

# Heartland

## Baptist Church



### Alex Melton, Senior Pastor

1 Peter 5:1-3 "So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock."

January is always an exciting month in our lives as a new year starts and we consider all the Lord has for us in the new year. The same is true in the life of the church. The mission does not change, we are still committed to being faithful to the Scriptures and making disciples. Part of our faithfulness to Christ and the Scriptures is to call qualified men to "shepherd the flock of God". Speaking to the elders of the churches across Asia, Peter instructs them to faithfully shepherd the local church given to them by exercising oversight as examples to the flock. On January 18th, we will have the opportunity as a church to consider and vote on the call of another qualified man to serve as a pastor at Heartland.

Over the past couple months, the Personnel Committee has reviewed resumes and questionnaires, conducted interviews, and prayed to seek the Lord's will for an addition to the vocational pastors of Heartland. Through that process, God has led us to one man to serve as the Pastor of Worship & Families. We believe the calling of this man to help shepherd Heartland will be a blessing to the church and help lead us to reach our neighbors and the nations.

I want to invite you to join us for a couple events in January as we look to the calling of a new pastor. On January 11th at 4pm, we will have a town hall meeting where the Personnel Committee will share information about the candidate, talk about the process, and answer questions. On January 17th from 9-11am, we will have a meet and greet time where you can meet the candidate and hear his heart for worship and family ministries. Then on January 18th, he will lead the singing portion of our worship service and there will be a vote by the church members at the conclusion of the service about whether to call him as a pastor to serve in this role.

I am excited to see what the Lord has in store for Heartland in 2026. May we ever be faithful to Christ and the teachings of the Scriptures.

### 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 resume on January 11.**

**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

##### **January 4:**

**Connectors:** Karen Harris, Sam Ollenbittle

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

##### **January 11:**

**Connectors:** David Ollenbittle, Susie Kreitner

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

##### **January 18:**

**Connectors:** David Ollenbittle, Miranda Rendleman

**Door Greeters:** David & Karen Hickerson

##### **January 25:**

**Connectors:** David Ollenbittle, Robin Shawback

**Door Greeters:** Brandon & Miranda Rendleman

### Nursery & Kid's Church

#### **January 4:**

**Nursery 9:15am:** Hannah Barnes, Susie Kreitner

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

Miranda Rendleman, Megan Hart, Karen Hickerson, Ryder Hart

**Kid's Church:** Jackie Parish, Jack Ollenbittle

#### **January 11:**

**Nursery 9:15am:** Hannah Barnes, Marsha Anderson

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

Karen Harris, Kim Collins, Hannah Cline, Savannah Cline

**Kid's Church:** Sandy Stolze, Davis Bertels

#### **January 18:**

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

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

**Kid's Church:** Candace Stutz, Jack Ollenbittle

#### **January 25:**

**Nursery 9:15am:** Hannah Barnes, Kelli Melton

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

Pedersen, Hannah Pedersen, Davis Bertels

**Kid's Church:** Pam Barry, Paula Zugmaier

**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

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY BRUNCH & CRAFT:** Ladies, Join us for a women's event on Saturday January 10 from 11am-1pm. We will enjoy a brunch and craft fellowship time. Our time will include a teachable talent on prayer journaling. Sign up at the Next Steps table and plan to bring a brunch item to share.

**DISCOVER HEARTLAND:** Sunday, January 11 from Noon—1:30pm. This is a free lunch for anyone interested in learning about Heartland and ways to be more involved. Please sign up at the Next Steps table.

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** Sunday, January 11 at 3pm.

**PASTOR OF WORSHIP & FAMILIES TOWN HALL MEETING:** Sunday, January 11 at 4pm. The Personnel Committee will share information about the candidate, talk about the process, and answer questions.

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** The February newsletter deadline is Monday, January 12. Please email your announcements to [office@hbcalton.com](mailto:office@hbcalton.com).

**DEACONS' MEETING:** Monday, January 12 at 6pm.

**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU):** All women are invited to attend WMU meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. We will learn about missionaries and do service projects to show God's love locally, nationally and internationally. Please join us on Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30pm. Please contact Robin Shawback for more information.

**PASTOR OF WORSHIP & FAMILIES MEET AND GREET:** Saturday, January 17 from 9-11am. Meet our candidate and hear his heart for worship and family ministries.

**PASTOR OF WORSHIP & FAMILIES CALL VOTE:** On Sunday, January 18 our candidate will lead the singing portion of our worship service. At the conclusion of service there will be a vote by the church members about whether to call him as pastor to serve in this role.

**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30pm.

**SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BED BUILD:** On Saturday January 24 from 9am-Noon we will be partnering with the "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" organization to help build beds that will be delivered to people who need them. This is a family event and is an opportunity to serve our community in the name of Christ. For those interested in serving, please sign up at the Next Steps table.

**SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BEDDING DRIVE:** During the two weeks leading up to the Sleep in Heavenly Peace build event, we will be hosting a bedding drive. We will have a bunk bed in the lobby that will be used as a donation bin. Please feel free to bring in new twin size blankets, sheets, pillows etc. and place them in the bunk bed. All items will be given to people in need.

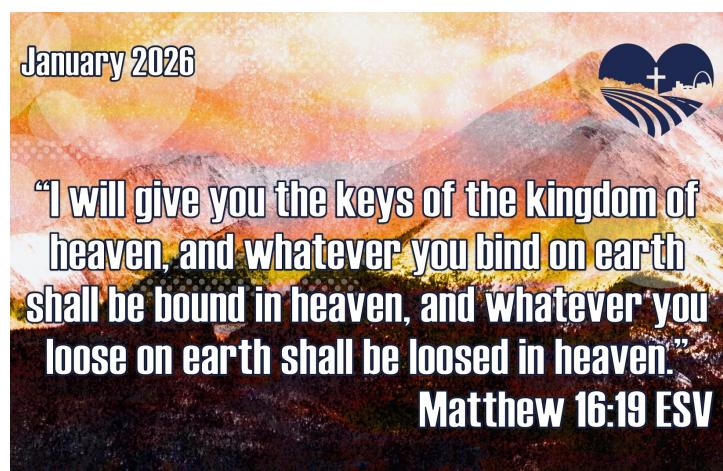
**CENTRIKID CAMP DEPOSIT DUE:** CentriKid Camp will be July 13-17. The \$125 deposit is due by Sunday, January 25. An email will be going out to parents with kids who have finished 2nd-6th grade at the time of camp. Please see Jackie Parish if your child is interested in going to CentriKid Camp.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday—Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm. The church office will be closed on Thursday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day and on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**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 posted on our Facebook page.

## ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM TRIP:

Timmy's Travels out of Carrollton is sponsoring an Ark Encounter & Creation Museum Trip April 12-15. If you are interested in going and would like more information, please see Paula Zugmaier.



3	Hannah Melton	19	Mary Hyndman
4	Megan Hart	20	Ross Prater
9	Henry Ollenbittle	20	Lee Seal
9	T Ollenbittle	20	Rick Tanksley
10	Jason Moore	21	Hannah Pedersen
10	Dee Painter	22	Chris Baalman
12	Susie Kreitner	22	Sue Sumpter
15	Everett Stutz	24	Jonah Parish
18	Freeman Robinson	30	Charlotte Long
18	Chris Vatole	31	Lincoln Stutz

## COMING UP IN FEBRUARY

**SUPER BOWL FELLOWSHIP**  
Sunday, February 8 at 5pm

**Church Staff**  
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