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HEARTLAND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Heartland Happenings

From the Pastor by Pastor Danny McCubbin



Christmas is right around the corner! We encourage you to take time to celebrate the birth of our Savior at church and throughout the season. We will finish our Ephesians series in January with only a few sermons left, and it will cover how to battle the enemy, which is important as we start the new year. In the meantime, we will have a Christmas series from November 26- December 24th. The series will cover the different characters of Christmas who point us to the true meaning of the season:

November 26th- Herod and the Innkeeper

December 3rd- Joseph

December 10th- Mary

December 17th- Shepherds and the Light

(Cantata that day as well)

December 24th- Jesus and the Purpose of Christmas

Christmas Eve we will have a short Christmas Eve Service beginning at 7pm, when we will sing songs and hear the Christmas story as it relates to our families.

Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24, 7pm

We will be holding our annual candlelight Christmas Eve service this year! As always, this is open to anyone who wishes to join, so please invite your friends and family to come enjoy a quiet evening focusing on the true reason for the season, the birth of our Savior!

December 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 <i>Picture Retakes</i>	29 <i>Hanging of the Greens, 7:30pm</i>	30	1	2
3 <i>Christmas Card Drop</i> <i>Senior-Senior Breakfast, 9am</i>	4	5 <i>Bell Ringing for Salvation Army, 2-5pm</i>	6 <i>M.O.M.S. Mtg, 6pm</i>	7	8	9 <i>HCS Clue Night, 7-12th grades, 6-9pm</i>
10 <i>Christmas Card Drop</i>	11 <i>PTF Mtg, 5:30pm</i>	12	13	14 <i>Sr. Adult Lunch at IHOP, 11:30am</i> <i>HCS Christmas Concert, 7pm</i>	15 <i>Last Day of 2nd Qtr</i> <i>Half-Day</i> <i>Stu-Co Christmas Breakfast</i>	16
JH/HS Finals						
17 <i>Christmas Card Drop</i> <i>Sr. Ladies' Class Party, 9am</i>	18	19	20 <i>M.O.M.S. Mtg, 6pm</i> <i>Youth Christmas Party, 5:30pm-8pm</i>	21	22	23
Christmas Break—No School						
24 <i>Christmas Eve Service, 7pm</i>	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 <i>Lord's Supper</i>	Offices Closed		Christmas Break—No School			

Midweek Meals—Wednesdays, 5:30pm

December Menus

Dec. 6

Goulash, green beans, salad, and banana pudding cups

Dec. 13

Italian sliders, pasta salad, green side salad, and Jell-O poke cake

Dec. 20

Cheesy potatoes with ham, broccoli, salad, and brownies

Dec. 27

NO MIDWEEK MEAL

Seniors - Seniors Breakfast

Sun., Dec. 3, 9:00am, Rm 133

The Senior Ladies' Bible Study invites Heartland's high school seniors to join them for breakfast during Sunday School at 9:00am on the first Sunday of December. Come hungry!

Bell Ringing

Tues., Dec. 5, 2pm-5pm

Belton Hy-Vee

The Senior Ladies have organized a time for us to ring bells to collect for the Salvation Army on Tues., Dec. 5, 2-5pm. If you have not signed up for a shift but you would like to help, just come between 2pm and 5pm, and we will put you to work!

Senior Ladies Christmas Party

Sun., Dec. 17, 9am, Rm 141

The Senior Ladies' Bible Study will be holding their Christmas party in their usual room on Dec. 17 during the Sunday School.

HCS Clue Night

Sat., Dec. 9, 6-9pm

The Heartland Seniors are inviting all 7th-12th graders to join them for Clue Night! The cost to attend is \$15, and this covers dinner and a murder mystery game. Costumes are welcome but not required.



Stu-Co Christmas Breakfast, Dec. 15

Friday, Dec. 15 is the last day of this quarter, and to close out the semester and get into the spirit of the Christmas season, we will have some fun activities planned for the day. Elementary students will be having their class parties, and you may contact you student's teachers for mor details on those.

Junior High and High School students will check into their E-block classes as normal, and then there will be a Christmas breakfast in the gym and cafeteria until 9:30am. We will hear a few people share their testimonies, and then there will be a viewing of *The Grinch*, a photobooth, and cookie decorating stations in the gym. It will be a pajama day, and students are welcome to bring blankets for watching the movie. At 11:30am, the students will go to their homeroom classes, where they can do candy-grams and Secret Santa if their classes have planned to do so.

Remember that Dec. 15 is a half-day, so students will be released at noon. Please, be sure to make arrangements for your students to be picked up at noon or go to aftercare that day.

Merry Christmas! We hope you have a wonderful and safe break!

Seeker's Christmas Party—Wednesday, Dec. 20,

5:30pm-8:00pm, Youth Room (Rm 3)

Food and Fun for Grades 6-12

Gift Exchange (\$10 limit)



The Word Made Flesh—John 1:14-18

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John testified about Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.’” For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

Grace and Truth

The law had been given to God’s people through Moses, but through Jesus, “grace and truth were realized”. God sent His only Son to show us the truth of His amazing love and give us grace that we do not deserve. As we prepare for the celebration of His birth, may we not take these things for granted. Let His grace and truth shine through you this Christmas season, and beyond.

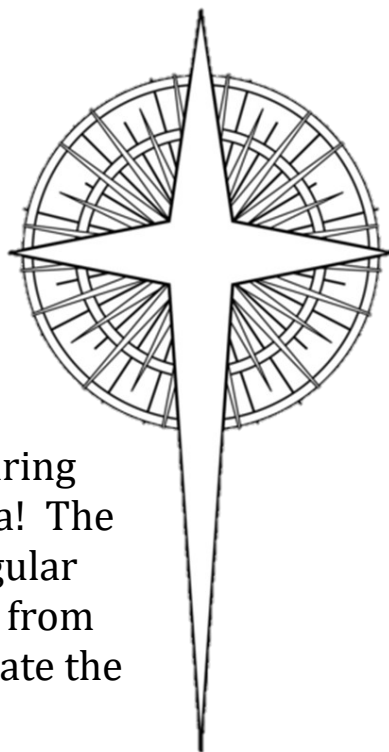
In Christ,
Bro. Brad

Special Music

If you would like to share your musical gifts on a Sunday morning, or you would like to work up a special with a few others, please contact Brad Krigbaum. We would love to hear from you!

Christmas Cantata—Dec. 17, 10:15am

On Sunday, December 17th, the FBC Choir will be sharing “Come Worship the King”, our annual Christmas Cantata! The choir will share what they’ve prepared during the regular church service, followed by the preaching of the Word from Pastor McCubbin. We hope you can join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!



Superintendent's Section

by Pastor Danny McCubbin

When I was in first grade, we made a paper chain from Thanksgiving to Christmas as we counted down the days. I was so excited as the chain got shorter and shorter because it meant Christmas was coming soon! I am sure your kids are excited, as well, and they will count the days down as I did. It is coming soon! In the meantime, we have a busy three weeks at school with ballgames, parties, concerts, and the dreaded finals.

We Encourage You to Look at the Upcoming Events:

Wed., Dec. 6 and 13— Parenting Bible Study, 6:30pm

Thurs., Dec. 14th- Christmas Concert, 7pm

Tues-Fri., Dec. 13-15—Finals (Middle and High School)

Fri., Dec. 15th—Christmas Parties and Half-Day (noon release)

Wed., Dec. 20—Round Table Discussion on Christmas with the Family

We pray as a school for you all as families. If there is anything we can do to serve you please let us know. You are not alone this Christmas or anytime. Our heart here at Heartland is to serve your family as we point your children to the love of Christ in all areas of our lives.

1st Semester Finals Schedule—Grades 6-12, Dec. 12-14

This year, we will be implementing a time for end of semester finals for the Junior High and High School students, much as colleges do, to help prevent final exams and projects from stacking up all at once. Instead of attending their normal order of classes, students will follow the schedules below:

Tues., Dec 12

8:15am-10:15am: 1st Hr Subject
10:20am-12:20pm: 2nd Hr Subject
12:20pm-12:45pm: Lunch
12:50pm-2:50pm: 3rd Hr Subject
2:55pm-3:15pm: E-Block

Wed., Dec. 13

8:15am-10:15am: 4th Hr Subject
10:20am-12:20pm: 5th Hr Subject
12:20pm-12:45pm: Lunch
12:50pm-2:50pm: 6th Hr Subject
2:55pm-3:15pm: E-Block

Thurs., Dec 14

8:15am-10:15am: Make-Up Finals
10:20am-12:20pm: 7th Hr Subject
12:20pm-12:45pm: Lunch
12:50pm-3:15pm: 8th Hr Subject

Fri., Dec. 15

Stu-Co Christmas Breakfast
Half-Day, noon release

Development Section

by Mrs. Tamra Atcheson

Hello all,

It is hard to believe that we are entering December and ending the year 2023. This year has been a big for us at Heartland Christian School. This year was full of highs and lows, and God has blessed our church and school with strong leadership to help guide us through it all. We have seen God move and work in the lives of our students and families throughout this year. His mercies becoming more evident as we continue in His work here. The school grew so much over the summer, and we felt the growing pains as the school year started. As we settle into the rhythm here, we become excited to see how God is going to move next.

As we enter the Christmas season, we need to reflect on the real reason that we celebrate. Please, be in prayer this season for our students and families that do not know Christ and are suffering from loss and heartache. Please, be praying for our teachers and staff to be able to see the needs of our students and families, and that they will have the strength to face any trials they are dealing with. Also, I would ask that you be in prayer for how God is leading you to help in our ministry here. If you are interested in helping at the school please reach out to me or Pastor McCubbin for how to get connected.

Thank you again for all of your prayers and support!

In His Service,

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Sports Section

by Mrs. Tamra Atcheson

December is a full and short month for our student activities programs. The first two weeks are jam packed with games and events. Our basketball season is in full swing now. The Basketball teams, Cheerleaders, and Pep Band have been practicing and are ready to welcome you to school for exciting nights of basketball and fun. The music and drama programs are also working hard to prepare for "The Gift of Christmas Concert" later this month.

Please mark your calendars with the events below so you don't miss out on the fun!

December Sports Schedule:

(Times and Locations are on the Google Calendar)

12/1 - Away Games @ Northland Christian School

12/2 - Elementary Basketball Jamboree @ Heartland

12/5 - Home Games vs. Overland Christian School

12/7 - Home Games vs. Outreach Christian Education

12/8 - Home Games vs. El Dorado Christian School

12/9 - Away Games @ Blue Ridge Christian School

Home Games vs. Bethel Academy

12/11 - PTF Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

Home Games vs. Clinton Christian Academy

12/12 - Away Games @ Christian Learning Center

12/14 - "The Gift of Christmas Concert" @ Heartland Christian School - 7:00 p.m.

12/15 - Away Games @ Plaza Heights Christian Academy

12/16 - Elementary Basketball Jamboree @ Bethel Academy

If you are interested in partnering with our teams, please contact me at 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.



First Baptist Church of Belton - Schedules

Sunday

Bible Studies, 9am

Children

Infants-5th Grade,
Rms 32-39

Seekers

6th-12th grades, Rm 33

ReMARKable Faith

Young Adults, Room 5

Minor Prophets,

Major Impact

Men's Class, Rm 142
Ladies' Class, Rm 133
Senior Adult Ladies'
Class, Rm 141

Joy-Filled

Adults' In-Depth Study
of the Book of I John
Rm 9

Faith in Hard Times

(A Study of Job)

Adults, Rm 3

New Member's Class

Rm 30

Sunday Worship

10:15am

Wednesday

Bible Studies, 6:30pm

Children

(Infants-K4)
Rms 32-39

Patch the Pirate Club

(K5-5th Grades)
Rm 30

Seekers

6th-12th grades, Rm 3

Ten Commandments

Young Adults,
Rm 5

Building Resilience

Women of Grace
Rm 133

Band of Brothers

Men's Class
Rm. 141

Biblical Parenting

Adult Class
Rm. 142

Other Opportunities for Fellowship, Service, and Study

Tuesdays, 4pm-6pm

FBC Yarn Club
Rm 133

Wednesdays, 5:30pm

Midweek Meals

MOMS, 6pm, Rm 9

Dec. 6 & 20

Wednesdays, 6pm

Ministry Team Mtgs,
Missions Group
Dec. 6

Discipleship Group
Dec. 13

Worship/Family Minis-
tries Group
Dec. 20

School Ministry Group
(Not this Month)

Thursdays, 10:00am

Adults' Bible Study
Gospel of John
Rm 3