

FROM THE HEART

FEATURING EVENTS OF THE HEARTLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MAY 2022

MOMENT FROM THE MODERATOR

Mothers do so much for their family every day of the year. One day a year we stop to celebrate them for all they do at home, at church and in our communities. May 8th is a day that focuses on our mothers and all they have done to support husbands, children and friends through sad times, tough times, or even impossible times. Some have given their last dollar or the shirt off their back to ensure others did not go without. A few of our churches would not exist if it were not for the constant steadfast faith of mothers laboring in Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, women's missions, and camp.

Those unable to attend our April semi-annual meeting at Hardin First Baptist Church missed God's blessing. Brother Otis Nixdorf brought us a message about not only mothers need to hear, but all believers. We as believers need to be ready to weather the storm and fight the battle that the devil is waging against God's people. Pastor Otis based his lesson on Paul's challenge in his letter to the church of Corinth in 1 Corinthians 15:58,

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Our association is looking to the future as we seek for new leaders as Director of Missions, Moderator and Assistant Moderator. Be assured that this will not affect our Youth Camp in June or Children's camp in July. Both camps are planned, and activities will be ramping up until the first day of camp arrives.

Be steadfast and unmovable, keeping God at the center of your life.

Blessings,

Aaron F. Manning, Moderator

OFFICE HOURS

The Associational office is open 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>

GRAND OAKS CAMPS

KIDS CAMP COMPLETED 3RD – 6TH GRADE, July 22, 23, 24, 25. \$115 total is due by June 24th, 2022, anything after that will have a \$25 late fee. Please make a separate check for **Kids Camp and Youth Camp Life**. The mailing address is: Heartland Baptist Association P.O. Box 478, Lawson, Mo. 64062. How very blessed we are to have such a great legacy that we can continue at Grand Oaks Camp. We are so excited to welcome back Pastor Aaron Manning as our Kid's Camp pastor. This year's theme is "Be the change the world needs." Our focus verse is John 17: 14-16. Kids will learn hands on tools how to "go against the flow" and be the light the world so desperately needs. Please remember it is Heartland's policy to send at least one camp worker per group. This is **CRUCIAL** for the kids' safety and for having a successful camp. Please pray about sharing your talents at camp. We need male and female cabin leaders. I want to make it my mission that every kid that wants to go to camp gets to go! In order to do that we need volunteers to help at camp. You sacrificing four days of your time literally could change a life forever!!! If you are able to help in kids camp or know of any kids wanting to go to camp please let me know.

In Him,

Angela Manning

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“Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.”

Romans 14:19 KJV

BIRTHDAYS

5/10	Erin Wilkerson	Pastor's Daughter	Plattsburg
5/12	Caleb Howell	Staff's Son	Cameron
5/18	Joshua Allen	Staff's Son	Cameron
5/19	Caleb Isaacson	Pastor's Son	Richmond
5/25	Angela Manning	Pastor's Wife	Dockery
5/25	Taylor Allen	Staff's Wife	Cameron
5/25	Zachary Shelton	Pastor's Son	Plattsburg

ANNIVERSARIES

5/16	Kyle & Amber Champion	Staff	Cameron
5/20	Rob & Mary Kinnard	Staff	Richmond

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

A community food pantry is operating in our associational office and serving seventy-four 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.

PASTOR'S BREAKFAST

The location will be determined and TextCaster message will be sent out next week.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Our church highlight this month is First Baptist Church of Richmond. I hope you enjoy their story.

For over 180 years, people of the Baptist faith have been serving the Richmond, Missouri community. Our heritage is rich and we take seriously the ownership of the same call God issued to the initial 23 members of First Baptist Church of Richmond, to reach this community with the love and Good News of Jesus to redeem their souls. While a lot has changed from the time that initial group met in a one room school house located where our Chapel now stands, the need has not. Our community still needs Jesus, and we still have the honor of being the lighthouse directing them to life in the fullest.

Today we also benefit greatly from the investments made for the kingdom by those who have gone before us, including a facility to serve in and from, a reputation of being a loving caring church of this community, and a history of being a vital part of the community as a whole. Our community involvement today continues that tradition as we are actively involved in supporting our schools, our local government, our local businesses, and the community festivals and activities.

As investments were made in the establishment of this church family by the Lexington Baptist Church and A. P. Williams, who served as the first Pastor organizing the church, we replicate that same commitment to establish and build up other churches both locally and worldwide. Our involvement includes the establishment of Calvary Baptist Church in Rayville, Missouri, support of churches in Iowa and North Dakota, and we have even over the past eight years worked with over 15 churches in Guatemala.

God is not through with F. B. C. Richmond! He has great plans for years to come. We are working to invest in the future by building a heritage of our own through the power and presence of God. Renovating our facility has opened up great opportunities to be able to serve even more of our community. Taking an active present role in our schools and community activities will continue to open doors of opportunity to share the Good news. Our commitment to prayer, not only for our church family, but for our schools, businesses and government, has and will allow us to show the love of God and His presence and power in all these stations.

We, as a church family, commit ourselves to the furtherance of the Gospel, beginning here on Main Street, Richmond, Missouri, and reaching to the uttermost parts of this world that God has entrusted to our care. We pray that God will find us faithful in this, and in our love and worship of Him.

Last month we celebrated our 180th Anniversary along with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the renovation that we have completed debt free. The renovation included new classrooms and offices, a large reception and welcome area, and an elevator allowing access to all levels of our facility. The celebration included past staff, friends and family coming together for worship lunch and testimonies. We also held an open house for the community and a free concert with Jeremy Pope. We are thankful to be a part of what God is doing here in our community!



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