

FROM THE HEART

Featuring the Churches & Events of the Heartland Baptist Association

May 2021

TEXTCASTER

HBA is providing the notification system called TextCaster for the next year for the churches of the association. Each church that plans to utilize TextCaster needs a point person (called a System Administrator) who will add/remove names of members (Subscribers) who will receive that church's text OR email notifications. Please contact Nancy at the office with the name of your church's point person. HBA will also send all pastors notifications via TextCaster. Any church leaders or members who want to receive HBA news or prayer requests may sign up. Here is the link to the TextCaster sign-up page.



A NOTE FROM OUR MODERATOR

During the Semi-Annual meeting at Lathrop, Missouri, on April 18th, 20 of our 24 churches were present and made a unanimous decision. The Heartland Baptist Association voted to begin the search for a part-time Director of Missions. Our search committee worked hard to create job descriptions and job expectations for full-time, part-time and part-time bi-vocational. Following much discussion and minor adjustments in the job description and expectations, approval was given to begin the search. It is exciting to know God already has the man chosen to lead our Association into the future.

A Vacation Bible School clinic was held at Lathrop on April 24th and churches around the association will be planning for VBS this summer. Much work went into the clinic and many hands will be needed this summer at each church to conduct a successful VBS for the children who come out to be a part.

Plans for church camp at Grand Oaks in Chillicothe are in full swing. Packets were handed out for each church at the Semi-Annual meeting. If your church has not received a camp packet, please contact the Associational office.

We are seeing more activities in our associational churches. Unfortunately, one thing that did not slow down was the devil. He did not slow down and may have gained ground as some churches limited services and provided more time for doubt and evil to build. We must always be about our Father's business. In John 4:35 it says, "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

The devil does not rest and neither should we. Ask how you can be of service in your church and be a part of the harvest today!

Blessings,

Aaron F. Manning, Moderator

HBA WEBSITE

Our website has been redesigned. We still need to add information on each area – missions, training, events and camp. Go to www.heartlandba.org.

FROM YOUR SEARCH COMMITTEE

First, a word of thanks to all the messengers at the Semi-Annual meeting. It was heartening to see so many people with a deep interest in the future of the Association. It was also very healthy for us to feel free to share our different opinions and come to a consensus of what the Association wants as we begin the search in earnest for our next DOM.

The committee will meet again the first week of May in preparation for receiving applications for the position of Part-Time Director of Missions. Now is the time for patience as it will take time for the process to unfold. I anticipate that the first deadline for receiving applications will be June 30th. By the July Executive Board Meeting we should have a clearer picture of the interest in the position and the caliber of the applicants.

After the Semi-Annual meeting was over, I realized that we left the question of calling a part-time pastor to serve as our part-time DOM unanswered. Please be in prayer between now and the Executive Board meeting, as that is going to be a decision that may have a real impact on our search.

As always, we covet your prayers as we move into the next phase of this important task for the future of Heartland Baptist Association.

Ronnie Foley, DOM Search Committee Chair

HBA ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Heartland Baptist Association is now accepting applications thru June 30th for a Part-Time Director of Missions. Please contact Ronnie Foley at rfoley@sbuniv.edu or 201 SE Highway 116, Braymer, Mo 64624 to receive instructions on applying for the position.

PASTOR'S BREAKFAST

The May breakfast will be held at FBC, Mosby at 8:00 a.m. on May 15, 2021. Please RSVP with Nancy by Wednesday, May 12th. The address for the church is 23616 2nd Avenue, Mosby, Mo. 64024.



*Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.
Proverbs 31:10*

HEARTLAND VBS CLINIC

Heartland Baptist Association held it's VBS Clinic April 24th, 2021 at Lathrop Baptist Church with 15 attending. The curriculum reviewed was DESTINATION DIG: UNEARTHING THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS.

Sessions were as follows: Overview of Destination Dig; VBS Outside of the Box; How to do a Virtual VBS; Directors; Preschool; Children; and Crafts. Refreshments for VBS were on display and served by Pam Love and her crew. Those leading conferences were as follows: Angela Manning, Alyssa Manning, Emily Wright, and Bev Null.

A special thank you to each of the conference leaders and all that helped decorate including Karen Shonk; to Pam Love, Jane Lacy, and Nancy Glynn for their administration skills used to plan the clinic; and to Lathrop Church for hosting the event.

The Association does have Destination Dig materials to loan out to Associational churches to use for their VBS this year. Call Nancy at the Association to reserve VBS materials.

Bev Null

OFFICE HOURS
9:00 AM til 2:30 PM
Monday thru Thursday

PRAYER REQUESTS
If you have prayer requests that you would like us to send out, please contact the office.



FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

A community food pantry is operating in our associational office and serving around 65 families in the Lawson area. If you would like to volunteer to work at the Lawson Food Pantry, contact Connie Green, 816-516-0838. We are also witnessing to those attending the food pantry. If you would like to volunteer to witness, contact Lynn Rogers 660-352-6738 home or 816-615-9268 mobile.

BIRTHDAYS

5/10	Erin Shelton	Pastor's Daughter	Plattsburg
5/19	Caleb Isaacson	Pastor's Son	Richmond
5/25	Angela Manning	Pastor's Wife	Dockery
5/25	Zachery Shelton	Pastor's Son	Plattsburg

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5/20	Rob & Mary Kinnard	Staff	Richmond
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