

Heartland

Baptist Church



Alex Melton, Senior Pastor

"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:1-3

The last words of verse 3 have been heavy on my heart since coming to Heartland over two years ago. As we look at the world, we see division and fighting almost everywhere we turn. Division is one of Satan's greatest weapons and this is the reason for Paul's strong words to the Ephesian church and to us. In order to "maintain the unity of the Spirit" it takes work and intentional effort by the united people. As Christians in America, Satan is intent on bringing the divisions of the culture into the church and we must make every effort to fight against that attack. Certainly, there are several sources of division in our world, but one of the pressing ones that I have seen over the past couple months has to do with COVID-19 and how we can protect others and ourselves. As masks, vaccines, and the virus itself have become politicized, we must make every effort to not allow masks, vaccines, and COVID-19 to become a source of division within the body.

In our church, like in America, there are a spectrum of opinions about the topic at hand. As I talked to one brother this week, we need to learn again to give each other a break. At "Discover Heartland" we say "In essential beliefs we have unity. In non-essentials we have liberty. In all beliefs we have charity." Masks and vaccines are non-essentials, people have freedom to believe what they want and practice what they want. Since there is freedom there, we need to approach one another with love and charity when we agree or disagree. If someone wants to wear a mask, that is a great decision for them. If someone doesn't want to wear a mask, that is a great decision for them. If someone wants to get a vaccine, that is a great decision for them. If someone doesn't want to get a vaccine, that is a great decision for them. Let's give each other the benefit of the doubt and respect the freedom that we all have to make the best decision according to our beliefs. Let us maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and give honor and respect to every member of the Body.

John Collins, Pastor of Families & Discipleship

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, but I wanted to take the opportunity to appreciate you. Our family loves being at Heartland, and I love serving with you. We feel the love and enjoy all the time we get to spend with each of you. Also in October is Trunk or Treat. This year, it will be Sunday, October 31 from 3-5pm. Every year, we welcome hundreds to our campus, and we get to love our community and serve families. We are always thankful for all who come out and set up trunks, hand out candy, and serve in other ways. We also know that some are unable to serve in these ways, but you bring candy in, invite others, and pray. We ask all to consider how they can serve and ask all to pray: pray for the weather, for the preparation, and for all those that will come. We pray that God draws people to Himself and to His church.

Logan Staley, Pastor of Music

A theologian once said, "The best, most perfect way that we have of expressing a sweet concord of mind to each other is by music." He is saying that the best way that we as believers can express our unity in Christ is by singing to each other. This is the way we should approach all of our weekly gatherings.

Singing expresses an emotion you have about something that is greater than just stating mere words. When we sing we are moved by wonderful truths that impact us. As believers we have so much that we could sing about, and God has given us the gift of worship to be able to build each other up in our faith each week. Knowing that you have other people that believe the same thing you do and want to express that in song is an extremely powerful thing.

When we gather each week at Heartland we aren't just singing songs as part of tradition. We sing songs because it is the only way that we know how to convey the wonderful things that Christ has done for us in the Gospel. When you sing on Sunday look around at the brothers and sisters around you and sing to them! Remind them of the grace that we have in Christ. This is one great reason that God has given us worship.

Volunteer Schedule

Greeters

October 3: Jo Joyce, Minnie Johnson, Margaret Cox

October 10: Karen Harris, Ed & Susie Kreitner, Lowell and Betty Porter

October 17: Gary Parish, Pat Farley, Bill & Ethna Joyce

October 24: Lonnie & Bev Vatoles, Miranda & Brandon Rendleman, Lee & Glennita Seal

October 31: Kendra Collins, Kim Dick, Matt & Ronda Jolly

Nursery & Kid's Church

October 3:

Nursery 9:15am: Karen Burleson, Karen Harris

Nursery 10:30am: Jacque Peipert, Karol Hazelwonder, Susie Kreitner, Karen Burleson

Kid's Church: Kendra Collins

October 10:

Nursery 9:15am: Kendra Collins, Megan Hart

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

Kid's Church: Jackie Parish

October 17:

Nursery 9:15am: Jessica Darr, Miranda Rendleman

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

Kid's Church: Sandy Stolze

October 24:

Nursery 9:15am: Dinah Pimentel, Robin Shawback

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

Kid's Church: Jackie Parish

October 31:

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

OCTOBER READINGS

1 TIMOTHY 5—6

2 TIMOTHY 1—4

TITUS 1—3

PHILEMON

HEBREWS 1—11

This Month at Heartland

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

IMPACT CLASSES: Impact classes (men, women, youth and kids) Sundays from 5:30-7pm. Childcare is available for babies. Impact classes will not meet on October 17 & 31.

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.

SHEPHERDING A CHILD'S HEART: On Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30, Pastor Alex is leading us through a study of Tedd Tripp's "Shepherding a Child's Heart". Jesus says in Luke 6:45 "Out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks." All of the things we think, do, and speak come from the heart. In raising children, we are often focused on correcting behavior rather than shepherding, or leading, their heart. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, want kids eventually, or are involved in raising someone else's kids, this study will help us focus on shepherding the hearts of children of any age into the paths of life that honor Jesus.

COMMUNITY HOPE CENTER FOOD DRIVE: The ladies of the WMU are sponsoring a food drive for the Community Hope Center during the month of October. A blue barrel can be found in the foyer along with a list of their most needed items. Thank you for helping to feed those in need in our community!

CHURCH COUNCIL: Sunday, October 3 at 4pm.

HEARTLAND WOMEN'S CRAFT -N- REFRESH: Saturday, October 9 at 10am - Ladies, it's that time again. Hope you can join us for a crafting getaway day. It is held 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.

WMU: Tuesday, October 12 at 9:30am. All women are invited to join us!

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The November newsletter deadline is Thursday, October 14. Please email your announcements to office@hbcalton.com.

PASTOR APPRECIATION & CHILI COOK-OFF: Sunday, October 17. Please stay after our Worship Gathering to have chili and honor Pastor Alex, Pastor John, and Pastor Logan with cards, letters and gifts. The chili cook-off is a men only competition. Ladies will be asked to judge. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. The chili will be judged on color, aroma, heat and taste. Please sign up at the Next Steps table if you would like to participate in the chili cook-off. There is also a sign up sheet for those planning on attending so we are able to plan for drinks, etc.

STEWARDSHIP MEETING: Monday, October 18 at 6:30pm.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Friday, October 22 at 6pm here at Heartland. Please sign up at the Next Steps table. More information is coming soon!

DEACONS' MEETING: Sunday, October 24 at 4pm.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Sunday, October 31 from 3-5pm. Come join us for our annual Trunk or Treat! Please sign up at the Next Steps table to host a trunk. A bin for candy donations can be found next to the kid's check-in desk in the foyer.

GUEST WIFI PASSWORD: humbert4500

OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm. The office will be closed on Monday, October 11 in observance of Columbus Day.

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Almost two years ago with \$270,000 in debt, we said as a church that we wanted to shed every weight that held us back from running the race set before us. One massive weight was the weight of debt and now 21 months later we have a sprint to the finish line with \$18,000 remaining. Over the past two years, some have given over and beyond their tithe monthly or with one time gifts and those acts of radical generosity have positioned us to finish the race well. With the finish line in view, I am asking each family to pray about how you can give above and beyond your tithe in October to help burn the note and shed the weight of debt.

On October 17 during the service, we are going to pass the offering plates for the first time since March 2020 and all gifts placed in the offering plates will be given to pay off our debt. On that Sunday we ask you to give your normal tithes and offerings in the boxes by the doors as you have done for months. Being debt-free will position Heartland for greater ministry in 2022.

Some people have asked how can I give toward paying off the debt. Each week you can give by writing "Stewardship" or "Debt" on the memo line of a check or the offering envelope that you place in the box. You can give online at hbcalton.com/give where you can choose "Stewardship" from a list of accounts for your gift. Lastly, on October 17, place your gift in the offering plate as it is passed during the service.

OCTOBER

Birthdays

1	Juan Lingow	14	Herman Gansz
1	Kelli Melton	19	Jackie Parish
3	Ella West	24	Brooke Wilson
6	Maud Dean Ewing	25	Barbara Ross
8	Ronda Jolly	26	Charlie Livesay
13	Ethna Joyce	28	Rylynn Wiles
13	Shirley Stearns	30	Janice Ridder
14	Jim Cassidy	31	Grayson Barnes

October 2021

"For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, November 17 at 6:30pm.

THANKSGIVING MEAL: Sunday, November 21.

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