

Heartland

Baptist Church



Alex Melton, Senior Pastor

Philippians 4:15–17 "And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit."

The Apostle Paul had a deep love for the Philippian church because of their partnership in the Gospel ministry. He writes in 2 Corinthians how they and others in the Macedonian church gave generously to support the Jerusalem church and Paul's ministry. It is a beautiful picture of the partnership between believers, how we give to support Gospel ministry, and the goal of our giving. Paul says he does not seek the financial gift, but he "seeks the fruit that increases to your credit." Paul's goal is the Gospel fruit, that is people ministered to and disciples made, which comes through the ministry supported by the Philippians' gifts.

As we look to the next fiscal year for Heartland, we partner together as members of the Heartland family, not to seek more financial gifts, but to see Gospel fruit increase among our neighbors and the nations. This happens through the radical generosity of God's people who worship the Lord and minister to others through Heartland Baptist Church. It is these gifts that go to fund children and youth ministries, support international missionaries and North American church planters, provide pastors for our church, pay for utilities, and so much more.

In light of this, I want to ask every member and regular attender to do three things this April:

1. Pray for our Stewardship Team as they prepare a budget for FY 2024-25.
2. Review the proposed budget when it is distributed in late April.
3. Give generously and regularly to support the church's budget as we seek to accomplish our vision to make disciples among our neighbors and the nations. As we consider our stewardship as a corporate body of believers, we should each individually consider our personal giving to the local church.

As we say at Heartland, "Every disciple makes a plan to be radically generous with the local church."

Logan Staley, Pastor of Worship & Students

Spring is here, and I am so excited! The warmer weather brings people outside and brings a warmth to the hustle and bustle of life. One of the things that I am excited about for this Spring is the Discipleship Weekend that we will be doing April 12-14 with Calvary Baptist Church. Wade Dobson and I have worked together to plan an exciting weekend for our students where they will grow in their walk with Jesus and in their fellowship with each other! They will be staying at host homes on Friday and Saturday night and be led in single gender smaller group discussion which will provide some great opportunities to be real and grow closer to God. The cost will be \$35 per student and will include bowling and meals for the weekend. If you would like to help out contact me and I can find a place to plug you in! Right now we might need some people who would be willing to carpool the students from place to place or the care team will be providing a meal if you would like to help with that. This is a great opportunity to invest in the next generation at Heartland.

This Month at Heartland

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE: 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.

Volunteer Schedule

Greeters

- April 7:** Lee & Glennita Seal
- April 14:** Brandon & Miranda Rendleman
- April 21:** David & Karen Hickerson
- April 28:** Pat Farley, Jo Joyce, Tawni Price

Nursery & Kid's Church

- April 7:**
- Nursery 9:15am:** Hannah Barnes, Kelli Melton
- Nursery 10:30am:** Anna Drury, Robin Shawback, Susie Kreitner, Cami Crane
- Kid's Church:** Sandy Stolze

- April 14:**
- Nursery 9:15am:** Hannah Barnes, Megan Hart
- Nursery 10:30am:** Karen Harris, Karen Hickerson, Karol Hazelwonder, Alliy Huggins
- Kid's Church:** Pam Barry

- April 21:**
- Nursery 9:15am:** Hannah Barnes, Kayla Staley
- Nursery 10:30am:** Carole Fredrick, Karen Burleson, Marsha Anderson, Evie Vatole
- Kid's Church:** Candace Stutz

- April 28:**
- Nursery 9:15am:** Hannah Barnes, Miranda Rendleman
- Nursery 10:30am:** LeAnn Parish, Nate Hart, Ronda Jolly, Rylee Hart
- Kid's Church:** Jackie Parish

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

- Nursery & Greeters:** Pastor Logan
- Kid's Church:** Jackie Parish at 618-789-2974



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 either contact the church office at 618-462-1276 or Ted Burleson at 618-462-3032.

IMPACT GROUPS: Impact Groups meet on Sunday nights from 5:30-7. We have groups for all ages. Our men meet in Room 39 and are focusing on our three-year Bible meditation plan. Our women meet in Room 48 and are going through the Bible study Abide by Jen Wilkin. Heartland Students (6th—12th grade) meet in Room 31 and our kids (PreK—5th grade) meet in the Children’s Wing. Childcare is available in our Children’s Wing for babies (age 0-2). Please enter the church through Door “A” (the office door) on Sunday nights. **The last night of Impact is April 28.**

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.

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

GREAT COMMISSION TEAM MEETING: Thursday, April 4 at 6:30pm.

THRIVE DINNER EXPERIENCE: Our mission partner, ThriVe Metro East, will have their annual ThriVe Dinner Experience on Friday, April 5 at 6pm at Lewis & Clark Community College Commons. Please contact Kelli Melton at 941-685-0762, if you are interested in attending.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM MEETING: Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30pm.

WOMEN’S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU): All ladies are invited to the Women’s Missionary Union (WMU) meeting on April 10 at 6:30pm. Potluck dinner followed by our regular meeting. Theme: Be Faithful In Prayer.

YOUTH EVENT—DNow: April 12—14. This is an exciting weekend for our students where they will grow in their walk with Jesus and in their fellowship with each other! They will be staying at host homes on Friday and Saturday night and be led in single gender smaller group discussion which will provide some great opportunities to be real and grow closer to God. The cost will be \$35 per student and will include bowling and meals for the weekend. Please contact Pastor Logan if you are interested in helping out with car pooling or assisting the care team with a meal for this weekend.

DISCOVER HEARTLAND: Sunday, April 14 from Noon—1:30pm. This is a free lunch for all interested in learning about Heartland and ways to be more involved. Please sign up at the Next Steps table.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Sunday, April 14 at 4pm.

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The May newsletter deadline is Monday, April 15. Please email your announcements to office@hbcaltan.com.

VBS MEETING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS: We will have our first VBS meeting of the year immediately following our Worship Gathering on Sunday, April 21. A light lunch will be provided. Bring your ideas and come join us at Breaker Rock Beach!

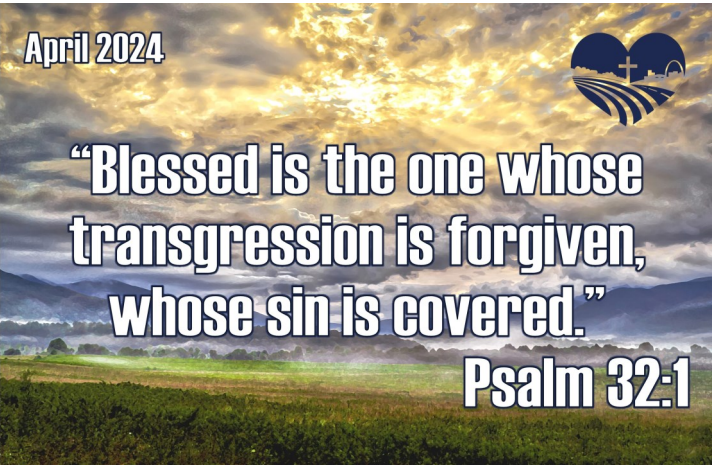
DEACONS’ MEETING: Tuesday, April 23 at 8:45am.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30pm. We will be discussing the 2024/25 budget.

PRIORITY WOMEN’S CONFERENCE: Ladies, the IBSA Priority Women’s conference will be Friday, April 26—Saturday, April 27 in Springfield, IL. You can find the registration information for the conference as well as hotel information at this link: <https://www.ibsa.org/ministries/women/priority> There will also be a Thursday night dinner meet up for our Heartland group, please see Ronda Jolly for details.

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING: Sunday, April 28 at 10:30am. We will be voting on the 2024/25 budget.

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



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| 3 | Leona Barnett | 13 | Sadie Perkins |
| 3 | Bridget Perkins | 14 | Gary Parish |
| 7 | Denise Krone | 25 | Michael Boren |
| 11 | Kate Wilson | | |

COMING UP IN MAY

CHURCH PICNIC
Sunday, May 5

PARENT CHILD COMMISSIONING
Sunday, May 12

ROCK GATE BLOCK PARTY
Saturday, May 18

GRADUATE RECOGNITION
Sunday, May 19

CULTIVATE
Friday, May 31 at 6:30pm

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