

Heartland

Baptist Church



Alex Melton, Senior Pastor

Proverbs 27:17 says "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Just as you sharpen a knife, you and I need others to come alongside us as we are sharpened as followers of Christ. Our vision at Heartland is to see all people GROW as self-feeding disciples of Christ and to do this, we need other followers of Christ involved in our lives pushing us toward Christ.

As Summer comes to a close, we have several opportunities for spiritual sharpening that are coming this month and September.

Sunday Night Impact will resume on August 22 at 5:30pm. Along with Impact Kids and Youth, we will have groups for our men and women. Men, we will be continuing to sharpen one another and be sharpened by the Word as we complete 33: The Series. This Fall, we will be talking about "A Man and His Marriage" and "A Man and His Fatherhood". This will be a time for us to be challenged to grow as the men that God calls us to be as husbands and fathers. Each of us has an opportunity to grow in these roles no matter our position in life.

Ladies, Kelli will be leading a study called "Seamless". Have you ever wondered how the whole Bible fits together? Why do we have 66 books and are they all important? Kelli will be walking our ladies through the big story of the Bible, helping each person see how the Bible points to Jesus Christ. Come out at 5:30 on Sunday nights to connect with other women in the church and learn how to study the Bible together.

Lastly, men mark your calendars now for Iron Sharpens Iron on September 11 at FBC O'Fallon. ISI is a men's conference focused on equipping men for leadership in all arenas of life: work, home, and the church. I went for the first time right before COVID and the Lord challenged me as His Word was taught. It was also a powerful time of encouragement as I heard men praising Jesus with all of their hearts. The added bonus was getting to share lunch with a dozen men from our church. ISI is \$40 which includes the conference, resources, and lunch. Sign up today at the Next Steps table.

John Collins, Pastor of Families & Discipleship

On Tuesday, August 24 at Meadow Heights Baptist Church in Collinsville, IL, IBSA is offering a ministry training night. This is a free and great opportunity with 2 time slots for training in various ministry areas: children, deacon, evangelism, women, and more. Here's the schedule: dinner (6:00), opening challenge (6:30), breakout (6:45), breakout (7:45), dismissal (8:30). Please sign up at the Next Steps table by August 15 to be included in our group registration. You can learn more about this training and breakouts at ibsa.org.

Logan Staley, Pastor of Music

Recently I introduced a new song titled "Oh the Deep Deep Love" by Bob Kauflin. In Ephesians 4:14-21 Paul tells the believers in Ephesus one of the reasons he bows to God in prayer is so that they may "know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you (they) may be filled with all the fullness of God." One reason I have chosen this song is because I believe that by singing about Christ's love we will be more prone to think about it and appreciate it during the week.

In this song Christ's love is compared to an ocean. Washing over us endlessly through every step of our lives. According to National Geographic, "The ocean covers more than 70 percent of Earth, and more than 80 percent of it remains unexplored." That is a vast amount of the Earth that we have yet to explore. There are still great things yet to be discovered in the ocean, but we just haven't uncovered them yet.

Similarly, Paul prays for believers in Ephesians 4 that they would have the strength to comprehend the breadth, length, height, and depth of Christ's love. Paul is saying that God's love is immense! We have yet to scratch the surface of how great his love is. As we read more of his Word we see just how great his love is. The Son of God came to die in our place to bring us back to God -- this is love.

Just like teams of scientist take every effort to search the ocean and uncover its mysteries, this song along with the Apostle Paul encourage us to meditate and think on the love of Christ. Don't get tired of thinking about Christ's love, but let it break over you fresh every day in His Word.

Volunteer Schedule

Greeters

August 1: Jo Joyce, Minnie Johnson, Bill & Ethna Joyce, Margaret Cox

August 8: Karen Harris, Ed & Susie Kreitner, Lowell and Betty Porter

August 15: Jim & Joann Cassidy, Mark Fromme, Gary Parish

August 22: Lonnie & Bev Vatole, Miranda & Brandon Rendleman, Matt & Ronda Jolly

August 29: Pat Farley, Janet Moore, Lee & Glennita Seal, Kendra Collins

Nursery & Kid's Church

August 1:

Nursery 9:15am: Karen Burleson, Karen Harris

Nursery 10:30am: Jacque Peipert, Karol Hazelwonder, Susie Kreitner, Sandy Stolze

Kid's Church: Kendra Collins

August 8:

Nursery 9:15am: Kendra Collins, Megan Hart

Nursery 10:30am: LeAnn Parish, Carole Fredrick, Charlotte Long, Kendra Collins

Kid's Church: Jackie Parish

August 15:

Nursery 9:15am: Jessica Darr, Miranda Rendleman

Nursery 10:30am: Kelli Melton, Hannah Barnes, Linda McRoy, Sara Wuthrich

Kid's Church: Sandy Stolze

August 22:

Nursery 9:15am: Dinah Pimentel, Robin Shawback

Nursery 10:30am: Lisa Pimentel, Ronda Jolly, Jeanie Gansz, Nate Hart

Kid's Church: Kendra Collins

August 29:

Nursery 9:15am: Deacons

Nursery 10:30am: Deacons

Kid's Church: Pastor John Collins

For more information or if you would like to volunteer please contact:

Nursery & Greeters: Pastor John

Heartland KIDS: Jackie Parish at 789-2974

Deacon Ministry

If you have a need or know of someone who needs assistance, has become ill, hospitalized, or is in need of a ride to church please contact the church office at 462-1276 or Ted Burleson at 462-3032.

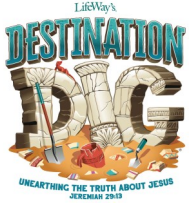
THE NEW TESTAMENT IN A YEAR READING PLAN

AUGUST READINGS
2 CORINTHIANS 2-13
GALATIANS 1-6
EPHESIANS 1-4

This Month at Heartland

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE: Please join us for our Coffee/Donut Fellowship at 8:45am followed by Small Groups 9:15am and our Worship Gathering at 10:30am. Sunday sermons are available online at <https://vimeo.com/hbcalton>. Our Worship Gathering is also livestreamed on our Facebook page.

IMPACT CLASSES: Impact classes (men, women, youth and kids) will resume on Sunday, August 22 from 5:30-7pm. Our kids will be learning how to apply Jesus' teaching to their everyday life with the use of games, stories, crafts and more. Childcare will be available for babies (0-2) in the children's wing.



VBS: Sunday nights from 5:30-8pm through August 8. Destination Dig has been a glowing success so far. Just two weeks into VBS we have been provided the opportunity to minister to about five new families in the community. We have had 36 kids come to learn that if they seek Jesus, they will find Him when they search with all their heart. Please continue to support these families and our VBS volunteers during the next three weeks.

LUNCH & PRAYER WITH THE PASTORS: Wednesdays at 11:30am. Bring a lunch and spend some time with our pastors as we eat, pray, and share from the Word.



POOLS FOR SCHOOLS: During the month of August we are collecting dry erase markers and #2 pencils for North Elementary and Alton High School. Please place your donations in the kiddie pools which are located in the church lobby by August 22.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Sunday, August 8 at 4pm.

STEWARDSHIP MEETING: Monday, August 9 at 6:30pm.

WMU: Tuesday, August 10 at 9:30am. All women are invited to join us!



SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, August 11 at 6:30pm. We will be voting on the motion made by the Stewardship Team at the July 21 Business Meeting.

HEARTLAND WOMEN'S CRAFT -N- REFRESH: Saturday, August 14 at 10am - Hey ladies, join us for a crafting getaway day on the second Saturday of each month to just hang out and craft. Bring your snack and/or lunch and the craft of your choice (i.e., scrapbooking, sewing, cardmaking, crochet) and we will set you up a table for your crafting supplies OR just come and hang out. Just a time to fellowship and relax while doing what we love to do.



FAMILY FUN FELLOWSHIP: Sunday, August 15 from 5:30-7pm at Glazebrook Park. Join us for a fun evening of games, snacks, and fellowship.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The September newsletter deadline is Monday August 16. Please email your announcements to office@hbcalton.com.

IBSA MINISTRY TRAINING NIGHT: Tuesday, August 24 from 6-8:30pm at Meadow Heights Baptist Church in Collinsville. Please sign up at the Next Steps Table by Sunday, August 15.

DEACONS' MEETING: Sunday, August 1 at 4pm and Sunday, August 29 at 4pm.

GUEST WIFI PASSWORD: humbert4500

OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm.

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Have you ever walked into the church on a Sunday morning sweating from the walk from your car to the building, then you walked in and said "Aaaah! It feels so good here"? If you are like me, then you can identify with that experience. Have you thought of how that AC is able to run? Not the mechanics of it, but how the church pays for it to run. The answer is the radical generosity of the Heartland family. Each month the utility bills for the church building are paid by the tithes and offerings of our church family, which allows us to provide a cool and clean place for people to come and worship the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for your radical generosity as we seek to reach our community with the Gospel!

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"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9

AUGUST Birthdays

2	Paulette Hydrick	16	Barb Laslie
2	Tom Hydrick	16	Janet Moore
3	Jeanie Gansz	22	Harold Wallace
9	Linda Moore	23	Michael Harris
10	Rick Boren	23	Augie Westbrook
13	Jacqueline Peipert	27	JJ King
14	Amy Vatole	28	Kendra Collins
15	Lloyd Johnson	29	Mitchell Manns

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

IRON SHARPENS IRON: Men make plans today to go to Iron Sharpens Iron (ISI). ISI is a Men's Conference that we go to each year that equips men to be the leader in their family, work, and church that God calls men to be. Imagine what it would look like for a large group of men to assume the leadership responsibility that God calls men to? It would change the world! Iron Sharpens Iron is Saturday, September 11 from 8:30am-5pm at First Baptist Church O'Fallon. The cost is \$40 and that includes lunch also. Please sign up by August 29 at the Next Steps table or by calling the church office.

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