

Heartland

Baptist Church



Alex Melton, Senior Pastor

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'" Revelation 7:9-10

"Until the Great Commission becomes the Great Multitude, we engage in the Great Pursuit." This short statement by Paul Chitwood, the President of the International Mission Board, perfectly encapsulates our vision for missions at Heartland. We have been given the Great Commission by Jesus to make disciples of all nations. We have seen the promise of the Great Multitude gathered around the throne of Christ in Heaven. Now we give our all to the Great Pursuit to go to all the nations and share the Gospel with people of all nations.

The question as we go is what work do we engage in. I believe the IMB summarizes it well with their definition of the "Core Missionary Task" or CMT. The CMT is defined as Entry, Evangelism, Discipleship, Church Planting, Leadership Development, and Exit. Looking to the example of what Paul did in Acts, we see that he entered new places, evangelized by sharing the Gospel, disciplined new Christians by teaching all that Jesus commanded, started new churches, developed leaders for those churches, and then exited the area to begin a new work elsewhere.

This is one of the reasons we have partnered with IMB missionaries in South Asia over the last couple of years. We are committed to reaching those who have not heard the hope of the Gospel and helping start new churches so they can continue to grow as disciples long after we are gone.

As we look to 2026, I want to invite you to consider how you can engage in the Great Pursuit as we long to see the fulfillment of the Great Multitude. One way you can engage in the Great Pursuit is to go to South Asia and work with our partners there. With their upcoming stateside furlough coming in the second half of 2026, we will have two trips in 2026: January/February and April. Matt & Ronda Jolly will lead a trip from January 28-February 7th. I will lead a trip from April 15-25th. The estimated cost of these trips is \$2200-2500. If you are interested in going, please let one of us know soon.

On November 16th, David Hickerson will be sharing at 4:30pm about another ministry opportunity to do among the nations through Living Waters International. Living Waters is focused on helping people get access to clean water through the building of wells and teaching about hygiene.

We will also have an opportunity to engage in the Great Pursuit by helping others go. Beginning on November 30th, we will do a special offering for the HBC Missions Fund. The HBC Missions Fund is used to help Heartland members go to the nations and do work consistent with the Core Missionary Task. On November 30th and continuing on future 5th Sundays, we will pass the offering plates. Everything put in the plates will go to the Missions Fund. Tithes and regular offerings will continue to be placed in the black offering boxes.

In 2026, let us continue to be steadfast in the Great Pursuit until the Great Commission is complete as the Great Multitude gathers around the throne of Christ and sings praises to Him.



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.

Volunteer Schedule

- Greeters**
November 2:
Connectors: Karen Harris, Sam Ollenbittle
Door Greeters: Pat Farley, Jo Joyce
- November 9:**
Connectors: David Ollenbittle, Susie Kreitner
Door Greeters: Bev Vatoles, Margaret Cox
- November 16:**
Connectors: David Ollenbittle, Robin Shawback
Door Greeters: David & Karen Hickerson
- November 23:**
Connectors: David Ollenbittle, Peter Pedersen
Door Greeters: Sam Ollenbittle, Susie Kreitner
- November 30:**
Connectors: David Ollenbittle, Sam Ollenbittle
Door Greeters: Glennita Seal, Robin Shawback

Nursery & Kid's Church

- November 2:**
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
- November 9:**
Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Marsha Anderson
Nursery 10:30am: **ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED***
Karen Harris, Kim Collins, Hannah Cline, Savannah Cline
Kid's Church: Pam Barry, Davis Bertels
- November 16:**
Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Anna Drury
Nursery 10:30am: Sam Ollenbittle, LuEllen Job, LeAnn Parish, Carole Fredrick, Drea Vatoles
Kid's Church: Candace Stutz, Jack Ollenbittle
- November 23:**
Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Kelli Melton
Nursery 10:30am: Nate Hart, Ronda Jolly, Lisa Pedersen, Hannah Pedersen, Davis Bertels
Kid's Church: Sandy Stolze, Paula Zugmaier
- November 30:**
Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Candace Stutz
Nursery 10:30am: Juan Lingow, Nate Hart, Ed Kreitner, Chad Stutz, Rylee Hart
Kid's Church: Jackie Parish, 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

**We are in need of an adult nursery volunteer for each of the first two Sundays of the month during our Worship Service time. Please see LeAnn Parish or contact the church office if you can fill this need.*

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 are going through a Bible study called The Way of Wisdom, A study on the book of Proverbs. 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 November 23 and 30.**

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. **Lunch & Prayer with the Pastors will not meet on November 5 and 26.**

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS: Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 2 at 2am. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 1.

COMMUNITY HOPE CENTER TOY DRIVE: Donations are needed for the Community Hope Center Toy Drive. We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for girls and boys, ages 0-12. Some suggested ideas are dolls, books, puzzles, craft and activity kits, sports equipment, Legos, and room decorations for older children. Toys may be dropped off in the red barrel in the lobby November 2—30. Toys may also be ordered online from Walmart or Amazon and shipped directly to the Community Hope Center. More information on ordering online can be found at the Next Steps table.

MEN'S MINISTRY EVENT—SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE: Heartland Men—On Sunday, November 2 from 1-4pm we will be delivering and setting up beds with the Alton Chapter of Sleep In Heavenly Peace (SHP). Let's help SHP fulfill their mission of NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN! SHP believes that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional and mental support that a child needs. Lunch will be provided here at Heartland after our Worship Gathering. Please sign up at the Next Steps table.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Sunday, November 9 at 4pm.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The December newsletter deadline is Monday, November 10. Please email your announcements to office@hbcalton.com.

DEACONS' MEETING: Monday, November 10 at 6pm.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU): WMU meets on Wednesday, November 12 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 TEAM MEETING: Thursday, November 13 at 6:30pm.

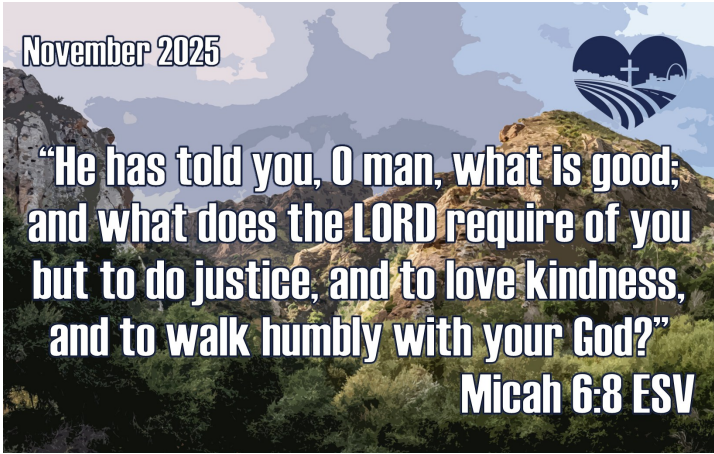
CULTIVATE—WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT: Ladies, Join us on Saturday November 15 at 1pm in the church Fellowship Hall for Cultivate. We will continue our topic on Becoming a Titus 2 Woman. This gathering will include a cornucopia of snacks, a time of teaching, fellowship, and prayer. Youth girls are invited to join us! Invite a friend or neighbor. Please see the Next Steps table for the sign up sheet and snack sign up to share.

LIVING WATER INTERNATIONAL: Are you interested in taking the gospel to the lost while providing clean, safe drinking water to people? Living Water International provides opportunities to send people on mission to do just that. Living Water International (<https://water.cc/trips/>) provides opportunities for people to go to Central America, the

Caribbean, and Africa, including El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Kenya, and Uganda, to drill wells and provide clean water, hygiene education, and most importantly, evangelize. If this kind of mission trip appeals to you, there will be a meeting on November 16 at 4:30pm (prior to Impact) where David Hickerson, who has been on one the trips, will share information about Living Water International and opportunities to go on mission. There will be a sign up sheet on the Next Steps table through November 9.

CHURCH FAMILY THANKSGIVING MEAL: Sunday, November 23 immediately following our Worship Gathering. Sign up sheets can be found at the Next Steps table. Please include how many family members will be attending and sign up to bring 2 or 3 food items. If you are able to help with clean up after the meal there is a separate sign up sheet.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm. The church office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day and on Wednesday and Thursday, November 26 & 27 for Thanksgiving.



4	Crystal Majors	19	Peyton Krone
4	Destiny Wuthrich	20	Jo Joyce
5	Rylee Hart	21	Jack Pruitt
5	Logan Staley	22	Dana Croxford
5	Mark Williams	23	Alyssa Ebert
6	Kim Manns	24	Evie Vatole
7	Richard Morgan	26	LuEllen Job
14	Jayden Drake	27	Michael Croxford
18	Miann King	30	Jessy Cline
19	Bryce Croxford	30	Makaylah Harrington

COMING UP IN DECEMBER

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

November 30—December 7

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

LAST NIGHT OF IMPACT

Sunday, December 14

WORSHIP & PRAYER NIGHT

Sunday, December 21 at 5:30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24 at 4pm

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