




January 1, 2012

Sharing the Fruit of the Spirit
The Grape Vine
Heritage Baptist Newsletter



This publication will keep you an informed member of Heritage Baptist.

Dates to Remember:

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- Jan. 1: Happy New Year! We will have Sunday School and morning worship services today. There will NOT be an evening service.
 - Jan. 2: Church Office will be closed today
 - Jan. 4: AWANA Theme: Dress Your Dog Night 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 8: Women's Ministry Meeting 4:00 p.m.
 - Jan. 8: Men's Ministry Meeting 4:00 p.m.
 - Jan. 8: 2nd Sunday Night Singing 7:00 p.m.
 - Jan. 11: AWANA Theme: Crazy Socks Night 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 18: AWANA Theme: Triple Points Night 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 19: Deacon Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 - Jan. 22: Pre-Business Meeting 4:00 p.m.
 - Jan. 25: AWANA Theme: Crazy Shades Night 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 29: Church Business Meeting 6:05 p.m.



HBI News

New Beginnings



God created. Noah persevered. Moses obeyed God and led Israel out of Egyptian bondage. The book of *Genesis* is filled with stories about everyday people. They obeyed God and submitted their lives into His hands and became examples to generations to come of what God can do in our lives. As 2012 begins, let us remember their testimonies and place our own lives into the Master's hands.

Spring classes begin January 10, 2012 at 6:45 P.M. Come by for a visit or stay for a class. We welcome your arrival! Thanks for your faithful support. Until next time.....

Bro. Carl Fitzgerald, HBI President

Prayer Ministry



Is Superman in the Bible? Hmmm

Ok, I know Superman is a fictional character created by Jerome Siegel and Joseph Schuster. These guys were Jewish kids who apparently used their knowledge of Hebrew history to create a modern "Moses" in a Superman suit. Since then, Superman has gone from comic book hero to TV star to movie star, all while championing the cause of truth and justice.

Let us review how Moses and Superman compare: Moses was born into a world where his people faced annihilation, while Krypton (Superman's home planet) also faced extinction; Baby Moses was put into a small basket and floated down the Nile by his mother, while Kal-El (Superman's original name) was put into a rocket ship and sent to Earth by his father; Moses was rescued by a daughter of the pharaoh, Kal-El was rescued by Martha and Jonathan Kent. Like Moses, Superman was raised in an alien environment where he had to conceal his true identity.

Now let's look at their purpose: Through a burning bush, Moses receives a calling from God to liberate His people from tyranny; young Clark discovers the green crystal in a farm shed in Smallville, it "calls" to him and bids him trek north. The crystal re-creates his home where he learns who he is and receives direction from the spirit of his father, Jor-El. He uses his powers to liberate humanity from evil forces.

Finally, Moses is the leader of Israel (or Yisra-el in Hebrew)--translated as "one who strives with God." El was a common name for God, and appears in the Bible as El Ohim, El Shad-dai, etc. so we have Kal-El, in the Superman comic book meaning "swift God" in Hebrew!

So, next time you pick up a copy of Superman, know the "super hero" is Moses and he has been an amazing part of American culture. Moses was a hero by his faith in God, and so is an example to us to be heroes of faith in our generation!

Richard Deramo, Churchwide Prayer Ministry



Music Notes



Here's the Blessing - ten years in Missouri City!

The first Sunday of February, 2012, will mark the completion of Heritage Baptist Church's first decade in our Missouri City home. I am amazed at how many families we have come to know and serve in that time. We have surely been blessed!

Here's the Response -a singing celebration!

In order to celebrate and express our thanksgiving on February 5, 2012, **I need 25-35 men** prepared to sing "We Are So Blessed" from our hymnal as an offering of praise to the Lord. I ask you to rehearse with me for 15 minutes after morning worship on January 15, 22 and 29, and I will never keep you past 12:30. (Ladies, you can help here by giving them permission to delay lunch.) Listening CDs will be available and everybody will be doing it - if you will.

Dennis Bell, Minister of Music



Help Needed for Missions!

On February 11, 2012, we will hold our *Annual Valentine's Dinner Theatre*. All proceeds from this event will go to the **Adult Mission Trip Fund** scheduled for June 9-16. This mission trip will consist of a group of adult volunteers from our church who will travel to the Rio Grande Valley working with Jeremy Valladeres at Heritage Baptist Church in Mission, Texas. The mission team will coordinate a Vacation Bible school Program along with other maintenance construction activities.

We respectfully ask the following from each church member:

PRAYER. We want God to go before the mission team and be a part of this trip *every step of the way* including in the raising of funds, preparation in our team members' hearts as well in the hearts of the people of Mission, TX.

VOLUNTEERS. We need adult men and women (18 years or older) to be praying about how God can use them as a member of the mission team.

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS for the Valentine's Dinner Theatre. We are seeking items of *value* that will bring in more funds in order to reach our mission trip goals. Would you consider the following?

If you own a business or if you are an independent consultant, is there a service or product that you would be willing to donate? If it is not you but someone you know, would you put them in contact with Michelle?

If you frequent a business (such as restaurants, nail salons, movie theatres, etc.) and have a friendly relationship with the owner, would you be willing to ask them for a donation to our church's silent auction?

If you have a talent in creating something unique, please contact Michelle if you are willing to donate it. Items of consideration are:

Antiques, sports memorabilia, appliances, furniture or home items that are "gently-used"
Crafts such as quilts, crocheted or knitted items, quilted bags or purses, bible covers, etc.

Homemade Food Items that are considered a *delicacy*

Woodwork/Handcrafted Items

Services such as babysitting, cleaning, catering, cooking, mowing, etc. (your time and supplies would be the donation and Michelle will create the "gift certificate" on your behalf)

Gift Baskets - see Michelle for basket ideas that can be donated by an individual or class (Ministry Team, Bible Study Group, Sunday School Class or Home Group)

NOTE: We are not looking for garage sale-type items, but new and/or rarely-used items of donation.

Please contact **Michelle Mondragon** at 281-660-4135 or shell_garza@yahoo.com for any additional questions. All silent auction donations must be given to Michelle by Sunday, February 5th. The goal is to **ALWAYS Give the Glory to Jesus** - we thank you in advance for your support in the way of prayers and donations.





AWANA Theme Nights For January

January 4: Dress Your Dog Night--No, this is NOT "bring your dog to AWANA" night! Hot dogs will be served during game time and clubbers can "dress" them with the various add-ons provided.



January 11: Crazy Socks Night--Wear your craziest, silliest socks to club tonight!



January 18: Triple Points for Sections--You get TRIPLE the usual number of points for each section you pass tonight!



January 25: Crazy Shades Night--Wear your most outrageous sunglasses to club tonight!

