



Equipping saints to accomplish God's mission

# Heartland Baptist Fellowship

PASTOR: BRIAN HEDGES

*"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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B.I.B.L.E. HOUR  
(9:00 AM - 9:45 AM)  
BEREAN Class  
(8:45 AM - 9:45 AM)

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

Sunday Evening 6 PM  
Prayer Service  
(2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of each month)

\*Tuesday Evening  
Bible Study  
(6:30 PM - 8:00 PM)  
(Changing to Wednesday)

\*NURSERY PROVIDED

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR . . . . .

### *The Jubilation of Dedication of our New Building*

It seems like it was only yesterday that a small group from HBF traveled to our sending church for our combined ordination and church commissioning service. The date was Wednesday April 24, 2002 and none of us really knew what would become of the five core families from KCBT and the additional twenty or so that had joined our ranks since we began meeting at Harrisonville Christian School in January of 2002.

As much as things have changed over the past five years our mission and our commitment to the great commission have not changed. God has certainly blessed His Word through the many faithful followers of Jesus Christ that have subsequently come to Christ or joined with us to reach Cass County and the world with the gospel of Christ.

It is exciting to look back over the past five years and see the lives that have been touched by the faithful ministers of HBF. As we celebrate our fifth year with a special building dedication it serves as a reminder to stay true to the mantra that we have been quoting since those first days from Matthew 6:33:

*But seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

As we have trusted Christ to build his church, we have endeavored with varying degrees of success to make the main thing the main thing! As we move forward there is no reason to change our mantra.

I am excited about all that God is doing in and through His church. As we saw just a few weeks ago in Nehemiah there are times when we must pause and honor God for the fulfillment of His Word with a jubilant dedication. To this end I have invited my sending Pastor, Jeff Adams from our sending church (Kansas City Baptist Temple) to address HBF on our fifth anniversary. I am certain Jeff will challenge and inspire us from the Word of God to continue to equip the saints of God in the Word of God to accomplish the mission of God in the power of God. During this celebration we will also honor a variety of key people and organizations that God has used to bless Heartland Baptist Fellowship.

Please mark April 22, 2007 on your calendars and join us as we dedicate our lives to use the resources God has provided to honor Him until Jesus returns. The service will start at 6:30 P.M. so make sure and get there early!

– Pastor Brian Hedges



**B.I.B.L.E HOUR (Biblical Instructions Believers Live Everyday)**

**Sunday Morning** - 8:45 am Berean Class studying **"Minor Prophets"**  
*From the books of Joel and Zachariah.*

**Sunday Morning** - 9:00 am Light Walkers **"Principles of the Bible"**  
*We are learning 20+ principles of Bible study, usually one per week, and applying them to our own study of God's word.*

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Sunday Morning** -10:00 am Worship Service studying in 2 Chronicles 6  
**"8 Purposes from the Temple"**

**\*Tuesday Evening** - 6:30 pm Bible Study **"Question & Answer"**  
*Bring your Bible and questions.*

\*This will change to Wednesday evenings, in our new building,

**Thursday Evening** – 7:00 pm **"Discipleship Two"** *This will be held at the church office every Thursday evening from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. (must have completed Discipleship One)*

**SOFT OPEN HOUSE**

**\*APRIL 1, 2007**  
\*TENATIVE

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**BUILDING DEDICATION CELEBRATION**

**April 22, 2007**  
**Sunday Evening**

**Easter Sunday Services and Baptisms**

**April 8, 2007**

**9:00 am**  
**B.I.B.L.E. HOUR**

**10:00 am**  
**WORSHIP Service**

**Deacon Installment Service**

**April 29, 2007**

Heartland Baptist Fellowship (HBF) recognizes the Biblical office of deacon as set forth in the holy scripture in I Timothy 3:8-13. In accordance with scripture HBF has laid forth guidelines to facilitate an orderly process in selecting and appointing deacons to serve in the body in this office.

**DEACON DEFINED:** The English word "deacon" is transliterated from the Greek word *dianconos*, meaning "servant" or "minister". The book of Acts, chapter 6, indicates that the deacon is appointed to his office and not elected. The purpose of the deacon was to free the apostles to minister and preach the Word.

**UPCOMING EVENTS...**

**March 18**  
**March 23-24**  
**March 25**

**Kingdom Kids Meeting**  
**Marriage Retreat**  
**T.E.A.M. Brazil Meeting**

**April 1-4**  
**April 8**  
**April 15**  
**April 15**  
**April 15**  
**April 21**  
**April 22**  
**April 22**  
**April 29**  
**April 29**

**Vision Conference**  
**Easter Sunday Service / Baptisms**  
**Lord's Supper**  
**Prospective Members Meeting**  
**Kingdom Kids Meeting**  
**City Union Mission**  
**T.E.A.M. Brazil Meeting**  
**Building Dedication**  
**Fabulous 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
**Deacon Installment**

**May 13**  
**May 20**  
**May 27**

**Baptisms**  
**Kingdom Kids Meeting**  
**T.E.A.M. Brazil Meeting**

**The new home of  
Heartland Baptist Fellowship is nearly complete!**



Pastor Jeff Adams from Kansas City Baptist Temple will be joining us for our Building Dedication Service, Sunday evening, April 22, HBF was ordained April 24, 2002.

## Bowden Contracting

Bowden Contracting is an experienced general contractor serving the Kansas City metropolitan area and beyond. Founded in 1985 and located in Kansas City, Kansas, Bowden Contracting performs a wide range of commercial projects ranging from churches, offices, warehouses, tenant finish, restaurants and retail spaces. Much of their success can be attributed to great quality and value, timely construction and honesty.

Dan Bowden resides as the President of Bowden Contracting. Dan has 30 years of experience in the construction industry and is involved in the day to day operations of the business, including sales and project management. His wife, Kathy, acts as office manager dealing with all office related duties.

Their son, Ryan began working at Bowden Contracting 4 years ago when he graduated from Kansas State University. Ryan's responsibilities include estimating, project management and marketing. Ryan is serving as the current project manager on the new Heartland Baptist Fellowship under construction.

The total number of employees currently working at Bowden Contracting is 15. Tom Kerr, superintendent on the project, has worked for Bowden Contracting for 15 years.

*A special Thank You to  
Bowden Contracting and their  
workers for all of their hard work  
and efforts in completing our  
project in a timely manner!*

## FACILITIES TEAM

The building construction is going quite nicely at this time. Most of the sheet rock is up and a great deal of it is painted. Enough work has been done in the sanctuary to get a vision of what it will be like for all of us to be able to worship together in one room.

We are getting bids for the ADA parking lot, the communication system and the energy savings equipment. The heating system has been installed and tested. The baptistry has been received and is ready to be installed. The sound control booth has also been started.

As we near completion, please keep in mind that we still need more financial help to finish some of the required projects that we need to occupy the building. Please keep the entire project and process in deep prayer.

-The Facilities Team

# Nourish Your Marriage

**Come and join us for fun and fellowship at our second annual Marriage Retreat. We will be holding a series of classes on:**

- **COMMITMENT**
- **COMMUNICATION**
- **COMMUNION**



**Don't forget to register today! You don't want to miss all the fun! Cost \$120.00 per couple.**

**MARCH 23-24,  
2007**

**Elms Resort Hotel  
401 Regent Street  
Excelsior Springs, MO  
800-843-3567**

*Marriage Retreat Presented by: Mike & Becky Blake*

I was a typical church kid. My mother was radically saved when I was two years old. Of course that meant that I was in church every time the doors were open. I claimed to be a Christian since I was in grade school. I was always tender to spiritual issues, yet something special happened in my life the summer of 1985. I attended the Akron Baptist Temple's church camp. As Steve Bush (preacher from the Kansas City Baptist Temple) spoke on Psalms 119:67, the Holy Spirit of God started dealing with my heart. I never heard the gospel with such conviction in all my "church" years. This is the night I claim as my true spiritual birthday. I told the Lord that my life was his. My pilgrims progress had begun when I was 15 years old.

The next three years I developed a relationship with God and His Word. During my last three years of high school, the Bible was under my arm every day. My senior year approached very fast and the question became, "What was I going to do with my future?" "Where was I going to go to school?" I was burdened to be used of God. There was no doubt about it; I needed to learn the Bible. As I began contemplating the idea of Bible College, God connected me with the ministry of the Kansas City Baptist Temple. The fact that a local church would invest in me and teach me doctrine and ministry appealed to me. Two weeks after high school graduation, I moved from Akron, Ohio to Kansas City, MO. God was merciful! I was enrolled in Shepherd's School of Ministry the following fall. Once I was established in Kansas City, I went back to Ohio and married my high school sweet heart (Becky Blake) on December 29, 1989. We returned to K.C. and began to plug into the Word of God and into ministry. I had an intense desire to preach and teach God's Word. Eventually, we were sent to minister in Iola, KS for a short while through the churches preaching circuit. Little did we know that God was preparing our hearts for small town ministry.

On March 27, 1993, the Lord called and KCBT sent us to Monmouth, Illinois. We spent the first two years in a very prosperous youth ministry. Then we went through the tribulation!! It was God's natural maturity for us. I became the Senior Pastor of the Maple City Baptist Church in August 1995. It has been a difficult yet rewarding time. God had to do much purging in my life and the life of our church. July of 1997 our firstborn child, Bethany Blake, was born! February 25 of 2005 our second child, Josephine Marie Blake, was born!



Maple City Baptist Church  
maplecitychurch.org

Mike Blake  
Monmouth, IL

**Prepare to  
Launch!**

Speakers

**Brian Hedges**  
*Heartland Baptist  
Fellowship*

**Gene Purtle**  
*Keys at the Cross  
Ministry*

**Ben Graham**  
*BEAMS Bible  
Ministry*

# APRIL 1-4, 2007

Service times, activities and classes

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2007

10:00-11:30 am Service  
Speaker: **Brian Hedges**  
Sermon: **PREPARE TO LAUNCH**  
6:00-7:30 pm Evening Service  
Guest Speaker: **Gene Purtle**  
Sermon: **WILLING HEARTS**

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2007

6:30-8:00 pm Service  
**BRAZIL TEAM Emphasis**  
Speaker: **Ben Graham**  
Sermon: **READY MINDS**

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2007

10:00-11:30 pm Teaching  
**BEAMS Seminar**  
6:30-8:00 pm Service  
**London TEAM Emphasis**  
Guest Speaker: **Gene Purtle**  
Sermon: **WORKING HANDS**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2007

6:30-8:00 pm Service  
**Juarez Trip Emphasis**  
Speaker: **Brian Hedges**  
Sermon: **WALKING FEET**

## VISION CONFERENCE 2007

The count down has started! Please mark your calendars and plan on attending our 2007 Vision Conference April 1-4. In just a matter of weeks we will enter our new building. In a very real way the move to our new building is a simple step God has placed before our church to enable us to fulfill our mission of launching out across our community, county, country and the continents with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From HBF's first service until now we have trusted our Lord to fulfill His commitment to build His church in accordance with Matthew 16:18. It is my prayer that our new facility will become a launch pad for sustained mission's activity until the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Whether we are reaching our neighbor or a nation the key to fulfilling the great commission is as simple as obeying God's command.

Like the disciples gathered at Lake Gennesaret in Luke 5, we desperately need to obey the call of Jesus to launch out into the deep. We are often scared of the future because we do not know what is in store. The disciples had fished all night with no results. Jesus did not call them to invent new fishing techniques or even try harder he simply expected them to obey His voice in spite of their recent failure and fatigue. You know the rest of the story, the bible records Peter's faithful response in Luke 5:5.

*And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless **at thy word** I will let down the net.*

The next verse records a draught of fish that broke the nets and sank the ships. Who would think that obeying God's Word would produce such messy blessings?

While miraculous and messy blessings are great, the larger lesson of Luke 5 is the power God provides to very common and simple people who obey His voice. It is clear that God blessed the disciples above what they ask or even thought! The bible records that from that day forth Peter, James and John forsook all, and followed Jesus. (**Luke 5:11**)

Are you obeying the Word of God? Do you believe He can use you to further the kingdom of God? Do you understand how your involvement in the body of Christ is critical to experiencing God's power?

This is such an exciting time in my life and the life of our church. God is calling us to believe His Word far beyond our natural ability and talent. He wants to perform a supernatural work through our combined obedience that eclipses what He could do through our individual efforts. I want to invite you and your family to experience the joy of allowing God to lead you into a relationship with Him that produces fruit that surpasses what you ask or even think.

**\*DISCIPLESHIP\***

Discipleship at HBF is seeing some new growth, through some new members being discipled and growing in the Lord. On February 24 we had a "How to Disciple" class, and had a very good turn out. People are getting ready to teach others the Word of God, and tell them what the Lord has done in their lives. It is always great to see what God is doing with the body of Christ, and how we can be used of God to further His kingdom.

It is exciting as God moves us into our new building and prepares us for some new growth in our congregation. We must be ready to accept this responsibility and train others to go and tell others about the Lord Jesus Christ. According to Matthew 28:19-20 "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 alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." We need to be ready for those that come through the doors at HBF. Right now we have a need for some disciplers; we have had a few new couples that are wanting to be discipled and trained in the Word of God. I am praying that God will help prepare us for this next year and give us men and women to disciple those that come to HBF. We will need to be ready for equipping the saints and training them in the Word of God, to accomplish the mission of God.

-Jim Boyette  
Discipleship Pastor

**Men's Breakfast**

We meet on a monthly basis for fellowship and devotion at Partners Restaurant. Watch the bulletin for more info or contact Brian Hedges.

**Lady's Fellowship**

We meet monthly on a Friday or Saturday for fellowship and devotion. If you would like to be a host, you may sign up at the information table or contact Amy Hedges.

LYDIA CIRCLE

Lydia Circle is a ministry at Heartland Baptist Fellowship under the leadership of the Pastor, Leadership Team and Mission Board to help implement the Missionary Care Ministry for approved missionaries. If you are interested in helping with support activities for the annual Vision Conference, April 1-4, contact Sharon Bohlken or Karen Supernaw.

**Missionary birthdays and anniversaries in the coming months:**

<b>March 11</b>	<b>Jeff Barker</b>	<b>birthday</b>
<b>March 20</b>	<b>Harold &amp; Tammy Hatman</b>	<b>anniversary</b>
<b>March 27</b>	<b>Randy Foster</b>	<b>birthday</b>
<b>March 31</b>	<b>Randy &amp; Julie Foster</b>	<b>anniversary</b>
<b>May 7</b>	<b>Mike Blake</b>	<b>birthday</b>

**Cookbooks are still available for \$8.00 each. This project is used to help support missionary needs. Let us know if you would like to order one.**

-Sharon Bohlken and Karen Supernaw

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We know that "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches" (Proverbs 22:1), so I've chosen the name "Light Walkers" for our class, as a way to describes our desire to "walk" in the "light" of God's Word, and to have fellowship one with another (1 John 1:7). Currently our class is finishing a series called "Principles of Bible Study," designed to be a catalyst to assist us as we strive for the mastery of God's Word (2 Timothy 2:5). Soon after we are in our new building, we will begin a new study that will go through the book of Matthew verse-by-verse. The goal of this series, will be "To learn about the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ by studying the generation of Jesus Christ". This goal is based on the first and last verses of the New Testament; "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham." (Matthew 1:1), "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." (Revelation 22:21). Jesus Christ is in the first and last verses of the New Testament because he is the "Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending" (Revelation 1:8). Jesus Christ permeates the pages of the Bible and he wants to permeate our lives, come join us as we look at the life of Jesus and apply his teachings to our lives. Our new classroom will be in the southwest corner of the new building, which will be in the far back and to the right as you enter the new facility.

Waiting for the adoption, Steve Fleshman

Time flies especially when you're having fun, and fun is a great word to describe the last 5 years of the S.T.O.R.M. Ministry. God has been gracious and has provided fruit with young people being obedient to the Truth from His Word.

Michelle and I appreciate all the youth and their families. Together we have taught over the last 5 years and over a year ago we started praying about our replacements in ministry. God has answered that prayer with Tom and Becky Feurt. Tom will assume the leadership for the high school ministry in mid March. That will free up Michelle and I for other ministry opportunities; such as pre-marriage and stewardship teaching. In addition I will be able to spend more time on board/administration issues and free up our pastor to focus more time and effort on "equipping" the flock.

We are excited to see Tom and Becky lead and focus their time and ministry efforts on our youth. Tom previously served the youth in Gallatin. Please encourage and pray for them; including our youth during this transition time.

In His service, Tracy & Michelle Sloan

## **PASSPOINT**

### **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP**

"Passing the Point of no return in following Christ!"

PassPoint was developed last summer as a ministry for the college group but has quickly developed into a college and career class encompassing single young adults to middle age families. So all are welcome.

Roger's vision for this new Sunday School Class is based out of 1 Timothy 4:12-16. He has four goals based from this text. To be an Example of the believers, Established in the Word, Exercising your spiritual gifts, and Engaged in the mission. His purpose is to ground you in all four goals to bring you Pass the Point of no return in following Christ.

Right now he is teaching through a study on Relationships, but soon he will be starting a new study out of Ecclesiastes entitled "The purposeless life." Come join us next Sunday for fun and fellowship.

**Join us every Sunday Morning at 9:00 AM**

**Contact Roger Health for more information.**

## **PATHFINDERS**

### **7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth will have some activities coming in the next few months. We will be sending a calendar of events to the parents of each student so you know what events are planned for the spring and summer.

Here is a preview:

**FLOAT TRIP – CAMPING  
(SURVIVOR STYLE) –  
PAINTBALL – CONCERTS –  
AND A SERVICE BEFORE SELF  
PROJECT**

The Pathfinders meet at 9am on Sunday mornings and every other Sunday night for an extended time of fun and fellowship at the Wilson or Daugherty homes

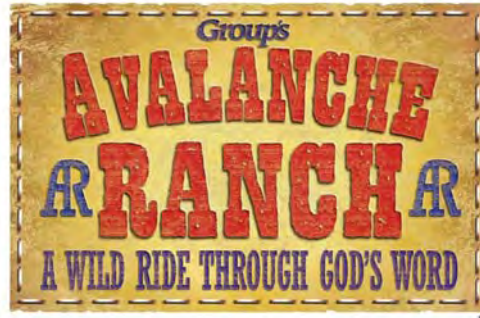
**Join us every Sunday Morning at 9:00 AM**

**Contact Mark Wilson for more information.**



**HEY KIDS!!!**  
Get your boots and  
cowboy hats ready.

VBS IS AROUND THE  
CORNER AND WE'RE  
LOOKING FOR KIDS  
Preschool--6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



**JULY**  
**16-20<sup>TH</sup>**

**STAY TUNED FOR  
MORE INFO...**



## Tuesday Night Training is soon to be... "Training -N- Truth"

TNT has been an exciting ministry for training our kids in the way they should go, but also training parents to teach as well. I am also excited to announce that we have split our class to more effectively reach the kids on their level. Miss Trish will now have kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and I will remain teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. However, we can NOT teach these classes alone, we will need another adult present per class to observe.

The kids can now earn "power points" for memorizing verses, bringing their bibles and class participation every fourth week of the month. They are able to use their points for prizes.

We have a prepared curriculum, and are looking for anyone interested in observing or helping with these classes. Please contact us for more information.

-In Christ, Brian Hunter

## "A Joyful Noise Puppet Team"

Because of the cold and icy weather, we got a late start on our winter session. We are hard at work now on a production for May and for our next Christmas Program.

We spent some time this last practice examining the reason we are working. In I Samuel 16:7 we talked about how people see what we do outwardly, but the Lord looks on our hearts. How important it is that everything we do; be done with the right heart. We want to have fun, but most importantly is to always tell others about Jesus. Many will listen to a puppet skit, when they will not listen any other way. We also talked about how important it is to be faithful in our practices. A special thank you to our parents for all you do to help.

We are very proud of the team members as they mature in their abilities, their hearts and their willingness to stretch and try new things.

Please take a minute to stop and read Psalm 100. If you really want to know what we are all about, these five little verses will give you our hearts.

-Joyfully, Bob and Sharon Bohlken

## GREETINGS FROM CANOAS, BRAZIL.....

Learning another language has proven to be the hardest thing, I have ever done in my life. You have heard the old saying, "you can't teach an old dog new tricks", well; this saying is something that has crossed my mind a few times since we have been in school.

A few weeks ago, I was having one of those days and I kept thinking about the reality of this saying in my life. It was a horrible day for me at school, because no matter how hard I tried, my brain just would not function in a Portuguese mode.

I started thinking to myself, what am I doing? There is no way that I will ever be able to speak another language. I sometimes struggle with speaking English properly. By the end of the day, I had myself feeling horrible about my progress.

That night, as God has done so many other times before, He really spoke to my heart in His word and greatly encouraged me about what I needed to do.

I had recently started reading through the New Testament and that night I just happen to be in Mark chapter 4. When I reached verses 35-31, it was as if the words jumped off the page at me. Here is that passage:

***"And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"***

As I reflected in this passage, I thought how wonderful of a day it must have been for Jesus and the disciples as Jesus taught to the multitude of people many wonderful things.

At the end of the day, Jesus told the disciples, "...***Let us pass over unto the other side***". As they were crossing this sea, a great storm of wind came up and beat violently on the ship, to the point that it was filling with water and was in danger of sinking. In fact, the disciples truly believed that they were going to perish.

After reading this passage, I started to remember all the storms that God brought me and my family through as He prepared us to move to Brazil. Then I realized how much I was like the disciple in this passage, because now that we are here in Brazil, I was having doubts about accomplishing the most important element to us fulfilling the plan that God has for us here.

You see, the disciples quickly forgot that Jesus clearly told them that they were going to the other side. Now, you will never find any promises of smooth sailing or calm seas, but they should have realized that they would make it to the other side. In fact, Jesus so clearly stated their destination, that after they woke Him, He questioned their faith... was so clearly stated that after they woke Jesus up He questioned their faith..." ***Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?***"

Their lack of faith also reminded me of the Nation of Israel as Moses led them from the bondage in Egypt to the Promise Land. Several times in their journeys, when they would encounter great obstacles, they would call out to Moses and ask why he brought them out of Egypt, just to die in the wilderness. Look at what the disciples told Jesus in vs. 38, "...***Master, carest thou not that we perish?***"

Can you see the similarities between the Nation of Israel and the disciples in this passage? How could the disciples really believe that Jesus called them to leave their homes, their families and their jobs, only to take them out in the sea and allow them to perish? Then I started thinking about my own life, realizing that God did not bring us all the way to Brazil, just so that we could fail at the most important element of fulfilling the plan that He has for us here.

### T.E.A.M. BRAZIL

#### T – TOGETHER E – EVERYONE A – ADVANCES M – MISSIONS

T.E.A.M. Brazil it s prayer support team that meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. We meet for prayer time, fellowship and discuss the prayer needs of the Hatman family in Canoas, Brazil. Our last support team meeting was held in the home of Matt and Ashley Franklin, son-in-law and daughter of Harold and Tammy. Their son Chase is also with them in Brazil.

Their most urgent prayer needs are for the continuing studies in the language, some health issues and if Chase will remain in Brazil or return to the United States. Transportation in and around Canoas, a city of 320,000 people is also a problem and prayer concern.

In early March, T.E.A.M. Brazil presented a power point presentation with Matt Franklin preaching at the Dayton Baptist Church.

-Bob Bohlken, T.E.A.M. Brazil

Therefore, as this passage recently brought me great encouragement, I hope that it will to you as well. We are never promised a life without storms and trials, but we are promised that God will provide for all our need.

I may never be a Portuguese grammar teacher, but I am learning to rest secure in the fact that I will learn the language well enough to fulfill the plan that God has for my life here in Brazil.

**FROM  
CANOAS, BRAZIL  
HAROLD & TAMMY  
AND CHASE HATMAN**

***For I was hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me: I was in prison and ye came unto me. Matthew 25:35,36***

Since our last report to you, wonderful things have been happening in the Prison Ministry! Souls have been saved, hearts have been comforted, discipling has started, spiritual growth has been restarted, and blessings have abounded to all, as the Prison Ministry Team works with the body of Heartland Baptist Fellowship to spread the Good News of Christ to Cass County and the world.

We are visiting the inmates of Cass County Correctional Center every Sunday evening. As well as preaching, teaching and discipling the inmates, we are being given an opportunity to witness to the Sheriff's deputies. Almost every week, we see a soul being led to Christ and start the process of breaking the bounds of sin. It is a wonderful blessing for every member of the ministry team to see formerly hardened hearts melt and to see those who feel abandoned or forgotten humble themselves and turn to Christ for their hope and truly their salvation.

Among the specific blessings this quarter are our new team members. John Daugherty, Rob Frank, Trish Hunter and Kathy Cundiff have joined up with Paula Grant, team leader Steve Fleshman and myself. They have jumped in and started work at 100 MPH right off the bat. They will all concur with me that we all receive more blessings than the prisoners!

Outside of Christ, who died for ALL of us sinners, the strongest asset for the ministry is you-the body of Heartland Baptist Fellowship. Your prayers for us, as well as for the souls incarcerated, are felt each Sunday, and the verbal encouragement we receive from you helps keep us heartened and motivated.

As our church and this ministry grows, we will need your prayers and support even more. As souls are being won in jail, and men and women start coming to our church to continue, or in most cases start, their spiritual growth, it will become so important that you love them, just as you love everyone right now. A common thread that I hear from our recent new members is how our church family has been so friendly, open, loving and supportive. We look forward to seeing that same love help those who are newly freed, not just from jail, but from sin. Again, you, the body, are the key members of this ministry.

Praise God for what He has done, and for what He is going to do with us.

-David Cundiff, Jail Ministry

## **AMBASSADOR MINISTRY**

One goal of the Ambassador Ministry is to make contact with all of our new visitors. Another goal is to make either special or routine visits to our membership. Presently we are using Thursday nights at 6:30 to meet at the church office to get assignments. Keep in mind that you may use any day of the week to make your contacts. Due to such cold weather and health issues, we have not been as consistent in our efforts as we had hoped. The ministry is available to all members of our church.

Walt Cundiff

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### **Prepare to Launch... The live praise ministry!**

Dear Friends and family,

This is an exciting quarter in the Ministry of HBF. We have already had two practices for the instrumentalists in preparation of our anticipated "soft-opening" in March. As a testimony of God's working in the lives of the musicians, even though we have never worked together before, we are quickly learning songs for the order of service for our first two Sunday services, and anticipate continuing to press ahead in preparation for consistently providing live music for the services. It is a joyous time, and yet there are many pressures as we prepare for the opening of our new facility. Sound equipment installation, sound technician training, moving the piano into the church, preparation of video and training on the new video equipment, the continued practice of the praise band, the anticipated addition of background vocalists, and many other details that will be attended to in the next three to four weeks. Please pray for us, that we would be strong and of a good courage, and that God would mightily work through us to affect the building of the praise ministry and to help us to smoothly transition into the new facility (1 Corinthians 16:9).

-In Christ, Ron Kassen, Praise Director

## Last Quarter's Baptisms

NEW MEMBERS  
WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY!

**Lynn & Orlena Behn**  
**Lance Hall**  
**Brad & Erin Melton**  
**Jared Saxon**  
**Janet Steele**



Pastor Brian with Mike Perry, Jared Saxon, Lynn & Orlena Behn,

.....Baptized February 25, 2007

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 into 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.

## 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 April 15th, 2007 at 9:00 am.**

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.

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@hbcass.org](mailto:sfleshman@hbcass.org)

Go to: [hbcass.org](http://hbcass.org)  
and click on the icon pictured here



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

Also on our website:  
Bible Study Audio  
Bible Study Notes  
Sunday Sermons  
Testimonials  
Resources  
And more

### Sign up for Fresh Bread!

(An email newsletter with inspiring messages from the Pastor)

Go to: [www.hbcass.org](http://www.hbcass.org)

## HANDYMAN MINISTRY

Our objective is to help meet handyman related needs of those in the church body and in the community who are physically to financially unable to perform duties themselves. 1 John 3:17-19.

Our purpose is to share the gospel by word as well as deed for the lost and for fellow brothers and sisters in Christ; incorporating adults and youth in the church.

It is important as we grow and there is a known need in the body to fill our an application for services found on the information table and drop it off in the offering plate. You may also turn the applications in to Jim Boyette, Shane Watts or myself; so we can address these needs promptly.

-In Christ, Brian Hunter

***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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-VISION 2007-*

**Prepare to Launch!**

## EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

**Please join us April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am for our first Easter service in our new building. This will be an exciting time for our church body as we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection with our first baptismal service in our new church home. Please bring a friend or family member to this service.**

**-Pastor Brian Hedges**

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