

Heartland

Baptist Church



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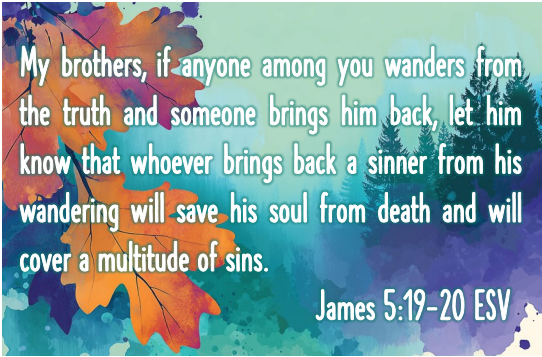
"My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins." James 5:19-20

45% of self-identified Christians in America have not attended church in the past six months. Does this shock you? I know it shocked me when I read it, but experientially I know it to be true when talking with people in our community. This was the stat released by the American Bible Society in "2025 State of the Bible". As we have seen in the "Ekklesia" sermon series, the church is not simply a place we go, but a people we are meant to be a part of. The reality is almost half of self-identified Christians are missing out on the blessing of the biblical community that God has called them to.

On September 21st, churches across America are joining together for "Back to Church Sunday" for a day of outreach inviting people to find biblical community at a local church around them. The theme for this year is "Life Is Better Together". Life truly is better together because God has designed us to know Him and be known by others who loved the Lord too. In a world that is connected more than it has ever been, people are more alone and isolated than they have ever been and this is not the way God desires for us to live. In Christ, we are united to Him and to one another.

As we look to September 21st, think about who you know that is not connected to the church. It may be someone who is not a believer yet. Invite them to church with you. It may be someone who is new to the city and is looking for a church. Invite them to church with you. It may be someone you've noticed has been become disconnected. Invite them to church with you. Most people are very receptive to an invitation to church.

With an increasing openness to conversations about God and truth since the realization of generations that ideologies pushed by the culture have not answered the questions in people's souls, let us embrace this opportunity for ministry and outreach. Invite someone to join you on September 21st and then don't stop there, but invite people back to church each week.



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/hbcaltan>. Our Worship Gathering is livestreamed on our Facebook page.

IMPACT GROUPS: Impact Groups meet on Sunday nights from 5:30-7. We have groups for all ages. Our Men meet in Room 39. Our Women meet in Room 48 and going through a Bible study called The Way of Wisdom, A study on the book of Proverbs. The cost for the study is \$15. 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.

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.

Volunteer Schedule

- Greeters**
September 7:
Connectors: Karen Harris, Samuel Ollenbittle
Door Greeters: Pat Farley, Jo Joyce
- September 14:**
Connectors: David Ollenbittle, Susie Kreitner
Door Greeters: Bev Vatoles, Margaret Cox
- September 21:**
Connectors: Alliy Huggins, Miranda Rendleman
Door Greeters: David & Karen Hickerson
- September 28:**
Connectors: David Ollenbittle, Robin Shawback
Door Greeters: Brandon & Miranda Rendleman

- Nursery & Kid's Church**
September 7:
Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Susie Kreitner
Nursery 10:30am: Miranda Rendleman, Megan Hart, Hannah Cline, Savannah Cline
Kid's Church: Jackie Parish, Jack Ollenbittle

- September 14:**
Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Marsha Anderson
Nursery 10:30am: Carole Fredrick, Kim Collins, Karen Hickerson, Lexi Hart
Kid's Church: Pam Barry, Davis Bertels

- September 21:**
Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Anna Drury
Nursery 10:30am: Sam Ollenbittle, LuEllen Job, Karen Harris, Evelyn Vatoles
Kid's Church: Candace Stutz, Jack Ollenbittle

- September 28:**
Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Kelli Melton
Nursery 10:30am: Ronda Jolly, Lisa Pedersen, Hannah Pedersen, Rylee Hart
Kid's Church: Sandy Stolze, Paula Zugmaier

For more information or if you would like to volunteer please contact:
Nursery & Greeters: Church Office
Kid's Church: Jackie Parish at 618-789-2974

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We are in the process of updating our monthly Nursery Schedule. If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date for September, please trade with someone and let the church office know. We are in need of additional adult and student volunteers for the Nursery during our Worship Service time. If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering, please sign up at the Next Steps table or contact the church office.

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

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

OLIN SHOOTING RANGE—MEN’S EVENT: September 6 at 1pm, Olin Shooting Range, 600 Powder Mill Rd in East Alton. We will be shooting trap/skeet – pricing is \$18.50/person which includes: shells, targets, tax, and puller. You can bring your own shotgun but you must use range ammunition (leave your shells at home). If you don’t have a shotgun, per Emily at the range, you can rent one and they **will not** charge the gun rental fee, but you will need a photo ID (example: driver’s license or FOID card). The event is open to the men of the church, and their children (male or female), nephews, nieces, and grandchildren 10-years old or older (please use discretion here, these are shotguns, they are loud and potentially deadly). We will NOT be headed to the pistol range *this* trip. Please sign up at the Next Steps Table.

DEACONS’ MEETING: September 8 at 6:30pm.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The October newsletter deadline is Wednesday, September 10. Please email your announcements to office@hbcalton.com.

WOMEN’S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU): All ladies are welcome to attend WMU on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30pm.

YOUTH GAME NIGHT: On Friday, September 12 Heartland Baptist Church will be hosting a Youth Game Night from 6:30 -10pm. Students grades 6-12 are encouraged to come and enjoy food, games, and a Gospel presentation. Please feel free to invite friends!

CHURCH COUNCIL: Sunday, September 14 at 4pm.

CULTIVATE—WOMEN’S EVENT: Ladies, Join us on Saturday September 20 at 11am in the church Fellowship Hall for Cultivate. We will continue our topic on Becoming a Titus 2 Woman. This gathering with include lunch, a time of teaching, fellowship, and prayer. Youth girls are invited to join us! Invite a friend or neighbor. Please see the Next Steps table for the sign up sheet which includes an opportunity to bring items for our Make-your-own-pasta lunch.

GATEWAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING: Monday, September 22 at 6:30pm at Calvary Baptist Church in Edwardsville.

YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE (YEC): All students grades 6-12 are invited to join us at the YEC on October 10-11. The students will get to enjoy fellowship, food, and fun, all while they are taught and equipped to share the gospel with others. Please sign up at the Next Steps table by September 21. The cost per student is \$40. Designate payment on your giving envelope by writing “Youth” on the box labeled “Other” or in the memo line of a check. If making payment online, please choose “Youth” from the list of accounts on the giving page. For more information, please see David Ollenbittle.

MEN’S MINISTRY FALL EVENT: Men, get ready for an axe-throwing, game watching, bonfire having, hamburger/hot dog eating, s’more making good time. We will be having our annual fall men’s event on Friday, October 17 at 6pm out back here at Heartland. Bring your sons, grandsons, friends, nephews, uncles, brothers...we’ll spend some time in Christian fellowship doing some of the things we do best. Please sign up at the Next Steps table by Sunday, October 12.

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

BAPTISMS

Samuel Ollenbittle
Dee Painter
Mark Williams

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Samuel Ollenbittle
Dee Painter
Mark Williams



September
BIRTHDAYS

2	Bree Vatole	14	Ed Ray
5	Becky McGowen	15	Owen Staley
6	Kelsey Adams	16	Jeanne Bowman
9	Linda Chapman	16	Heather Duda
9	Nick Warren	17	Hannah Barnes
9	Sara Wuthrich	17	Karen Burleson
10	Steve Perkins	19	Carol Prater
12	Isaac Hart	20	Lyanna Robertson
12	Nate Hart	21	Hazel Morgan
12	David Ollenbittle	22	Pam Barry
12	Samuel Ollenbittle	23	Drea Vatole
12	Jacob Pedersen	26	Anna Drury
13	Glennita Seal	27	Landen Fulks

COMING UP IN OCTOBER

PASTOR APPRECIATION
CHILI COOK-OFF & DESSERT COMPETITION
October 5 at Noon

YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE (YEC)
October 10-11

MEN’S MINISTRY FALL EVENT
October 17 at 6pm

WOMEN’S MINISTRY FALL EVENT
October 18 at 1pm

TRUNK OR TREAT
October 26 from 3-5pm

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING
October 29 at 6:30pm

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