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Welcome Guests!

We would like to welcome you to a special service today – we are celebrating the 35 years of service our pastor, Dr. Harold R. Bowman, and his wife, Betty, have dedicated to shepherding Heritage Community Church. Today's service format has been modified in honor of this special event. Please join us again another week to experience our normal service styles. Regardless, this is a large facility and we realize it can be overwhelming for first-time guests. To help you find what you need, there is an information booth in the Narthex (the front lobby). There is also a wall of literature with ministry related literature; look beneath the picture of the appropriate department head. Please stop by the hospitality room after service for a complete visitor's packet, a warm greeting from one of the elders, and a special gift for visiting us today.

SPECIAL EDITION



In Honor of Harold R. and Betty Bowman September 4, 2005 Celebrating 35 Years of Ministry at Heritage Community Church

Harold and Betty Bowman: 35 Years of Capturing the Vision

Thirty-five years ago, Harold and Betty Bowman came to shepherd us. They came with a genuine love for people, a consuming desire to serve, and a mind-set to pay the price and shepherd a thriving, life-changing, "total ministry" church. They came with the philosophy that "your need is our vision" and the perseverance to "capture the vision".

Now, after 35 years the world has changed. The surroundings have changed. Methods and technology have changed. However, Harold and Betty Bowman have not changed. They keep on persevering with transforming love. They continually fulfill their commitment to make the church vibrant, community-oriented, and Christ-exalting. And, our love has increased for them with each passing year.

Their values, vision and vitality have never digressed. Their values orbit around honoring people - recognizing their value and gifts as individuals and to the body of Christ. Their vision is to guide people in developing into mature disciples and enjoying the fullness of God's blessings. Their vitality focuses on guiding people into the presence of God in worship and receiving His energy to live victoriously. Where people are hurting, they want to be there. They feel this is "God's hand extended."

Their support, compassion and training have never decreased. Their support includes a "personal touch" with guidance in facing problems and capitalizing on opportunities. Their compassion is expressed in always being available to stand up, stand in, or fill in to keep people and the church on target. Their training is evident in the consistent flow of programs and activities to guide people of every age and at every point in their Christian journey.

Pastor and Betty Bowman are not only loyal to their church and its vision, but they inspire loyalty from those around them. Thirty-five years of service is a testimony to this loyalty. They started with a small flock of congregants and are currently fulfilling their vision of shepherding a large church which reaches to the community and beyond. Through their living philosophy of "always be kind" they have inspired loyalty among long-time members and staff, with some pastors graciously serving 15+ years under them. Pastor and Betty Bowman have always believed in a "total ministry" for the people of Heritage:

- T – Training for spiritual growth and service
- O – Offering opportunities for worship and discipleship
- T – Telling the unchurched about life in Christ
- A – Affirming others through support and fellowship
- L – Leading in caring for the mind, body and spirit



We honor you, Pastor and Betty, today for 35 years of serving us with overflowing, unconditional love. We pledge our steadfast devotion to Jesus Christ to both of you and to the Heritage Church. We do this because you continually find needs and fill them, show your love and compassion, and cast visions. We do this because you continually provide creative leadership, build faith for worship and discipleship, and plan for future security and growth.

"May the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way." II Thessalonians 3:16.

Raymond F. Culpepper

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- Executive Council
1986-1990
1992-1996
1998-2002
- State Youth and Christian Education Director
Northern California Nevada
Indiana Alabama
- Pastorates
Birmingham, Alabama - 1980-2004
Buford, Georgia (associate)



- Education
Lee University - B.S., D. D.
California Graduate School of Theology - M.A.
- Honors, Service and Recognitions
Chair, Lee University Board of Directors
Camp meeting speaker
Convocation speaker
Chair, General Youth and C.E. Board
Outstanding Young Men of America
Speaker, General Assembly 1982
- Published Works
The Leading Man
Lifestyle To His Glory

What's the first thing you think of when you think "Pastor Bowman"?

"Nice person"	10 yr
"A lot of singing"	9 yr
"Really nice"	9 yr
"His Christmas Party - singing Mary Did You Know"	8 yr
"Loving"	9 yr
"He's kind"	8 yr
"He's like a friend to me"	9 yr
"He's special"	6 yr
"Awesome"	7 yr
"He's great"	10 yr
"He's kind and caring"	13 yr
"He's pretty nice and cool"	10 yr
"He's cute, a man of God, kind, warm."	18 yr
"He's short, wise, father-like."	16 yr
"He's smart, real smart. Like my grandpa."	16 yr
"Sweet."	12 yr

What's your favorite thing about Pastor Bowman?

"Gives a lot of really good advice"	12 yr
"A lot of stuff I can't really explain"	9 yr
"He waves at me"	7 yr
"He's really nice when I talk to him"	10 yr
"He prayed for me when I had cancer"	13 yr
"He does great services"	10 yr
"His smile, hugs and his kind words."	18 yr
"His hair and new glasses."	16 yr
"His cologne - he smells so good."	12 yr
"He talks about Jesus and good things."	4 yr
"He talks to me about God, that angels take you to God."	4 yr
"I like the way he giggles."	4 yr
"He has a shield for God."	5 yr
"He's a good teacher, singer and preacher."	5 yr
"Every time I see him he gives me kisses on the head - EVERY TIME!"	9 yr

Harold R. Bowman

"A trustworthy leader, a faithful friend,
a caring shepherd."

- H** - Holds High the Banner of Heritage Community Church
- A** - Affirms the Value of Ministerial Integrity
- R** - Responds to Needs and Fills Them
- L** - Officiates With Class and Dignity
- D** - Leads With Love and Influence
- D** - Devotes Time to Making and Keeping Disciples
- R** - Responds with kindness and compassion.
- B** - Believes A Dream and Makes It Happen
- O** - Orchestrates and Demonstrates Teamwork
- W** - Works With Clear Goals In View
- M** - Motivates by Visionary and Disciplined Action
- A** - Always Accentuates the Positive
- N** - Neutralizes Barriers With Creative Thinking



Betty Bowman

"A devoted Pastor's wife, a helpful friend,
an esteemed caregiver."

- B** - Beautiful in Spirit and Appearance
- E** - Enjoys Working Behind the Scene
- T** - Ties Activities Together Neatly
- T** - Takes Love To the Sick and Needy
- I** - Yields to Call of Servant-leadership
- B** - Believes In Doing It Right
- O** - Organizes for Effective Results
- W** - Works Harder, Smarter and Perpetually
- M** - Manages and Motivates By Core Values
- A** - Always has a Smile and Kind Words
- N** - Nurtures Through Compassionate Care

Dr. Floyd Carey
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