



# heartland connection

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Dear Friends,

Fall is in full swing and, if you are like most, you are busier than ever. With sports and school and small groups and Bible studies and lawn work and ...well, you get the picture. Our enemy often wins - not by making us do things that are sinful or evil, but keeps us from doing the things that are good. More often than not, he uses our busyness against us. We forget exactly what we should be doing. So let's examine our lives and schedules and don't let the busyness take us away from our first love.

From our series on the Marks of the Church, we were reminded that there is no more important mandate than to go into all the world and make disciples and we have the privilege of making that happen personally and also by sending others to places that we cannot go. Making disciples includes gathering on Sunday mornings for worship, but it is so much more. Discipleship is not just teaching times, it is also life on life situations where we spend time with each other in fellowship and prayer and caring and confronting and loving. These include both formal scheduled times and informal spontaneous times. But it does take time. Are we so busy that it prevents us from spending time with each other? If so, let's make some changes.

We have the opportunity to walk with our Savior and become more like Him every day. He uses all of the events of our lives in that process. As Rick reminded us in his sermon on stewardship, we can even offer our times of pain and suffering to Him as an act of consecrating ourselves to our loving Father. When we do, He offers back to us something incredible. That very familiar verse, Romans 8:28, 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."* The good is becoming like Christ. The "all things" are the easy and the hard. The joyful and the painful.

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This month we begin a new sermon series on the book of Colossians. It is a great book that reminds us of the incredible Savior that we serve. He is the image of the invisible God. All the fullness of the godhead dwells in Him in bodily form. He is Creator and Sustainer of all things. He is the great Reconciler. He is the one in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins. As a result, as we have received Him, we are to walk in Him. I am looking forward to this series.

This month we also celebrate Reformation day. Without the courageous men and women who were willing to stand for the truth of the Word of God, we would not be here today. We come from a godly line and we want to remember all of the great men responsible for the reformation and our heritage of Biblical doctrine. The reformation recovered what are called the "solas". Sola is a word that simply means "alone" or "only". The five great solas of the reformation are":

Sola Scriptura--Scripture Alone

Sola Gratia--Grace Alone

Sola Fide--Faith Alone

Solo Christo--Christ Alone

Soli Deo Gloria--For the Glory of God Alone

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Praise God for His faithfulness in preserving His Word and His Church.

What a privilege to continue the line of God's people on into the future. There are incredible possibilities that lie before us. We have this great facility, good location, lots of new people and a vision to make disciples. We want to plant more churches in Wichita. We have Sunday School classes, small groups, Bible Studies, men's and women's accountability groups, mentoring, worship, youth groups. We have ministries that will help you discover your spiritual gifts and how and where to use them. What does the future hold? Only God knows, but I am excited when I think of the possibilities.

Will you commit yourself anew to following hard after Jesus and being involved here at Heartland? Will you let Him use you to fulfill His purpose here?

I pray that this month will be a great one for us as a body as we strive to live out an obedient walk for our great God and Savior!

*“Strive to live out an obedient walk for our great God and Savior!”*

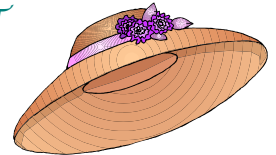
Celebrating His goodness!



George

HEARTLAND'S 2012 ANNUAL  
WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the Date  
February 24 and 25  
Airport Hilton.



**Core Value-Stewardship**

In his recent stewardship sermon, Pastor Rick reminded us through 1 Chronicles 29 the majesty of our Father in heaven.. ***"Everything in the heavens and earth is yours O Lord and this is your kingdom..."***! What a great reminder that everything we have comes from Him, and the responsibility we have to be obedient in using the Time, Talent/Gifts, and Treasure He already owns for His glory.

Pastor George has preached several sermons leading up to stewardship on the mission of Heartland, ***"To Glorify God by discipling His people to share the reality of Jesus to the world!"*** So what does all this have to do with stewardship? I'd say just about ***EVERYTHING!***

Please be lifting up your session over the next several weeks as we search diligently for how we as a church body might expand the opportunities to glorify Him through Serving People (one another and those in need), Pursuing Excellence (by faith and in truth), and Stewarding Resources (stretching ourselves toward generosity).

The Lord has provided exceedingly to us even during tough times. We are praying for His wisdom and leading through His Holy Spirit. Stay tuned...and keep praying!

If you ever need a pick-me-up, just go to 1 Chronicles 29:11-12 which says, ***"Everything in the heavens and earth is yours O Lord and this is your kingdom. We adore you as being in control of everything. Riches and honor come from you alone and you are the Ruler of all mankind; your hand controls power and might and it is at your discretion that men are made great and given strength."***  
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Ain't it great? What a truth!

Bryan Hanning  
Elder- Stewardship

# MY SOUL THIRSTS FOR YOU

(From Pastor Rick)

Have you ever had those times in your life where the Lord seems to be teaching you the same lesson over and over and over? This seems to be one of those periods in my life. In the Philippians Sunday School class we have been studying chapter 1 with verse 21 being the theme verse: "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." For Paul, his life was so focused on Christ that everything in his life was understood through the lens of his relationship with Christ. In my study for the stewardship sermon that I recently preached the Lord drove home the same point. Then to drive the point home even further, our family recently read from the daily devotional we use, a selection from Samuel Rutherford that expresses this same sentiment. I would like to share this devotional taken from *Voices From The Past* with you in hopes that it would point your eyes toward Christ like it has mine!



My Soul thirsts for you. *Psalm 63:1*

By: Samuel Rutherford, "The Loveliness of Christ"

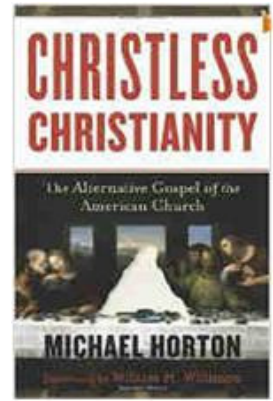
There is much in our Lord's pantry that will satisfy his children, and much wine in his cellar that will quench all their thirst. Hunger for him until he fills you. He is pleased with the importunity of hungry souls. If he delays, do not go away, but fall a-swoon at his feet. Every day we may see some new thing in Christ. His love has neither brim nor bottom. How blessed are we to enjoy this invaluable treasure, the love of Christ; or rather allow ourselves to be mastered and subdued in his love, so that Christ is our all, and all other things are nothing. O that we might be ready for the time our Lord's wind and tide call for us! There are infinite plies in his love that the saints will never be able to unfold. I urge upon you a nearer and growing communion with Christ. There are curtains to be drawn back in Christ that we have never seen. There are new folding of love in him. Dig deep, sweat, labour, and take pains for him, and set by so much time in the day for him as you can; he will be won with labour. Live on Christ's love. Christ's love is so kingly, that it will not wait until tomorrow, it must have a throne all alone in your soul. It is our folly to divide our narrow and little love. It is best to give it all to Christ. Lay no more on the earthly, than it can carry. Lay your soul and your weights upon God; make him your only and best-beloved. Your errand in this life is to make sure an eternity of glory for your soul, and to match your soul with Christ. Your love, if it could be more than all the love of angels in one, would be Christ's due. Look up to him and love him. O, love and live! My counsel is, that you come out and leave the multitude, and let Christ have your company. Let those who love this present world have it, but Christ is a more worthy and noble portion; blessed are those who have him.

## REFORMATION DAY—Traditional Hymn Sing

Save the date! On Sunday evening, October 30th we will be celebrating Reformation Day by having a traditional hymn sing at the church. All ages and abilities are welcome to attend as we lift our voices in praise to God! At 7:00 we will gather to sing in the sanctuary however, for those who are interested in learning parts to several of the hymns beforehand we will also gather at 6:00. After our time of singing we will enjoy snacks in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a snack to share (drinks will be provided by the church) and please note that childcare will not be provided. No RSVP is required, but for more information (or to request a favorite hymn!) please contact Ben Franks or Cheryl Hetherington. Soli Deo Gloria!



# Heartland Booktable Focus



No one would argue that any of us are immune to the influences of the culture in which we live. The question that Michael Horton raises in *Christless Christianity* is just how much has American culture influenced the American evangelical church? Horton is concerned that American culture has greatly influenced the American Church to the point that there is little room left for Christ within it. All who are concerned about true religion, and those who take the teachings about being salt and light within the culture seriously, will likely find this book to be valuable. For many of us, this may be a difficult book to read, for it asks us to critically evaluate our culture and the many voices that claim to be Christian within it. Nevertheless, I think the exercise to be well worth while and rewarding to those who will hear him out.

To browse the above book, or many others, please see the Heartland Bookcase in the gathering area. You will find there a number of books and booklets that may be of interest to you and your family.

Titles recently added to the Heartland Bookcase are in the categories of children's books and biographies:

### Children's Books

- Susan Hunt, *Sammy and His Shepherd*, Reformation Trust, 2008.
- R. C. Sproul, *The Lightlings*, Reformation Trust, 2006.
- R. C. Sproul, *The Prince's Poison Cup*, Reformation Trust, 2008.
- Sinclair Ferguson, *Polycarp of Smyrna*, Banner of Truth, 2010.
- Simonetta Carr, *John Calvin*, Reformation Heritage, 2008.
- Marian M. Schoolland, *Leading Little Ones to God*, Eerdmans, 1995.
- Corlette Sande, *The Young Peacemaker*, Shepherd Press, 2002.

### Biographies

- Iain Murray, *Jonathan Edwards: A New Biography*, The Banner of Truth Trust, 1987.
- Arnold A. Dallimore, *George Whitefield: The Life and Times of the Great Evangelist of the Eighteenth-Century Revival*, vol. 1 and 2, The Banner of Truth Trust, 1970 and 1980.
- David Brainerd, *The Life and Diary of David Brainerd*, edited by Jonathan Edwards, Baker Book House, 1989.
- W. Robert Godfrey, *John Calvin: Pilgrim and Pastor*, Crossway Books, 2009.

Larry Paarmann



Don't forget the Have/Need Board in the Sunday School hallway. This is the perfect place to pass on those things you no longer need or ask if someone in the church body has what you are looking for. Items placed on the board are usually free or very reasonable. Check it out!! Just place your item in the envelope located on the board or email Colleen Gertz at [mattandcolleengertz@yahoo.com](mailto:mattandcolleengertz@yahoo.com).

Need something for Fall?  
Have clothes the kids have outgrown that you don't need anymore?



## Heartland Choir October Schedule



Oct 2	Sunday	Rehearsal	12:30-1:00 p.m.
Oct 12	Wed	Rehearsal	6:15-6:55 p.m.
Oct 16	Sunday	Rehearsal	After Pot Providence
Oct 23	Sunday	Rehearsal	10:00-10:20 a.m.
Oct 23	Sunday	Sing in Worship Service	
Oct 26	Wed	Rehearsal	6:15-6:55 p.m.

For questions contact:  
**Cheryl Hetherington**  
([chetherington1@hotmail.com](mailto:chetherington1@hotmail.com))  
Or **Amy Shelden**  
([gershwingirl127@gmail.com](mailto:gershwingirl127@gmail.com))

# Capture-the-Flag

The Youth Group would like to invite all youth (those between 6th and 12th grade) out to the Bouma's house on October 14th from 6:30 pm - 10:30ish pm for an evening of fellowship and fun. We will be playing Capture-the-Flag, Flashlight tag, and whatever other game the youth would like to play. We will have a bonfire, roast hotdogs, marshmallows and probably a few things that are not actually edible. We will provide the hotdogs and the things that go with it, if each family could please bring sides, chips and drinks, oh, and flashlights. Please RSVP to John and Rachel Bouma and feel free to contact them with any questions.

Friday, October 14th  
6:30 p.m.—10:30 ish



Flashlight Tag  
Flashlight Tag

Games and more!!

## LOST AND FOUND!!!

If you are missing anything that may have been left at the church, be sure to inquire at the church office. Lost and found articles, including Bibles are taken to the church office. We try to identify who they belong to and let you know they are in the office. Many times, we have no way of knowing who the item belongs to.

Be sure to put your name in your Bible. We have numerous Bibles that are unclaimed and have no identification in them to help us locate the owner.

Questions: Contact Linda at [heartlandoffice@att.net](mailto:heartlandoffice@att.net) or 686-0060.



Ladies of Heartland, please join us as we celebrate with **Angie Waalkes** in honor of her upcoming marriage to **Cory Bennett**. A bridal shower will be held in the Gathering Area at Heartland Community Church on Tuesday, October 18, from 7-8:30 p.m. You may send contributions for a group gift to Cynthia Shelden, 3045 River Park Court, Wichita, KS 67203. Please send the group gift contributions before October 8. If you'd rather do your own shopping, Angie is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond, Target, and Pampered Chef. Please call Katie Waalkes (295-6633) about the Pampered Chef registry. We look forward to blessing Angie as she prepares for her new home with Cory!



**REFORMED THEOLOGY NIGHT:** The men of Heartland (ages 17 & up) are invited to join in Theology Night for our monthly discussion of Reformed theology, on Friday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m at the Frank's home.. This month the question being addressed will be: **How are we as New Covenant believers to keep the Sabbath?** If you have questions or would like more details, please contact Ben Franks at: [ben@franksfamily.net](mailto:ben@franksfamily.net).



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Pastor George's Day Off	1 Mens' Open Basketball 8-10 a.m. (Gym)
2 Lord's Day  Communion and Mercy Offering	3	4	5  Ladies Bible Studies 9-11 a.m.  Youth Grp 7:00 p.m.	6  Session 6:30 pm  ISI Training 6:30 - 9:15 p.m.	7 Pastor George's Day Off  Reformed Theology Book Club 7:00 pm	8  Mens' Open Basketball 8-10 a.m. (Gym)
9 Lord's Day	10  Pastor Rick's Day Off	11  Deacon's Mtg 6:30 p.m.	12  Ladies Bible Studies 9-11 a.m.  Youth Grp 7:00 p.m.	13	14 Pastor George's Day Off  Theology Night 6:30 p.m.	15  Mens' Open Basketball 8-10 a.m. (Gym)
16 Lord's Day Homeless Outreach 7:00 a.m.  Pot Providence	17  Pastor Rick's Day Off	18  Finance Mtg 7:00 am  Waalkes Bridal Shower 7-9 p.m.	19  Ladies Bible Studies 9-11 a.m.  Youth Grp 7:00 p.m.	20  Session 6:30 pm	21  Pastor George's Day Off  Reformed Theology Book Club 7:00 pm	22  Mens' Open Basketball 8-10 a.m. (Gym)
23 Lord's Day	24 <b>NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	25 	26  Ladies Bible Studies 9-11 a.m.	27	28	29  Mens' Open Basketball 8-10 a.m. (Gym)
30 Lord's Day  Reformation Day	31	7pm - 10:00pm Evening Prayer	Youth Grp 7:00 p.m.			

*Small group information can be found on the web-site at [www.heartlandpca.org](http://www.heartlandpca.org) under "Ministries".*

*I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God,  
with all my heart, and will  
glorify Your name forever.*

*Psalm 86:12*



## NURSERY SCHEDULE



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

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

Oct 2	Ruby Nelson/Hannah Larson/ Lauren Pohlenz	Willis Family/Lisa Paine
Oct 9	Phillips/Ralph Drayer	Brian & Julie Jansen/Sara Johnson/Stephen Paine
Oct 16	Matt & Sherry Haslam/ Erin Sundquist	Bouma Family/Jane Shelden
Oct 23	Arryn Parker/Kay Coon/ Melanie Scharping	Dean & Dianna Kubacz/Yourdon/ Rebekah Waalkes
Oct 30	Rayna Waalkes/ Kathy & Will Morris	Brinkman/Ralston

### Worshippers In Training Schedule

Date	Music	Trainer	Helpers
10/2/11	Cynthia Shelden	Cynthia Shelden	Anna Hetherington John Hetherington
10/9/11	Melanie Scharping	Ken & Mary Kay Larson	Seth Larson Sarah Waalkes
10/16/11	Abby Hannaford	Ruby Nelson	Sarah Franks Kay Coon
10/23/11	Cynthia Shelden	Cynthia Shelden	Lois Johnson Daniel Johnson
10/30/11	Erin Frost	TBA	Nathan Franks Arryn Parker

Date	Prayer of Confession	Prayer of Thanks/Supplication
10/2/11	John Klaassen	Ron Johnson
10/9/11	Mark Kahrs	Jeff Morris
10/16/11	Larry Paarmann	Matt Phillips
10/23/11	Paul Kurtzweil	Stan Shelden
10/30/11	Ken Larson	LaVerne Waalkes
11/7/11	Dan Lawrence	Brad Welles

### GREETERS

**October: Eric & Meredith Mork & Family**  
**November: Mark & Sherri Kahrs & Family**  
*Please arrive at 10:15 a.m.*

## October Birthdays

- 1: Rebekah Waalkes
- 2: Paul Kurtzweil
- 5: Sarah Franks  
Sherry Haslam  
Steven Kurtzweil
- 7: Ellie Droke  
Ephraim Haslam
- 8: Kay Brinkman  
Steve Larson
- 9: Brian Jansen
- 11: Sara Flora
- 12: Ron Johnson  
Jonathan Vigilius
- 13: Emma Grebe
- 14: Hailey Carrigan  
Ashley Granberry  
Cooper Mork
- 15: Jeremy Wheeler  
Julia Zimmerman
- 16: Nancy Wilson
- 18: Courtney Stuursma  
Alexis Wegener
- 19: Valerie Ford
- 21: Emma Hager
- 22: Jennifer Ervin
- 24: Kay Coon  
Rachel Grebe  
Grace Humphries  
Mim McKenzie
- 25: Micah Bouma  
Parker Morris
- 26: Ruth Waalkes
- 29: Natalie Huenergardt
- 30: Roger Mathews  
Tim McCabe  
Madeleine Phillips
- 31: Susan Humphries

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Community Church  
457 S. Woodlawn  
Wichita, KS 67218  
[www.heartlandpca.org](http://www.heartlandpca.org)

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:35 a.m.

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Community Church

## *Senior Pastor:*

George Granberry - *Worship*

## *Associate Pastor:*

Rick Franks - *Ministry*

## *Elders:*

George Bruce - *Stewardship*

Steve Castro-Miller - *Special Projects*

Gary Gensch - *Prayer*

Bryan Hanning - *Stewardship*

Mike Hull - *Evangelism*

Ron Johnson - *Teaching*

Jeff Morris

Matt Phillips - *Missions*

Stan Shelden

LaVerne Waalkes - *Clerk*

Brad Welles

Bryan Yourdon - *Community*

## *Deacons:*

Phil Challans - *Congregational Care*

Barry Malcom - *Facilities*

Terry Peterson - *Stewardship*

John Hetherington - *Mercy*

## *Other:*

*For the wages of sin is  
death, but the free gift of  
God is eternal life in Christ  
Jesus our Lord.  
Romans 6:23*