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HEARTLAND FAMILY MINISTRIES

# Heartland Happenings

## From the Pastor by Pastor Danny McCubbin

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I am afraid of some rides at amusement parks at my age. Many think it is the heights that get me, but that is not it. The rides that make me fearful and scared are the spinning rides. These rides put my stomach in knots because of how they make me feel afterward. Fear can stop me from having fun.

In our world, fear is something that can consume our emotions, paralyze us, and keep us from maximizing our potential. When you are tempted to be afraid of people, problems or circumstances, realize that this is actually God's reminder to pray for His divine intervention, to calm the fear and to give you peace in the midst of whatever problems you face.

That's when you can know that God is real—when you are afraid, and He overrides that fear with His presence. So, appeal to His presence when fear begins to overtake you so that the emotion of fear doesn't become a spirit of fear. Through Him, you can control your fear instead of being controlled by it.

*2 Timothy 1:7 "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and a sound mind."*

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### Mark Your Calendars

Each year, I want to evaluate what we have done the past year and cast vision each summer. I want to start having meetings in April for Vision and Evaluation to see how we can better impact our community and make disciples.

These meetings will be held on the following dates at

5:00pm:

**Sunday, April 16**

**Sunday, April 30**

**Sunday, June 25**

# April 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 <i>Easter Cantata</i></p> <p><i>Deacons' Dinner with Accreditation Committee, 5pm</i></p>	<p>3 <i>PTF Mtg, 5pm</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 <i>Late Enrollment Begins</i></p> <p><i>MOPS Mtg, 6pm</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 <i>Good Friday, No School</i></p>	<p>8 <i>Easter Egg Hunt, 10am</i></p>
ACSI On-Site Accreditation Visit						
<p>9 <i>Easter</i></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 <i>Sr. Adult Luncheon at IHOP, 11:30am</i></p>	<p>14 <i>Fine Arts Competition at Blue Ridge Christian</i></p>	<p>15</p>
HCS Junior and Senior Trips						
<p>16 <i>Vision and Evaluation Mtg, 5pm</i></p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 <i>Midterm</i></p> <p><i>MOPS Mtg, 6pm</i></p>	<p>20 <i>HCS Open House, 5-8pm</i></p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
Iowa Testing						
HCS Junior and Senior Trips						
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 <i>HCS Spring Play, 7pm</i></p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 <i>Vision and Evaluation Mtg, 5pm</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>

**Midweek Meals—April Menus**

You do not need to sign up to attend these meals, which occur weekly on Wednesdays at 5:30pm. If you would like to help with set-up, serving, or clean-up, please contact Yvonne Roberts.

**Apr.5**

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, and Cherry Cobbler

**Apr. 12**

Baked Potato Bar, Salad, and Chocolate Cookies

**Apr. 19**

Taco Salad, Chili, and Churro Cookies

**Apr. 26**

Spaghetti with Italian Meatballs, Garlic Toast, Salad, and Italian Cream Cake

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**Easter Egg Hunt**

**April 8, 10:00am**

Come join us for a fun-filled event that includes reading Bible stories, hunting for Easter eggs, and a meal of hotdogs and lemonade!

If you would like to help serve at this event, please arrive at 8:00am.

Contact Amy Krigbaum for details.

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**Deacon's Dinner**

**Sunday, April 2, 5pm**

There will be a dinner for the deacons and their wives to meet with Ministry Team 3 and welcome the ACSI Accreditation Team when they come for their on-site visit to review the school.

**Accreditation Update**

**ACSI Visit Apr. 2-5**

The accreditation review team from ACSI will be visiting our school for their on-site inspections and interviews during the first week of April. Please, pray for traveling mercies as they come to Belton and return home and that their stay here would be a pleasant one, as it is often difficult to rest while traveling for work. Stay tuned for the announcements of the results of their assessments. We offer special thanks to everyone who has worked to make this accreditation process possible, especially Lesley Schmidt, who has served above and beyond by spearheading the organization of our teams and reports.

**Colossians 2:6-8**

*Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

**Be Like Christ**

When I was a child, I wanted to be exactly like my dad. If he was wearing boots, I put on my boots. When he had a cowboy hat on, I wanted to wear one too. Whatever he was doing, I would imitate him. He liked to work in the garage, so I would come along beside him and “help”. I even gave myself a nickname- “Daddy’s Little Worker-boy”. Isn’t this exactly how we should be in following Christ- watching and imitating His every move, longing just to be next to Him?

Jesus set the example for all of us to follow, of how to serve, love, and put others before ourselves. If we are to teach these things to others, we must set the example of these things in our daily lives. And if you find yourself occasionally living opposite of the example you want to set for others, repent, ask forgiveness, and move on. We all fall down, but we also need to set the example of falling on God’s grace instead of depending on our own pride. Sometimes the example we set is one of humility, as we ask forgiveness and lean on God’s grace.

In Christ,  
Bro. Brad

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**Easter Cantata**

**Sunday, April 2nd at 10:15am**

The FBC Belton Choir will be leading us in worship as they present our annual Easter Cantata! Please, be in prayer as they prepare to share the story of the Gospel with us through song!

## Superintendent's Section

by Pastor Danny McCubbin

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Dear parents,

Battles happen so often in our lives and world. Many times, those battles are hidden or misplaced. Sin has a way of doing things to destroy the lives of people and situations. Our country is in hard times when we leave God out of the equation in our society. The end result is that people leave God out of their lives, as well. The response that we need to pray, protect, and provide what is needed in each situation. With the tragedy in Nashville recently we must put on the armor of God and do exactly that. I challenge every family to pray, protect, and provide what is needed.

First, we grieve for the lives of those in Nashville, and our world, who have been affected with violence. Our Biblical response to this is to pray. We pray for those who lost their loved ones and pray for those who persecute, as well, for life transformation. My challenge is for our school to be people who are praying. In our lives, if we are faced with challenging situations, just as any situation, we are to pray without ceasing. My desire is that we do that as a school, I invite parents and students to pray on Wednesdays at 7:30am before elementary chapel each week starting Wednesday, March 29. Pray for our country, pray for school, and pray for the families. Come join me in the sanctuary at 7:30am on Wednesdays to pray.

Second, we need to protect. Our goal as a school is to protect our students physically, but more importantly spiritually. We want to make sure we protect our students physically. We have policies and procedures in place to do that. The doors are secured, and we want to continue to evaluate to make sure we are doing things in that area with excellence. Spiritually, we want to protect the students from fear. On Wednesday, March 29, we will discuss fear and what to do with that. If you want, please, pray for the impact of that chapel as we navigate the kids' feelings and seek to point them to the answer in their life to protect them from fear.

Last, we want to provide for the students in anyway possible. We have staff who love the students, and we offer to provide any counseling or time to engage with the students spiritually. If your child needs to talk, pray, or just have a discussion, we are always available. Thank you for partnering with us in the discipleship of students. We will continue to pray and seek as we end the school year focused on God. Please, let us know how we can serve you all, not only now, but in the future.

Danny McCubbin

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### Open Houses

Enrollment is still open! Please, spread the word:

**Thursday, Apr. 20, 5-8pm**

**Tuesday, June 20, 5-8pm**

**Thursday, July 20, 5-8pm**

I cannot believe that is already April! This year is winding down, but there are still many things that are going to happen between now and the official end of the year. We have the IOWA testing coming up along with the senior trip and the junior trip around our great city. We will be having a spring play, as well, so keep watching for that announcement. Spring sports are in full swing and we are doing pretty well!

The biggest elephant in the room is accreditation during the first week of April. There have been countless hours put in on this process, and I want to take a moment to thank Leslie Schmidt for taking on the leadership role. If you didn't know, she has been working on this for more than a year! That's how long of a process this is. If you see her – tell her a big THANK YOU!!!!!!

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## **Enrollment Overview**

### **General Enrollment begins Mar. 1!**

The enrollment fee has increased as we moved from Early Enrollment to General Enrollment on March 1. Please note the fees for the remaining phases below:

#### **Apr. 5 and later: Late Enrollment Fee—\$385**

For those who have already enrolled—thank you! We appreciate the prompt feedback, as it helps us in our planning for next year. If you are planning to re-enroll and have not submitted your student's enrollment packet, please, do so! If you are having problems with your enrollment packets or Family Portal login, please reach out to Ms. Anders in the main office at [janders@hfministries.org](mailto:janders@hfministries.org) or (816) 331-1000.

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#### **Schedule a Tour!**

If you are reading this because you are thinking of enrolling your student(s) in our school, welcome! Feel free to come to one of the Open Houses or call (816) 331-100 to reach our main office and schedule a tour.

If you have already toured and are ready to apply, go to the admissions page of our website, and click "Apply Now!"

# First Baptist Church of Belton - Schedules

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## Sunday

### Bible Studies, 9am

#### Children

Infants-5th Grade,  
Rms 32-39

#### Seekers

6th-12th grades, Rm 33

#### Reviewing Romans

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

#### World Changers

#### (A Study of Acts)

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

K5-6th Grade, Rm 30

#### Seekers

6th-12th grades, Rm 33

#### Godward Heart—

#### Having a Heart for God

Young Adults,  
Rm 5

#### Being a God-Centered Woman - A Study of the Women of the Bible

Women of Grace,  
Rm 133

#### In the Beginning—A Study of the Book of Genesis

Men's Class, Rm 142

### Wednesdays, 7:30pm

Adult Choir Practice  
Rm 3 (Choir Suite)

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### Other Opportunities for Fellowship, Service and Study

## Tuesdays, 4-6pm

FBC Yarn Club  
Rm 133

## Wednesdays, 5:30pm

Midweek Meals

## Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm

MOPS, Rm 141

April 5

April 19

## Thursdays, 10:00am

### Adults' Bible Study

Personal Revival

in Our Life

Rm 205

### Special Meetings

Lord's Supper, April 30

10:15am