



# heartland connection



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Dear Friends,

*From George*

June is a great month. The year is almost half over and we have a lot of exciting things ahead. We have had a phenomenal spring with some of the best weather we've had in a long time. Graduations are over, college students are back, and summer officially begins this month. Summer jobs have started and schedules are changing. School is now out, vacations are beginning, air conditioners are humming and the pools are full. Summer is here and we look forward to hotter weather, drier lawns, and a relaxing break from the routine and pressure of the school year. Kids can sleep in and we can stay up later working on the yard, playing baseball or having cookouts. The heat scorches our lawns and our bodies turning both of them shades of red or brown.

Congratulations to all of our graduates! As graduation has come and gone for many of our Heartland folks, I want to let you know how proud I am to be your Pastor. Our young people have shown again what a remarkable group of families we have here at Heartland. They are exhibiting leadership and godly character. That reflects on you as parents and on us as a church. Keep up the good work. God is being honored and glorified in your lives and families.

As usual, I have several thoughts running through my head.

First, we are a unique group of people but one thing that stands out to me (and is mentioned by visitors) is we truly seem to love and care for each other. In doing that, we are making a pleasing sacrifice to God.

*Love One  
Another*

John Piper reminds us of this part of the lifestyle of the Christian:

*“Very simply, the life of a Christian is not only to be a worshipping, praising life, but a shared life; a life of doing good for others and sharing your possessions and your heart with others....What sort of things does the writer have in mind?...The kind of thing he means by doing good and sharing would be hospitality (having people — even people you don't know — over to your house after Sunday service); visiting people in prison; caring for any who are afflicted. But of course there are hundreds of ways to do good for people and to share your life with people. The point is that people who get their strength and their wisdom from the altar of the cross, from Jesus Christ, are people who live for others. They get up in the morning and think about how they can do the most good for other people today. This is the sacrifice that they offer to the Lord day after day....The text says that such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ...If you can see why God is pleased with this way of life it will please you too and make it a joy and not a burden.*

Secondly, I believe another key to fruitful ministry is consistency. The old Nat King Cole song talks of the “lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer”. For most of us, it's only two out of the three as few of us really have a lazy summer. We pack our schedules, a little more relaxed maybe, but still trying to include as much as we possibly can in the few weeks and months we have. It is tempting during these days of summer to allow these changes to affect the way we view our relationship to the Lord. With all of the so-called free time, we begin to think that we can take a vacation from Him as well. Our quiet times take a back seat to the fun times. Our church attendance takes a back seat to our times at the lake. Children's activities now take precedence over fellowship and Bible study. Our vacation and home projects take a priority over our giving to the Lord. Friends, it ought not be this way.

*Consistency*

I pray that we may become like the psalmist who declares, “*As the deer pants for the water brooks, So my soul pants*”

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for Thee, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; When shall I come and appear before God?" (Psalm 42:1-2). Or again, "I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD" (Psalm 122:1).

Third, one of the greatest privileges we have is to participate with God Almighty in seeing people come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior. God certainly didn't need us, but He chose to use us as His witnesses. What an exciting time to watch as folks from Heartland are involved in short term mission trips and even longer term ministry. I know that those lives will be changed forever as they see what God is doing. But they are not the only missionaries. As you spend time at the pool or at a sporting event or even in a favorite vacation spot, ask God to lead you to someone who needs to hear about Jesus. Be faithful to present the gospel. Remember, Jesus said we would be his witnesses, "but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). And don't forget to pray for those from Heartland who will be going on our short-term mission trips. Ask God to give them boldness and courage and to lead them to those who need the Savior.

*We are His Witnesses*

Finally, I will be going to Virginia Beach, Virginia from June 5-10 for General Assembly--the national gathering of churches in the PCA. Being a part of a denomination allows us to see how unity works at a larger scale. It is great to be a part of a group where we share the same vision, beliefs and mission. We aren't perfect nor are we the only church that holds to the historic, Christian faith, but we are a part of something bigger than us. Be praying for our denomination that all of the decisions made will truly glorify God.

Our God is truly the great and awesome God. He never changes. He never sleeps or slumbers. He still expects us as His children to be obedient to Him. He still wants to have fellowship with us. He still uses us to accomplish His purposes. He still desires our all.

So, let's have a great summer. But let it be great, not because of what we are taking a break from, but because of what we are committed to do. Let's make it a priority to use all of our "extra" time to His glory. Let's worship Him reverently, witness for Him continuously and fellowship regularly with one another for Him.

I pray you have a great month and that our Faithful God will continue to bless you and your family.

In Awe of Him!

George



**Leaving for Seminary!**  
*Jason and Amy Wagoner*

Jason, Amy and their family of seven children will be leaving for Seminary soon. Mark and Sherri Kahrs are hosting a fellowship time in their home and you are invited. You'll be able to hear first hand how you can be a part of this new chapter in their lives.

201 N Post Oak Road  
Sunday, June 12  
2:30 p.m.

**LADIES OF HEARTLAND:**

Please join us in showering  
*Alyssa De Jong*  
with baby supplies and our love at:  
7:00 pm Monday, June 20th  
Home of Erin Frost 108 N. Battin

Contributions to the group gift may be mailed to Erin by Wednesday, June 15th.  
108 N Battin, Wichita, 67208



# SING UNTO THE LORD

(From Pastor Rick)



One of the activities that my family likes to engage in from time to time is to have a good old fashion hymn sing. It is a blessed time to gather with brothers & sisters in Christ and spend an extended time of giving praise to God through the singing of the hymns of the church!

Equally rewarding to singing the hymns of the faith is to explore the background and stories of some of the beloved hymns of the church. Recently I was reading the story behind the hymn, *All Glory, Laud and Honor* which we traditionally sing around Palm Sunday. Here is what I found out about this Easter hymn:

This traditional, Palm Sunday processional hymn was very likely written about 820 A.D. by Bishop Theodolph of Orleans, France while he was imprisoned at the monastery of Angers. Theodolph was well known in his day as a poet, pastor, and beloved bishop of Orleans. He was born in Spain of Ostrogothic parentage. He was known as a close friend of Charlemagne, the emperor who tried to revive the Roman Empire in the eighth century. Charlemagne called Theodolph to his court at Aachen, Germany, about 781, and later appointed him Bishop of Orleans. When Emperor Charlemagne died, in 814, the bishop was put into a monastic prison by Charlemagne's son and successor, Louis I the Pious, for allegedly plotting against him. A well-known legend has long been associated with this hymn. It is believed by many that a short time before the bishop's death in 821, Louis was visiting in the area where the bishop was imprisoned and by chance passed under his cell. The bishop is said to have been singing and worshiping by himself: and when the emperor heard this particular hymn being sung, he was so moved by the incident, that he immediately ordered the bishop's release. Shortly thereafter, it appears that the bishop died, with some accounts alleging that he was poisoned before leaving the cloister. (*101 More Hymn Stories*, p. 28).



*All glory, laud, and honor,  
To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

Stories like this remind us that while the hymns of our faith are not equal to the inspired Psalms, nonetheless many were written by godly men & women who's desire it was to exalt their God and give the praise & worship that is due His Name!

As we gather on Sundays to worship the Lord, let us be reminded that we lift our voices with the saints of old to exalt & praise our God!

In Christ,



Looking for a way to connect and invest your life at Heartland? Please prayerfully consider being a part of the Children's Sunday School Department.

There will be opportunities to serve as Head Teachers, Assistants and Substitutes or helping with music. For further information contact Sharon Zimmerman at 775-6544 (home), 208-4020 (cell), or email [sharonzman56@gmail.com](mailto:sharonzman56@gmail.com)

### *Work Opportunities Needed*

There are a number of junior high and high school students looking to raise money for the upcoming youth camps. If anyone would like to hire a student for some yard work, babysitting, housework, etc. please call Sabra Paris at 744-0880 to make arrangements. Students who are looking to raise money for camp, please call Sabra if you have not yet done so.

### **Request for Care Packages**

If anyone is interested in sending care packages or candies/cookies to the deployed soldiers of the 1-161 Field Artillery, Kansas Army National Guard, our address is:

Brian or Sara Blackman  
PSC 831 Box 87 FPO, AE 09363-0087

Or you can contact our chaplain, Jonas Johnson at: [jonas.johnson@hoa.usafricom.mil](mailto:jonas.johnson@hoa.usafricom.mil) for prayer requests and other needs.

Thank you, LTs Brian and Sara Blackman

### ***For Your INFORMATION...***

Heartland Community Church

Prayer Requests - [prayer@heartlandPCA.org](mailto:prayer@heartlandPCA.org)

Pictures of Students - [heartlandworship@gmail.com](mailto:heartlandworship@gmail.com)

Church Directory Updates - [heartlandoffice@att.net](mailto:heartlandoffice@att.net)

Articles & Announcements - [heartlandoffice@att.net](mailto:heartlandoffice@att.net)  
(includes monthly newsletter, weekly Heartland Enews and Sunday Bulletin Announcements)

[www.heartlandpca.org](http://www.heartlandpca.org)  
(316) 686-0060



### *Summer camps are coming up!*

#### **RiverRanch 2011: July 11-15**

For students currently in 8th - 12th grade. For more info go to the website at [www.thegraze.org/riverranch](http://www.thegraze.org/riverranch).



 **We need...** Volunteers to help transport to/ from the camps and to possibly attend one of the camps or any other questions please contact John or Rachel Bouma at 545-7213.

#### **Clearwater 2011: August 2-5**

For students currently in 5th - 7th grade. To learn more and to register please visit our website at <http://thegraze.org/clearwater>.



*Hope to see you there!*



# Heartland Creation Conference

July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Featuring: **Dr. Jonathan Sarfati**

Dr Sarfati will be at Heartland all day on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be open to the public. Please invite your friends. This will definitely be an event you will want to invite your skeptic non-believing friends to. He will also be doing a chess demonstration although we have not yet determined if it will be blindfolded or not.

Dr Sarfati will then be speaking at Heartland one last time on Sunday evening, July 10<sup>th</sup>. We will have a special evening Pot Providence in his honor and will also have a special Q&A session. The Sunday evening session will be for Heartland members and regular attendees only.

*Stay tuned for further details.*

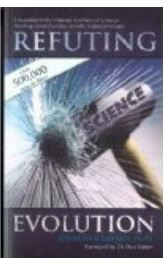


Dr Jonathan Sarfati was born in Ararat, Australia in 1964. He moved to New Zealand as a child and later studied science at Victoria University of Wellington. He obtained a B.Sc. (Hons.) in Chemistry with two physics papers substituted (nuclear and condensed matter physics). His Ph.D. in Chemistry was awarded for a thesis entitled ‘A Spectroscopic Study of some Chalcogenide Ring and Cage Molecules’. He has co-authored papers in mainstream scientific journals on high-temperature superconductors and selenium-containing ring and cage-shaped molecules. He also had a co-authored paper on high-temperature superconductors published in *Nature* when he was 22.

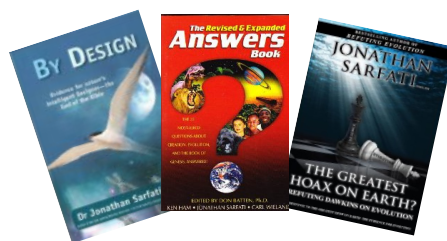
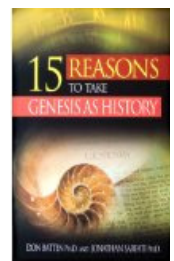
Dr Sarfati has been a Christian since 1984. He has long been interested in apologetics, the defense of the faith, and was a co-founder of the Wellington Christian Apologetics Society. In August 1996, he returned to the country of his birth to take up a position as a research scientist and editorial consultant for *Creation Ministries International* in Brisbane. In this capacity, he is co-editor of *Creation* magazine, and also writes and reviews articles for *Journal of Creation*.



He is the author of Refuting Evolution and Refuting Evolution II. In 2004 he wrote Refuting Compromise, defending a straightforward biblical creation timeline and a global flood. He is the co-author of The Creation Answers Book, answering 20 of the most-asked questions about creation/evolution and also 15 Reasons to Take Genesis as History. In 2008, he wrote By Design: Evidence for Nature’s Intelligent Designer—the God of the Bible. His most recent book, a response to leading atheist Richard Dawkins’ book, The Greatest Show on Earth, is The Greatest Hoax on Earth: Refuting Dawkins on Evolution.



Dr Sarfati is also a keen chess player. He is a former New Zealand Chess Champion, and represented New Zealand in three Chess Olympiads, and drew with Boris Spassky, world champion 1969–1972, in a tournament game. Dr Sarfati regularly accepts challenges from multiple players where he plays ‘blindfold’, i.e. from memory without sight or any physical contact with the board, so moves are communicated via a recognized chess notation. Twelve is the most played simultaneously to date.



*Just A Reminder*

*For the Summer*

No Pot Providence

*nor*

Sunday School Music for children at 9:00

Pastors will be at General Assembly week of June 6th

*Happy Father's Day*



*to all*

*Heartland Fathers!*

## *From Costa Rica.....*



Dear Heartland Family,

Letter from Vaughn's dated 5/14/11

We appreciate your kindness to us, particularly to those who gave money to help us buy a car. We've been in Costa Rica for a little over a month now living in San Jose, the capital. Our family is getting settled, and the ministry is starting to pick up. Yesterday, today, and tomorrow we have a workshop for Sunday school teachers. Next week we will host a mentoring group in our home. This particular group has been going for 4 or 5 years and now four of those guys are training others. This is the backbone of the ministry here. It is regular discipleship, theological education, & leadership training in small groups around the country. I am still in the observation mode. It is important to form relationships and see what is going on before I jump in. Next week I'll observe several of the mentoring groups in the rural areas of Costa Rica.

On the 23rd we will move into a different house. A missionary family is going on furlough for six months and we will take care of their home. It is a beautiful, furnished home on a mountainside overlooking San Jose. For the past month, we have been staying in the home of Sergio and Sandy Chen. Sandy's father, Buck, used to be the youth pastor at Eastminister. She married a Costa Rican and has been living here ever since. God has taken good care of us.

Please continue to pray for Maribell, the wife of Moises, the main leader of the new denomination we are starting. Earlier this spring she was supposed to have a hysterectomy, but that was postponed because of fears that cancer had spread to her cervix. The week before Easter, she began to bleed to death and they did emergency surgery. She has been touch and go since then, but this week they took out her stitches. She has diabetes and hypertension, so please pray that her blood pressure and sugar levels will become stable.

Pray that we will continue to form good relationships with the Davila family (the other MTW missionaries), leaders and members from the churches we are working with, as well as our neighbors. We went to a birthday part yesterday and met some neighbors and community leaders in the area where we will move at the end of May. I met one man who ships plantains grown by a tribe of Indians near Panama to Puerto Rico and other US markets. Another local leader invited me to have coffee and learn more about Costa Rican culture. A couple weeks ago we had a neighbor over who teaches linguistics at the University of Costa Rica.

He had some interesting insights into learning Spanish and some of unique elements of Costa Rican Spanish. Pray that we will continue to grow in our ability to communicate the Gospel in Spanish. Last week Sam came home from church and said, "I just wish I understood everything they are saying in Sunday School."

For more stories and pictures visit our website: <http://web.me.com/jeffrey.vaughn/Site/Welcome.html>

Thank you for your friendship and prayers.

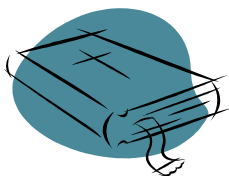
*We also have a Wichita number: (316) 882-7471*

*Jeff Vaughn*

Contact Information: Jeff and Heather Vaughn, Aportado 191-2250-30301,  
La Union, Tres Rios Cartago, Costa Rica



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Session 6:30 pm	3 Heartland Reformed Book Club 7:00 pm	4 Men's Basketball Open Gym 8:00 am
5 <i>Lord's Day</i> <i>Communion and Mercy Offering</i>	<b>General Assembly, June 6-10, Virginia Beach, VA</b>					11 Men's Basketball Open Gym 8:00 am
12 <i>Lord's Day</i> Homeless Outreach 7:00 a.m.	13 <i>Pastor Rick's Day Off</i>	14 Deacon's Mtg 6:30 p.m.	15 Youth Grp 7:00 p.m.	16 Session 6:30 pm	17 <i>Pastor George's Day Off</i> Heartland Reformed Book Club 7:00 pm	18 Men's Basketball Open Gym 8:00 am
19 <i>Lord's Day</i> 	20 <i>Pastor Rick's Day Off</i>	21 Finance Mtg 7:00 am	22 Youth Grp 7:00 p.m.	23 <b>JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	24 <i>Pastor George's Day Off</i>	25 Men's Basketball Open Gym 8:00 am
26 <i>Lord's Day</i>	27	28  7pm - 10:00pm Evening Prayer	29 Youth Grp 7:00 p.m.	30		



**T** - Total Depravity  
**U** - Unconditional Election  
**L** - Limited Atonement  
**I** - Irresistible Grace  
**P** - Perseverance of the Saints

*“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. II Corinthians 12:9*

## NURSERY SCHEDULE



**Sunday School 9:00-10:35**

**Worship 10:35-12:??**

June 5	Whitman/Lauren Pohlenz	Deb, Daniel and Timothy Johnson Anne Wegener
June 12	Phillips/Ralph Drayer/ Arryn Parker	Mark & Sherri Kahrs/Carrigans Stephen Paine
June 19	Taylor and Dacia Droke/ Ruby Nelson/Hannah Larson	Leanne and Ellen Kurtzweil/ Abigail Fetzik/Beth Franks/ Lois Johnson
June 26	Rachel and Kaitlyn Bouma/ Erin Sundquist	Willis Family/Lisa Paine
July 3	Ryan and Erin Frost/ John and Rolaine Hetherington	Bouma Family/Jane Shelden

### Worshippers In Training Schedule

Date	Music	Trainer	Helpers
6/5/11	Shelden	Shelden	Anna Hetherington Colleen Gertz
6/12/11	Hetherington	Crist	Sarah Waalkes Nathan Franks
6/19/11	Larkin Parris	Larsons	Arryn Parker Seth Larson
6/26/11	Frost	TBA	Kay Coon Lois Johnson

Date	Prayer of Confession	Prayer of Thanks/Supplication
6/5/11	Bruce Brinkman	George Bruce
6/12/11	Marc Carrigan	Mike Hull
6/19/11	Bill Crandall	Matt Phillips
6/26/11	Bob Crook	Jeff Morris
7/3/11	Dan DeJong	Ron Johnson

### GREETERS

**June: LaVerne & Doris Waalkes**

**July: Greg and Mary Kahrs**

*Please arrive at 10:15 a.m.*

## June Birthdays



- 3: Lyndal Foss  
Benjamin Waalkes  
Anna Willis
- 5: George Elder  
David Maness  
Dave Zimmerman
- 7: Celeste Mathews
- 8: Amy Alexander
- 9: Caroline McAndrew
- 10: Maria Albert  
Elizabeth Blomgren
- 11: Henry Hannaford  
Birgit Paine
- 12: Lauren Pohlenz
- 13: Daniel Gensch
- 14: Samuel Ralston
- 16: Deborah Blick  
Arryn Parker
- 17: Anna Hetherington
- 19: Clara Droke  
Scott Willis
- 20: Kristy Foss
- 21: Isaiah Woodlief
- 22: Wesley Ford
- 24: Kansas Cruise  
Ben Johnson
- 25: John Mathews  
Elsie Wagner
- 26: Penelope Parker
- 27: Matt Gertz  
Clara Haslam  
Ronnie Maness
- 28: Megan Kahrs  
Elliott Klaassen
- 30: Greg Huenergardt  
Jennifer Hull  
Joshua Whitman