



heartland connection



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Dear Friends,

From George

April showers bring May flowers. Finally, we got some April showers and it looks like we are actually having a spring now. Across our nation, the problem with the showers was that they also brought hail, wind, tornadoes and some flooding. We can't seem to get the benefits of the moisture without the storms. Sounds a lot like life, doesn't it?

When we are hit by those difficulties and trials, how do we respond? How should we respond? The Bible certainly has a lot to say to give us encouragement in our times of trial. The foundation to handling the storms is the fact that God is with us. We have seen throughout Genesis that this promise is repeated time and time again to encourage the saints. Isaiah 41:10 reminds us, *"Do not fear for I am with you. Do not look anxiously about you for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* In Romans 8 we are asked the question, *"If God is for us, who can be against us?"* And we are given that great assurance that nothing in the entire created universe can separate us from the love of God. Jesus personally promises us that He *"will be with us always, even to the end of the age"* (Matthew 28). That foundation—that God is with us and for us—is what gives us hope and the ability to carry on.



So what should we do when confronted by the storms of life?

Believe on Jesus

First, believe on Jesus. In Matthew 7 He compares two houses—one built on the Rock and one built on sand. Notice that the same storms, wind, rains and floods hit both houses. The only difference is the foundation. The foundation built on the rock—Jesus—withstands the storm. The foundation built on sand collapses. We believe that He is God and that He has all power. He died for our sins, gives us forgiveness and eternal life and has purchased us for Himself. Because we now belong to Him, we are children of God and Jesus has said that the

Father has given us as gifts to Him and He will raise us up on the last day. What incredible assurance we have if we believe in Him. What wonderful peace we have if Jesus is our Rock.

Second, rejoice. James 1:2-4 tells us, *"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."* Why can we rejoice? Because it is strengthening and deepening our faith so that we will be mature believers in Jesus Christ. Paul reminds us, *"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."* And His purpose is to conform us into the image of His Son. So we rejoice because God is doing His work to make us like Jesus.

Rejoice

Third, pray. Philippians 4:4-7 ties the first two points together with the third. Phil. 4:4 *"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your forbearing spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near."* Did you catch that? *God is with us so we can rejoice. Then he gives us the guideline for our prayer. "6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

Pray

When we recognize God's presence with us, rejoice in our circumstances, don't worry and pray, we are given the peace of God. Isn't that what we are looking for in our storms? And Paul makes sure we understand that it isn't just a few things we are to bring in prayer, but it is everything. That means all of our struggles.

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Remember in John 6 as the disciples were struggling out on the Sea of Galilee, Jesus came to them walking on the water. When they were willing to receive Him into the boat, the storm ceased. That is what we need to do as well. Let Jesus into your boat. Trust Him to calm your storm and bring you peace. Only He can do that. I pray this month, and always, we will believe that God is with us and as we pray and ask Him to help, He gives us joy and peace.

This month is a big month for our church. We congratulate our high school and college graduates on a job well done. We will be honoring them on May 15. Continue to pray for them that God will guide them into their new pursuits whether it is college, job, or whatever.

**Congratulations
to Our
Graduates!**

I pray that God will continue to be at work in us to conform us more and more into the image of His son, Jesus. **Believe, Rejoice, Pray.** Have a great month!

I love you all,



George



2011 TPA Homeschool Convention June 2-4, Century II Convention Center

Whether you're just starting to homeschool or are an old pro, you'll find something helpful and inspiring at this year's convention.

Our featured speaker, Dr. Voddie Baucham, Jr., will present exciting keynote sessions and workshops. A variety of other talented speakers will present educational, informative and motivating workshops on basic subjects and enrichment activities to encourage and guide homeschool families.

You'll also be able to browse the vendor hall, with over 100 exhibitors from all over the nation, to find educational resources and materials to help nurture your family in your homeschool journey.

Children 6-12 can join the Adventures in Character children's program, which enables families to enjoy the benefits and inspiration of attending the week-end convention together.

Find out more and register today at www.teachingparents.org!





LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

(From Pastor Rick)



It seems that every time one opens the newspaper, listens to the news or reads one's favorite blog on the internet there is more news of the moral decay of the world in which we live. It is easy to think, as one Christian expressed to me recently, that it seems like the kingdom of Satan is winning. It is sometimes very disheartening to live in the world that we do today!

But God has redeemed His people not merely to "hold on" hoping to remain faithful to the end, but rather to live as salt & light before the world in which we live; having an influence over those with whom we come in contact.

T.M. Moore in an article that he wrote for the March 1, 2007 issue of *Breakpoint* newsletter wrote,

It is significant that, when Jesus talked about influence He did not speak in tsunami-like terms. Jesus taught His followers to believe that they could change the world, that something in their lifestyle and the message they proclaimed would wield power to turn the world on its head, so to speak. Indeed, the first Christians did precisely that (Acts 17:1-9), as they challenged, sapped, and, finally, overthrew the false worldview of Roman emperor worship and brought to light the Kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

How were they able to achieve such a revolution of worldviews? A second-century apology for the Christian movement, written by one Aristeides, and probably of Syrian origin, gives us some insight:

[The Christians] have the commandments of the Lord Jesus Christ himself engraven on their hearts, and these they observe. They commit neither adultery nor fornication; nor do they bear false witness, they do not deny a deposit, nor covet other men's goods: they honour father and mother, and love their neighbors: they give right judgment; and they do not worship idols in the form of man. They do not unto other that which they would not have done unto themselves. The comfort such as wrong them, and make friends of them: they labour to do good to their enemies. They walk in all humility and kindness, and falsehood is not found among them, and they love

one another. They despise not the widow, and grieve not the orphan. He that hath distributeth liberally to him that hath not. If they see a stranger, they bring him under their roof, and rejoice over him, as it were their own brother. And if there is among them a man that is poor and needy, and they have not an abundance of necessaries, they fast two or three days that they may supply the need with their necessary food. They keep Christ's commandments faithfully, living righteous and holy lives, as the Lord commanded them, giving thanks every morning and every hour, for meat and drink and every blessing. And because they acknowledge the goodness of God towards them, lo! on account of them there flows forth the beauty that is in the world.

Did you catch that last line? "On account of them there flows forth the beauty that is in the world." How was the Roman world – a world of gruesome and violent games, rampant sensuality, and the ugliness of slavery, exposure of children, decaying cities, and urban poverty, how was such an empire flooded with the beauty of the Lord? ***On account of them there flows forth the beauty that is in the world!*** By the daily obedience and ordinary faithfulness of multiplied thousands of the followers of Christ.

In the divine economy *influence* flows from *indwelling*. Where the Lord is – where people are growing in His mind and character, nurturing relationships of selfless love, and serving by the humblest, everyday means – there beauty will flow to anoint and transform all that is ugly and dying with the newness of goodness, truth, and life.

Influence flows from indwelling. The more we grow in the Lord the greater will be the power for transformation that flows from us into all the relationships, roles, and responsibilities of our

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HELP FOR JAPAN

everyday lives. We will change the world one grain of salt, one photon of light, one gram of leaven at a time. Back in 1974 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn mused on what it would take for the Soviet megalith to come crashing down and his beloved mother Russia to be restored to freedom and beauty. A violent revolution? A fresh, well-oiled, potent political movement? Economic pressure from the West? What Solzhenitsyn prescribed is more like what really happened in the candlelight revolution of 1989. He wrote, in an essay entitled, “As Breathing and Consciousness Return,” that all that was needed for the restoration of mother Russia was for each faithful Russian “to take a moral step within his own power.” Small steps, taken in concert with millions of Christ-minded brothers and sisters, quickly amount to tsunami proportions of influence.

I encourage you to prayerfully consider the influence that God is calling you to have as His Holy Spirit works through you! What step is the Lord calling you to take today? Is there someone you could ask to walk along side you? Remember the words of Jesus...

“...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5.16

In Christ,




The world has watched in awe at events unfolding in Japan in the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami there. Mission to the World, our missions agency, has issued an appeal to help the people of Japan with urgent prayer for the physical needs, but also that God would awaken many to their need for a Savior. Please pray for the people of Japan. If you are led to help financially, you can send a check to

Mission to the World
PO Box 116284
Atlanta, GA 30368-6284



Please be sure to write Project #93993 on the memo line. You can also give online at www.mtw.org



The men of Heartland are forming a softball team for this summer. This is the second year we have had a team, all those interested in playing should contact James Compton jcomp14@gmail.com or Jeff Waalkes jeff.waalkes@live.com to let them know.



Games are held Thursday nights starting in May; this is a fun opportunity to enjoy each other's company in fellowship on the playing field.

Heartland Community Church

Prayer Requests -
prayer@heartlandPCA.org

Pictures of Students -
heartlandworship@gmail.com

Church Directory Updates -
heartlandoffice@att.net

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

Heartland Creation Conference

July 9th and 10th

Featuring: **Dr. Jonathan Sarfati**

Dr Sarfati will be at Heartland all day on Saturday, July 9th. 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 10th. 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.

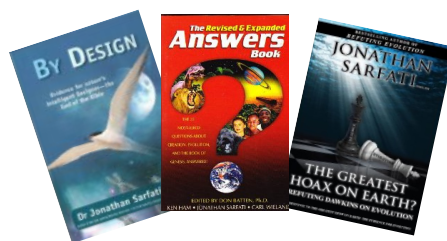
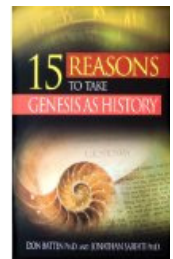
Dr Sarfati has been a Christian since 1984. He has long been interested in apologetics, the defense of the faith, and was a co-founder of the Wellington Christian Apologetics Society. In August 1996, he returned to the country of his birth to take up a position as a research scientist and editorial consultant 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*.

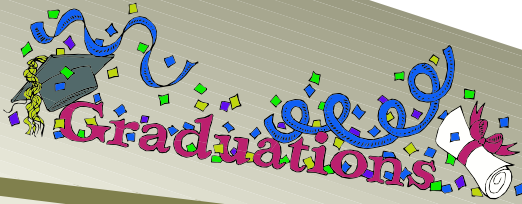


He is the author of Refuting Evolution and Refuting Evolution II. In 2004 he wrote Refuting Compromise, defending a straightforward biblical creation timeline and a global flood. He is the co-author of The Creation Answers Book, answering 20 of the most-asked questions about creation/evolution and also 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.





Diploma

Jeffrey Dugger
Central Christian College of Kansas
Major: Organizational Leadership

Cooper Hanning
Wichita State University, Major: Entrepreneurship

Robin Huenergardt
University of Missouri, School of Dentistry, Doctorate: Dental Surgery

Jordan Kahrs
Wichita State University, Major: Aerospace Engineering

Sabra Parris
Wichita State University, Major: Secondary Education in Mathematics

Scott Willis
Friends University, Major: CIS—Computer Information Systems



Nevi Castro-Miller – *Classical School of Wichita*

Stewart Fetzik – *Homestead Academy*

Andrew Franks – *Providence Academy*

Nathan Franks – *Providence Academy*

Anna Hetherington – *Northfield School of the Liberal Arts*

John-Michael Kahrs – *Trinity Academy*

Phillip Kurtzweil – *Goddard High School*

Liz Mathews – *Trinity Academy*

Cooper Mork – *Trinity Academy*

Lisa Paine – *Good Shepherd Christian Academy*

Rachel Shelden – *Veritas Academy*

Noah Trammell – *Northfield School of the Liberal Arts*

Benjamin Vigilius – *Trinity Academy*

Anne Wegener – *Grace Academy of Truth*

Joshua Whitman – *Covenant Academy*

JD Willis – *Heights High School*



EXCITING NEWS—Booktable Update

It has been a long time since a special fund collection was taken for the purpose of purchasing books to offer for sale in the gathering area. Rather than putting the books on a table, it was decided to build (with special funds donated for that purpose) an attractive bookcase which will be consistent with the existing architecture of the gathering area.



The initial books for sale have been purchased, and construction of the book case will soon begin. Those who have been around Heartland for awhile, may find it of interest that construction of the book case will be by former member Zach Martinez.

Once the book case has been constructed, it will be “open for business” very soon after that, as the books are ready to be placed in the book case. At first, the book case may look to be a little sparsely filled. That is by design, to allow for expansion, as we will be adding new titles in the future. The selling of books will be on the honor system. Inside the front cover of each book you will find a receipt with the price indicated. Should you desire to purchase the book, please put the white copy of the receipt along with your payment of cash or a check made out to Heartland Community Church in the cash box. It’s that simple! Please remember to put the white copy of the receipt in the cash box, as this will be used for inventory control (the receipt has the book’s title and inventory control number on it, as well as the price). The purchase price of each item is what it cost to obtain it. Heartland will receive no profit. We have endeavored to obtain each book at the lowest price possible. The lowest price available changes from time to time, so we can only promise that we attempted to find the lowest price – it is possible that it may not be the lowest possible price on the day that you make a purchase, however.

The book case is for the convenience and edification of Heartland members and attendees. Each title selected has gone through a review process under the oversight of the Elders of Heartland to help us grow in the “discipline and instruction of the Lord.” The money received in the cash box will go towards the purchase of replacement or new items. Initial books offered for sale will be in the following areas: Bibles (including children’s Bibles), devotionals, basic Christian doctrine, basic theology, books about the Bible, evolution, apologetics, culture/society, and a variety of booklets on a number of topics. Later this year we will add some children’s books and biographies. It is our sincere desire that you will find this book case convenient and helpful to you as you strive to follow the Lord and grow in the knowledge of His will.

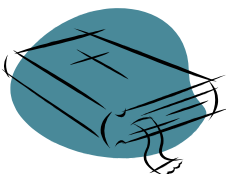
If you have questions or suggestions regarding this project, please contact Larry Paarman or Morten Vigilus.



THEOLOGY NIGHT - The men of Heartland (ages 17 & up) are invited to join us for Theology Night, our monthly discussion of Reformed theology, on Friday, May 13th, at 7:00 P.M. at the Frank’s Home. This month we will be addressing the question: **How ought we to understand, interpret and apply the stories of the Old Testament?** If you have questions or would like more details please contact Ben Franks at: ben@franksfamily.net



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Lord's Day</i> Communion and Mercy Offering	2 <i>Pastor Rick's</i> <i>Day Off</i>	3	4	5 Session 6:30 pm	6 Heartland Reformed Book Club 7:00 pm	7 Men's Basketball Open Gym 8:00 am
8 <i>Lord's Day</i> 9 Mother's Day	9 <i>Pastor Rick's</i> <i>Day Off</i>	10 Deacon's Mtg 6:30 p.m.	11 Youth Grp 7:00 p.m. II Peter Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	12	13 <i>Pastor George's</i> <i>Day Off</i> Theology Night 7:00 p.m.	14 Men's Basketball Open Gym 8:00 am
15 <i>Lord's Day</i> Homeless Outreach 7:00 a.m. Graduation Day at HCC Pot Providence	16 <i>Pastor Rick's</i> <i>Day Off</i>	17 Finance Mtg 7:00 am	18 Youth Group 7:00 p.m. II Peter Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	19 Session 6:30 pm	20 <i>Pastor George's</i> <i>Day Off</i> Heartland Reformed Book Club 7:00 pm	21 Men's Basketball Open Gym 8:00 am
22 <i>Lord's Day</i>	23 <i>Pastor Rick's</i> <i>Day Off</i>	24 JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	25 Youth Group 7:00 p.m. II Peter Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	26	27 <i>Pastor George's</i> <i>Day Off</i>	28 Men's Basketball Open Gym 8:00 am
29 <i>Lord's Day</i>	30 Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)	31  7pm - 10:00pm Evening Prayer				



May the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. I Thessalonians 3:12-13

NURSERY SCHEDULE



Sunday School 9:00-10:35

Worship 10:35-12:??

May 1	Phillips/Ralph Drayer/ Arryn Parker	Bouma Family/Lisa Paine
May 8	Taylor & Dacia Droke/ Ruby Nelson	Mark & Sherri Kahrs/ Jane Shelden
May 15	Rachel & Kaitlyn Bouma/ Erin Sundquist	Castro-Miller Family
May 22	Ryan & Erin Frost/ John & Rolaine Hetherington	Kubacz/Rebekah Waalkes/ Sarah Franks
May 29	Phoebe Vigilius/Kay Coon/ Kathy & Will Morris	Brinkman/Rachel & Stephanie

Worshippers In Training Schedule

Date	Music	Trainer	Helpers
5/1/11	Erin Frost	Crist	Nathan Franks Kay Coon
5/8/11	Shelden	Shelden	Sarah Waalkes Colleen Gertz
5/15/11	Larkin Parris	Larsons	John Hetherington
5/22/11	Hetherington	Ben Franks	Daniel Johnson Lois Johnson
5/29/11	Erin Frost	Crist	Seth Larson Kay Coon

Date	Prayer of Confession	Prayer of Thanks/Supplication
5/1/11	Scott Willis	George Bruce
5/8/11	Charlie Wilson	Steve Castro-Miller
5/15/11	David Alexander	Phil Elder
5/22/11	James Bendowski	Rick Franks
5/29/11	John Bouma	Gary Gensch
6/05/11	Bruce Brinkman	Bryan Hanning

GREETERS

May: Scott and Sarah Willis
June: LaVerne & Doris Waalkes

Please arrive at 10:15 a.m.

May Birthdays



- 2: LaVerne Waalkes
- 4: Charlie Wilson
- 6: Sara Johnson
- 7: Joshua Gertz
- 10: Hope Lind
- 11: Gary Gensch
- 12: Jan Cowick
Austin Doctor
Nathan Wischmeyer
- 13: Alexis Elder
Curtis Thrush
- 14: Jeff Waalkes
- 15: Dan Lawrence
Dianna Mathews
- 16: John Wegener
- 17: Susan Elder
Beth Osborne
Jeri Shepherd
- 18: Margaret Welkner
- 19: Mark Kahrs
- 20: Levi Snowbarger
Abby VonStroh
- 21: Mya Hager
- 22: Jennifer Lukoschat
Danny McKenzie
Ruby Nelson
- 23: Anita Hood
- 24: Britton Mork
- 25: Joshua Ralston
- 26: Matthew Jansen
- 27: Bill Crandall
Ryan Frost
- 28: Pam Bruce
Hannah Kubacz
- 29: Dennis Blick
Nathan Gertz
- 30: Steve Castro-Miller
Michelle Hanning
Lisa Paine