

# Heartland

# Baptist Church



## Alex Melton, Senior Pastor

Belonging to a local church is far more than having your name on a roll. Scripture calls the redeemed a body (1 Corinthians 12:12-27) and a household (Ephesians 2:19). Members commit to know one another, bear one another's burdens, submit to godly oversight, and together display the grace of King Jesus to our community. When we covenant in membership we say, "These are *my* people, and I will love and labor with them for Christ's glory."

That shared covenant shows up in worship every Lord's Day, in small-group prayer, in casserole-bearing mercy, but also in the sometimes-unheralded work of church business. Budgets, constitutions, and bylaws may feel ordinary, yet they are the trellis that steadies the living vine of ministry. Clear finances allow us to send missionaries, bless our city, and disciple the next generation. Faithful governing documents guard sound doctrine and promote peace should hard questions arise.

For those reasons, I want to encourage *every member* to come to the Quarterly Business Meeting on **Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30pm**. We will:

1. Review the proposed Annual Budget from the Stewardship Committee for the coming fiscal year before our vote on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>
2. Discuss the proposed revisions to the Constitution & Bylaws from the Constitution & Bylaws Committee aimed at greater biblical faithfulness, clarity on leadership, and legal protection for the church.
3. Rejoice in ministry updates and pray for God's continued favor.

Your voice and vote matter. By attending you practice good stewardship, encourage your leaders, and help ensure our church remains a faithful lighthouse in this generation and the next. Mark your calendar, pray for wisdom, and we'll see you on April 29!

## Wes Hahn, Pastor of Worship & Families

28 days, 4 weeks, basically 1 month, about 672 hours and approximately 1/12 of a year. Seems much longer than that. And I mean that in a super good and fantastic kinda way! That's how long Sheila and I have now been at Heartland. And, again, we just want to say thanks for everyone's warm and loving reception into the family!

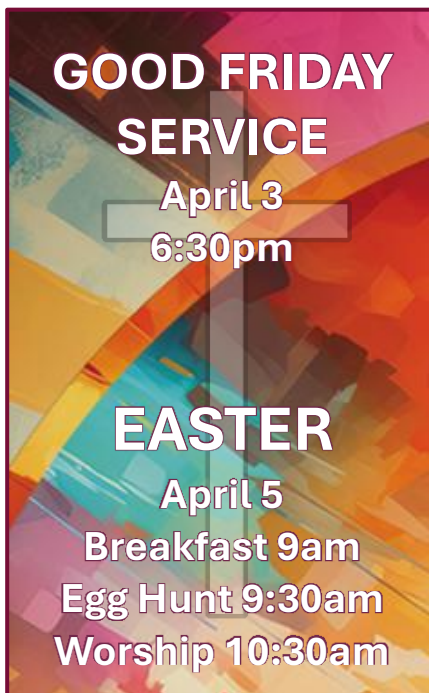
Just a couple of things...

1. We are in the Easter Season and I hope you are looking forward to special times of worship and fellowship. Even more so I hope you are praying for your "Who's My One" and for God to bring at least one more person to Sunday morning worship who was not here last week.

2. Invite a friend, co-worker, family, neighbors, anyone you can find to be here at some or all of the special times of worship and fellowship between now and Easter: Palm Sunday Worship — Good Friday Evening Worship Service — Easter Morning 9AM Family Fellowship Breakfast — 930AM Easter Egg Hunt — 1030AM Resurrection Sunday Morning Worship.

3. Don't forget Annie! — Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Church Goal: \$2500.00. Give as God leads you to give generously!

4. Do you have the gift, talent and proficiency in music as a singer or a musician? Do you feel God leading you to help in the worship ministries at Heartland? See me and let's have a little chit chat and see if there is a place for you to add to our Heartland worship experience.



## Volunteer Schedule

### Greeters

**April 5:**

**Connectors:** David Ollenbittle, Robin Shawback  
**Door Greeters:** Jen Haycraft, Miranda Rendleman

**April 12:**

**Connectors:** Sam Ollenbittle, Karen Harris  
**Door Greeters:** Glennita Seal, Jen Haycraft

**April 19:**

**Connectors:** David Ollenbittle, Susie Kreitner  
**Door Greeters:** Brandon & Miranda Rendleman

**April 26:**

**Connectors:** David Ollenbittle, Miranda Rendleman  
**Door Greeters:** David & Karen Hickerson

### Nursery & Kid's Church

**April 5:**

**Nursery 9:15am:** Hannah Barnes, Susie Kreitner  
**Nursery 10:30am:** **ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**  
Miranda Rendleman, Megan Hart, Karen Hickerson, Bekah Melton  
**Kid's Church:** Jackie Parish

**April 12:**

**Nursery 9:15am:** Hannah Barnes, Marsha Anderson  
**Nursery 10:30am:** **ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**  
Karen Harris, Kim Collins, Hannah Cline, Lexi Hart  
**Kid's Church:** Sandy Stolze

**April 19:**

**Nursery 9:15am:** Hannah Barnes, Anna Drury  
**Nursery 10:30am:** Sam Ollenbittle, LuEllen Job, LeAnn Parish, Carole Fredrick, Evelyn Vatile  
**Kid's Church:** Jack Ollenbittle

**April 26:**

**Nursery 9:15am:** Hannah Barnes, Kelli Melton  
**Nursery 10:30am:** Nate Hart, Ronda Jolly, Lisa Pedersen, Hannah Pedersen, Rylee Hart  
**Kid's Church:** Pam Barry

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

**Greeters:** David Ollenbittle III

**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 Burses 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. **Small Groups will not meet on April 5.**

**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 are doing a study of Galatians called "Live Free". 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 April 5. The last night for Impact Groups is April 26.**

**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.

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING:** The WMU invites you to join in praying and giving to support North American Missions. Pray for God's leading as we are radically generous in giving toward our \$2,500 goal. One hundred percent of the funds given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering go directly to meet the needs of missionaries throughout North America. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering runs through April 5.

**COMMUNITY HOPE CENTER FOOD DRIVE:** The ladies of the WMU are sponsoring a food drive for the Community Hope Center April 5-26. A blue barrel can be found in the lobby along with a list of their most needed items. Thank you for helping to feed those in need in our community!

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** Friday, April 3 at 6:30pm. This will be a family worship service with no childcare available.

**EASTER SUNDAY AT HEARTLAND:** April 5—On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at 10:30am with worship and a return to the Gospel of John. Breakfast (pancakes and eggs) will be served at 9am in the Fellowship Hall with Easter egg hunts to follow at 9:30am. We will have opportunities for pictures with your family in the lobby. More than all of that, Easter is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus which proclaims salvation from sin and death is found in Jesus Christ alone. Invite someone to join you this Easter. **Small Groups and Impact Groups will not meet on Easter.**

**YOUTH WORK DAY:** Saturday, April 11 from 9am-Noon. We are going to clean up in and around the barn at church. We have a big closet, shelves, storage areas and the barn, in general, that we want to clean out and organize so that we know what we have and have a general clean up. We will not have youth in any elevated or dangerous places. We will have them doing tasks on the ground. We appreciate all of the help that we can get to help keep our property in good shape

**DISCOVER HEARTLAND:** Sunday, April 12 from Noon—1:30pm. This is a free lunch for all interested in learning about Heartland and ways to be more involved. Please sign up at the Next Steps table.

**CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS TOWN HALL:** Sunday, April 12 from 3-5pm. Constitution & Bylaws Committee will speak more to the proposed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws, answer questions, and receive any additional feedback. If you have a question, it would be helpful for you to submit those in advance to Pastor Alex so that we can compile a list of frequently asked questions.

**MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** The May newsletter deadline is Monday, April 13. Please email your announcements to [office@hbcalton.com](mailto:office@hbcalton.com).

**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU):** WMU meets on Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30pm. All ladies interested in national/international missionaries, studying God's word, and doing various outreach projects are welcome to join us.

**PRIORITY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2026:** Friday, April 24—Saturday, April 25. There are three locations this year. Ronda Jolly will be helping out and staying at the Troy location. Go to <https://www.ibsa.org/ministries/women/priority> for more details and to sign up. There will be time at March Cultivate set aside to help ladies register. If you need a roommate, ride, or have another question about Priority, please see Ronda Jolly.

**VBS TRAINING:** Sunday, April 26 from Noon-1pm. A light lunch will be provided. VBS will be held August 2-6. Please sign up at the Next Step table if you would like to volunteer for VBS. Bring your ideas and come join us for Illumination Station!

**DEACONS' MEETING:** Monday, April 27 at 6pm.

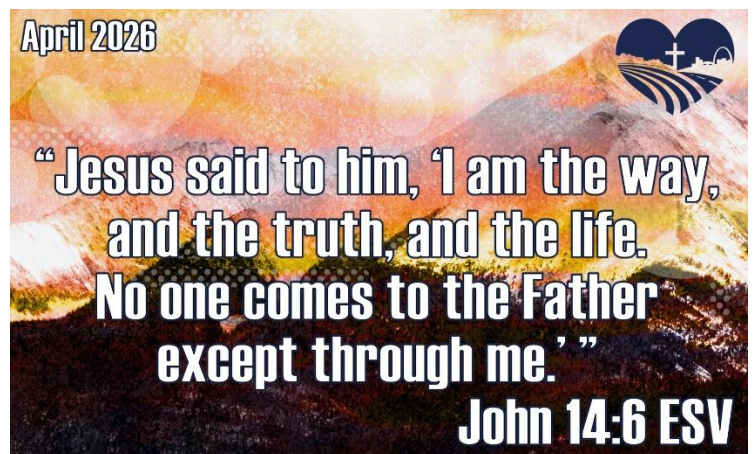
**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30pm.

**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.



**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.



### April Birthdays

2	Bill Joyce	13	Sadie Perkins
3	Leona Barnett	14	Gary Parish
3	Bridget Perkins	17	Sara Lingow
4	Jack Ollenbittle	25	Michael Boren
7	Grace Young		

### COMING UP IN MAY

**SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING**  
Sunday, May 3 at 10:30am

**CHURCH PICNIC**  
Sunday, May 3 at Noon

**CULTIVATE – WOMEN'S MINISTRY**  
Saturday, May 9 from 11am-1pm

**PARENT & CHILD COMMISSIONING**  
Sunday, May 10 during our Worship Gathering

**VITALITY WOMEN'S CLINIC BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**  
Sunday, May 10 – Sunday, June 21

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION**  
Sunday, May 17 during our Worship Gathering

**NEXT GEN MINISTRY TRAINING**  
Sunday, May 17 at Noon

**SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING**  
Sunday, May 31 at Noon

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