

FROM THE HEART

FEATURING EVENTS OF THE HEARTLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2022

Moment from the Moderator

As a young man in 8th grade, I was introduced to Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). One weekend a year FCA clubs from around the area would meet at William Jewell College in Liberty Missouri. The verse of the weekend was printed on shirts and given to each attendee. Although the shirt would not fit today, the verse for the week will fit for life. “Renewed by His strength” was the phrase for the weekend based on Isaiah 40:30-31 which says, “Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.”

We are all youths in Christ, always learning and growing, transferring from the milk to the meat. Each new year means new year’s resolutions, self-promises for better health and intentions to read the Bible through THIS year. We do not know what tomorrow holds and with the past couple of years that has become more evident than ever. It is important to remember we know who holds tomorrow and when our faith is in Jesus, every day will be the best day. A new year means a new opportunity to start fresh, reading more Bible, praying more prayers, inviting people to church or just spending time with God. The churches of the Heartland Baptist Association will continue to have events as they feel led. The Heartland Baptist Association will continue to support those churches and provide resources as needed. Pray for Trimble, Braymer and Osborn as they search for a shepherd to lead their flocks. Pray for each other that God would strengthen us to be the disciples he needs us to be and that we may be, Renewed by His Strength.”

Happy New Year

Aaron Manning, Moderator

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AND PASTOR’S BREAKFAST

The Executive Board Meeting and the Pastor’s breakfast will be combined in January. The breakfast will be at 8am on January 15th and the meeting will follow at 9:30am at First Baptist Church of Orrick. The address for the church is 301 Adams Street, Orrick, Mo., 64077. We hope to see you there.

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 Text Caster for the churches of the association. Please contact Nancy at the office to let her know your church wants to start using Text Caster. Here is the link to the Text Caster sign-up page.

<https://my.textcaster.com/asa/3036>

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

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

A community food pantry is operating in our associational office and serving around sixty-five 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.

REVELATION 21:4-5 KJV

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

BIRTHDAYS

1/03	Danielle Love	Staff's Daughter	Lathrop
1/10	Craig Shonk	Staff's Son	Braymer
1/17	Donna Sickle	Staff	Dockery
1/21	Josh Foley	Pastor's Son	Braymer
1/22	David Beasley	Staff's Son	Cameron

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1/2	Robert & Sandy Shelton	Pastor	Plattsburg
1/20	Donnie & Lily Quinn	Staff	Lathrop

PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY

1/2010	Lynn Rogers	Pastor	Hickory Grove
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CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Starting in January we will be highlighting a different church each month from within our Association. We would like a little history on your church and things that you do in your church and a picture. Lathrop will start us off for January and we invite each church to send their church history to Nancy at the Associational office, Nancy@heartlandba.org or mail them to 108 West 3rd Street Lawson Missouri 64062.

FBC Lathrop - History

The First Baptist Church of Lathrop has existed as a congregation since the earliest days of Lathrop – all the way back in the mid-1800's! Since our founding, we've moved buildings a couple times, changed pastors many times, and countless members have come and gone. But through it all, we've sought to serve and grow in the Lord. Our mission statement – *knowing Christ and making Christ known* – sums up the core of who we are.

Our vision is that every person would hear the Gospel and experience the surpassing worth of knowing Christ.

FBC Lathrop - Our New Building

FBC Lathrop will soon have a new home.

Our current building was constructed in the years 1914 and 1915. This historic structure in downtown Lathrop is over a hundred years old! It has been modified and added on to over the years, but it has remained our home for over a century. Starting in the early 2000's, however, the groundwork was laid to build a new church. A plot of land was purchased (we call this piece of land the *North Campus*), an outdoor shelter was built, and the long process of raising funds was initiated.

Nearly twenty years later, FBC Lathrop is closer than ever to reaching our goal. Ground was broken in 2019 for the foundation of the new building. In 2020, we hosted numerous teams from Builders for Christ who have constructed the building. We are incredibly excited about this, and we look forward to the day when our services will, at last, be held in the new church that was conceived of a fifth of a century ago.

Now, although we look forward with great anticipation to the day when we will gather together in this new building, we also must realize that the Church is not a place, but rather, a people. Scripture says that wherever two or three are gathered together in the name of Jesus Christ, He is there among them (**Matt. 18:20**). Church goes far beyond a simple building. It is not the walls, nor is it the rooms, the roof, or even the pulpit and pews. Instead, the Church is all of God's children coming together, worshiping Him as one, and growing nearer to Him in love and service.

These things being said, come back often to see the progress of this building which, with God's blessing and grace, will serve as the future home of FBC Lathrop!

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Coming Soon



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