugs are \$5. License plates are \$5!