



The Heartland Connection

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

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CONTEND FOR TRUTH

By Pastor Denny

The National Study of Youth and Religion (2003-05) found that most American teens hold to a religion described as Moralistic Therapeutic Deism, with five primary beliefs:

1. God created the world and watches us.
2. God wants every person to be nice.
3. The main goal of life is to be happy.
4. I don't need God unless there's a crisis.
5. Good people go to heaven when they die.

The problem with this list is that this religion bears no resemblance to Christianity as revealed in the Bible. And the teens that were surveyed eighteen years ago are now in their mid-30's. These beliefs are now part of mainstream America.

2000 years ago, Jude, the brother of Jesus, set out to write a letter to his fellow Christians, but before he began he felt God directing him to write on a different topic. Jude says in verse 3 of his one-chapter book, *"Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints."*

I can't think of a more urgent, relevant, and appropriate book of the Bible to preach from as we begin 2021. Starting on January 17, I will be launching a new sermon series as we journey verse by verse through Jude's power-packed little book. I hope you won't miss a single Sunday as we *Contend for Truth, Driven by Love*.

Pastor Denny

Church Events

- Jan 1 - Office Closed
- Jan 9 - 7:30am Men's Breakfast
- Jan 10 - Global Sunday
- Jan 14 - Women's Thurs. Morning Bible Study Begins
- Jan 16 - 8:00am Planning Day
- Jan 18 - 6:00pm Book Club
- Jan 20 - 7:30pm Leadership Night
- Jan 24 - Communion Service
- Jan 29 & 30 - Bible Quizzing January Jump Event



Student Ministries



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

Our fall sermon series, entitled "Faith that works" based in the Book of James, has come to a close. It was an impactful series with James not sugar-coating anything. He is bold and courageous, and we should all learn from his example.

Last Wednesday we had our end of the year Christmas party. It was a lot of fun with a solid teaching video from J.D. Greear. We plan to start a new series Jan. 6th based on Galatians, called "Faith Alone."



During the Christmas party I, Pastor Josh, announced that, through a ton of prayer Brooke and I will be leaving the church, 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. The youth group is in fantastic hands with the volunteer leaders! We will be with the church until February 7th to ensure a good amount of time to find the next Youth Pastor. The youth leaders have already begun to plan the rest of the spring teaching schedule.



Covid-19 has not and will not stop HSM from sharing the gospel to our Heartland area

youth, whether we can meet in person or whether we must shut down and go back to making videos. Jesus' name will be proclaimed! Please keep praying for our students to continue to be a light among their peers whether that is online, via phone or in person. We appreciate your love, prayers and support!

Thanks, and God Bless!
Pastor Josh Hanson



AWANA & Sunday School

AWANA

1/6 AWANA

1/13 T&T Work on Cars

1/20 T&T Work on Cars

1/27 T&T Car Weigh-Ins

SUNDAY SCHOOL

1/3 No Sunday School

1/10 Missions Sunday Large Group

1/17 David Disobeys God

1/24 Absalom Rebels

1/31 Praises to God

Childcare Corner

We're open!

Here at Heartland we want to serve you and your family in a way that meets your needs. If you prefer to have your children with you during the service, we welcome them! We also provide nursery services for children from birth through age three during Sunday services and Sunday school. Yes, the nursery is open!

We are hiring nursery staff! Would you be able to serve one or two service per month? Great pay! Email kariapril@rocketmail.com if you're interested.

Kari Hanson

HEFC Childcare Coordinator

From the Desk & Heart of Pastor Jeff

As most of you know, God has allowed a very difficult thing to come into our family this past month. My oldest daughter Jessica's breast cancer and the fact that it is at an advanced stage (in the lymph nodes, etc.). Jessica has had a history of being the most healthy person and now this happens. Bam!

With the Covid-19 disease happening this makes it very complicated for Diane and I to support Jessica and her family of 2 children (Eddie – 5 & Marissa – 8) and husband Steven. God has led us to have Diane move in with them for possibly up to 5 months while Jessica receives her first round of chemo treatments. I am not sure if I will be able to visit Jessica or Diane during this time due to her weakened immune system. We must do what is best for Jessica!

As one of your pastors and the teacher of God's Word this puts me smack dab in the place of having to truly live out some of the things that I teach you all through God's Word. There have been several key things that God has already spoken to me about in this. One is the great hope we have in God to do more than we can ask or imagine! I have a great desire for Jessica to be healed and I am praying for this, as I know many of you are! Thank you! I also know from God's Word and past experiences that while Satan thinks he is damaging our family through this, God is planning to do great things beyond the physical healing, things that have eternal impact!! My job, and I am asking you to join me in this, is to pray for this working! The second thing I know is that I need to not only be open to how He will work (He is so very creative!), but also to be expectant of great things He will do!

Thank you for joining Diane and I in this great journey! I will praise the Lord always!

Pastor Jeff

Adult & Family Ministries



I spent most of December getting settled into my new role and new community. My family and I are loving the Annandale area and getting to know the Heartland family. In December, my title changed to Pastor of Adult and Family Ministries to more accurately reflect my work with all adults.

This month, I plan to start a small group for Young Adults during the Sunday School hour. I am working closely with Danielle Long to learn more about Heartland's Children Ministry while planning for future adult ministries.

May God bless you in this new year so that you will be formed more fully into the image of Jesus!

Pastor Cooper

Living for What Cannot be Stolen

By Lyle Fashant

2020 has been a year of robbery. Most of us, if not all of us, have been robbed of our dreams, robbed of our hopes, robbed of our plans, and some of us have even been robbed of our loved ones.

But, there is one thing that cannot be stolen from you, and that is the hope and joy of salvation that is found in Jesus. Hallelujah!

Our hope is not in what is carnal; our hope is in what is eternal. Our hope is in Jesus and in Jesus alone, and that cannot be stolen.

The Christmas season is often filled with hustle and bustle, but the true meaning of Christmas is found in the birth of Jesus—the gift of hope and salvation for all the world. And as part of the body of Christ, we are each called to share that gift of hope with those around us.

Brothers and sisters in the faith, live with boldness and with confidence knowing that you are safe and secure in the arms of Christ, now and forever. Continue to speak the truth in love and live with a spirit of hope as we wait for the return of King Jesus. Happy New Year, and may the Lord bless you and keep you!

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 8:38-39

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAYS

Worship Services & Sunday School

- 8:30 & 10am Worship
- 10am Sunday school for all ages
- 1-3: 9:00am combined service & no Sunday School

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 (begins the 14th)
- Studying the book of James
- Maple (downstairs)

Bible Quizzing

- 6:30pm

Prayer Group

- 6:30pm



Offerings

Date	Offering	Weekly Average	Weekly Budget
11/29/20	\$ 9,305	\$16,930	\$17,269
12/6/20	\$23,028	\$17,054	\$17,269
12/13/20	\$18,810	\$17,089	\$17,269
12/20/20	\$17,444	\$17,096	\$17,269

GLOBAL FAMILY SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Josh & Tammy Hunt
(Abby, Hudson, Levi, Maisie-lynn)



CRU East Asia

Serving with the Jesus Film Expansion Team

Join us in praying for God's work in and thru them!

GLOBAL SUNDAY

January 10

Main speaker: Arkadiy Neydenov
International Messengers-Ukraine

BOLD & COURAGEOUS

- John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.
- Joshua 1:9 This is my command-be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.