

# Heartland

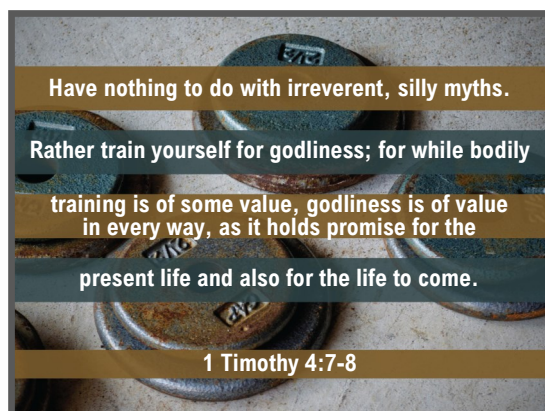
## Baptist Church



### Alex Melton, Senior Pastor

Have you ever been really disciplined to do something and then something else comes up in life? The first couple of the months of this year, I was doing pretty well at going to the gym regularly. It was opened back up and I had found several times during the week to go, then life changed. Beginning in March, our family experienced a big change when Baby D came to live with us, which meant sleepless nights, many "Aww's" at Walmart, and an interruption to my gym discipline. This month is time for a check up on my gym discipline.

As I was thinking about my gym discipline, I was reminded of 1 Timothy 4:7-8 where Paul says to train ourselves for godliness. He recognizes the temporary value of bodily training but commends the eternal value of spiritual discipline. As we turn the corner on the first third of 2021, let each of us do a check in on our spiritual disciplines because training for godliness "is of value in every way."



Some check up questions. Are you meditating on the Scriptures daily? If you need a plan, pick up a copy of the NT reading plan. Are you praying daily? Remember to P.R.A.Y. Are you memorizing Scripture? Grab a Scripture memory card from the Next Steps table. Are you giving? Radical generosity of time, talent, and treasure is a spiritual discipline. Begin taking steps to radical generosity by giving financially and of your time by serving. Are you sharing the Gospel? Pray, care, and share with your ONE.

### John Collins, Pastor of Families & Discipleship



In May, we will work together to serve the Boys and Girls Club of Alton and the students and families they serve. They distribute what they call "birthday in a bag." When a student has a birthday, they give them a gift bag filled with items for them to make a cake and have a birthday party. During May, we will collect items for these bags in the church lobby until May 23, and on that Sunday night, we will work together to assemble these party bags. We want to bless them with as many birthday bags as possible, so please consider donating these items or making a financial contribution to purchase supplies. Here are the items needed: cake mix, icing, cake candles, 9x13 disposable cake pan, party plates and napkins, plastic forks, balloons, party favors and decorations. At Heartland, our values include serving others for the good of the city with radical generosity; thank you for your service and faithfulness.

### 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.

### Volunteer Schedule

#### May 2:

**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

#### May 9:

**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

#### May 16:

**Nursery 9:15am:** Jessica Darr, Miranda Rendleman & Kelli Melton

**Nursery 10:30am:** Hannah Barnes, Jessica Darr, Miranda Rendleman & Kelli Melton

**Kid's Church:** Jackie Parish

#### May 23:

**Nursery 9:15am:** Dee Boren, Lisa Pimentel & Marcia Pruitt

**Nursery 10:30am:** Dee Boren, Ronda Jolly, Lisa Pimentel & Marcia Pruitt

**Kid's Church:** Sandy Stolze

#### May 30:

**Nursery 9:15am:** Deacons

**Nursery 10:30am:** Deacons

**Kid's Church:** Pastor John Collins

### Sunday Night Impact Groups:

Dee Boren & Marcia Pruitt

### Greeters

**May 2:** Jo Joyce, Margaret Cox, Minnie Johnson, Bill & Ethna Joyce

**May 9:** Karen Harris, Ed & Susie Kreitner, Lowell & Betty Porter, Mark & Lyndsey Fromme

**May 16:** Matt & Ronda Jolly, Jim & Joann Cassidy, Mary Remmers

**May 23:** Lonnie & Bev Vatole, Lee & Glennita Seal, Brandon & Miranda Rendleman

**May 30:** Gary & LeAnn Parish, Kendra Collins

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

**Nursery & Greeters:** Pastor John

**Heartland KIDS:** Jackie Parish at 789-2974

## This Month at Heartland

**SMALL GROUPS:** Sunday mornings at 9:15am. 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. We will not have Impact classes on May 9. May 23 will be our last night of Impact and we will be putting together our "birthday in a bag" party bags for the Boys and Girls Club of Alton.

**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.

**PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE GROUPS:** Groups will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30pm during the month of May.

**COMMUNITY HOPE CENTER MISSION DAY:** Saturday, May 8 at 8:30am. We do not yet have all the details of what we will be helping with. Some possibilities are carrying boxes of donated items such as clothes or small appliances from cars to a storage area or helping in the warehouse and free store. There will not be any heavy lifting. Please sign up at the Next Steps table.

**THRIVE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** May 9 through June 20. Checks can be made payable to ThriVe Metro East and mailed to them at P.O. Box 157, Godfrey, IL 62035. You may also give securely at [thrivealiveme.org/Give-now/](http://thrivealiveme.org/Give-now/) or by texting GIVE4LIFE to 25827.

**WMU:** Tuesday, May 11 at 9:30am.

**JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** The June newsletter deadline is Thursday, May 13. Please email your announcements to [office@hbcalton.com](mailto:office@hbcalton.com).

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Saturday, May 15 at 1pm at the Olin Winchester Gun Club. This event is for all men age 18 and up. You can bring your own shotgun but you must purchase and use their rounds. The cost is \$15 for 25 rounds. Please sign up at the Next Steps table.

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION:** Sunday, May 16. Please contact Pastor John if you have a graduate that you would like recognized.

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** Sunday, May 16 at 4pm.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER:** Sunday, May 23 during our Worship Gathering.

**DEACONS' MEETING:** Sunday, May 30 at 4pm.

**GUEST WIFI PASSWORD:** humbert4500

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday—Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm. The office will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

REVELATIONS  
CORINTHIANS  
ROMANS  
MATTHEW  
LUKE  
ACTS  
1 PETER  
2 PETER  
JAMES  
JUDAS  
HEBREWS  
TITUS

# THE NEW TESTAMENT IN A YEAR READING PLAN

## MAY READINGS

JOHN 18-21  
ACTS 1-17

2 CORINTHIANS  
TITUS

## RADICAL GENEROSITY SPOTLIGHT

Each month we want to spotlight where your radical generosity of your treasures goes. Sometimes we put the envelope in the box, give online, or set up recurring giving, then do not think about the ministry that is being done with those gifts.

This month our spotlight is on the Cooperative Program (CP). The CP is what it means to be Southern Baptist as this program is what unites 46,000+ like-minded autonomous churches together. When you give financially, 6.5% of your gift immediately goes to the Cooperative Program that along with the CP gifts of other SBC churches funds missions in our state, country, and across the world. The CP funds college ministry across Illinois through the IBSA. The CP fund church planting in major cities across the US and Canada through NAMB. The CP funds the third largest disaster relief organization (Send Relief) in America. The CP funds the ERLC that stands for life and religious liberty in Washington DC. The CP funds the six SBC seminaries and enables pastors and missionaries to receive an affordable education. The CP funds missionaries all across the world through the IMB as they reach unreached people groups with the Gospel so that they don't have to come home and raise support.

Consider this month how you can be radically generous with your time, talents, and treasures.

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**"But you will receive power  
when the Holy Spirit has come  
upon you, and you will be my  
witnesses in Jerusalem and in all  
Judea and Samaria, and to the  
end of the earth."  
Acts 1:8**

## MAY Birthdays

9	Matt Jolly	19	Alex Melton
10	Lisa Pimentel	20	Ryder Richardson
11	Minnie Johnson	23	Rosa Lee Well
13	Chris West	25	Sandra Stolze
14	Mitch Parrish	26	Thelma Ray
17	Les Bowles	31	Daniel Parish

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