



Equipping saints to accomplish God's mission

Heartland Baptist Fellowship

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"Equipping the Saints of God in the Word of God to accomplish the mission of God in the power of God."

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Service Hours

*Sunday School
 BEREAN Class
 (8:45 AM - 9:45 AM)
 BIBLE HOUR
 (9:00 AM - 9:45 AM)

*Sunday Worship
 (10:00 AM – 11:30 AM)

Sunday Evening 6 PM
 Prayer Service
 (2ND & 4TH Sunday
 of each month)

*Tuesday Evening
 Bible Study
 (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM)

*NURSERY PROVIDED

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Rise Up and Build the Church

As summer begins and we look forward to the progress we will see on the church building I am reminded of a passage in Ezra.

Ezra 1:5

Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.

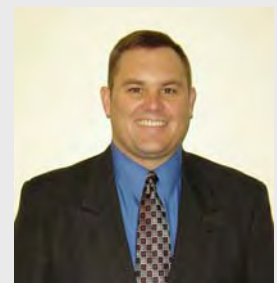
With great anticipation the Hebrew remnant gathered in Babylon as they heard news that Cyrus, king of Persia, had been charged by God to build a house of worship in Jerusalem. Everyone came together as God stirred their heart to build His house of worship in response to this fulfillment of Jeremiah 33:11!

Ezra 1:6

Records that others joined in and strengthened the resolve of the Hebrew leadership by offering vessels of silver and gold as well as beasts and precious things to go toward this good work.

Though money was necessary to accomplish the construction of the temple in Jerusalem as well as our church building, the emphasis is on God's desire to fellowship with His people. This passage in Ezra illustrates the value the Hebrews placed upon God's call to worship as one man in Jerusalem. The New Testament is clear that we have been called to gather for worship in New Jerusalem above (Galatians 4:26). The born again believer is not home yet, but we have heard the decree made by our King to prepare ourselves to join him and we believe His promise and know that He has prepared a place for us (John 14:2).

It is exciting to be part of God's mission on this planet at this time in history. It is our time to get to work! The resources dedicated to God's service whether spiritual, financial or physical will not return void. Eternity will measure the value of our obedience, devotion, offerings and the sacrifices we have made to honor our Lord Jesus Christ. It is my sincere prayer that God continue to stir our hearts to build people as well as the building we need to house His church to worship Him. I am looking forward to the many ways God will continue to bring us together to rise up and build the church.



–Pastor Brian Hedges

Sunday Morning – 8:45 am Berean Class studying “The Book of Jude”

Sunday Morning – 9:00 am B.I.B.L.E. (Biblical Instructions Believers Live Everyday) Hour Class studying “Evangelism 101” (Starting June 25) *Teaching the basic principles of evangelism for the purpose of sharing your faith with others.*

9:00 am “The Women’s Study” (Titus 2:4-5)

Sunday Morning -10:00 am Worship Service studying in the “Book of Nehemiah “Rise Up and Build”.

Tuesday Evening – 6:30 pm Bible Study “Question & Answer”
Bring your Bible and questions. All are welcome.

Sunday Morning Series For Women



“The Women’s Study”
Titus 2:4-5

That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, the word of God be not blasphemed.

Every Sunday Morning at 9:00 a.m.
Taught by Amy Hedges

Hello from the Berean Class!

We in the Berean class have been studying from the General Epistle of James. It is called the “General Epistle” because it was written to the twelve tribes scattered abroad, that is, Christian Hebrews who no longer practiced Judiasm, but had become believers and followers of Christ. We have completed our Study in James. Brother John Daugherty is teaching us now from the Epistle of Jude.

In April the Berean class enjoyed an outing to Odessa, Mo. We enjoyed a wonderful meal, lots of fellowship, and a short devotion. Everyone had a great time!

Our next area of teaching will be from the book of Judges.

We invite you to join us every Sunday morning at 8:45 – 9:45 AM
-Bob Bolken

Also new:

Handyman Ministry

For more information contact Brian Hunter.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

June

- 9-10 Canoe Trip
- 11 Kingdom Kids Mtg.
- 17 Men’s Breakfast
- 18 Father’s Day
- 25 Prospective Members Mtg.
- 25 TEAM Brazil Mtg.
- 25 Ground Breaking Ceremony

July

- 4 Celebration at the Harrisonville Park
- 6-7 STORM Float Trip
- 10-14 Vacation Bible School
- 31-Aug 4 Kingdom Kids Camp

August

- 10-12 Leadership Summit
- 13 Baptisms
- 20 Lord’s Supper

S.T.O.R.M.

June marks an exciting time each year for the student ministries of Heartland Baptist Fellowship. It is the one time during the year that we promote our students from elementary to the S.T.O.R.M. ministry. This year we are very excited to announce that S.T.O.R.M. (Students Today's Other Reconciling Ministers) will be expanding it's ministry. We have been praying for some time now that we would have the right leadership to divide up the Jr. High from the High School ministry. God has tripled our blessing! Beginning this summer in June S.T.O.R.M. will break into 3 ministries: Jr. Varsity, High School and College/Career. The Jr.Varsity will consist of those entering the 7th-8th grades this fall, and will be lead by Mark and Beth Wilson. Tracy and Michelle Sloan will continue to minister to the High School teens, those entering grades 9th-12th grade in the fall. Finally our College and Career ministry will be for those young adults who have graduated high school, which will be lead by Roger and Christina Heath. These classes will all meet together for praise and worship in the main sanctuary at 9:00a.m. and will then divide up into the three main age groups for Bible Study!

We also offer a Girl's bible study for all students 7th- college age on Tuesday nights at 6:30p.m. We are starting a new study titled, "Mean Girls." If you want to learn how to deal with those Mean Girls in your life in a biblical manner or if you have Mean Girl tendencies, please join us in the HCS 7th grade classroom.

We would also like to Congratulate those students who just graduated from High School. It has truly been a blessing for us the past 4 1/2 years as we have been able to invest in the lives of these teens! Congratulations.....
 Aaron Crust, Jon Cundiff, Serethenee Filer, Chase Hatman, Ashley Keck, Richie Keegan, Andi Linder, Jesse Larcom, Eric Montgomery, Tim Newland, and Jason Wheale. HBF will miss and pray daily for Chase Hatman who is going to Brazil to minister with his parents! Thank you parents for entrusting your kids to us these past many years!
 -Tracy and Michelle Sloan



*TESTIMONY
 of
 Chase Hatman*

I accepted Christ as my savior when I was 8 years old. My dad talked to me about my salvation and told me what it meant to be saved. When he finished, he told me to think about our discussion and if I decided to ask Jesus in my heart, to let him know. About a week later, on January 15, 1995, I told my dad I was ready. He walked me through the plan of salvation again and I bowed my head and asked Jesus Christ into my heart.

Over the years, God has been very active in our family and has taken care of us through some difficult times. I'm eighteen years old now and just graduated high school. Mom and Dad are preparing to move to Brazil to be missionaries in the next few weeks and I will be joining them for at least two years. Even though it is going to be real hard to leave everyone that I care about, I know that going to Brazil is where God wants me to be right now. It is my prayer that while I'm there, God makes it clear to me what He has for my life.

-Chase Hatman

Graduates of 2006





MINISTERING TO INMATES

Recently in my Bible reading, the words, "condescend to men of low estate", from Romans 12:16, really spoke to my spirit as I began to understand the need for me to be more Christ-like in this area. The men and women in the Cass County Jail are in a low estate, many destined for hell, and I feel instructed to condescend to them and offer them hope. As an ambassador to planet earth, Jesus Christ himself condescended to men of low estate, i.e. you and me, so it behooves all Christians to model his behavior. Jesus told his disciples in John 20:21b, "...as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." As you read this, think of people for which you should condescend to and take on "the form of a servant" (Philippians 2:7).

Waiting for the adoption,
Steve Fleshman...

Biblical Devotions are now available on the website. Steve Fleshman has been writing a weekly devotion since 2003.

You can receive these by email by contacting him at

sfleshman@hbfccass.org

Go to:
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Biblical Devotions

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Dear HBF Family,
On May 19, God gave me an opportunity to share my vision for the praise ministry to those people who will serve in it. One of the verses that comes to mind when I think about the praise ministry of today is Colossians 3:16. I would like to clear off a place and talk about that verse, and what it means for the church of today.

Most importantly, we need to let the Word of God dwell in us richly with all wisdom. There are many, many things competing for our minds today, as we are an information and multimedia society. As Laodiceans, we are rich and increased with goods, and know not that we have the need of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Word of God. We need to hide the Word in our hearts that we might not sin against God (Psalms 119:9-12).

According to this verse, Paul tells us that the purpose of the praise ministry is that we might teach and admonish one another in Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual songs. This speaks to the balance God would have in the praise ministry. The Psalms directly from scripture, the hymns written by the great saints of yesteryear and the spiritual songs written by the saints of today are the things that come to my mind as I think about balance in the praise ministry. In another supporting passage (Ephesians 5:19-21), Paul teaches us to speak to ourselves in Psalms, Hymns and spiritual songs, making melody in our hearts to God, giving thanks always in all things, submitting ourselves to one another in the fear of God. I trust that God will use the praise ministry of HBF to bring these musical reminders of scripture so that we may cleanse our ways before God.

Till next time...

Ron and Valerie

KIDS CORNER..... KINGDOM KIDS

VBS is just around the corner!
Plan to attend another year with a
fiesta fun time. July 10-14.



**June also marks a special
time for the Kingdom Kids.
It's Promotion Time!**

Congratulations to:

Gracesen Wilson

Who have been promoted to Little Lambs!

And

**Briana Chiodini
Christian Cooper
Tarra Patrick**

Who have been promoted to Construction Zone!

Congratulations to:

**Josie Cundiff
Katie Frank
Ethan Heath**

**Jordan Davis
Jacob Grant
Tiffany Negus**

Who have been promoted to Mighty Warriors!

And

**Tyler Frank
Tim Howton
Aaron Sloan**

**Kyle Grant
Noah Merryfield
Jannie VanNiekerc**

Who have been promoted to S.T.O.R.M.

“A Joyful Noise Puppet Team”

It is our hope that there will be more adults in the team. This is not only fun, but a wonderful way to minister to children. It is also a great way to minister to adults. It opens the door to questions and conversations about content and reasons for what we are doing. The team was set up as a mission team and it is our goal to be ready to go out and tell others about Jesus, whenever we have the opportunity. If this sounds like a way you would like to participate in missions, even if you have not worked with puppets before, please feel free to call me with any questions you may have.

Love in Christ, Sharon Bohlken Psalm 100

T.E.A.M. BRAZIL

Doubting Thomas said in John 14:5 *"we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?"* Jesus' response to Thomas was very clear...Jesus said **"I am the way, the truth and the life"...**

Jesus spent three years with His disciples; teaching them everything they needed to know in order to start fulfilling the Great Commission. Everything that Jesus taught His disciples was then to be taught and followed by all those who came to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior as a result of the disciples taking His message of salvation to the world.

Look what it says in John 17:17-20: *"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

Matthew 28:19-20 also makes it clear that what Jesus taught the disciples, and the charge He gave them, was as much for us as it was for them...*"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

Jesus Christ is our way, truth and life. He came to this earth not only to reconcile us to God, but also to model the character that we should have as Christians and to establish the method of getting the good news of the gospel out to the entire world.

From our vantage point, getting the gospel out to the entire world might seem like an impossible task. But you can clearly see in Acts 17:6, that a few men who obeyed Jesus by doing what they were told, soon turn the world **"upside down"**.

The reason I bring this up, is because no matter what we go through in life, God's word will show us the way. Even as me and my family prepare to pick up our roots and move thousands of miles away, God's word is our source of strength and comfort.

Philippians 2:5-8 is the passage of scripture God gave me as I started preparing my ministry plan for Brazil over two years ago. That passage says,

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

In this passage, Jesus established what it will take for us to continue to fulfill the Great Commission; which involves leaving our place of comfort, adapting to the culture and fulfilling God's call.

1. Jesus left his place of **comfort** – vs 7
 - He is the Mighty God, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, yet he left His perfect home in glory and came to this earth, made in the likeness of men.
 - There wasn't anything special about him. He didn't present Himself as a person of power or fame, but took the form of a servant.
 - A servant, who was obedient to his master's call.
2. Jesus adapted to the **culture** – vs 7
 - He adapted to the culture by taking on the form of a servant, so that he could reach out to all that would hear His word.
 - He is our High Priest who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and was tempted in all ways, as we are tempted, yet without sin. He lived in the culture, experienced the same feelings and struggles as the people he came to reach.
3. Jesus fulfilled His **call** – vs 8
 - It was not Jesus' will to go to the cross, but the will of his father. Matthew 26:29, Jesus asked His Father for this cup to pass from Him. But then He followed up in Matthew 26:42, "thy will be done".
 - That is what is meant in verse 8, that He was obedient even unto the death of the cross. In dying on the cross, He fulfilled His Father's call.

By the end of June, we will leave our place of comfort here in the United States and start the process of learning to adapt to a new culture in order to fulfill our call. As we prepare to take this next step, please continue to pray for us. There is so much to be done and the day is growing short. Pray that we learn the language quickly. Pray that the transition into a new culture will go smoothly for me and my family. Pray that God will use us in a mighty way to reach the lost souls in Brazil and most of all, pray that these new converts will be obedient to the call so more and more people will have greater opportunities to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. God Bless You! Harold Hatman, Missionary to Canoas, Brazil

FACILITIES TEAM

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY!

You're invited to join us on **June 25th at 6:00 pm** for the breaking ground of our new building. We will meet at the property on E. 283rd St. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy a cookout.

The Facilities Team and the Missouri Conservation Department are working together to determine the size and volume of the pond needed. Water District #4 will be installing an 8" water line as soon as their studies are complete.

Kenny Larcom will be taking responsibility for caring for the grounds of the property. If you would like to help, please see Kenny for coordination.

**NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY!**



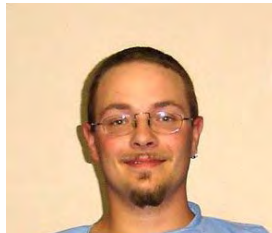
Tom & Becky Feurt with Raven, Shannon and Zechariah



Kyle Friesz



Roger & Christina Heath with Noah, Grace and Joshua



Shawn Overby



Adam Patrick



Rebecca Robertson with Evan, Gavin and Lucas

Also welcome:
Dayna Bradley
Orin & Shelly Peek



Pastor Brian with Shawn Overby, Adam Patrick and Kyle Friesz

.....Baptized April 30, 2006

If you are interested in being baptized, contact Pastor Brian Hedges for more information.

(Rom 6:4) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism in to death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

All Calendar Events and Schedule are located on the information table and also on our Website.

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THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER?

If you are considering becoming a member of Heartland Baptist Fellowship, we encourage you to come and attend our **Prospective Member's Meeting June 25, 2006.** You will be able to learn more about our mission, the foundation and direction of our church, get to know our Pastor and ask any questions you might have on our beliefs. Contact Pastor Brian or call the church office at 816/380-3033.

We hold to the Authorized Version (King James Bible) as the standard for English-speaking people and believe that we find within it the certainty of the words of truth (Proverbs 22:20-21). The Bible teaches ALL scripture was given by verbal, complete, and inerrant inspiration of God (2 Timothy 3:16) and that God has promised to preserve every jot and tittle of what He inspired (Matthew 5:18).

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Eternal Potential

It has been a blessing to attend the graduation parties and ceremonies of several high school graduates the past several weeks. I returned to my old high school to see my niece graduate which was both nostalgic and distressing. You see it has been eighteen years since my graduation at Fort Osage (that is nostalgic) which is enough time to encompass my niece's entire life span (that is distressing)! Time has a way of making a guy feel old.

As I watched the speeches and saw the graduates receive their honors, I could not help but marvel at the potential in these young students. Truly the rest of their lives are before them. Even those who have made mistakes have time to take corrective action and realize the potential that lies ahead of them.

Oh the power of potential! Each breath we take is by the grace of God. The wise men of scripture understood the precious nature of time. King David said, *Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah (Psalms 39:5)*. Moses said, *So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom (Psalms 90:12)*. There is no doubt that time is one of the greatest gifts of grace God has ever given man.

It is so easy to ignore or squander the grace of God. Many live their lives ignoring the preciousness of time because they know in their heart it is limited and they would rather not face the eventuality of death. For that same reason many never avail themselves of the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ because they really don't believe the failed tests of time can be forgiven. The most remarkable thing about the opportunity of eternal life is that it comes without any strings or work attached. Grace that saves us from the sins we commit in time is freely given to anyone that will call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. *(Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:9-10,13)*.

The apostle Paul said, *Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. (Colossians 4:5)* The child of God only has a limited number of days to manifest eternity in time then it is time to graduate. The grace we have received has eternal potential! Someday soon the trump will blow and all those who have truly trusted in the living Lord Jesus Christ will graduate in an eternal class that will joyfully worship God for eternity!.

Romans 13:11

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

-Pastor Brian Hedges

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