

FROM THE HEART

Featuring Events of the Heartland Baptist Association

December 2021

Moment from the Moderator

“It’s Beginning to Look Like Christmas” was the original title of the song sang today, “It’s Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas” written by Meredith Willson and sang by many over the years. Christmas means different things to everyone such as snow sledding with family and friends, caroling, cutting and trimming a tree, watching or attending a lighting ceremony or attending Christmas Eve vespers. Christians know Christmas is about the birth of a baby who would become the Savior of the World. God sent His son to be born and later die for the sins of the world. We celebrate the humble birth of Jesus and how this single life affects each one of us not only here on earth, but for all eternity.

Some would say we have been going through difficult times since the Spring of 2020. Christians will say that we have been going through difficult times since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden. Isaiah 41:10 says, “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.” God knows what each one of us has encountered this past year and would have helped in each situation, but not all allowed him to help.

As we look forward to a new year, do not wait until January 1st or even tomorrow to focus on Christ. Spend your life for Christ . . . He spent His for you. Luke 2:11 tells us that each day is important, but the most important day was Jesus’ birth, “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.”

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Aaron, Angela, Alyssa and Austin

Moderator and Family

OFFICE HOURS

The Associational office is opened Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 2:30 PM. You may call or stop by the office and Nancy, our ministry Assistant, will help you. Aaron Manning is our Associational Moderator, at 816-984-9944.

TEXTCASTER

HBA provides the notification system called TextCaster for the churches of the association. Please contact Nancy at the office to let her know your church wants to start using TextCaster. Here is the link to the TextCaster sign-up page.

From your Search Committee

The DOM Search Committee was unable to bring a unanimous recommendation to the Association concerning the candidate we were considering. We will meet again in January to determine if there are any remaining applicants for the position in which we are interested or if we need to start the process of soliciting resumes again. Please pray for us as we continue to work on behalf of Heartland Baptist Association.

Ronnie Foley, DOM Search Committee Chair

PASTOR'S BREAKFAST

Because of the busy holiday season coming up, there will no Pastor's breakfast for the month of December. We will resume in January.

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.

“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21 KJV

Christmas Program

First Baptist Church of Plattsburg will be having their Christmas Cantata “Everything Glorious” on December the 12th at 9am with the Adult Choir. On December 24th they will a Candlelight Lord's Supper at 5pm and 9pm.

Pastor Retirements

Pray for Brother Ken Gazaway and his wife Melissa as they retire from First Baptist Church of Cameron on December 22nd following their years of faithful service in God's ministry.

Pray for Brother Frank and Diane Ruckert as they retire from First Baptist Church of Osborne following their years of faithful service in God's ministry.

Birthdays

12/6	Joshua Isaacson	Pastor's Son	Richmond
12/8	Gipson Gudde	Staff's Son	Plattsburg
12/13	Willie Isaacson	Pastor	Richmond
12/19	Rob Kinnard	Staff Husband	Richmond
12/25	Joyce Foley	Pastor's Wife	Braymer
12/26	Jackie Dougherty	Staff	Henrietta

Wedding anniversaries

12/29	Tim & Jackie Dougherty	Assoc. Pastor	Henrietta
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