

# FROM THE HEART

FEATURING EVENTS OF THE HEARTLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

JULY 2022

## MOMENT FROM THE MODERATOR

We all survived youth camp. It is always a blessing to see the adults of our association come and support our youth by leading a cabin, teaching a class, cooking, or supporting the camp in one way or another. The lesson was from 1 Peter 2:11 that we are all aliens here on earth and our home waits for us in heaven. There will be trials and challenges throughout our life, but the reward is worth the wait. The children of Israel traveled through the wilderness for 40 years and were challenged with not one but two water crossings. We also will stand at the edge of challenges, waiting and wondering if God is there. Be assured beloved that God is there, and he is not challenged but rather blessed when we look to him for guidance.

Something to celebrate and a couple of things to keep in mind. Roe v. Wade is a big win for all children who cannot make a choice for themselves. There will be many discussions and people will make arguments why it was a wrong decision. The fact is God is the creator and sustainer of life and the decision is his. Remember the 246<sup>th</sup> birthday is coming up for our nation and we want to thank all the men and women in our armed forces that have served and are currently serving. Without them we could not celebrate the freedoms we have. Children's camp is coming up so be in prayer as children and leaders will be heading to Chillicothe Missouri for a weekend of Christian fellowship.

Our association needs to be in prayer looking for direction and guidance from God. It is not about us being successful or having great numbers in attendance. Our mission is to share God with a lost and dying world. Be careful not to get in discussions that lead down a path to nowhere. Keep all discussions about God and His purpose to save the lost because in the end every person is either saved or not saved. The devil wants to lead you down many paths chasing rabbits, but God's path will lead you to the cross headed for heaven.

Blessings,

Aaron F. Manning,

Moderator

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*“and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

*John 8:32 KJV*

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## GRAND OAKS CAMPS

What an amazing week we had at Grand Oaks for youth camp. There were 61 youth and 29 adults that learned how to be Aliens. Pastor Ron Foley used 1 Peter 2:11 as this year's theme scripture: "Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul." In this verse, God challenges us to stand out from the ways of the world. Students also had the opportunity to dig deeper into God's Word with Bible classes lead by Pastor Dave Nixdorf, Pastor Aaron Manning, and Mark Ayers. Caleb Isaacson led training each day to teach campers different ways to share the gospel. While there was a lot of learning and training going on, there was also a lot of fun happening. Campers had the opportunity to participate in multiple recreational activities including swimming, fishing, volleyball, kickball, softball, hiking, and mini golf. Through all the activities and learning, we saw God's work being done. There were 3 salvation decisions and 2 special prayer requests during the week. My prayer is for continued growth for all that were blessed to spend a week at camp. I also want to thank each of our churches for sending their youth and adults to make camp successful for another year.

Aaron Gudde  
Youth Pastor/2022 Camp Director  
FBC Plattsburg

## KIDS CAMP

It's hard to believe we are only a couple weeks away from Kids Camp 2022! We have so many great things planned. Camp kicks off on July 22 and runs July 23, 24, 25. Our theme this year is "To be in the world, but NOT of the world" from John 17:19. I'm so excited with the number of boys, girls, men and women that are planning on coming to camp this year. Our association is so blessed to have people that have served at camp for over 30 years! Really let that sink in for a minute, 30 years, Wow!! I just want to thank each person for their willingness to serve at camp. I believe God has used Grand Oaks camp to create a legacy. If you haven't turned in your camp form yet, there is still time. The registration deadline has passed but we still have spots available. I want to make it my mission that every single kid that wants to go to camp this year gets to go. If you know of a kid that has completed 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6th grade who wants to attend camp, please let me know ASAP. Also, I am in need of a couple more people to help in the kitchen at Kids camp. Please be in prayer for the kids and staff of camp this year as we seek to further the kingdom. If you have any questions or are able to come help in the kitchen, please give me a call.

In Him,  
Angela Manning  
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## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

7/11	Aaron & Megan Gudde	Youth	Plattsburg
7/13	Willie & Donna Isaacson	Pastor	Richmond
7/19	Terry & Denise Beasley	Pastor	Cameron
7/23	Aaron & Angela Manning	Pastor	Dockery
7/25	Steve & Grace Howell	Staff	Cameron
7/27	Dave & Stephanie Nixdorf	Pastor	River of Life

## PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARIES

7/2005	Henry Alexander	Pastor	Missouri City
7/2005	Aaron Manning	Pastor	Dockery

## BIRTHDAYS

7/5	Aaron Laskey	Staff	Cameron
7/5	Chris Cox	Pastor	Hardin
7/5	Grace Howell	Staff's Wife	Cameron
7/18	Luka Hill	Staff's Son	Cameron
7/19	Austin Manning	Pastor's Son	Dockery
7/24	Diane Dehn	Pastor's Wife	Henrietta
7/25	Paul Patterson	Staff	Richmond
7/27	Aiden Cox	Staff's Son	Cameron
7/31	Ariana Champion	Staff's Daughter	Cameron

## 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.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board Meeting is July 16 at 8am at First Baptist Church of Braymer. Breakfast will start at 8 and the meeting will start at 9am. I will need to know by July 13 how many will be coming to the breakfast.

## CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

We could not find any church that wanted to be highlighted this month. If you would like your church to be highlighted in our next newsletter, please send Nancy an article by July 25<sup>th</sup>. We can also include pictures with your article.

MISSION TRIP TO MONTANA

Group picture from Mission Trip to Montana. Cameron Baptist Church and Braymer Baptist Church went together. A total of 50 people went on the trip. More to come when they return.

