# Heartland

# Baptist Church



# Alex Melton, Senior Pastor

"We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done." Psalm 78:4

In the summer of 2000, I went to Mission Fuge in West Palm Beach simply because my youth group from church was going there for camp and many of my friends were going. What I didn't realize was that week would change my life and eternity. During the course of that week in West Palm, I got the chance to serve by painting a house as a part of my mission track, but more importantly I heard the Gospel again and I felt conviction for my sin and was called to trust in Christ for my salvation, not my own good works. This is my story about how God saved me and it is a story like many others who heard the Gospel, repented of sin, and believed in Christ at a summer camp or VBS. This is the story for my oldest two children as they heard the Gospel again at CentriKid and believed in Christ.

God uses the witness of men and women at summer camp and VBS every summer to draw children and youth to faith in Christ. As we look to summer, I ask you to join me in our commitment as a church to live out one of our church's values, to "Impact the next generation with the Gospel." We can join in this sacred mission by doing one or more of the following things.

First, pray for Super Summer, CentriKid, and Vacation Bible School. Our youth, 6-12th graders, will go to Super Summer on June 24-28. Pray for the students to apply what they learn as they are challenged to serve the Lord with their gifts, share their faith, and devote themselves to following Christ. Our kids, 2nd-6th graders, will go to CentriKid on July 14-18. Pray for our kids to grow in a greater understanding of the Gospel as they hear it again and again in worship, Bible study, and tracks. All of our kids will take part in Vacation Bible School on August 3-7. Pray for receptive hearts for the kids and wisdom for the leaders.

Second, you can give towards summer camp and VBS. There will be opportunities throughout the summer to help send a kid to camp, provide a care package, and give supplies for VBS like things needed for crafts.

Third, you can serve. While we have our chaperones for camp, if you would like to serve at VBS please see Jackie Parish.

Lastly, you can send and invite. If you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle, prioritize sending your kids to camp and VBS. Also take the time this summer to invite every kid your family knows to come to VBS. Registration is live so invite someone to VBS and send them to <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jbs.2011/jbs.2011/">https://doi.org/10.1007/jbs.2011/

We are committed to impacting the next generation with the Gospel of Christ so let us work together to arise and tell every child and teenager of the great things that the Lord has done.

# Logan Staley, Pastor of Worship & Students

It is incredible how God will answer prayers for us that will help us in our obedience. For The past eight weeks I have been taking a class on personal evangelism for my Masters at Southern Seminary. One of the reasons I prolonged this class is because I knew that one of the requirements was that you had to share the gospel seven times with people throughout the eight-week class – that seemed like a lot! I prayed from the beginning of the course that God would give me opportunities to share the gospel regularly with people throughout the course of the class and wouldn't you know it, God answered my prayer. A couple of the conversations that I got to have resulted in people wanting to follow the Lord in believer's baptism and some others not so much. Not knowing where my gospel conversations were going to come from I trusted the Lord to provide me with some every week, and every week they have popped up, and I have had opportunity. I share all this not to brag in the slightest to point to the Lord who will answer our prayers and give us opportunities to walk in obedience when we desire to. My challenge to you is to consider the people in your life currently, the lady that always rings you out at the grocery store, the same people you see in your regular walks of life and others that God will bring to mind. Next time you see these people just start a simple conversation asking how you can pray for them or maybe you even say something like, "Jesus has changed my life, would you like to hear how he did that?". It just starts with a simple step of obedience, and God will bless it.

### Volunteer Schedule

## <u>Greeters</u>

June 1: Bev Vatole, Glennita Seal

June 8:

**Connectors:** Nate Hart, Robin Shawback **Door Greeters:** Brandon & Miranda Rendleman

**June 15:** 

**Connectors:** Chad & Candace Stutz **Door Greeters:** David & Karen Hickerson

**June 22:** 

**Connectors:** Ben Hugghins, Pam Barry **Door Greeters:** Pat Farley, Jo Joyce

June 30:

**Connectors:** David Ollenbittle, Susie Kreitner **Door Greeters:** Bev Vatole, Karen Harris

# **Nursery & Kid's Church**

#### June 1:

Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Megan Hart Nursery 10:30am: Karen Hickerson, Candace Stutz, Hannah Cline, Lisa Pedersen, Bekah Melton Kid's Church: Sandy Stolze, Jack Ollenbittle

#### June 8:

Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Anna Drury Nursery 10:30am: Carole Fredrick, Kayla Staley, David Ollenbittle, Hannah Pedersen

Kid's Church: Jackie Parish, Davis Bertels

#### June 15:

Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Kelli Melton Nursery 10:30am: Karen Harris, LeAnn Parish, Marsha Anderson, Sam Ollenbittle, Alliy Hugghins Kid's Church: Candace Stutz, Jack Ollenbittle

#### June 22:

Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Susie Kreitner Nursery 10:30am: Kim Collins, Miranda Rendleman, Nate Hart, Ronda Jolly, Rylee Hart Kid's Church: Pam Barry

#### June 29:

Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Megan Hart Nursery 10:30am: Ted Burleson, Chad Stutz, Ed Kreitner, Nate Hart

Kid's Church: Pam Barry, 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 <a href="https://vimeo.com/hbcalton">https://vimeo.com/hbcalton</a>. Our Worship Gathering is livestreamed on our Facebook page.

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 June 11.

**BAPTISM SUNDAY:** June 1—If you would like to learn more about salvation, or if you have made the decision to follow Jesus and would like to be baptized, please contact Pastor Alex or Pastor Logan.

**PROMOTION SUNDAY:** Promotion Sunday is bittersweet. Transition is tough, for kids and adults, but it's also exciting as it marks a new season. On June 1 during our Worship Gathering the kids that are changing classrooms will be honored.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS TRAINING: Sunday, June 1 at Noon.

**GREAT COMMISSION TEAM MEETING:** Thursday, June 5 at 6:30pm.

ROCK GATE BLOCK PARTY: Saturday, June 7 from 4-6pm here at Heartland. Join us for this opportunity to serve our neighbors. We will have burgers, hot dogs, popcorn, and other treats along with games for people to play. Volunteers are needed to bring different items, serve food, make balloon animals, and supervise games. Please sign up at the Next Steps table.

**SUPER SUMMER PARENT MEETING:** Sunday, June 8 at Noon.

**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU):** All ladies are welcome to attend WMU on Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30pm.

**THRIVE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** This year's ThriVe Baby Bottle Campaign runs through June 15. Please return your full baby bottle on or before Father's Day, June 15. Thank you for your support of ThriVe Metro East!

**JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** The July newsletter deadline is Monday, June 16. Please email your announcements to office@hbcalton.com.

MEN'S EVENT—GATEWAY GRIZZLIES GAME: Men-bring your sons, your grandsons, your nephews, your male friends, to the ballpark on Friday, June 20. The Gateway Grizzlies will be playing the Mississippi Mud Monsters at 6:30pm at Grizzlies Ballpark in Sauget. Please sign up for the outing at the Next Steps table by June 8. Tickets this year are \$5 each. Please contact Ben Hugghins if you have questions.

WMU CHURCH WIDE EVENT—LETTERS TO PERSUCTED BELIEVERS: Saturday June 21 at 9am. WMU will have a letter writing morning to reach out to, encourage, and pray for our Christian brothers and sisters suffering prosecution for their faith. More information will be provided, including the person's name and specific guidelines. Please sign up at the Next Steps table.

**SUPER SUMMER STUDENT LEADERSHIP:** June 24-28. Please see Pastor Logan if you have any questions.

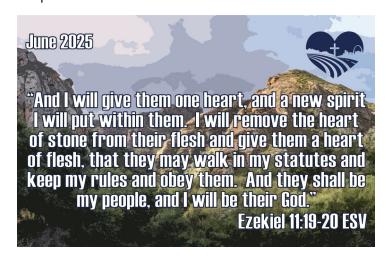
WOMEN'S EVENT—POTLUCK LUNCHEON AT HOMER ADAMS PARK: Ladies, join us for a potluck luncheon on Saturday, June 28 from 11am-1pm at Homer Adams Park under the pavilion. Children are welcome to come and play. Watch for a sign up sheet coming soon.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Sunday, June 29 at 2pm.

**DEACONS' MEETING:** Monday, June 30 at 6pm.

**CENTRIKID CAMP:** July 14—18 at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, MO. CentriKid is for completed 2nd grade through completed 6th grade students. Please see Jackie Parish if you have any questions.

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





- Travis Bertels
- 9 Barb Cole
- 9 Mel Cook
- 12 Tim Pedersen
- 14 Joann Cassidy
- 15 Leo Cole
- 15 Noah Perkins
- 15 Joy Rider

- 17 David Chapman
- 20 Miranda Rendleman
- 21 Gemma Melton
- 28 Brandon Rendleman
- 29 Tammy Boren
- 30 Acea Barnes
- 30 Chad Stutz

# COMING UP IN JULY

WOMEN'S EVENT—CULTIVATE Friday, July 11 at 6pm

**DISCOVER HEARTLAND** Sunday, July 13 from Nonn-1:30pm

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING Wednesday, July 30 at 6:30pm



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