

# NEWSLETTER

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## Coming Soon!

*Coming Soon to a Theater Near You!*  
We hear that phrase when a new movie is coming out, and it gets us excited for what will come. When we hear “coming soon” in church, we wonder, and perhaps tense up a little, about what changes are being made. God has blessed us the past few years, and I am so excited to be your pastor. The relationships we have developed are deep, and I see God sustaining us as we draw closer to the Him. With much prayer, we want to continue to find ways to grow more deeply in discipleship as a church. To this end, we are going to start a Sunday night service. It will be shorter and more

informal than the Sunday morning service, and after that, we will have small breakout sessions for discipleship, organized similarly to our Bible Studies and ranging from children all the way to adults. Many churches do not have Sunday Night service anymore, and this would allow our school families who attend church elsewhere but would love to connect more here and be a part of our ministry to join us without missing out in their home cengregations. You and I can invite families to be a part of an informal service where we can grow in fellowship with

each other and in our walks with the Lord. We are just in the planning stages now, so be on the lookout for when this launch date will take place. *Coming Soon to a Sunday Night Near You!*

## Discipleship Leaders

If you need information about your Bible Study updated in the weekly bulletins, please, email Jessica Anders at [janders@hfministries.org](mailto:janders@hfministries.org)



Danny McCubbin,  
Senior Pastor,  
Superintendent, and  
Principal



**FIRST BAPTIST**  
CHURCH OF BELTON



# April 2024

<b>31</b> <i>Easter &amp; Lord's Supper</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Trash Bag Sales Turn-In Day</i>	<b>3</b> MOMS Mtg, 6pm	<b>4</b> <i>HCS Late Enrollment Begins</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> PTF Mtg, 5:30pm	<b>9</b> <i>Trash Bag Sales Turn-In Day</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Sr. Adult Luncheon at IHOP, 11:30am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
Iowa Testing						
<b>14</b> Children's Ministry Mtg, 4pm  VBS Mtg, 5pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> MOMS Mtg 6pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> HCS Open House 5-8pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
				Spring Play, 7pm		
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>HCS Spring Concert and Elementary Graduation, 7pm</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

## April Midweek Menus

Wed., Apr. 3, 5:30pm

Bacon Cheeseburger  
French Fries  
Salad  
Brownie

Wed., Apr. 10, 5:30pm

Pulled Pork BBQ Sandwich  
Mac and Cheese  
Potato or Green Salad  
Jello Poke Cake

Wed., Apr. 17, 5:30pm

Spaghetti and Italian Meatballs  
Salad  
French Bread  
Chocolate cake

Wed., Apr. 24, 5:30pm

No Midweek Meal  
(Spring Play Prep)



*"...and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart..."*



**April Events**

Events unknown



*Matthew 28:19-20*

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

*Luke 10:25-29*

*And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?” So he answered and said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.” He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this, and you will live.” But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”*



**Who Is My Neighbor?**

When we hear the great commission, as Christians, our response should be as Isaiah’s: “Here I am! Send me!” Instead, we often see all the obstacles between us and some distant mission field – I’m still a student; I don’t have the funding; I’m not good at public speaking; I have health issues that would prevent that kind of travel; etc. The response to this would be simply that God equips the called. If He is calling you to go abroad for missions, He will give you the means to do so. But some “obstacles” are given to us as an indication that our mission field is closer to home.

When the lawyer in Luke 10 asks, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus responds with the parable of the good Samaritan and asks who the injured man’s neighbor was, the

lawyer replies that it was the one who showed him mercy, and Jesus tells him, “Go and do likewise.” When you find yourself delayed from pursuing missions in the far-flung corners of the world, remember that we are also instructed to love our neighbors. Your mission field may be your classroom, the break room at work, or even the line at the grocery store. Remember that while Missouri may have been your home your whole life, it is immensely far away from the people and places where and to whom Jesus gave the original commission. Our nation is one of many in desperate need of the Savior. Who is your neighbor? How can you share the love and mercy of God with them? What’s stopping you today?

**April Events**

April 25 &amp; 26 - Spring Play, 7pm

**Patch the Pirate Club  
Wednesdays, 6:30pm**

The Patch Club kids are currently doing a series on the goodness of God and how that should affect our faith in Him. We'd love for your kids to join us! We meet at 6:30pm on Wednesday nights, right after our FBC Family Supper at 5:30.

**Music Notes**

It's not too late to sing in the FBC Choir! If you would like to come join us, we meet in the Sanctuary on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm. Come make a joyful noise unto the Lord and help us lead the congregation in worship on select Sundays.

**Special Notes**

If you are interested in singing (or playing) a special on a Sunday morning, please see Brad Krigbaum.

**Protection of His Presence**

*Psalm 91:1-9 - He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust." Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look and see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place...*

On Easter Sunday, Pastor McCubbin preached about people who go into protection mode and attempt to control every aspect of their lives. Like mother hens, they will try to keep everything near and in sight so they can guide, shelter, or protect as they see fit. They may even attempt to control or manipulate God. The psalmist tells us that this could not be further from the natural order of how things should be. Instead of corralling all of our concerns, squawking over our problems, and hunkering down in an attempt to shield all that we value most, we are the ones who are supposed to accept the shielding power of the Almighty. In his book *Prayer, Praise & Promises: A Daily Walk Through the Psalms*, Warren Wiersbe states, "I wonder what the safest place in the world is. A bomb shelter? A bank vault? Perhaps a prison surrounded by an army? According to Psalm 91, the safest place in the world is a shadow." Where is your dwelling place? Are you trusting in the protective presence of the Most High? Do you know the calm and comfort of His shadow, or are you trying to control the outcomes in your life?

### April Events

April 2 & 9 - Trash Bag Sale Turn-In Days

April 8-12 - IOWA Testing

April 8 - PTF Mtg, 5:30pm, Rm 133

April 16 - Trash Bag Order Pick-Up Day

April 22-26 - Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week



### Spring Standardized Tests

Our students will be taking their annual standardized tests the week of April 8-12. This can be an emotionally and mentally taxing week for the students, and it is helpful to set them up for success beforehand. Please, ensure that your students are getting a good night's rest before testing days and that they arrive at school promptly. Some classes may have recommendations on healthy snacks for during break times, and it is good to start the day with a breakfast that includes protein and fiber to sustain fullness and provide stamina until lunch.



Hello everyone,

March was a big month for our development department. We hosted our Annual Giving Gala on Friday, March 8, and were blessed to have guest speaker Dan Meers, the KC Wolf, there to speak to us. We had around 200 people in attendance and brought in over \$31,000. I am so grateful to all who were able to come and to those who were able to give. I also want to say thank you to everyone who helped to set up, serve, clean up, and make this event happen! Specifically, I would like to thank Cole Knowlton, Parish Neighbors, Lindsey Atcheson, Danny McCubbin, and Amy McCubbin for all of their effort and help in making this night a success.

Our next big event for the Development Department is going to be our first annual Car Show and Carnival. We will be hosting this event at the beginning of June. If you are interested in helping to organize or volunteer for this event please contact me at [tatcheson@hfministires.org](mailto:tatcheson@hfministires.org). Also, please be watching for more information as we continue moving forward with this event!

Looking ahead, we will have the annual HCS Spring Concert on May 2. This event was originally slated to begin at 7pm, but we are adjusting it into a two-part event to accommodate the larger crowds due to our school's growth. K-4th grades will have their concert and the K5 graduation starting at 6pm, and then those families may adjourn to the gym for a reception. 5th-12th grades will begin their concert and the 5th grade graduation at 7pm, also followed by a reception.

In Christ,

Tamra Atcheson

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## Busy Weeks Ahead!

It is hard to believe we are already in April! We are excited for the efforts of the trash bag fundraiser and what it will allow us to contribute to the school! Please, remember turn in days will be 4/2 and 4/9 with pick up on 4/16! If you scan the QR code in the side column on this page, it will allow you to place an order of up to 5 rolls, and you can specify colors/sizes in the notes. This will allow you to designate which student you want the sales to count towards, as well. Need more than 5 rolls? We've got you covered! You can scan the QR code again to place an additional order. Each roll is \$12.

Yellow Bags (39 gal.; 25/roll)

White Bags (15 gal.; 65/roll)

Blue Bags (55 gal.; 16 bags/roll)

We are also looking forward to celebrating our teachers and staff in April! Please, be on the lookout for ways to contribute during Teacher and Staff Appreciation week 4/22-4/26!

\*Next meeting will be at the school 4/8 @5:30\*

### Contacting the PTF

If you have any questions,  
please reach out to us via our PTF email:  
heartlandchristianschool.pta@gmail.com

And follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1452593801671241/>



Scan this QR Code to order  
trash bags online!



**April Events**

April 5 - JH Spring Formal  
April 25 & 26 - Spring Play, 7pm



**Want to Join In?**



If you are interested in partnering with our teams, please contact me at [tatcheson@hfministries.org](mailto:tatcheson@hfministries.org) Or please consider joining our Booster Club! We have individual and corporate partnerships available. You can sign-up using the QR code below, or request a form from the school office.



March was a fairly quiet month for our activities program at Heartland. Our Spring sports practices started, and our Spring play practices are in full swing! The month of April will be very busy with activities for all of our fine arts and athletics. Many in our Fine Arts Department will compete at the Blue Ridge Christian School Fine Arts Festival on Friday, April 12. Our drama department will also present the “Big Bad” play on Thursday and Friday, 4/25-4/26, at 7pm. The athletic schedule is on the Google Calendar.

*Enchanted Garden  
Middle School Formal*  
April 5, 7-9pm  
Heartland Gymnasium  
Food, Games, and Dancing  
Purchase tickets in the business office.  
Open to 6th-8th graders



## Enrollment Update

We are approaching the end of the General Enrollment period, and enrollment is moving steadily along. The March Open House went well. Several families stopped by, and three of them have begun applying! We now have roughly 200 students who are either enrolled or working on their packets. We still have families calling in, in addition to fifty or so students whom we expect to return next year and anticipate will soon begin their paperwork.

*If you have already completed your students' enrollment packets -*

*THANK YOU!*

If you have not started your enrollment packets for next year, please do so as soon as possible! If you have any issues with the forms or logging into your FACTS Family Portal, please, reach out to Ms. Anders at:

816-370-7871 or

[janders@hfministries.org](mailto:janders@hfministries.org)

**Thurs., April 4**

Late Enrollment Begins

The enrollment fee will raise to \$400.

**Tues., April 23**

April Open House, 5-8pm

If you know of any families interested in joining our school, send them our way!

## New Principal

We have had a busy but exciting school year, and we look forward to the next. If you have not enrolled your child, we would love to partner with you again. We have had many new families look at the school, and it looks like we are already growing for next year. Please, get your enrollment packet in as soon as possible so we can gauge class sizes and hire the appropriate number of staff to minister to your students' needs effectively.

As part of our growth, we have been in prayer for God to bring us someone who can serve as Principal, and He answered the call with someone in-house. We were looking for a leader who could serve the staff, parents, and students well. Interviews have been going on for the past month, and Marc Kerby has been selected to fulfill that role. He has a long connection with this ministry; starting as a student and graduating from the school, he has returned as teacher and parent. He has two children who have already graduated from Heartland, with Sofie serving as valedictorian, and his youngest is set to graduate with the class of 2026. His commitment to the school has been evident as a student, parent, and teacher. Marc has an accounting degree and a Master's in Education. He brings a skill set that will help the school advance in the present and the future, and he has a heart for the students. Please, welcome Mr. Marc Kerby as the new principal of Heartland Christian School.

In Christ,

Danny McCubbin

Dates for the Open Houses in June, July, and August have yet to be scheduled. Please, stay posted.

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# Weekly Schedules

Sundays

## Bible Studies

9am

## Worship Service

10:15am

## Adult Bible Studies

Men's Class  
Room 142

Ladies' Class  
Room 133

Senior Adult Ladies' Class  
Room 141

## Children's Bible Studies

Children  
Infants-5th Grade  
Rooms 32-39

Seekers  
6th-12th grades  
Room 3

## Young Adult Bible Study

ReMARKable Faith  
Young Adults  
Room 5

## Topical Adult Bible Studies

Joy-Filled  
An In-Depth Study of the  
Book of I John  
Room 9

Faith in Hard Times  
A Study of Job  
Room 33

New Members' Class  
Room 30

## Sunday Evening Bible Study

Young Adults' Book Review - *Mere Christianity*  
Beginning Feb. 4, 7:45pm: Contact Cullan Fritts for the  
location if you are interested!

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# Weekly Schedules

Wednesdays

## Midweek Meal

5:30pm

## Bible Studies

6:30pm

## FBC Choir Practice

7:30pm

## Adult Bible Studies

Band of Brothers  
Room 141

Women of Grace  
Room 133

MOMS Meet-Ups  
1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6pm  
Room 9

## Children's Bible Studies

Nursery  
Infants-K4 Grade  
Rooms 32-39

Patch the Pirate Club  
K5-5th Grade  
Room 30

Seekers  
6th-12th grades  
Room 3

## Young Adult Bible Study

Meeting the Martyrs  
Young Adults  
Room 5

## Topical Adult Bible Studies

Biblical Parenting  
Adult Class  
Rm. 142

## Ministry Team Mtgs Conference Room, 6pm

1st Wednesday  
Missions Group

2nd Wednesday  
Discipleship Group

3rd Wednesday  
Family/Worship Ministry  
Group

4th Wednesday  
School Ministry Group

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# Weekly Schedules

Other Days



## Pastor's Bible Study Thursdays, 10am Room 3

Join the Pastor for a special time of fellowship, Bible study, and prayer.

This class is currently focused on the book of John.

## FBC Yarn Club Thursdays, 4-6pm, Room 133

This group is open to fiber enthusiasts of all skill levels, in any craft you care to carry in, although most of us focus on crochet at the moment.

The group is geared to be the adult counterpart to the student's Textile Arts Club, but students 4th grade and up are welcome to attend this group if they must be accompanied by an adult.

If you are looking to learn how to knit or crochet, come join us!

We have a stash of supplies donated for beginners to get started with.

## Senior Adult Luncheon IHOP, 11:30am 2nd Thursdays

Enjoy a nice meal with the Pastor after his Thursday Bible study once a month.

IHOP  
220 Peculiar Dr,  
Belton, MO 64012

