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HEARTLAND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Heartland Happenings

From the Pastor by Pastor Danny McCubbin



What are you afraid of?

One of the most paralyzing problems in all of life is fear.

One of my big fears is being in water above my head. If I find myself in that situation, my body goes limp. Sometimes these fears we have affect us not just in water, but our everyday life. Our fears are found in so many areas: fear of the unknown, fear of problems, fear of sickness, disease, and death, fear of people, fear of losing our jobs, fear of enemy attacks, fear of being misunderstood, rejected, criticized, forgotten or being mistreated. What makes matters worse is that the very thing we fear often occurs. Sometimes it is worse than we anticipated! I've known times when I felt virtually paralyzed with feelings of panic. As fear gets a firm grip on us, we become its victim.

If fear has become your daily grind, Psalm 27 should prove very helpful. It is a song intended to take the pain out of that dreadful grind. A careful reading of King David's song will reveal a contrast between the first half (27:1-6) and the last half (27:7-14). The first six verses resound with praise, confidence, victory, and even singing, while the last eight verses are filled with needs—actually, a list of requests. Look at the expressions David uses in his composition:

Verse 7: "Hear, O LORD . . . and answer me."

Verse 8: "Your face, O LORD, I shall seek."

Verse 9: "Do not hide . . . Do not turn . . . Do not abandon me nor forsake me."

Verse 11: "Teach me . . . O LORD."

He gives his utter dependence.

As we look at David's response to fear, let me point out the overall structure of the psalm:

Declaration of Praise (27:1-6)

Petition for Needs (27:7-13)

Exhortation to Wait (27:14)

He first declared what he knew (27:1-6). He then expressed what he needed (27:7-13). And finally, he committed himself to waiting on God (27:14). Today at First Baptist of Belton we do not have to fear. We declare God's greatness, express our needs and commit to waiting on Him. Will you live your life in light of that? If we do not do that then we live in fear and turmoil.

Church Announcements

The Church and School Task Forces will meet again on February 6th. Please look in the bulletin for the meeting times. As we approach summer we will have another vision casting from the results of the task force as we look toward the future. These task forces have provided feedback on ideas and projects as we start the process of implementation of new things and growing our existing ministries.

February 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2 <i>HCS Midterm</i> <i>Youth Dinner,</i> <i>6:30pm</i>	3 <i>PTA Mtg.</i> <i>5:30pm</i>	4	5
6 <i>Church Task Force Mtg,</i> <i>4:15pm</i> <i>School Task Force Mtg,</i> <i>5:30pm</i>	7	8 <i>HCS Early Enrollment Begins</i>	9	10 <i>HCS Half-Day, 12pm release</i>	11 <i>HCS Half-Day, 12pm release</i>	12
13 <i>Youth Superbowl Party, 4:30pm</i>	14 <i>FBC Valentine's Dinner,</i> <i>7pm</i>	15	16	17	18	19
				<i>HCS Winter Break</i> <i>No School—Offices Closed</i>		
20	21 <i>President's Day</i> <i>No School</i>	22	23 <i>HCS Sports Pictures</i>	24 <i>HCS Open House, 5-8pm</i>	25	26
27	28	1	2	3	4	5

Youth Section

by Mr. Cole Knowlton

January was an exciting month for our group. We started the year with our Annual Lock-In and a new curriculum. Our focus for the past month has been on Spiritual Discipline and how to earnestly seek the Lord. Jim Atcheson taught a great message this last week out of 2Peter 1:3-11.

“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own

glory and excellence, 4 by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.”

I encourage you, brothers and sisters, to seek the things of the Lord such as brotherly affection and love, be diligent to confirm your calling. We are looking forward to some of our upcoming events including our

first annual Valentine’s Day Banquet and A Super Bowl Party. On Feb 13th we will be meeting together to watch the conclusion of the NFL season. Then on Feb. 14th the Youth Group will be hosting a dinner for any singles in the church and in the community. Thank you again for your encouragement and continued support for our Youth Group. Please keep the kids in your prayers, we long to see more come to know their savior.

~Cole S. Knowlton

Youth Dinners

- ♦ February 2—Breakfast Bar
- ♦ March 2—Baked Potato Bar
- ♦ April 6—Mac & Cheese Bar
- ♦ May 4—Taco Salad Bar

I Timothy 4: 12-13

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in the word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

Youth Super Bowl Party

Feb. 13, 4:30pm

This event will be held in the gym and cafeteria. Please, coordinate with Mr. Knowlton and Mrs. Atcheson on what snacks to bring.

Valentine’s Day Dinner

Feb. 14, 7:00pm

The youth will be hosting a dinner for the single adults in the church on Valentine’s Day at 7:00pm.

There is a link on the church website and Facebook. **RSVP** by Feb. 7.

The cost to attend will be \$10/person, and the meal will be lasagna with salad, a breadstick, and dessert.

Youth who are serving at this event should arrive at 6:00pm and plan to stay after for clean-up.

Superintendent's Section

by Pastor Danny McCubbin

Dear Families:

Thank you for all you have done to make the beginning of the next semester successful. Currently we are working on the handbook for next year, as well as classes for next year. God is providing staff and opportunities for us to expand our school and the future here at Heartland.

Last month, I invited parents to be a part of a survey and to look at the course catalog for next year. In the month of February, we will

extend the survey starting next week. I will be emailing each parent individually with the SWOT analysis. This SWOT survey allows us to improve our program and evaluate ourselves with accreditation coming soon. Please, look for an email from me in a few weeks and let me know your thoughts. The second phase to that will be my meeting with students during the school day to have them give feedback on their schedule for next year. If you are interested in being present with your student during this time you

will have to let me know. I will start meeting with students next week in grades 7-12.

Continue to pray for the end of the year as we serve the Lord by providing Christian education. I Corinthians 10:31 states: "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." We want to finish this semester living out His glory as we approach the summer.

Danny McCubbin

Announcements Overview

- ◆ We have had only a handful of people sign up to do the SWOT analysis. In the next few weeks you will receive a form to go over and fill out a SWOT analysis. If you would fill out this form and turn it to the office so we can gather feedback. Your opinion in the future of our school is important to us.
- ◆ I will meet with each student in grades 6 -12 to discuss the possibility of class offerings. If you would like to be in that meeting, let me know.
- ◆ Attached to this newsletter is a course catalog that you can look at for next year's classes .

Open House, Feb. 24, 5-8pm

The first Open House for the 2022-23 school year will be
Thursday, February 24, 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.

Principal's Corner

by Mr. Mike McMillan

I can't believe that we are already into February! I hope that your family has been able to weather the storm of sickness that has been sweeping the state and city. We are trying our best to keep the school open for in-person learning. Our biggest obstacle is having enough subs to fill the vacancies. So far, we have been able to. If you or someone you know would like to sub for us, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Basketball is in full swing. Please, take a look at the

sports calendar online to see when and where our games are. Even if you don't have a student on one of the teams, please come out and support the teams! It is a great encouragement for them to see a lot of Heartland fans in the stands!

We will be hosting the ACT test on Saturday, February 12, and the MOKAN basketball tournament, as well. I have heard comments from time to time that our building look a little worn – that's because they ARE! To say that we are using the facilities that God has given us is a bit of

an understatement. During the school year, the buildings are in use at least 6 days a week and sometimes 7! It does take a toll. We need families who are willing to host a foreign exchange student! We have not started to get inquiries as of yet, but we will, and I would like to have some families ready to "go"! It is one of the most rewarding things you will ever do! If you are interested, please contact me at the school. I would love to sit down with you to talk about it.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb. 2–3rd Quarter Midterm
- ◆ Feb. 10 & 11—half-days, noon release
- ◆ Feb. 17-21—Winter Break—No School
- ◆ Feb. 23—Sports Pictures
- ◆ Feb. 24—Open House, 5-8pm

Re-Enrollment Begins Feb. 8

- ◆ You will receive a notification that re-enrollment is open; go to Family Portal and fill out your student's enrollment packet.

Fees

- ◆ Early Enrollment: \$185
 - ◆ Feb. 8-March 8
- ◆ General Enrollment: \$260
 - ◆ March 9-April 5
- ◆ Late Enrollment: \$385
 - ◆ April 6 or later

Valentine's Day Classroom Parties

Please, be sure to coordinate with your student's homeroom teacher about any Valentine's Day events!

They may have a certain theme or know of dietary restrictions that would affect any treats that you might want to contribute.

MOKAN JH Basketball Tournament

January 31-February 5

Check bracket online for times.

Games are at Overland

\$5/night; \$10/tournament pass

MOKAN Varsity Basketball Tournament

Feb. 7-12

Games will be at Heartland

No games on Wednesday Night

Prices and brackets are tbd.

MCSAA State Basketball Tournament

Feb. 17-19

in Joplin

Ladies' Groups will assemble care packages
for students Wed., Feb. 16, 6:30pm

MOKAN All-Star Game

Feb. 22, 5:00pm

Sports Pictures

Feb. 23

JV Basketball Tournament

Feb. 24-26

Games will be at Heartland

Please, pray for the safety and health of the
teams and coaches while they travel and play
as they close out the season.



Winter Sports Pictures

Sports pictures for Basketball, Beginning
Band, 6th-12th Grade Orchestra, and 7th-12th
Choir will take place on **Wednesday, Feb. 23.**

Students playing sports will need to bring their
uniforms to change after lunch. Music stu-
dents will need to change into a white shirt,
black dress pants, and black shoes.

Please, be sure that all sports uniforms are
clean and ready to be surrendered.

Order forms will be circulated as soon as they
are available. Please, turn in the order forms,
with payment, by Tuesday, Feb. 22, 9:00am.

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

First Baptist Church of Belton - Schedules

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 30

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

Church Task Force Mtg
Feb. 6, 4:15pm

School Task Force Mtg
Feb. 6, 5:30pm