

Heartland Baptist Church



Alex Melton, Senior Pastor

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Hebrews 13:2)

When you describe Heartland, what word would you use? One that you might use is "friendly." We rightly describe ourselves as being a friendly church. Yet the temptation is strong to confuse comfort with hospitality. Most of us are wonderfully warm toward familiar faces. We greet friends, sit beside longtime members, and catch up in the lobby. But biblical hospitality is love extended outward to those we do not yet know. A warm atmosphere for insiders can easily become an invisible wall for guests and newcomers.

Christ modeled radical welcome. He sought out the outsider and those on the fringes, drawing them into fellowship without requiring them to earn a place. When we are friendly only within our established circles, we unintentionally mirror worldly love rather than kingdom love. True church friendliness requires interrupting our comfort. It means scanning the foyer for unfamiliar faces, pausing side-conversations to introduce someone new, and saving seats in the pews so a visitor never stands alone.

I am asking each of us to make a deliberate shift. Before worship, pray for at least one newcomer, then walk over, learn their name, and ask how our church family can serve them. Offer a simple invitation to sit with you or come to lunch with you after worship. When we treat hospitality as a spiritual calling rather than a passing mood, we reflect our Savior's heart. Let us be known not just for how warmly we treat each other, but for how faithfully we welcome the stranger. This is the heart of Christ on display.

Wes Hahn, Pastor of Worship & Families

In Just a few weeks and through the month of June will have a unique worship opportunity nearly 2000 years in the making.

Just over 100 years ago archaeologists discovered a papyrus paper fragment in Oxyrhynchus, Egypt. It had been buried for nearly 1900 years in the sands of this abandoned town. Long story short...many papyri fragments were found containing everything from letters, to legal documents, to shopping lists, to household notes, and even fragments from New Testament books, and even the oldest discovered and known Christian hymn with lyrics and musical notations was uncovered. This fragment is a 12"x2" papyrus paper fragment containing 34 words in Biblical Koine Greek with musical notations for melody and time signature. Then, it was locked away in an Oxford University for decades before it was rediscovered.

Then from 2017-2022 Dr. John Dickson, an Australian pastor, theologian and author, began conceptualizing how to resurrect this song. He recruited Ben Fielding ("What A Beautiful Name") and Chris Tomlin to bring this song alive for the 21st century. The song was debuted in April 2025. Just on YouTube alone the song has nearly 2 million views.

Through God's providence and preservation of this hymn, we can today join our voices with our brothers and sisters in Christ from nearly 2000 years ago in Egypt in worship of our triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit through this ancient hymn.

Come and join us in worship.



Volunteer Schedule

Greeters

June 7:

Connectors: Sam Ollenbittle, Karen Harris

Door Greeters: Jen Haycraft, Glennita Seal

June 14:

Connectors: David Ollenbittle, Susie Kreitner

Door Greeters: Pat Farley, Jo Joyce

June 21:

Connectors: David Ollenbittle, Miranda Rendleman

Door Greeters: David & Karen Hickerson

June 28:

Connectors: David Ollenbittle, Robin Shawback

Door Greeters: Brandon & Miranda Rendleman

Nursery & Kid's Church

June 7:

Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Susie Kreitner

Nursery 10:30am: **ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Miranda Rendleman, Megan Hart, Karen Hickerson, Bekah Melton

Kid's Church: Jack Ollenbittle

June 14:

Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Marsha Anderson

Nursery 10:30am: **ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Karen Harris, Kim Collins, Hannah Cline, Lexi Hart

Kid's Church: Jackie Parish

June 21

Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Anna Drury

Nursery 10:30am: Sam Ollenbittle, LuEllen Job,

LeAnn Parish, Carole Fredrick, Evelyn Vatole

Kid's Church: Pam Barry

June 28:

Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Kelli Melton

Nursery 10:30am: Nate Hart, Ronda Jolly, Lisa

Pedersen, Hannah Pedersen, Rylee Hart

Kid's Church: Jackie Parish

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

Greeters: Church Office

Nursery: LeAnn Parish

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: 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.

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.

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 7 during our Worship Gathering the kids that are changing classrooms will be honored.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU): WMU meets on Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30pm. All ladies interested in national/international missionaries, studying God's word, and doing various outreach projects are welcome to join us.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Sunday, June 14 at 2pm.

JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The July newsletter deadline is Monday, June 15. Please email your announcements to office@hbcalton.com.

SUPER SUMMER STUDENT LEADERSHIP: June 16-20. Please see David Ollenbittle III if you have any questions.

VITALITY WOMEN'S CLINIC BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: This year's Vitality Women's Clinic Baby Bottle Campaign runs through June 21. Please pick up an empty baby bottle and return your full baby bottle on or before Father's Day, June 21. Thank you for your support of Vitality Women's Clinic!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT: Ladies, you are invited to an outdoor women's event at Wood Acres Farms and Flowers on Saturday June 27 from 9:30-11:30am. We will be making pressed flower frames with an option for blending herbal teas. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Next Steps table for specific details about the event and payment, and to sign up. Sign up deadline is Sunday June 14. See Holly Huggins for questions.

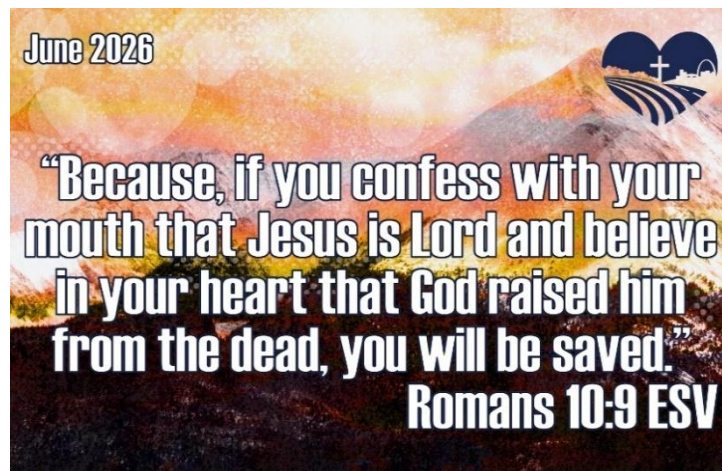
CENTRIKID CAMP: July 13—17 at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, MO. CentriKid is for completed 2nd grade through completed 6th grade students. Please see Jackie Parish if you have any questions.

VBS 2026: We are excited for your child to join us for VBS this summer! August 2-6 from 6-8pm, kids will be challenged to answer Jesus' important question to His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" As they explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals, kids will discover that Jesus is the light who brings hope to a dark world. 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 9/1/26) through completed 5th grade. Please pre-register at hbcalton.com/vbs. Bring a friend and we will see you in August for VBS as we explore "Illumination Station"!



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you have not signed up to receive church announcements via text you are encouraged to do so. Scan the QR code or text "Heartland" to 618-268-7020 to receive church announcements via text.

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



1	Travis Bertels	17	David Chapman
9	Barb Cole	20	Miranda Rendleman
9	Mel Cook	21	Gemma Melton
12	Tim Pedersen	28	Brandon Rendleman
14	Joann Cassidy	29	Tammy Boran
15	Leo Cole	30	Chad Stutz
15	Noah Perkins		

BAPTISMS

Hayley Thomas

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Wes & Sheila Hahn

Andrew Heilman

Hayley Thomas

COMING UP IN JULY

CENTRIKID CAMP
July 13-17

POOLS FOR SCHOOLS
July 26 – August 9



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