

Heartland

Baptist Church



Alex Melton, Senior Pastor

"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." Ephesians 4:15-16

The desire of Christ for the church is that each of us would grow in the maturity of the faith. Paul helps us see in Ephesians 4 that growth is a community effort where we speak the truth in love to one another and help one another grow in the faith. Certainly we desire to do that through the songs we sing and the Scriptures preached in worship, but the opportunity to speak the truth in love to one another and find the depth of community is not primarily found in worship.

For this reason, we have small groups at 9:15am and 5:30pm on Sundays. As we embark into 2023, we need to recognize the importance of community to our spiritual growth and prioritize time in small groups where we can form deep relationships that others speak the truth in love, serve one another, and commit to pray for one another. As I think back on my spiritual growth, I can think of people that God has put in my life through small groups. These brothers and sisters helped me understand the Scriptures, brought us meals when we had our children, prayed for us when trials came, and shared many laughs and joys. My desire for Heartland is that each of us would experience those kinds of relationships and that happens in small groups. If you are not in a small group, take a look on our website or at one of the "Small Group" cards on the Next Step table today. Try a couple different groups and find community with people at Heartland who help you grow in the faith and in love.

Logan Staley, Pastor of Worship & Students

Well, it is already February so hopefully you all are still sticking to your New Year's resolutions, and if you fell off the wagon already it is not too late to hop back on! I pray that you are still on the reading plan that we started in January and have found it helpful to your soul. It is never too late to just jump in and join us where we are at.

One thing that we have started this year is doing weekly announcement videos that recap the sermon on Sunday as well as give upcoming events that you would like to know. As long as Alex and I are both in the office on Monday those should come out every Monday on our Facebook page. This will be a great tool to help you reflect on the word from Sunday and find more ways to be involved at Heartland! I pray that this year will continue to be a year of growth for you all as you seek God through his Word!

Make sure to join us for our Super Bowl party on Sunday night February 12. We will have food and fellowship that night starting at about 5pm, you won't want to miss this fun time! (Even if you don't like football!!!!)

SOUTH ASIA PRAISES/PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pastor Suraj has started two new house churches, even as he grieves for the passing of his mother-in-law. Pray for peace for his family and continued growth of the new disciples.
- We have three teams and one 16-day volunteer coming in the next four weeks. Pray that we will find supernatural energy, and that we may lead people to those harvest fields that are ripe for harvest.
- Pray that we can finish strong over the next few months as we split time between partners and between cities, say goodbye to Hayley, prepare for Stateside, and prepare all of our teammates and national partners for seven months without us.
- Pray for Conner to be approved for the J-man program so he can join our team in Kolkata.

Volunteer Schedule

**Greeters**  
**February 5:** David & Karen Hickerson

**February 12:** Bev Vatole & Margaret Cox

**February 19:** Gary Parish & Brandon and Miranda Rendleman

**February 26:** Pat Farley, Jo Joyce & Robin Shawback

**Nursery & Kid's Church**  
**February 5:**  
**Nursery 9:15am:** Hannah Barnes, Megan Hart  
**Nursery 10:30am:** LeAnn Parish, Karol Hazelwonder, Karen Harris, Karen Burleson  
**Kid's Church:** Jackie Parish

**February 12:**  
**Nursery 9:15am:** Hannah Barnes, Miranda Rendleman  
**Nursery 10:30am:** Carole Fredrick, Anna Drury, Marsha Anderson, Alliy Huggins  
**Kid's Church:** Pam Barry

**February 19:**  
**Nursery 9:15am:** Hannah Barnes, Kelli Melton  
**Nursery 10:30am:** Susie Kreitner, Karen Hickerson, Rylee Hart  
**Kid's Church:** Sandy Stolze

**February 26:**  
**Nursery 9:15am:** Hannah Barnes, Jacque Peipert  
**Nursery 10:30am:** Ronda Jolly, Nate Hart, Stephanie Warren, Lisa Pimentel  
**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 contact the church office at 618-462-1276 or Ted Burleson at 618-462-3032.

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 GROUPS:** Sundays from 5:30-7pm. We have groups for all ages. Our men meet in Room 39 and our women meet in Room 48 and are both focusing on our three-year Bible meditation plan. 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. **Impact Groups will not meet on February 12.**

**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.

**CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE MEETING:** Monday, February 6 at 3:30pm.

**STEWARDSHIP TEAM MEETING:** Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30pm.

**WMU (WOMEN’S MISSIONARY UNION):** Our next meeting is on Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30pm. All ladies are welcome to come and see what WMU is all about. If you have any questions, please see Robin Shawback.

**WOMEN’S MINISTRY EVENT—GET TO KNOW YOU OVER FONDUE:** Saturday, February 11 from 11am-1pm. Ladies, come enjoy some fondue, playing games, and getting to know other ladies at Heartland.

**CENTRIKID DEPOSITS DUE:** Any student interested in going to CentriKid camp July 17-21 must have their \$75 deposit paid by Sunday, February 12. Please see Jackie Parish if you have any questions.

**CENTRIKID FUNDRAISER:** One of the most foundational times in a child's discipleship is camp. On February 12, each of us has the opportunity to support our Heartland Kids by helping send them to Centrikid Camps this summer. After worship on the 12th, we will have lunch provided by adults and served by the kids in the gym. It will be a great time to gather as a church to support our kids and practice radical generosity by helping send our kids to camp. Sign up at the Next Steps table to let us know that you are coming.

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** Sunday, February 12 at 4pm.

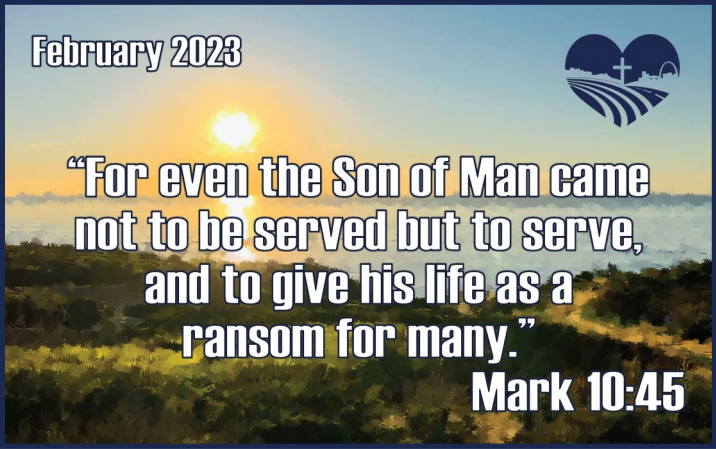
**SUPER BOWL FELLOWSHIP:** Sunday, February 12 at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Please bring your favorite party food to share. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Logan.

**MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** The March newsletter deadline is Wednesday, February 15. Please email your announcements to [office@hbcalton.com](mailto:office@hbcalton.com).

**DEACONS’ MEETING:** Tuesday, February 21 at 8:45am.

**IRON SHARPENS IRON:** Saturday, February 25 from 8:30am-5pm at Concord Church in St. Louis. Men, make plans to attend Iron Sharpens Iron (ISI)! ISI is a yearly conference which equips men to be the spiritual leaders at home, work, and church that our God calls us to be. Just imagine what it would look like for a large group of men to assume and obey the leadership responsibilities commanded in Scripture. Registration this year is \$20 if you sign up by February 12 and the cost includes lunch. If you have any questions, please see Ben Huggins.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday—Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm. The office will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of President’s Day.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jason Cox  
Andrew Simmons  
Chad & Candace Stutz

1 Declan Darr	13 Danny Evans
3 Terry Ahlers	15 Cary Pimentel
5 Novalee Warren	15 Robin Shawback
7 Andrew Simmons	15 Paula Zugmaier
8 Marsha Anderson	16 Jace Adams
9 Bobbi Drotos	19 Addy Essy
10 Floyd Baker	21 Lyndsey Fromme
10 Everett Essy	21 Judah Melton
10 Carole Fredrick	22 Dee Boren
12 Kenny Majors	23 Mark Fromme
12 Bev Vatole	25 Noah Barnes

COMING UP IN MARCH

COMMUNITY HOPE CENTER FOOD DRIVE  
March 1-31

AHG TRIVIA NIGHT  
Saturday, March 4 from 6-9pm

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING  
March 5-12

VBS TRAINING  
SUNDAY, March 19 at Noon

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH  
Sunday, March 26 at 5:30pm

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