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From the Pastor by Pastor Danny McCubbin



Church Family:

I want to say thank you for your encouragement and service to the Lord. We are excited as we continue to seek the Lord's face in all that we do. We have had a lot of visitors, and I am thankful for the opportunity to meet and connect with more people as we seek to evangelize and disciple Belton and the surrounding areas. We are in one transition for the month of March. Since I have been here as the Pastor, I have been having a task force evaluate all that we have been doing. It is time now to take those thoughts and create a vision in each area. We look to expand in each and every department as we do this in a team approach. There are three teams to serve on:

- Group 1: Marriage Ministry, Children's Ministry, Visitation, Local Outreach, Music, and Counseling
- Group 2: Youth Ministry, International Outreach, New Members' Care or Class, Discipleship for Small Groups, and Technology
- Group 3: School, Discipleship for Sunday School and Wednesday Nights, Prayer Activity, and Creative Ideas for Worship Service

Goal: The goal of these teams is to work together to set vision and delegate tasks as the body of Christ to grow and expand our ministry. I am excited about what these teams will bring to the table as we formulate a vision for our future. Once we get a clear vision from the discussions of these teams, we will have another vision casting dinner as we had last year to discuss the upcoming year. Be on the lookout this summer for a date for this event. At the dinner, we will discuss the upcoming year for the cause of Christ.

Big Events: We have some Big Events coming up in April.

- ♦ April 10th : Easter Cantata
- April 17th: We celebrate Easter and the Resurrection
- ◆ April 24th: 150th Anniversary of the church: Please invite old members, family members, and community members as we celebrate the history of God's hand on the First Baptist of Belton.
- End of April- School Vision/ Donor Dinner

One final reminder: If I can serve you in any way, please let me know. I make myself available at any time to serve you or your family. Do not feel I am too busy for you. My heart is to serve you first as the body of Christ. I love you all, and I want you to know that I pray for you daily.

March 2022







		VIU VV VIIV		NAME OF THE PARTY		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
				Sr. Adult Bible Study Canceled		
			NCSAA Nationals—No School			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		HCS General Enrollment Begins	Youth Dinner, 6:30pm		HCS End of 3rd Quarter	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Daylight Savings Begins	17	Muffins with Mom, 7:30am	10	17	Elem. Class Pictures	
		HCS Open House, 5-8pm				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	HCS Spring Break—No School					
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
		Culver's Night, 5-8pm				
			Senior Trip			
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This past month our Wednesday night studies led us to discuss the faithfulness of God. In 1 Corinthians 1:9, we see that God is faithful, which means "to be worthy of trust, to be one who can be depended on." Our eternal destiny depends on the faithfulness of God. David stated, "Not one word has failed of all His good promise, which He promised through Moses His servant" (1 Kings 8:56). Paul wrote to Titus, "In hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago" (Titus 1:2). Our great God can be completely trusted to fulfill all His promises, and He will be faithful to us. We can always count on the faithfulness of God. It is a good reminder in times of uncertainty and change to know that regardless of our circumstances the Lord is faithful to keep His promises.

As we near the end of the school year, our Youth Group will be celebrating various parties. This month our event will be for our Sunday School Parties, which will be split between the High School and Junior High. The High school is planning to go ice-skating, while the Junior High will be going bowling. We will announce final details for these parties in the coming days, but they will be scheduled for the end of March. In April, we will meet at the church for Youth Game Night, and in May we will be celebrating our end of school party.

Please continue to pray for our youth group as we seek the Lord together. We desire that each kid will come to know the salvation that only comes through the Lord.

~Cole S. Knowlton

Upcoming Events

- March:
 - JH Sunday School Party, date tbd
 - HS Sunday School Party, date tbd
- April:
 - Youth Game Night, Apr. 9, 4-7pm
- May:
 - End of School Party, May 21, 4-8pm

Youth Dinners

- March 9-Baked Potato Bar
- April 6–Mac & Cheese Bar
- May 4—Taco Salad Bar

Jeremiah 29: 11-13

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

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Psalm 105:2- "Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all his wondrous works!" In scripture we are commanded to praise Him, but what an amazing privilege it is that we get to do so! Not only should we do this when we together come at church, but let us not forget to worship Him When we do daily! come together, our worshould ship be

"overflow" of what the Lord is doing in our lives. Spending time in prayer, praise, and studying His Word are all ways we should be "filling up our cup" on a continual basis so that we can let it overflow with thankfulness to the Lord, in worship together!

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On Sunday, April 10th, our choir will be presenting our Easter Cantata, "Living Hope" during the morning worship

service (10:15am). We hope you will make plans to come! And if you are a singer, it is not too late to join! We are rehearsing on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm, in the choir room. Also, we will have a couple other rehearsals included in the hox below.

In Christ, Bro. Brad

HCS Winter Sports Pictures

Sports pictures for Beginning Band, 6th-12th grade Orchestra, and 7th-12th Choir are being rescheduled. Keep checking your email and announcements for the new date.

Music students will need to change into a white shirt, black dress pants, and black shoes after lunch.

Order forms will be circulated again closer to the date. Please, turn in the order forms, with payment, by 9:00am the day before photos are taken.

If you already turned in an order for the original date, it is being kept in a secure location, so you will not need to reorder or repay.

Church Choir Cantata Rehearsals

- Wednesdays at 7:30:
 - March 2
 - March 9
 - March 16
 - **M**arch 30
 - April 6
- Sunday at 5pm:
 - March 13
- Saturday from 10am to 12pm:
 - April 9th (Dress Rehearsal)

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Thank you for a good start to the second semester to all students, parents, and staff. We are excited as we finish this last semester to see what God will do as each student grows academically, emotionally, and spiritually. It is great to see families new tour the school and express interest for the upcoming year. I want to encourage the current families to re-enroll as soon as possible as we look at expanding and growing our programs. If we can answer any questions about next year, please let us know.

Announcements for upcoming changes and events

Communication:

Many have expressed to me that they would like streamlined communication process of activities. Following this newsletter, we will send out a weekly update by email and text to families of announcements and events. We will continue to do this newsletter. but to enhance our communication we will also have a weekly update. We will be working on a communication plan for next year as we evaluate ways to improve this area.

Accreditation:

We have received our accreditation coach for next spring. She will be meeting with us this month. This is a good time for us to continue to evaluate all the things that we are doing. A big thank you to Mrs. Schmidt for her leadership in this. If you would like to be involved with an accreditation team, please let us know.

PTA/ PTF: Parent Teacher Fellowship

In the last PTF meeting, we laid out a new structure for our parent organization. One addition is that we are starting a volunteer program where parents can get involved. Please be on the look -out next fall for ways you can get involved. In the meantime, we are enlisting interested parents this spring to be a part of the PTF. Thank you to Mrs. Powell for leading the PTF this year. We are excited to see what God will do through the changes in this area.

State of the School/ Donor Event:

One of our goals is to share what God is doing in our school and to get donors in-

volved for the upcoming school year. The goal is to begin a development department in the school for the upcoming year. To do this successfully, we are looking at doing a big donor event in April. At this event we will cast a vision for the future of the school. I would love parents to be at this event and invite potential parents and donors to this event. We will set the date soon. One thing on my heart is to give our staff raises. They have served faithfully and because of COVID it has been a few years since we have been able to give raises. This will bless our staff as we seek to not only expand our school and impact our staff.

Homeschool Resource Center/ Educational Resource Center

We are starting a homeschool resource center to connect with Homeschool families. If you know of any homeschool families that would be interested in taking classes please let us know. Julie Davis is leading this department. She is also helping us as we serve students who struggle.

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Reenrollment is well underway! Please enroll your student as soon as possible so that we can do planning for the 2022 – 2023 school year. Thank you to all of the parents who have referred new families to Heartland! Keep referring!!

If any of you want to check into being a host family for a foreign exchange student, please contact me as soon as possible. The rest of the year is a busy time for our school. We have spring break coming up, spring formal, Iowa testing, the spring concert, sports awards, senior trip, and of course graduation. Your student may or may not be involved in these activities but rest assured that our teachers and administrators are! Please, keep the students and staff in your prayers as we ride this speeding train!

As the weather begins to change, please dress your student in layers so that they can regulate their comfort. We will be doing outdoor recess as much as possible, so make sure they have the appropriate clothing for any weather – we live in Missouri after all!

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 2-4: No School
- Mar. 8: General Enrollment Begins
- Mar. 11: End of 3rd Quarter
- Mar. 15: Muffins with Mom, 7:30am
- Mar. 18: Elementary Class Pictures
- Mar. 21-25: Spring Break, No School
- Mar. 29: Culver's Night, 5-8pm

Re-Enrollment Is Open!

• Early enrollment ends March 7. If you have not already done so, please, go to Family Portal and fill out your student's enrollment packet.

Fees

- General Enrollment: \$260
 - March 8-April 5
- Late Enrollment: \$385
 - April 6 or later

Open House, Mar. 15, 5-8pm

The next Open House for the 2022-23 school year will be Tuesday, March 15, 5-8pm.

We would appreciate your help in spreading the word.

If you know anyone who may be interested in enrolling their children in our school, please send them our way! They can meet with administrators, learn about our mission and programs, and tour the buildings with teachers and students.

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Superintendent's Section, cont. Sports:

A big thank you to those who participated in basketball. It was a successful season. Thank you to Jimmy Odom, Johnny Odom, and Tammy Stacy Mata, Atcheson who helped with the sports program this winter. Also, a big thank you to all our volunteers at games. New Spring sports are starting and we are hoping many consider the new options: Track (Boys and Girls), Baseball, Softball, and Golf. Please call the school office to sign up for sports.



All information on these schedules is subject to change. Please, consult the Google calendar on our website for the most up-to-date information

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Sunday Bible Studies, 9am

Children (Infants-5th Grade) Rooms 32-39

Teens (6th-12th grades) Boys: Choir Room Girls: Youth Room

> Young Adults (ages 18-25) Room 5

Men's Class Room 142

Ladies' Class Room 133

Senior Adult Ladies' Class Room 141

Adults' In-Depth Study of the Book of Romans Room 9

> Sunday Worship 10:15am

Wednesday Bible Studies, 6:30pm

Patch the Pirate Club (K-6th Grade) Room 27

> Youth Group (6th-12th grades) Room 33

> Band of Brothers Room 141

> Women of Grace Room 133

Young Adults' Class Room 142

Wednesdays, 7:30pm

Adult Choir Room 3 (Choir Suite)

> Missions for Kids Room 35

Other Opportunities for Fellowship, Service and Study

Thursdays, 10:00am
Senior Adults' Bible
Study on Heaven
Room 205

Wednesdays,

3:30-5:00pm Yarn Club Room F213 (Library) Open to adults and children 5th-12th grades

Special Meetings

None scheduled at this time

