

Heartland

Baptist Church



Alex Melton, Senior Pastor

"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching." 1 Timothy 5:17

This August, we have the privilege as a church to do one of those really hard, but joyful things we do in commitment to being a Kingdom-minded church and that is sending out one of our own to serve in another field. For 4.5 years, Heartland has embraced Pastor Logan from a recent college graduate and more importantly a newly ordained pastor at Heartland. As he has grown in the gifts and skills that God has given him through the Holy Spirit, Logan has been faithful to shepherd well by caring for people, discipling new believers, leading us in Gospel-centered worship, making an impact in the Next Generation with our 6-12th graders, and preaching the Word to the students and on Sunday mornings. Through all of this, God has given growth to the Gospel seeds planted through the ministry that Heartland has taken part in. For all of these reasons, we send out Pastor Logan to continue to make a Gospel impact among college students as he has done here.

As we look toward August 10th with that mixture of joy for God's will to be carried out and the Kingdom to grow, while with sadness that a family loved by Heartland will be missed, we want to be faithful to pray for Pastor Logan, Kayla, and Owen as they prepare for their transition to Cookeville. Pray for all the logistics of this move be taken care of by the Lord's providential hand. Pray for Pastor Logan as he jumps into a new ministry, getting to know leaders, and immediately starting a critical season in college ministry with Fall semester starting. Additionally, we will have a time on August 10th to show "double honor" to Pastor Logan for his faithful shepherding over the past 4.5 years.

August is also a time for prayer for the continued ministry at Heartland. As I have said since my first Sunday at Heartland on August 18, 2019, this is Christ's church and it is built on him, not on any pastor, myself or any other man. We will have announcements soon about leadership in the interim, so pray for the leaders that the Lord has set apart for this season. Also pray for the Personnel Committee and me as we begin to pray about future additions to our Pastoral Team. God has designed the church to be led by a plurality of pastor-elders, so we must pray like Timothy and Titus did when Paul sent them to establish pastor-elders in Ephesus and Crete respectively. It is in these seasons especially that we draw near to the Lord in confidence because Christ intercedes before the Father for us. It is not a season to run from the Lord and the ministry He has done at Heartland, but a season to run to the Lord believing that He has new and great plans for Heartland as well as Pastor Logan.

Logan Staley, Pastor of Worship & Students

Heartland,

Thank you for the way that you have invested in me and my family over the past 4.5 years that we have been here. I didn't know what to expect with my first pastoral job, but you all have been a delight to pastor and do ministry with. I can help but be thankful to God for sending me to Alton/Godfrey for ministry. This area needs the Gospel taken into its community and Heartland has been placed to do just that. The number one thing that I have seen be successful in reaching this area in my time here has been through the faithful witness of our members to their family and friends. You might think that you have to go turn over rocks to share the Gospel with people, but there are family members and friends that God has placed right where you are in order to reach them with the Good News of Jesus. When I moved here I saw God work through me for the first time to move someone to faith in Christ. It was a revelatory moment for me reminding me that the power lies not with us but in the Gospel that we have been given to steward. It is my prayer that you all will continue in faithful Gospel ministry here in this area as you send me out to reach college students and young adults in Cookeville, TN. Pray for me and my family as we embark on this new adventure and that God will grant us success with open hearts for the Gospel.

We love you all dearly,  
Logan Staley

Volunteer Schedule

Greeters

August 3:

Connectors: Nate Hart, Robin Shawback

Door Greeters: Pat Farley, Jo Joyce

August 10:

Connectors: David Ollenbittle, Karen Harris

Door Greeters: Brandon & Miranda Rendleman

August 17:

Connectors: Ben Huggins, Alliy Huggins

Door Greeters: David & Karen Hickerson

August 24:

Connectors: Sam Ollenbittle, Susie Kreitner

Door Greeters: Glennita Seal, Margaret Cox

August 31:

Connectors: David Ollenbittle, Miranda Rendleman

Door Greeters: Robin Shawback, Aiden Brooks-McGowen

Nursery & Kid's Church

August 3:

Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Kayla Staley

Nursery 10:30am: Marsha Anderson, Hannah Cline, Susie Kreitner, Bekah Melton

Kid's Church: Sandy Stolze, Jack Ollenbittle

August 10:

Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Anna Drury

Nursery 10:30am: Kim Collins, Hannah Pedersen, LuEllen Job, Evie Vatole

Kid's Church: Jackie Parish, Davis Bertels

August 17:

Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Megan Hart

Nursery 10:30am: Karen Harris, Carole Fredrick, Sam Ollenbittle, Davis Bertels

Kid's Church: Candace Stutz, Jack Ollenbittle

August 24:

Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Kelli Melton

Nursery 10:30am: Lisa Pedersen, Ronda Jolly, Miranda Rendleman, Rylee Hart

Kid's Church: Pam Barry, Paula Zugmaier

August 31:

Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, LeAnn Parish

Nursery 10:30am: Ben Huggins, Chad Stutz, Ted Burleson, Matt Jolly, Juan Lingow

Kid's Church: Sandy Stolze, Jack Ollenbittle

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.

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. Sermons are available online at <https://vimeo.com/hbcalton>. Our Worship Gathering is livestreamed on our Facebook page.

**IMPACT GROUPS:** Impact Groups resume on Sunday, August 17 from 5:30-7pm. We have groups for all ages. Our Men meet in Room 39 and our Women meet in Room 48. Heartland Students (6th-12th grade) meet in Room 31, and 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. **Impact Groups will not meet on August 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. **Lunch & Prayer with the Pastors will not meet on August 6.**

**VBS—MAGNIFIED!** August 3-7 from 6-8pm. Kids will be encouraged to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God! They will do all of this through an engaging time in Bible study, singing and dancing in music, fun games in recreation, and using their own creativity in crafts. VBS is open all kids 4 years old (must turn 4 by 9/1/25) through completed 5th grade. Please pre-register at [hbcalton.com/vbs](http://hbcalton.com/vbs).

**YOUTH VBS AT HEARTLAND: August 4-7—Four Days of Food, Fun, and Faith!** Join us for an unforgettable Youth VBS experience, designed just for students! Each day from Noon-3pm, we will kick things off with **great food**, dive into **truth from God's Word**, and then head into a **fun-filled activity** you won't want to miss — from **bowling** and **swimming** to **board games** and an epic **slip and slide!**

**POOLS FOR SCHOOLS:** We will be collecting dry erase markers, #2 wood-cased pencils, and Kleenex for North Elementary and Alton High School through August 10. Please place your donations in the kiddie pools, which are located in the church lobby.

**FAMILY NIGHT AT GLAZEBROOK PARK BALL FIELDS:** Summer is winding down. School starts soon. As we ready to close the book on Summer Break, join us at Glazebrook Park Ball Fields from 4-6pm on August 10 for a night of fun as a church family. We will play kickball, Spikeball, and other games. If games are not your thing, enjoy a treat and hanging out with the Heartland family.

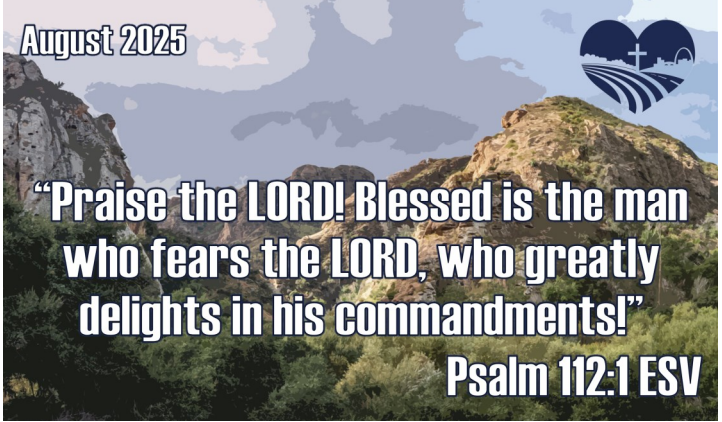
**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU):** All ladies are welcome to attend WMU on Wednesday, August 13 at 6:30pm.

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** Sunday, August 17 at 4pm.

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** The September newsletter deadline is Monday, August 18. Please email your announcements to [office@hbcalton.com](mailto:office@hbcalton.com).

**DEACONS' MEETING:** Monday, August 25 at 6pm.


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



**AUGUST Birthdays**

2	Paulette Hydrick	17	Savannah Cline
2	Tom Hydrick	22	Bennett Essy
3	Jeanie Gansz	22	Harold Wallace
5	Avery Pedersen	23	Michael Harris
5	Evie Pedersen	23	Roux Stutz
5	Peter Pedersen	23	Augie Westbrook
9	Linda Moore	25	Madelyn Adams
10	Rick Boren	25	McKenna Adams
12	Ella Tanksley	27	JJ King
14	Amy Vatoles	27	Milla Tarkington
16	Barb Laslie	29	Bruce Anderson
16	Janet Moore	29	Mitchell Manns





**AHG PRICELESS**  
Matthew 13:45-46

**AHG PARENT INFORMATION MEETING**  
August 18 here at Heartland  
New Families—6pm  
Returning Families—7:15pm  
Questions? See Miranda Rendleman

**COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER**

**MEN'S EVENT - OLIN SHOOTING RANGE**  
Saturday, September 6 at 1pm

**WOMEN'S EVENT—CULTIVATE**  
Saturday, September 20 from 11am-1pm

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