Heartland

Baptist Church



Alex Melton, Senior Pastor

As we wrap up 2020 and begin 2021, a friend asked me what lessons that I have learned from this year. In a year where almost all of my plans were shot, there are two chief reminders that I have taken from this year: the Lord reigns supreme over all and He is faithful. With everything shaking around us, we need the reminders that the Lord is our strong tower and ever present help. As this year went on, the Lord kept reminding me of His sovereignty and faithfulness through His Word. The truth written in the Scriptures was an anchor for my soul in the tumultuous storm of this year.

As we launch into 2021, I want to help each of us anchor our souls to the truth of God's Word. Psalm 1 tells us that the man or woman who meditates (reads and thinks deeply) on the Word will be like a tree firmly planted bearing fruit in season and out of season. I've heard from several people this year that they have a desire to read the Word, but don't know how or what to read. Last year, John developed our GROW guide that is available online and at the Next Steps table to help explain what meditation looks like. We are always available to help teach you how to study the Bible on your own.

For some the key is getting started. I had a professor who always told us about spiritual disciplines "if you fail to plan, then you plan to fail." We want to help with the plan this year. If you don't already have a plan for the daily reading and study of the Word, I want to encourage you to read through the New Testament with us this year. There are 260 chapters in the New Testament which means if you read one chapter a day for five days each week then you will finish by the end of 2021. We are going to begin this reading plan on January 4th as a church and copies of the plan are available on the Next Steps table. To aid in the study, we will also have a study on Wednesdays at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall where we will talk about the reading from the previous week. John will also be putting some resources on our Facebook page to promote discussion, so make sure you are following us on Facebook and take part in that online discussion.

I have many hopes for 2021, but the greatest among them is that we as the family at Heartland become disciplined in meditating on the Word of God each day. Just as we would not eat one day a week or go to the gym one day a week, we cannot just go to the Word one day a week. God has given us the Holy Spirit so that we can read and study the Word ourselves each day.

John Collins, Discipleship & Family Pastor

How did you do with scripture memory in 2020? Remember way back in January when we memorized Psalm 119:11? "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." This word "store up," referred to things that people hide away as a treasure. This is a key for studying and memorizing God's Word; we must treasure it. God's Word must be valuable to us; it must become an ultimate priority. Otherwise, we will find it difficult to put the work and time into storing it up. In 2020, we memorized scriptures that go along with a Biblical Worldview: Canon, Creator, Curse, Christ, Church, and Coming with two scriptures for each part. Below you can find a recap of all the verses, and you can also find our scripture memory plans on our website or in the church lobby.

January: Canon, Psalm 119:11 / February: Creator, Revelation 4:8 / March: Curse, Romans 3:23-24 / April: Christ, Romans 5:8 / May: Church, Matthew 28:18-20 / June: Coming, 2 Peter 3:9 / July: Canon, 2 Timothy 3:16-17 / August: Creator, Genesis 1:27 / September: Curse, Romans 6:23 / October: Christ, 2 Corinthians 5:21 / November: Church, Hebrews 10:24-25 / December: Coming, John 14:3

Volunteer Schedule

January 3:

Nursery 9:15am: Karen Burleson, Susie

Kreitner & Karen Harris

Nursery 10:30am: Karen Burleson, Susie Kreitner, Karen Harris & Jacque Peipert

Kid's Church: Kendra Collins

January 10:

Nursery 9:15am: Kendra Collins, Charlotte

Long & LeAnn Parish

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

Kid's Church: Sandy Stolze

January 17:

Nursery 9:15am: Jessica Darr, Miranda

Kibbons & Kelli Melton

Nursery 10:30am: Hannah Barnes, Jessica

Darr, Miranda Kibbons & Kelli Melton

Kid's Church: Jackie Parish

January 24:

Nursery 9:15am: Dee Boren, Lisa Pimentel

& Marcia Pruitt

Nursery 10:30am: Dee Boren, Ronda Jolly,

Lisa Pimentel & Marcia Pruitt **Kid's Church**: Kendra Collins

January 31:

Nursery 9:15am: Deacons Nursery 10:30am: Deacons Kid's Church: Family Worship

Sunday Night Impact Groups: Dee Boren & Marcia Pruitt

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

Nursery: 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.

This Month at Heartland

SMALL GROUPS: Sunday mornings at 9:15am. Please meet in your previously assigned room. We are following CDC guidelines about social distancing. Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask. Zoom options are offered for those who don't yet feel comfortable returning.



WORSHIP GATHERING: Sunday mornings at 10:30am. Online worship services will continue. Sermons are available online at https://vimeo.com/hbcalton.

IMPACT CLASSES: Sundays from 5:30—7pm. Impact classes will not meet on January 3.



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.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Sunday, January 10 at 4pm.



WMU: Tuesday, January 12 at 9:30am

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The February newsletter deadline is Thursday, January 14. Please email your announcements to office@hbcalton.com.



CENTRIKID MEETING: Sunday, January 24 immediately following our Worship Gathering. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall.



QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, January 27 at 6:30pm.

DEACONS' MEETING: Sunday, January 31 at 4pm.

GUEST WIFI PASSWORD: humbert4500



OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm. The office will be closed on Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



JANUARY Birthdays

1	Rion Wiles	19	Mary Hyndman
3	Hannah Melton	20	Lee Seal
8	Kathryn Wethington	22	Sue Sumpter
9	Bud Ridder	24	Jonah Parish
12	Susie Kreitner	28	Della Baker
17	Amanda Sherman	29	Donald McNew
18	Madison Collins	30	Charlotte Long
18	Chris Vatole	30	Betty Stearns

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:16

THE NEW TESTAMENT IN A YEAR READING PLAN JANUARY READINGS MATTHEW 1—20 CORNTHANS

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