

Heartland

Baptist Church



Alex Melton, Senior Pastor

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together... but encouraging one another." (Hebrews 10:24-25, ESV)

In an elder-led congregational church, membership is not a passive status. We actively participate because it is a covenant responsibility. The congregation, under the oversight of our elders, carries real authority: affirming budgets, calling leaders, approving amendments to our bylaws, and guarding the faith once delivered to the saints. That final authority given to the congregation is a stewardship, and stewardship requires showing up.

Under our updated Constitution & Bylaws, we now gather for two regularly scheduled members meetings each year (May & November). These are not bureaucratic formalities. They are family gatherings where the body of Christ exercises shared discernment, hears what the Lord is doing, and commits the future to Him in prayer.

Our next Members Meeting is Sunday, November 8th, immediately following the morning worship gathering. Over lunch together, we will celebrate the Lord's faithfulness over these past months as we saw lives changed, ministries strengthened, and the gospel was shared by people going out from this place. We will also pray together about what lies ahead, seeking God's wisdom for the decisions and opportunities before us.

Here is why I am asking you to be there. First, decisions made without your participation still affect you, your family, and your church. Second, your presence is encouragement to your elders and to one another as a visible sign that we are one body with one mission. Third, your voice matters. Questions asked, concerns raised, and affirmations given all sharpen our shared life together.

Mark your calendar now. Arrange your afternoon, keep your children with you, and plan to stay. Let us gather as a covenant family and celebrate God's grace together on November 8th.

Wes Hahn, Pastor of Worship & Families

First, thank you all so much for the kindness in thoughts, words, cards and gifts for Pastor Appreciation. Sheila and I love you all and appreciate so much that the Lord brought us to HBC Alton. We are looking forward to what the Lord has in store for the church in the coming years and being a part of it.

Second, if you have some talent, skill, desire, gifting in music or you like singing, leading, or playing an instrument would you pray and see if the Lord would have you share those gifts, abilities and desire as a part of the praise team?

Third, as a church member, would you please pray for the Lord to lead someone with talents, gifts, and desire to help by being a part of the praise team.

The praise team in praying in this way. And, we are praying specifically for a drummer, but also additional singers and musicians, too. It would be great if we could have a larger group of church singers and musicians for various reasons like expanded sound by adding other instruments like violin, flute, mandolin, banjo, piano and keyboards, additional lead and harmony singers. It also would benefit the team and church for when people are gone and we have another who can fill that gap.

Lastly, continue to pray for your "Whose Your One?" person(s), the 618 people, and even for God to bring just one more to church the next Sunday morning.

Volunteer Schedule

Greeters

November 1:
Connectors: Ben Huggins, Karen Harris
Door Greeters: Sam Ollenbittle, Glennita Seal

November 8:
Connectors: Ed & Susie Kreitner
Door Greeters: Matt & Ronda Jolly

November 15:
Connectors: Chad Stutz, Miranda Rendleman
Door Greeters: David & Karen Hickerson

November 22:
Connectors: David Ollenbittle, Robin Shawback
Door Greeters: Brandon & Miranda Rendleman

November 29:
Connectors: Mike & Karen Harris
Door Greeters: Matt & Ronda Jolly

Nursery & Kid's Church

November 1:
Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Susie Kreitner
Nursery 10:30am: **ONE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
Miranda Rendleman, Megan Hart, Brytanie Morman, Ryder Hart
Kid's Church: Jackie Parish

November 8:
Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Marsha Anderson
Nursery 10:30am: **ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
Karen Harris, Kim Collins, Hannah Cline, Savannah Cline
Kid's Church: Jack Ollenbittle

November 15:
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

November 22:
Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Kelli Melton
Nursery 10:30am: Nate Hart, Ronda Jolly, Lisa Pedersen, Hannah Pedersen, Davis Bertels
Kid's Church: Shannon Bertels

November 29:
Nursery 9:15am: Hannah Barnes, Candace Stutz
Nursery 10:30am: Nate Hart, Ed Kreitner, Chad Stutz, David Ollenbittle, Rylee Hart
Kid's Church: Sam Ollenbittle, Jackie Parish

For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office or:
Greeters: Matt Jolly
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 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 5:30-7pm. We have groups for all ages. Our Men meet in Rm 39. Our Women meet in Rm 48 and are studying Joshua, by Jen Wilkin. Heartland Students (6th-12th grade) meet in Rm 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 22 and 29.**

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 4, 11 or 25.**

MIDWEEK AT HEARTLAND: Ligonier’s *State of Theology* survey in 2025 revealed deep confusion even among evangelicals about sin, the Holy Spirit, and salvation. That is why every student and adult is invited to Midweek at Heartland for a new study of our church’s confession of faith, the Baptist Faith & Message 2000. For over two decades this statement of faith has summarized what we believe the Bible teaches about God, salvation, the church, and the last things. Whether you are a lifelong church member or just beginning to ask hard questions, join us beginning Wednesday, November 11 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your Bible and let us grow in unity in our shared faith. Childcare will be provided for young children. **Midweek at Heartland will not meet on November 4 or 25.**

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS: Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1 at 2am. Don’t forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, October 31.

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 1—29. Toys may also be ordered online from Target, Walmart or Amazon and shipped directly to the Community Hope Center.

YOUTH GAME NIGHT: Friday, November 6 from 6-10pm. Please see David Ollenbittle III for more information.

REGULAR MEMBERS’ MEETING: Sunday, November 8 immediately following our Worship Gathering. A family lunch will be provided, so keep your kids with you. Please sign up at the Next Steps table so we can plan for lunch.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Thursday, November 12. Please email your announcements to office@hbcalton.com.

WOMEN’S MISSIONARY UNION (WMU): WMU’s next meeting is on Thursday, November 12 at 6:30pm. All ladies interested in national/international missionaries and studying God’s word are welcome to joins us. For more information, please contact Robin Shawback.

WOMEN’S EVENT – CULTIVATE: Ladies, Join us on Saturday Nov 21 from 10:31am-1pm to enjoy lunch, a time of teaching on Stewarding your Spiritual Gifts, and prayer. Please sign up at the Next Steps table. Invite a friend or neighbor to join us!

BARN CLEAN AND ORGANIZE WORK DAY: On Saturday, November 21 from 1-3:30pm the Youth and AHG will join forces to clean up in and around our barn. It needs to be spruced up and taken care of as God has provided us with a wonderful asset. Bring gloves and a broom, if you have one. We need a few adult volunteers as well. Appreciate you all so much!

CHURCH FAMILY THANKSGIVING MEAL: Sunday, November 22 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.

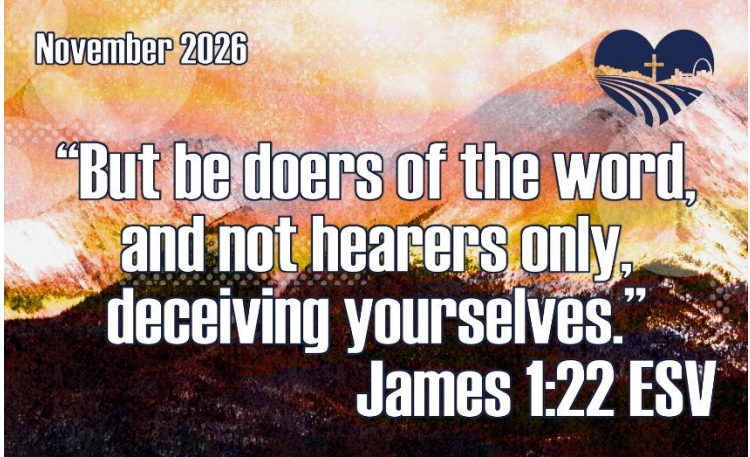
DEACONS’ MEETING: Sunday, November 22 at 2pm.

5th SUNDAY HBC MISSIONS OFFERING: On Sunday, November 29 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 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.



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 Wednesday, November 11 in observance of Veteran’s Day and on Wednesday and Thursday, November 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving.



NOVEMBER Birthdays

5	Rylee Hart	20	Jo Joyce
5	Mark Williams	24	Evie Vatole
6	Kim Manns	26	LuEllen Job
7	Richard Morgan	28	Andrew Heilman
18	Miann King	30	Jessy Cline

COMING UP IN DECEMBER

- WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
November 29—December 6
- LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
- LAST NIGHT OF IMPACT
Sunday, December 13
- WORSHIP & PRAYER NIGHT
Sunday, December 20 at 5:30pm
- CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Thursday, December 24 at 4pm

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