



The Heartland Connection

SERVICE TIMES: 8:30 & 10:00AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES: 10:00AM

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BAD COMPANY

By Pastor Denny

Leaving My Father's Faith is one of those documentaries that is both very engaging and very heartbreaking. After Thanksgiving dinner in 2014, Bart Campolo asked his dad, the well-known preacher Tony Campolo, to sit down to talk. Bart wanted to give his father some shocking news. He was leaving the Christian faith, the faith of his father. Unfortunately, such scenes are becoming commonplace as growing numbers are choosing to abandon the Christian roots of their youth.

I Corinthians 15:33 says, "Bad company corrupts good morals." Psalm 1:1 says, "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord and on his law he meditates day and night." For many years, I have prayed Psalm 1 over the Elders of our church. Parents, this is an awesome chapter to pray over your children

as well. As has often been said, "If you show me your friends, I will show you your future." We all become like the people we hang out with.

During these winter months, I am preaching through the book of Jude. Verse 11 is a powerful reminder of the importance of the company we keep. Three influential and notorious examples from the Old Testament are given: Cain (Genesis 4), Balaam (Numbers 22-24), and Korah (Numbers 16). Together we may call them "the Bad News Bears of the Bible". Then and now, bad company comes to us in three ways – through bad teaching like Cain latched on to, or bad teachers like Balaam, or bad movements like Korah's rebellion. Steer clear of bad company, dear friends. Choose your friends wisely, friends who will point you to Jesus no matter what you're going through.

Pastor Denny

Church Events

- Feb 3 - 6:30pm Awana Grand Prix
- Feb 13 - 7:30am Men's Breakfast
- Feb 15 - 6:00pm Book Club
- Feb 21 - Communion Sunday



Student Ministries



Inviting students to COME to Jesus, FOLLOW Him with Joy, and to SERVE Him with passion.

To start this month's newsletter, I would like to say that Heartland Student Ministry is in fantastic hands and will continue as strong as ever. The group of volunteer youth leaders are a phenomenal group of people who love Jesus and love Heartland Students! All of

the youth leaders have banded together and have a fantastic plan for the rest of the spring teaching schedule. They have already begun throwing out ideas for the summer months as well! As you all probably know by now, that I, Pastor Josh, have announced that, through a ton of prayer, Brooke and I will be leaving the church and heading towards the cities. There are many more job opportunities for both Brooke and I there. We also realized through this pandemic, that we want to be closer to family. My time is quickly coming to a close, and I will

miss this church and all of the students especially. I want the students to remember that they are loved. We all need to remember to trust that God is in control of everything and know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. We need to remember to come to Jesus with everything, good, bad or ugly. We need to follow Him with joy. We need to serve Him with passion. Heartland Church, please remember to love and support our youth group and kids like you have always done, because they are the future of this church! Heartland Student Ministry

appreciates your love, prayers, and support! Thanks, and God Bless!

Pastor Josh Hanson



AWANA & Sunday School

AWANA

2/3 Grand Prix

2/10 Heart Night

(Wear Hearts)

2/17 Awana

2/24 Store Night

SUNDAY SCHOOL

2/7 Solomon asks for wisdom

2/14 Solomon builds God's temple

2/21 Wisdom from God

2/28 Israel is Divided

Childcare Corner

A friendly reminder of our nursery sick policy, so we can help everyone stay healthy!

Please follow current CDC guidelines, directions from MDH, or recommendations by your physician.

We will be following the same sick policy as the Children's Ministries, as follows:

Please do NOT bring your child to nursery if they are exhibiting ANY COVID-19 symptoms and DO NOT meet the following criteria:

1. It has been at least 10 days since symptom onset.
2. 24 hours have passed since the resolution of fever (100.4 degrees F or higher) without the use of fever-reducing medication.
3. Symptoms have improved.
4. No exposure to COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

Adult & Family Ministries

In January, I started a 7-week small group for "Youngish" Adults during Sunday School. The second week I opened with the following quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer: "So between the death of Christ and the Last Day it is only by a gracious anticipation of the last things that Christians are privileged to live in visible fellowship with other Christians." Two things really stick out to me when I read this. First, **perfect Christian community is our divine destiny**. One day, God's people from every tribe, nation, and tongue will sing praises together to Jesus—the Lamb who was slain (Rev 4:8; 7:9). This is a beautiful picture of what fellowship looks like for Christ's church. Second, **experiencing Christian community now is a privilege**. It is a gift from God when we dwell together in true Christian community where the church shares each other's burdens and spurs one another on to know Christ and be conformed more into his image. Many isolated followers of Jesus around the globe do not get the privilege of experiencing the visible community of God's people.

As we continue to get more connected with the area—and more importantly connected with the church here at Heartland—it has been a profound joy to experience a taste of this true community. I can say without reservation that it has been a privilege for us to get to know many in the Heartland family and share Christ's fellowship with you in prayer, love, and common meals. These moments are gifts in anticipation of that Last Day where the relationship with each other is perfect as we all worship together our perfect God. Come quickly Lord Jesus!

Pastor Cooper

From the Desk & Heart of Pastor Jeff

Being served by the ones I am supposed to be serving!

It's at times like these that I am reminded how much you all love and care for Diane and me. We are blown away at the level you have blessed us with food, prayer, kind words and more, to the point of tears! The Family of God is an amazing thing to behold!! Thank you all so much and we love you!!

My daughter Jessica is 5 weeks into a 20-week chemo treatment plan. After the treatment she most likely will have surgery and then another round of chemo or radiation. This will take her through the summer of 2021.

Diane continues to be a big part of Jessica's family household, facilitating a healthy diet for Jessica, caring for our 2 grandchildren and their on-line schooling. They love her and are greatly appreciating all she does for them.

I have been blessed by so many of you through food, phone calls and more! Diane and I have also been able to connect in person – Praise the Lord for this! We hope to spend every other weekend together going forward, Lord willing!

Galatians 6:10

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

I was able to get away to Texas over the New Year's to spend time with my youngest daughter Hannah, her husband Jake, and our grandson Zach.

Here at Heartland the Lord's work continues as I focus on Adult SS Classes, Men's Ministry, Prayer Night, Interns and so much more! It is a joy to serve the Lord with you all here!!

I love you all so much!!

Pastor Jeff



One Challenge to the Next

By Erik Kerber

When working and serving in technical fields and ministries, there are always challenges. I knew that when I first joined the Team as Heartland Free's Tech & Media Specialist late last year, I would have a lot ahead of me. In my world 2020 was the year of the live-stream. Churches all around the world became dependent on the internet and social platforms more than ever, and as we are now getting well in to 2021 this is still proving to be the case.

Technology and creative media have always been passions of mine. I first started filming and editing videos at the age of 12. With that came a knowledge of the computers and equipment used to create those videos. I first started serving in church ministry using these skills at the age of 15. God did a lot in my life to help me grow my skills not only for use within ministry, but also for my everyday life. Looking back on things it feels as if God was preparing me just for this time. I have been super blessed to have this next chapter of my life serving here at Heartland; every week presents a new set of challenges as things are improved, expanded, and streamlined. I've always liked challenges. They are the best time to learn and grow, so that they can be overcome. As a Tech & Media Specialist it is my job and my passion to live from one challenge to the next. Throughout the challenges I always strive to live by this passage of scripture:

"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 1:5-8 NIV

I grew up in the Awana program, and those verses have always stuck with me. My goal will always be to stay effective, and to persevere through challenges while continuing to serve God's Kingdom.

- Erik Kerber

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAYS

Worship Services & Sunday School

- 8:30 & 10am Worship
- 10am Sunday school for all ages

MONDAYS

Grandma's Prayer Group

- 9-10am
- Fireside Room

TUESDAYS

Celebrate Recovery

- 7-9pm here at the church

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Night Connection

- 6:15-8pm
- AWANA (Pre-K thru 6th grade)
- Student Ministries (7th thru 12th grade)

Women's Bible Study

- 6:30-8pm
- Studying the book of Luke
- Birch (downstairs)

Men's Bible Study

- 6:30-8pm
- Studying the book of Luke
- Maple (downstairs)

THURSDAYS

Women's Bible Study

- 9:30-11am
- Studying the book of James
- Maple (downstairs)

Bible Quizzing

- 6:30pm

Prayer Group

- 6:30pm



Offerings

Date	Offering	Weekly Average	Weekly Budget
1/3/21	\$ 6,607	\$ 6,607	\$17,135
1/10/21	\$12,285	\$ 9,446	\$17,135
1/17/21	\$21,814	\$13,569	\$17,135
1/24/21	\$23,185	\$15,973	\$17,135

GLOBAL FAMILY SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Deb & Don Steiskal



Oversight & Development Director
Reach Global Crisis Response

Join with us in praying for their ministry!

AWANA GRAND PRIX

