



# heartland connection

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Dear Friends,

September is a month of transition for most of us as our schedules change from Summer to Fall. Schools have already started and so has our Sunday school. Women's Bible studies start up. New small group opportunities are being offered. We will start up our dinners, fellowship groups, men's breakfast, and many more ministries. The lazy days of Summer are gone and the busyness of the Fall season has begun.

Preaching through Genesis has given us a new or renewed view of God and how awesome He really is. His gracious providence is evident in the way He leads His people and ordains all that happens. Even the things that seem bad God uses for our good. As Joseph said to his brothers, "You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good."

God is our Refuge, Strength, Fortress, Creator, Sustainer, Deliverer, Savior, Shepherd and Host. In each and every situation in our lives, God proves Himself, over and over again, that He is completely dependable, faithful and powerful to rescue us from any and all enemies.

Our problem is that we forget. We have a wrong view of God because we don't think of Him as we should. Even on Sunday, we don't think rightly about God because our Sunday mornings are so full of distractions and busyness in simply trying to get ourselves or our family to church on time. But to think rightly of God is the most important thing we can do.

In the classic book, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, A.W. Tozer reminds us of our inadequate view of God as he says,

*"I refer to the loss of the concept of majesty from the popular religious mind. The Church has surrendered her once lofty concept of God and has substituted for it one so low, so ignoble, as to be utterly unworthy of thinking, worshiping men. This she has done not deliberately, but little by little and without her knowledge; and her very unawareness only makes her situation all the more tragic.*

*"The low view of God entertained almost universally among Christians is the cause of a hundred lesser evils everywhere among us.....With our loss of the sense of majesty has come the further loss of religious awe and consciousness of the divine Presence. We have lost our spirit of worship and our ability to withdraw inwardly to meet God in adoring silence."*

So how can we once more gain that "sense of majesty"? During the week, spend time daily in private worship. Read the Scriptures. Meditate on His Word. Ask the Spirit of God to help you focus anew on who He is. As we gather to worship on Sunday, begin by spending that time in preparing your hearts and minds to enter into the presence of Almighty God. Spend time reading through the Psalms. Let the Word soak into you so that you are awestruck by the majesty and glory of our God. Then, as our worship begins, we are simply transferring from private worship to corporate worship without any hindrance.

Pick one attribute of God each week and let that guide your thoughts. For instance, just searching for the word "Holy" yields these verses from the Psalms that could be used to focus our hearts and minds for worship:

*Psa. 22:3 Yet Thou art **holy**, O Thou who art enthroned upon the praises of Israel.*

*Psa. 30:4 Sing praise to the LORD, you His godly ones, and give thanks to His **holy** name.*

*Psa. 33:21 For our heart rejoices in Him, because we trust in His **holy** name.*

*Psa. 47:8 God reigns over the nations, God sits on His **holy** throne.*

***"His gracious providence is evident in the way He leads His people and ordains all that happens."***

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- Psa. 71:22 I will also praise Thee with a harp, even Thy truth, O my God; To Thee I will sing praises with the lyre, O Thou **Holy** One of Israel.*
- Psa. 77:13 Thy way, O God, is **holy**; What god is great like our God?*
- Psa. 97:12 Be glad in the LORD, you righteous ones; and give thanks to His **holy** name.*
- Psa. 98:1 O Sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done wonderful things, His right hand and His **holy** arm have gained the victory for Him.*
- Psa. 99:3 Let them praise Thy great and awesome name; **Holy** is He.*
- Psa. 99:5 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His footstool; **Holy** is He.*
- Psa. 99:9 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His **holy** hill; for **holy** is the LORD our God.*
- Psa. 103:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His **holy** name.*
- Psa. 105:3 Glory in His **holy** name; Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.*
- Psa. 111:9 He has sent redemption to His people; He has ordained His covenant forever; **Holy** and awesome is His name.*
- Psa. 145:21 My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD; and all flesh will bless His **holy** name forever and ever.*

This is just one word from a few Psalms. The Scriptures are full of God's revelation of Himself to us. He wants us to know Him and to worship Him in spirit and truth. Can you imagine how different your worship of God would be each Sunday if you took the time to focus your heart and mind on Him during the week and before the service began?

Let me also encourage you to be involved in some Bible study during the week with other believers. We have a wonderful offering of small groups for this Fall which will give you a time for study, fellowship, prayer and caring. It is another way to keep our focus on God during the pressures of our daily lives and schedules. Sunday School classes can also offer you even more insight into God and His Word. Make the time to participate for your own spiritual health.

We will be taking the next four weeks to preach about the "Marks of the Church"

***Worship Evangelism Discipleship Stewardship***

All of these are based on a proper understanding of who God is and what He wants us to be and to do.

I am looking forward to a great Fall. As all of our activities kick into gear, let's not forget our number one priority: To glorify God and enjoy Him forever. Have a great month. I love you all.

In Awe of His greatness,

George



**CHURCH BUDGETING PROCESS**  
Starting mid-September the financials for the various ministry teams will be sent out. Proposed budgets for 2012 will need to be submitted to the Finance team before Oct 15th!

**Be sure to provide any budget requests for 2012 to your ministry team leader.**

***Men of Heartland***

Where is your hope these days?

In whom or in what are you trusting?

Come out for breakfast in the fellowship hall at 7:30 a.m. on September 10th, with other men on the journey and be encouraged by testimony, song and fellowship, all focused on our hope in Christ.

Questions? Contact Bruce Brinkman at [bruce.brinkman@aghlc.com](mailto:bruce.brinkman@aghlc.com)

# WHY YOUTH STAY IN CHURCH WHEN THEY GROW UP

(From Pastor Rick)

Below is an article that was written to Youth Pastors, but is nonetheless still relevant to all of us in the church as we seek to encourage our covenant children to walk with the Lord. I commend it to each and every one of you for your consideration!

Posted By Jon Nielson On July 29, 2011,  
In Commentary,Featured,Opinion

“What do we do about our kids?” The group of parents sat together in my office, wiping their eyes. I’m a high school pastor, but for once, they weren’t talking about 16-year-olds drinking and partying. Each had a story to tell about a “good Christian” child, raised in their home and in our church, who had walked away from the faith during the college years. These children had come through our church’s youth program, gone on short-term mission trips, and served in several different ministries during their teenage years. Now they didn’t want anything to do with it anymore. And, somehow, these mothers’ ideas for our church to send college students “care packages” during their freshman year to help them feel connected to the church didn’t strike me as a solution with quite enough depth.

[1] The [daunting statistics](#) [2] about churchgoing youth keep rolling in. Panic ensues. What are we doing wrong in our churches? In our youth ministries?

It’s hard to sort through the various reports and find the real story. And there is no one easy solution for bringing all of those “lost” kids back



into the church, other than continuing to pray for them and speaking the gospel into their lives. However, we can all look at the 20-somethings in our churches who *are* engaged and involved in ministry. What is it that sets apart the kids who *stay* in the church? Here are just a few observations I have made about such kids, with a few applications for those of us serving in youth ministry.

## 1. They are converted.

The apostle Paul, interestingly enough, doesn’t use phrases like “nominal Christian” or “pretty good kid.” The Bible doesn’t seem to mess around with platitudes like: “Yeah, it’s a shame he did that, but he’s got a good heart.” When we listen to the witness of Scripture, particularly on the topic of conversion, we find that there is very little wiggle room. Listen to these words: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come” (2 Cor. 5:17). We youth pastors need to get back to understanding salvation as what it really is: a miracle that comes from the glorious power of God through the working of the Holy Spirit.

We need to stop talking about “good kids.” We need to stop being pleased with attendance at youth group and fun retreats. We need to start getting on our knees and praying that the Holy Spirit will do miraculous saving work in the hearts of our students as the Word of God speaks to them. In short, we need to get back to a focus on conversion. How many of us are preaching to “unconverted evangelicals”? Youth pastors, we need to preach, teach, and talk—all the while praying fervently for the miraculous work of regeneration to occur in the hearts and souls of our students by the power of the

Holy Spirit! When that happens—when the “old goes” and the “new comes”—it will not be iffy. We will not be dealing with a group of “nominal Christians.” We will be ready to teach, disciple, and equip a generation of future church leaders—“new creations”!—who are hungry to know and speak God’s Word. It

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is converted students who go on to love Jesus and serve the church.

## **2. They have been equipped, not entertained.**

Recently we had “man day” with some of the guys in our youth group. We began with an hour of basketball at the local park, moved to an intense game of 16” (“Chicago Style”) softball, and finished the afternoon by gorging ourselves on meaty pizzas and 2-liters of soda. I am not against fun (or gross, depending on your opinion of the afternoon I just described) things in youth ministry. But youth pastors especially need to keep repeating the words of Ephesians 4:11-12 to themselves: “[Christ] gave . . . the teachers to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Christ gives us—teachers—to the church, not for entertainment, encouragement, examples, or even friendship primarily. He gives us to the church to “equip” the saints to do gospel ministry, in order that the church of Christ may be built up.

If I have not equipped the students in my ministry to share the gospel, disciple a younger believer, and lead a Bible study, then I have not fulfilled my calling to them, no matter how good my sermons have been. We pray for conversion; that is all we can do, for it is entirely a gracious gift of God. But after conversion, it is our Christ-given duty to help fan into flame a faith that serves, leads, teaches, and grows. If our students leave high school without Bible-reading habits, Bible-study skills, and strong examples of discipleship and prayer, we have lost them. We have entertained, not equipped them . . . and it may indeed be time to panic!

Forget your youth programs for a second. Are we sending out from our ministries the kind of students who will show up to college in a different state, join a church, and begin doing the work of gospel ministry there without ever being asked? Are we equipping them to that end, or are we merely giving them a good time while they’re with us? We don’t need youth group junkies; we need to be growing churchmen and churchwomen who are equipped to teach, lead, and serve. Put your youth ministry strategies aside as you look at that 16-year-old young man and ask: “How can I spend four years with this kid, helping him become the best church deacon and sixth-grade Sunday school class teacher he can be, ten years down the road?”

## **3. Their parents preached the gospel to them.**

As a youth pastor, I can’t do all this. All this equipping that I’m talking about is utterly beyond my limited capabilities. It is impossible for me to bring conversion, of course, but it is also impossible for me to have an equipping ministry that sends out vibrant churchmen and churchwomen if my ministry is not being reinforced tenfold in the students’ homes. The common thread that binds together almost every ministry-minded 20-something that I know is abundantly clear: a home where the gospel was not peripheral but absolutely central. The 20-somethings who are serving, leading, and driving the ministries at our church were kids whose parents made them go to church. They are kids whose parents punished them and held them accountable when they were rebellious. They are kids whose parents read the Bible around the dinner table every night. And they are kids whose parents were tough, but who ultimately operated from a framework of grace that held up the cross of Jesus as the basis for peace with God and forgiveness toward one another.

This is not a formula! Kids from wonderful gospel-centered homes leave the church; people from messed-up family backgrounds find eternal life in Jesus and have beautiful marriages and families. But it’s also not a crap-shoot. In general, children who are led in their faith during their growing-up years by parents who love Jesus vibrantly, serve their church actively, and saturate their home with the gospel completely, grow up to love Jesus and the church. The words of Proverbs 22:6 do not constitute a formula that is true 100 percent of the time, but they do provide us with a principle that comes from the gracious plan of God, the God who delights to see his gracious Word passed from generation to generation: “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Youth pastors, pray with all your might for true conversion; that is God’s work. Equip the saints for the work of the ministry; that is your work. Parents, preach the gospel and live the gospel for your children; our work depends on you.

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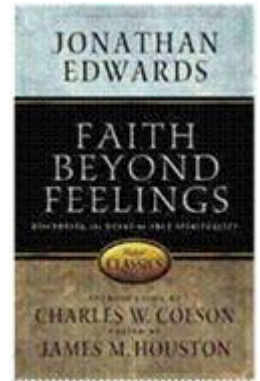
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[2] daunting statistics: <http://www.conversantlife.com/theology/how-many-youth-are-leaving-the-church>



## Heartland Booktable Focus

Jonathan Edwards is a theologian and Christian thinker that is much appreciated by some, perhaps many, at Heartland. However, he is not known for being easy to read, and therefore many perhaps do not give much consideration to reading one of his many books. What James M. Houston has done is to take one of the more significant books of Edwards, *Religious Affections*, and edit and abridge it to make it easier reading. Houston writes of Edwards that "Like Augustine and Calvin, he stands as one of the greatest leaders of the Church universal." Houston continues, "True religion for Edwards was a supernatural gift of God's Holy Spirit, and will be evidenced in responsive affections. Until man has the presence of the Holy Spirit in his life, all his natural, spiritual desires and activities remain carnal in the Pauline sense that is described in Romans." While Edwards possessed a great intellect, he was also a theologian of the heart and challenges us to a closer walk with God. If you are not familiar with Edwards, perhaps this book would be a good introduction.



To browse the above book, or many others, please see the Heartland Booktable. You will find there a number of books and booklets that may be of interest to you and your family. We will be adding new titles in the areas of biographies and children's books soon.

If you would like to suggest new categories of books, or specific titles, please let Morten Vigilius (at [vigilius@sbcglobal.net](mailto:viglius@sbcglobal.net)) or Larry Paarmann (at [ldpaarmann@cox.net](mailto:ldpaarmann@cox.net)) know. We welcome your interest and input.

Larry Paarmann



### Women's Bible Studies for Fall

**JEREMIAH** - Come join us starting Sept. 7th on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00 in the church library as we do an inductive study of Jeremiah. **Janet Malcom** will be our teacher. We will also have Precept workbooks. We want to remind everyone that even though the precept method can seem overwhelming, we do not want this to hinder your desire to study God's Word. We feel the workbook is the best choice we have for a deeper study of Jeremiah and is well done.

The personal study part will not be mandatory for your attendance but encouraged for your own personal benefit and spiritual growth. Workbooks will be \$20. Childcare will be available for a minimal cost. To make reservations for a book and/or childcare, please email Vicki Granberry at 683-0336 or email [covmom@gmail.com](mailto:covmom@gmail.com).

Francis Schaeffer boldly identified Jeremiah as a prophet for post-Christian times. "Jeremiah provides us with an extended study of an era like our own, where men have turned away from God and society has become post-Christian." Phil Ryken, during his study of Jeremiah with his church body said, "We were often amazed at its relevance for life in these postmodern times. The barbaric relativism Jeremiah witnessed in ancient Israel has come to America!"

We hope you will consider this opportunity for studying God's Word together!

**BECAUSE HE LOVES ME** - **Kathy Morris** will be leading this small group study on Wednesday mornings starting September 7th. The book Because He Loves Me by Elyse Fitzpatrick will show us how Christ transforms our daily life when we know who God is and how much He loves us. In this book we will look at the ways God shows His love for us and then knowing that, how our lives will be transformed with hope, courage, peace and love. There will be some homework and childcare is available for a minimal cost. This study is not only for Heartland women but also serves as an outreach to neighbors. Questions? Contact Kathy Morris at [morris.6@sbcglobal.net](mailto:morris.6@sbcglobal.net).

It is time for the 2011 Pregnancy Crisis Center Annual Gala!

Join us on October 4, 6pm at Beech Activity Center to help “Light Up the City”!

You will be inspired and encouraged by our speaker, Gail McWilliams ([www.gailmcwilliams.com](http://www.gailmcwilliams.com)) and by the stories of clients touched in the past year through the ministry of PCC. Tickets will go on sale September 1st! A table of 8 is \$200.00. Please call Rebecca Larson at PCC 945.9400 to purchase tickets.



2011 Women in the Church International Conference  
 October 7-9, 2011 • Atlanta, Georgia  
 The theme for this conference is a grand and glorious look at the full orb'd grace of God in our lives — **Amazing Grace 360!** Be sure to stay connected to the conference, by using the CEP website [www.AmazingGrace360.com](http://www.AmazingGrace360.com) to see the full faculty of gifted men and women whom God is raising up to lead and teach us.  
*If you would be interested in attending, please let Robbie Franks know.*



**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, September 9th at 7:00 p.m at the Frank's home.. This month the question being addressed will be: ***How should creeds, confessions, catechisms, and tradition inform our theology?*** If you have questions or would like more details, please contact Ben Franks at: [ben@franksfamily.net](mailto:ben@franksfamily.net).

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

***R.C. Sproul's Foundations Class: An Overview of Systematic Theology – Gary Gensch and Jason Wegener***  
 The truths of Scripture relate to each other in perfect harmony. This eye-opening series addresses a myriad of questions about the origin and authority of the Bible, God, the Trinity, man, sin, salvation, revelation, miracles, the church, the end times and more. We will begin the second series of 20 classes of the full 60 course series that will cover some of the following subjects: We will pick up where we last left off beginning on the Transmission of Adam's Sin to us, The Covenants, and then a series of lessons on Christology: The Christ of the Bible and of the Creeds, The Names, State and Offices of Christ, Why Did Christ Die?, The Substitutionary Atonement and its Extent. This will be followed by a series of lessons on Pneumatology (The Holy Spirit): The Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testaments, The Paraclete, the Baptism, Gifts and Fruit of the Holy Spirit and Miracles. Then we will begin the series on Soteriology (The Meaning of Salvation): Common Grace, Election and Reprobation and Effectual Calling. We hope that these Biblical truths that have stood the test of time and which form the strong backbone of our faith will guide your understanding of your experience and walk with the Lord. Our goal is to not only increase your understanding of the revealed doctrines of God, but also to encourage your faith and obedience to the Lord.

***Philippians – Rick Franks***

The great themes of Philippians will be covered such as Justification by Grace Through Faith, The Joy of Knowing God, and The Example of Christ's Humility. These and others will be explored. A secondary focus of the class will be learning the techniques of studying God's word for yourself.

# Heartland Small Groups: Fall 2011

Here is a tentative schedule of small groups that will be starting in September. Be sure to sign up for a small group study. Contact group leaders directly with any questions. If you need contact information for any of the group leaders, please email the church office at [heartlandoffice@att.net](mailto:heartlandoffice@att.net).

## EAST WICHITA

### **George & Pam Bruce, Leaders ; Co-led with Paul & Leanne Kurtzweil**

131 S Pershing, Wichita, KS 67218 (College Hill)

- ♦ **Meeting Time:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays from 7-9 pm
- ♦ **Commitment Duration:** September 2011 – April 2012
- ♦ **Study Topic:** The Reason for God by Timothy Keller

### **George & Vicki Granberry, Leaders**

Heartland Community Gathering Area

- ♦ **Meeting Time:** Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
- ♦ **Commitment Duration:** September 2011 – May 2012
- ♦ **Study Topic:** 2 Peter

### **Mark & Sherri Kahrs, Co-led w/Jim & Barbara Crawford**

201 North Post Oak Road, Wichita, Kansas 67206 (Rockwood)  
(One block W of Rock Road, 11/2 blocks N of Douglas Avenue)

- ♦ **Meeting Time:** Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 pm
- ♦ **Commitment Duration:** 10 weeks, Sept 7th—Nov 9th
- ♦ **Study Topic:** Crown Financial Ministries - equipping people worldwide to learn, apply, and teach God's financial principles so they may know Christ more intimately, be free to serve Him, and help fund the Great Commission.
- ♦ **Cost:** \$50 for singles, \$60 for couples (covers workbooks)



### **Morten & Phoebe Vigilius' Home**

132 Chelmsford Court, Wichita, KS 67230 (Belle Terre)

- ♦ **Meeting Time:** Every other Wednesday from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. starting Sept 7th
- ♦ **Commitment Duration:** September 2011 - May 2012
- ♦ **Study Topic:** Gravity & Gladness (in Worship & Life) - a 12 lesson series by John Piper & Desiring God Ministries. A description of the study may be found at <http://www.desiringgod.org/store/video-dvds/gravity-and-gladness-group-special>.

## WEST WICHITA

### **Stan & Cynthia Shelden's Home**

3045 River Park Court, Wichita, KS 67203

- ♦ **Meeting Time:** Mondays from 7:00-9:00 pm; every last week of the month, the small group will attend the prayer meeting on Tuesday night (instead of meeting on Monday of that week).
- ♦ **Commitment Duration:** September 2011 – May 2012
- ♦ **Study Topic:** “When Life is Hard” - 6 week DVD Series by James McDonald
- ♦ Gatherings will include a hymn sing, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

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## NORTHEAST WICHITA

### **Rick & Robbie Franks, Co-led with Adam & Arryn Parker**

2612 Cranberry Street, Wichita, KS 67226

- ◆ **Meeting Time:** Every other Sunday evening starting August 28th from 6:00-8:00 pm
- ◆ **Commitment Duration:** August 28, 2011—June 10, 2012
- ◆ **Study Topic:** Lawful Living: Applying God's Law to our Lives Today  
(A study of the 10 Commandments)



### **Matt & Sherry Haslam's Home**

4901 E. 27<sup>th</sup> Ct. North, Wichita, KS 67221 (Pembroke)

- ◆ **Meeting Time:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays from 7:00-9:00 pm, beginning September 16th
- ◆ **Commitment Duration:** The current curriculum should last for 1 year, but we ask for a minimum commitment of 2 years.
- ◆ **Study Topic:** Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands by Paul Tripp or Portrait of a Struggle
- ◆ **Goals:** To become equipped as the body of Christ to serve as God has called each of us to serve, as an instrument in His redeeming hands.

### **Bryan & Susan Yourdon's Home**

9944 N 143rd St East, Valley Center, KS 67147 (101st St N & 143rd St East)

- ◆ **Meeting Time:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 pm (snacks and/or dessert)
- ◆ **Commitment Duration:** September 2011 - April 2012 (Holiday Break)
- ◆ **Study Topic:** "War of Words: Getting to the Heart of Your Communication Struggles" is a DVD series by Paul Tripp. "...A biblical book about our words and our God. Few of us really think about the power, the blessing, the gift, the effect, and the dangers of our words."

## SOUTH WICHITA

### **Jason & Amy Wegener, Co-led w/Paul & Rayna Waalkes**

3544 E 103rd Ct, Mulvane, KS 67110 (May Rotate Homes)

- ◆ **Meeting Time:** Every other Sunday at 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Study Topic:** Family Worship in the Home with Children
- ◆ **Goals:** Group accountability for memorizing portions of the Westminster Shorter Catechism and encouragement for family worship times.

## TOWANDA

### **Dave & Sharon Zimmerman's Home**

6687 SW Buffalo Road, Towanda, KS 67144

- ◆ **Meeting Time:** Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm
- ◆ **Commitment Duration:** At least through December 2011
- ◆ **Study Topic:** Group will discuss and determine the topic of study
- ◆ Gatherings will include fellowship, prayer, and Bible study.

# Hearland Community Sunday School for 2010-2011!

Below we've listed a brief summary of the available classes. Please prayerfully consider having your child participate. We're looking forward to helping you prepare your children for God's best throughout this exciting year of learning about our great God and His amazing Word.

*Ron Johnson*

*Dave and Sharon Zimmerman*

## **3 & 4 Year Olds – Ann Harder, Beverly Alexander, Phila Glass and Gretchen Peters**

### **He Established a Testimony – Themes from the Old and New Testaments for Young Children**

God has testified of His glorious deeds and mighty power. This curriculum explores God's greatness by noting key themes found chronologically throughout the Old Testament and continuing into the New Testament. Bible stories are presented to acquaint children with a great God whose character never changes.

## **Kindergarten – Elizabeth Blomgren, Heidi Whitman**

### **Show Me Jesus – God Leads His People, Living in God's Family, and Jesus is God**

This class includes lessons about:

- God's thrilling rescue of Israel from Egypt and how the Old Testament points to the Savior.
- What it means to be part of God's family and live as God's child.
- Encountering Jesus through his powerful signs and wonders.

## **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades – Rachel Shelden, Erin Frost & Anna Hetherington**

### **Show Me Jesus – Obeying God, Knowing Jesus, and Studying God's Word**

This class includes lessons about:

- Stories about the prophets and kings.
- Stories from the Gospels.
- The Bible as God's Word; its place in our lives.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Rolaine Hetherington, Phoebe Vigilius, Birgit Paine**

### **Show Me Jesus – Worshiping God, Listening to Jesus, and Telling Others**

This class includes lessons about:

- The joys and duties of worship.
- The teachings of Jesus from the Gospels.
- Stories from Acts.

## **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades – Paul & Leanne Kurtzweil, Anne Wegener**

### **Show Me Jesus – Genesis to Esther**

This class includes lessons about:

- Creation, the Fall, the flood, the Abrahamic covenant, the patriarch, and Joseph.
- The redemptive acts of God in dealing with his covenant people.
- The reigns of the kings of Israel and Judah, the captivity in Babylon, and returned exiles.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Paul Waalkes, Mark & Sherri Kahrs, Dave Zimmerman**

### **Show Me Jesus – Matthew to Philemon**

This class includes lessons about:

- The life, work, and teachings of Christ in the Gospels
- The growth of the early church and the doctrines of our faith.
- Instructions for Christian living in the church.

This class also provides a review of the Shorter Catechism of the Westminster Confession of Faith, Questions 1 through 38 with an emphasis on memorizing the Shorter Catechism.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Bryan Hannaford, Steve & Suzanne Castro-Miller**

### **Bible Doctrine – Westminster Shorter Catechism (Questions 39-107)**

This class continues the presentation of lessons based on the Shorter Catechism of the Westminster Confession of Faith. Emphasis will be placed on memorizing these questions and answers.

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## **8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grades – Bryan Hanning and Bryan Yourdon**

### **Introduction to Apologetics – Does God Exist?**

Focus on the Family's TrueU curriculum offers an introduction to apologetics (a defense of our faith). The first set of 10 sessions – Does God Exist? – Surveys recent findings in the physical and biological sciences, as well as mathematics. These provide a compelling case against the common argument that belief in God is "just a blind leap of faith."

These lessons show how God's existence offers the only coherent explanation for objective and meaningful morality. Because the actions of all people reveal that they presuppose an objective and meaningful moral code, only belief in God allows people to live consistently with their belief system. TrueU is a precursor to the in-depth study presented in The Truth Project of how to live out a Christian worldview.

## **10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grades – LaVerne Waalkes & various other elders**

### **Overview of Systematic Theology: Foundations**

Dr R.C. Sproul's overview of systematic theology: Foundations, is the basis for this in-depth look at the Christian faith. Each video is 23 minutes long leaving lots of time for discussion of each topic. The 60 lessons will be covered over a two-year period. At the end of the year the history of the Christian faith will be explored.

## **12<sup>th</sup> Grade - Kurt Scharping, Adam Parker & Ron Johnson**

### **Readiness for the secular onslaught of Evolution & Humanism**

Are your seniors ready for the secular onslaught of Evolution and Humanism? This is a two-part class. The first semester will focus on the Creation/Evolution issue. Covering biology, geology and astronomy this class will show that only the Bible explains what we see in the world. The second semester will cover Dr. Greg Bahnsen's book, *Pushing the Antithesis*. This presuppositional apologetic method will show that only faith in the God of the Bible gives the preconditions for intelligibility, morality, and knowledge. As your seniors prepare for university and/or the secular world make sure they are ready to give a defense for the hope that is in them.

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## **TRIO (TRaining for International Outreach)**

Where: Heartland Community Church

When: Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.

September 15, 22, 29 and October 6

# ISI

International Students, Inc was founded in 1953 to help university students from other countries adjust to American culture and to share the Christian faith with those who are interested.

ISI ministers to international students through professional staff and Friendship Partners (volunteer sponsors) on over 300 campuses across the United States.

There are over 2000 international students in Wichita. Most are eager to have an American friend, and over half of those who apply for a Friendship Partner indicate an interest in learning about Christianity. Students do *not* live in the homes of their sponsors.

God has brought the world mission field to our doorstep. He's not calling everyone to this ministry, but could he be calling you?

# TRIO

TRaining for International Outreach is a series of four classes which equip sponsors of students to build a cross-cultural relationship and lead a six-part evangelistic Bible study.

This unique program is led by the Wichita staff of ISI. Dick Daeschner has over twenty years of pastoral teaching experience and leads participants through the Bible study God is using to bring many students to faith in Christ.

Norm Allen has been in ministry with international students for over twenty years and personally leads many to the Lord every year. He gives practical guidance for developing cross-cultural relationships in which the gospel can be shared naturally.

All or part of this training may be taken without obligation to sponsor a student.

## A STUDENT'S UPDATE FROM RIVER RANCH!!!

Have you ever wanted to get away from all of the madness of life at home and spend some time in God's majestic creation, but still be with friends and be able to hear the Word of God? Well that is what I experienced at River Ranch this year.

The first part of camp was the trip up there. The kids in the car were so fun, and the adults (in my car Mr. Bouma) were so patient with us, that the trip seemed to take less than an hour even though it was a four hour car trip! When we began to get close to the camp the area surrounding the place felt calming, and it was one of the most beautiful places I have ever been. I was happy to be out of the car and stretch my legs.

It didn't take long for the other churches to show up, and before I knew it, we were out on the one mile raft trip. The rafts could hold up to six people, and you could jump from your raft to others. There was a group of people that were the pirates of the water. They would attack your raft, push you off, and maybe steal some of your paddles. There were some new pirates this year from Heartland. I was surprised when they attacked us and even more surprised when they stole our paddles. I got my vengeance on them a few paddle strokes later. I don't like to go down without a fight.

When the raft trip was over (it definitely did not feel like a mile), we had **"Ben's Fantastical Super Extra Ice Breaker Games!"** Each team had a sheet between them and one of the team members had to go behind the sheet and guess the name of the person from the opposite team before they guessed yours. It was really fun even though one of the teams was cheating and everyone knew it.



After the games we had two hours of free time. We either swam, played volley ball or played putt putt. After the free time we had dinner and then our evening gathering. After that we were able to stay out of our cabins until 11:00 p.m. Most of the kids either talked or played volley ball. We'd have breakfast at eight, morning devotions and prayer at eight-thirty, dinner at six, evening gatherings somewhere between seven and eight-thirty.

On Tuesday we had a four mile canoe trip and lunch on the river. It was a lot of fun and didn't even feel like four miles. We were able to jump off a rope swing that was pretty high up. Wednesday we had **"The New Intern's New & Improved Team Relay Race"** (which was messier than it sounds as we had a shaving cream war! Thursday was the eight mile canoe trip followed later by a **"Karaoke & Spicy's Dance Disco."** (Just for any of you who don't know, Spicy is Sabra Parris. To find out about how she got that nickname you'll need to ask her.)

The worst part was Friday because that was the day we had to say goodbye to all of the new friends we had made and go home. Not that there is anything wrong with home, just that camp and friends are super fun. Not that home isn't fun either it's just that...you know what I'm just going to stop before I dig myself into a deeper hole than the one I'm already in. What I'm trying to say is, River Ranch is super fun and you never know what might happen while you're there. You might find something that you love to do, that you never dreamed that you were any good at, or you might meet someone who's going to be your closest friend. Or the best one of all, you might become closer to God and your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And if you want to go but are too old (I am NOT calling anyone old) then you could always go as an adult sponsor, mentor, intern, whatever they're called. But whatever you might go as, I'm willing to bet that you'd love being at River Ranch.

*Madeleine Phillips*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Fall Small Groups Begin!!!</i>				1  Session 6:30 pm	2 <i>Pastor George's Day Off</i>  Reformed Theology Book Club 7:00 pm	3
4 <i>Lord's Day</i>  <i>Communion and Mercy Offering</i>	5	6	7  Youth Grp 7:00 p.m.	8	9 <i>Pastor George's Day Off</i>  Theology Night 6:30 p.m.	10  Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
11 <i>Lord's Day</i>	12 <i>Pastor Rick's Day Off</i>	13 Deacon's Mtg 6:30 p.m.	14  Youth Grp 7:00 p.m.	15 ISI Training 6:30 - 9:15 p.m.  Session 6:30 pm	16 <i>Pastor George's Day Off</i>  Reformed Theology Book Club 7:00 pm	17
18 <i>Lord's Day</i> Homeless Outreach 7:00 a.m. <b>Pot Providence</b>	19 <i>Pastor Rick's Day Off</i>	20 Finance Mtg 7:00 am	21  Youth Grp 7:00 p.m.	22 ISI Training 6:30 - 9:15 p.m.	23 <i>Pastor George's Day Off</i>  <b>OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	24
25 <i>Lord's Day</i>	26	27  7pm - 10:00pm Evening Prayer	28  Youth Grp 7:00 p.m.	29 ISI Training 6:30 - 9:15 p.m.	30	



## Don't Forget - Pot Providence!

*A wonderful time to fellowship together on September 18th, following the Worship service. Bring your favorite dish and dessert with extra for guests and visitors. Hope to see you there!*

## NURSERY SCHEDULE



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

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

Sep 4	Phillips/Ralph Drayer	Brinkman/Stephanie Shelden/ Stephen Paine
Sep 11	John & Rolaine Hetherington/	Deb, Elizabeth & Timothy Johnson/Anne Wegener
Sep 18	Rayna Waalkes/Kay Coon/	Mark & Sherri Kahrs/Carrigans/ Sarah Franks
Sep 25	Ruby Nelson/Arryn Parker Hannah Larson/Lauren Pohlenz	Leanne & Ellen Kurtzweil/ Beth Franks/Lois Johnson
Oct 2	Phillips/Ralph Drayer	Willis Family/Lisa Paine

### Worshippers In Training Schedule

Date	Music	Trainer	Helpers
9/4/11	Abby Hannaford	Ruby Nelson	Sarah Waalkes Seth Larson
9/11/11	TBD	Cynthia Shelden	Kay Coon Sarah Franks
9/18/11	Rolaine Hetherington	Ken & MaryKay Larson	Lois Johnson Daniel Johnson
9/25/11	Erin Frost	Ruby Nelson	Nathan Franks Arryn Parker
10/2/11	Cynthia Shelden	Cynthia Shelden	Anna Hetherington John Hetherington

Date	Prayer of Confession	Prayer of Thanks/Supplication
9/4/11	Chris Jackson	Rick Franks
9/11/11	Dean Kubacz	Gary Gensch
9/18/11	Mark Huenergardt	Bryan Hanning
9/25/11	John Hetherington	Mike Hull
10/2/11	John Klaassen	Ron Johnson

### GREETERS

**September: Morten and Phoebe Vigilius**

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



## September Birthdays

- 1: Rachel Hull
- 2: Ken Larson  
Daphne Phillips
- 3: Elise Kahrs  
Sherri Kahrs
- 4: Amos Parker
5. Andrew Strain
- 6: Asa Castro-Miller
- 7: Larry Delozier
- 8: Noah Larson
- 9: Taylor Droke
- 10: Stephanie Willis
- 11: Phil Challans
- 12: Josiah Wegener
- 13: Liz Mathews
- 15: Lindsay Strain
- 16: Julie Jansen
- 20: Chloe Waalkes
- 21: Josh Luper
- 23: Elva Schuessler
- 24: Alyssa DeJong
- 25: Joseph Vigilius
- 26: Kaylen Foss  
Cameron Kliever  
Jesse Maness
- 28: Diane Albert  
Timothy Ervin  
April Johns  
Roland Lawrence  
Eric Mork  
Isaac Woodlief  
Susan Yourdon
- 30: Kiley Humphries  
Janet Malcom

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

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Worship 10:35 a.m.

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## heartland 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*

Steve Parris

Terry Peterson - *Stewardship*

### *Others:*

John Hetherington - *Mercy*