

# Heartland

## Baptist Church



### Alex Melton, Senior Pastor

"For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do." Hebrews 6:10

One of the great gifts of serving as a pastor at Heartland is to serve with gifted people in our various ministries. As we dive into February, I was struck by this verse in Hebrews 6 and how the Lord sees and rewards faithful service. A great example of this is our Worship & Tech teams who show great love for the name of the Lord as they serve the saints by leading us in worship through song each week. Instrumental in that has been Ben Huggins as he stepped up to lead the worship team after the Lord called Pastor Logan to Tennessee. Ben has given himself each week to praying through what songs that the church should sing together and then leading the band through practice.

We are blessed with a great team of musicians with Candace and Ronda on piano, Hunter on guitar, Peter on bass, and Aiden on drums who provide an awesome musical foundation as we proclaim the praises of our Christ our King. Mike, Alliy, and Paulette along with Ben guide us as we sing together. Often unseen, but making sure it is all work are our guys on the soundboard and slides: Chris, Charlie, Steve, and Damon. Week after week you tune instruments, untangle cables, troubleshoot glitches, and—most importantly—aim every note and pixel toward the praise of Jesus. Your labor turns an ordinary worship center into a throne room where hearts are lifted and the gospel rings clear.

Hebrews 6:11 continues, "We desire each of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end." We echo that prayer for you: may the Spirit keep fueling your earnest love so that confidence in Christ, not applause, sustains you. Church family, let's follow their example—serving gladly, arriving early, staying late, and pouring ourselves out for the joy of others and the honor of our King.

On behalf of elders, staff, and every soul encouraged by Sunday's worship: "Thank you!" God is not unjust; He will never overlook what you do for His name.

### 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.

**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 will be continuing a Bible study called "More Than Enough", a study on 2 Corinthians by Christine Hoover. 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 February 8.**

**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

##### **February 1:**

**Connectors:** Karen Harris, Sam Ollenbittle

**Door Greeters:** Pat Farley, Jo Joyce

##### **February 8:**

**Connectors:** David Ollenbittle, Susie Kreitner

**Door Greeters:** **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

##### **February 15:**

**Connectors:** David Ollenbittle, Miranda Rendleman

**Door Greeters:** Glennita Seal, **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

##### **February 22:**

**Connectors:** David Ollenbittle, Robin Shawback

**Door Greeters:** Brandon & Miranda Rendleman

### Nursery & Kid's Church

#### **February 1:**

**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, Jack Ollenbittle

#### **February 8:**

**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, Davis Bertels

#### **February 15:**

**Nursery 9:15am:** Hannah Barnes, Anna Drury

**Nursery 10:30am:** Sam Ollenbittle, LuEllen Job, LeAnn Parish, Carole Fredrick, Evelyn Vatole

**Kid's Church:** Paula Zugmaier, Jackie Parish

#### **February 22:**

**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, Jack Ollenbittle

**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



## This Month at Heartland

**MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** The March newsletter deadline is Monday, February 9. Please email your announcements to [office@hbcalton.com](mailto:office@hbcalton.com).

**DEACON ELECTIONS:** On Sunday, February 1 we will be voting on three Deacons in training, Ben Huggins, Matt Jolly, and Chad Stutz, to elect them to become our newest Deacons. We will be voting by written ballot.

**YOUTH PARENT MEETING:** On Sunday February 1 right after service we will be having a Youth Parent meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served as David Ollenbittle goes over details regarding upcoming events in the Youth Ministry. Details and plans for Discipleship Now and Super Summer will be discussed.

**CENTRIKID FUNDRAISER LUNCH:** One of the most foundational times in a child's discipleship is camp. On Sunday, February 8, each of us has the opportunity to support our Heartland Kids by helping send them to CentriKid Camps this summer. After worship on the 8th, 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. Please sign up at the Next Steps table to let us know that you are coming.

**SUPER BOWL FELLOWSHIP:** Sunday, February 8 at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Please bring your favorite party food to share.

**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU):** WMU meets on Wednesday, February 11 at 6:30pm. All ladies interested in national/international missionaries, studying God's word, and doing various outreach projects are welcome to join us.

**GREAT COMMISSION COMMITTEE MEETING:** Thursday, February 12 at 6:30pm.

**DEACONS' MEETING:** Monday, February 23 at 6pm.

**CULTIVATE—WOMEN'S MINISTRY:** Ladies, Join us on Friday February 27 from 6-8pm to enjoy soups & salads for dinner, a time of teaching on spiritual gifts, and prayer. Please sign up at the Next Steps table and plan to bring food to share. Invite a friend or neighbor to join us!

**IRON SHARPENS IRON—MEN'S MINISTRY:** The 2026 Iron Sharpens Iron Conference is on Saturday, March 7 from 8:30am-4:55pm at Concord Baptist Church in St. Louis. This is the same venue where it has been held for the past three years. The speakers for this year are Kyle Reno and Jeff Voth. The web address for the STL conference is <https://rpfm.org/stl/>. In order to get discounted pricing, we need at least ten men to sign up. Please sign up at the Next Steps table by February 22. The cost this year is \$25. If you have any questions, please see Ben Huggins.

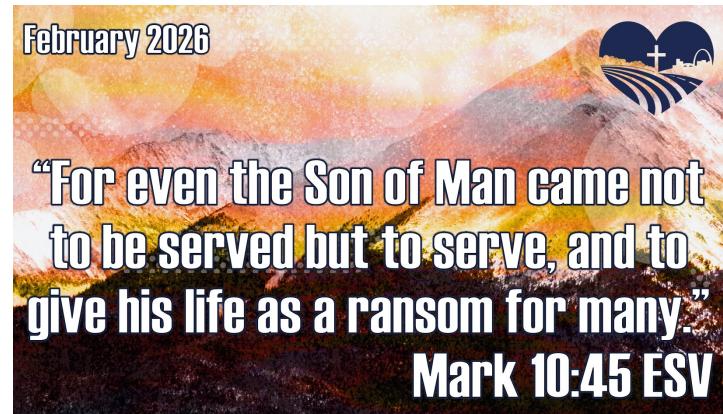
**AHG TRIVIA FUNDRAISER:** Save the date! The AHG Trivia Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 14 from 6-8:30pm in the gym here at Heartland. This is a cash only event. The cost is \$20 per person or \$100 for a table of six. Doors will open at 5:30pm. Please sign up at the Next Steps table. If you have any questions, please see Miranda Rendleman.

**WINTER WEATHER:** Everyone is encouraged to use their own discretion in deciding whether or not they will attend services during inclement weather. If you feel weather conditions are not safe because of ice, snow, or temperature, please exercise caution in making a decision about whether or not to come for a church service or activity. In the event church services are canceled, closing information will be announced on WBGZ radio, KTVI Channel 2, sent via text and email, and posted on our Facebook page.



**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. The church office will be closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of President's Day.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jennifer Haycraft  
Jimmie & Margaret Witt



5	Novalee Warren	15	Cary Pimentel
6	Shannon Bertels	15	Robin Shawback
7	Andrew Simmons	15	Paula Zugmaier
8	Marsha Anderson	21	Judah Melton
10	Floyd Baker	22	Dee Boren
10	Carole Fredrick	25	Noah Barnes
12	Bev Vatole	28	Finley Bertels
13	Danny Evans		

## COMING UP IN MARCH

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG WEEK OF PRAYER:** March 1-8

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING**  
March 1—April 5

**IRON SHARPENS IRON—MEN'S MINISTRY**  
Saturday, March 7 from 8:30am-4:55pm

**AHG TRIVIA FUNDRAISER**  
Saturday, March 14 from 6-8:30pm

**CULTIVATE—WOMEN'S MINISTRY**  
Saturday, March 21 from 11am-1pm

**EASTER PRAYER WALK AND INVITE**  
Sunday, March 22 from 4-7pm

**DISCIPLE NOW—YOUTH EVENT:** March 27-29

## Church Staff

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