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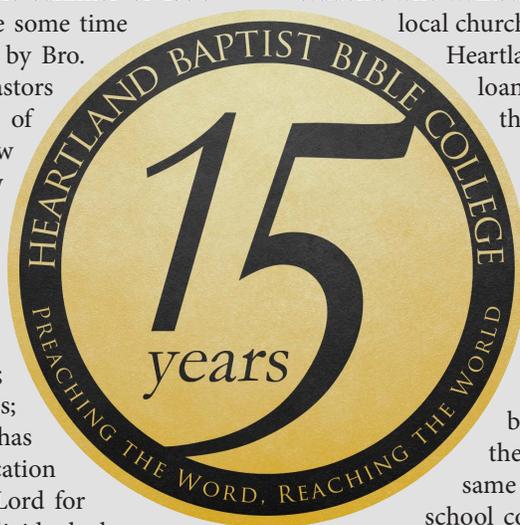
15 YEARS OF BLESSING AND GROWTH

Jeff Copes, Executive Vice President

This was a very special Graduation Preaching Conference. It was a great time to reflect back over the last 15 years since moving to Oklahoma City. The journey from Southern California to the heartland of the country in Oklahoma in the summer of 1998 was nothing short of a miracle. We set aside some time each service to watch interviews conducted by Bro. Davison earlier this Spring with various pastors and staff who all had unique perspectives of the past 15 years. These videos helped show how the Lord has allowed the school to grow in so many different ways over the past 15 years. The student body has grown from 134 to 446; the May College Offering giving has increased from \$250,000 to \$829,000; the number of states represented in the student body has increased from 13 to 43; the campus has expanded from 26 to 35 acres; and the number of traveling singing groups has increased from 1 to 3 - plus an additional Vacation Bible School traveling team. We thank the Lord for all the students, supporting churches, and individuals that have been involved with helping Heartland not just maintain but to “move ahead.”

The meeting culminated with 89 students graduating and entering into the ministry. Over the past 15 years, we have been able to train over 1000 graduates with over 590 currently serving in various ministry capacities. As best as we can determine, we currently have

approximately 80 graduates serving as pastors, 161 in staff positions, 10 as church planters, 54 missionaries, 60 teaching/secretarial, and 134 as pastors’/associate pastors’ wives. Of course, we are thankful for all the students who walked these halls and are now faithfully serving in their local church. Many of these students could not have attended Heartland and/or graduated debt free without student loans if it was not for the faithful monthly support and the annual May College Offering.



As the cost to operate a Bible college has increased significantly over the past 15 years, we are thankful for the increase in the number of monthly supporters and participants in the May College Offering. The number of participants has increased from under 100 churches to now more than 300 on average each year. The regular monthly support has grown from \$13,000 to now between \$38,000 to \$39,000 each month. We thank the Lord for this steady growth over the years. At the same time, we recognize that the cost to operate the school continues to climb significantly; and we pray that churches will prayerfully consider increasing the regular support in lieu of having to raise the cost charged to the students.

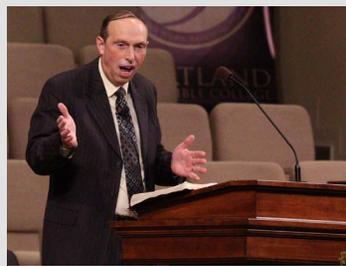
Again, thank you for your support which allows Heartland to be one of the most affordable Bible colleges in America where students can enter ministry debt free of student loans.



Pastor Park Sutton ('98)



GloryBound Reunion Quartet



Pastor Dan Lydick (Director)



Pastor Dave Brown (Director)



HEARTLAND BAPTIST ACADEMY: OPENING FALL 2013

Roger Howse, Academic Dean/Registrar

We are excited about the opening of Heartland Baptist Academy here on the campus of Heartland Baptist Bible College in August 2013. This Christian school will be available to the children of Heartland students, staff, and faculty as well as friends from independent Baptist churches in the area on a case-by-case basis. We are still in the pre-enrollment stage. If you have questions, please contact me at 405-924-2146 or roger.howse@heartlandbaptist.edu. You can visit www.hbaokc.org for additional information.

The remodel and preparation of the two buildings housing the academy is on-going. The main building, containing the offices, classrooms, and the learning center, requires some finishing touches inside plus

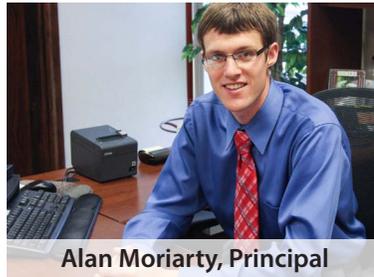
exterior work and landscaping. The second building, which will house the lower elementary chapel and the lunch room, has been remodeled and painted. The ceiling, carpeting, and fixtures need to be added plus finishing touches completed.

In addition to being a blessing to parents desiring a Christian education environment, the Academy will provide an opportunity to engage our students in various educational activities such as aiding in the classroom, doing office work, teaching music lessons, and preaching lower elementary chapel. Heartland Baptist Academy will be another avenue where the college can fulfill its mission to educate and train preachers, missionaries, and Christian workers.

HBA Renovation



Classroom



Alan Moriarty, Principal



Classroom



Expanded Game Room/Snack Shack



New Metal Walls Going Up



Old Metal Walls Coming Down

Cafeteria Renovation

UPCOMING Events

Southwest Baptist Youth Conference of the Heartland

August 7-9, 2013

Opening Days

August 27-28, 2013

Alumni Homecoming Week

October 14-17, 2013

Church Planting Conference

January 14-16, 2014

College Days

March 19-21, 2014

Southern Gospel Jubilee

April 11, 2014

Graduation Preaching Conference

May 12-15, 2014

Ministry Refresher Institute

May 28-30, 2014



MRI REPORT

Ben Logue, Dean of Men

The third annual Ministry Refresher Institute (MRI) was conducted on May 29-31, on Heartland's campus. Eighty-four pastors, missionaries, staff men, summer interns, Sunday school teachers, and other church workers attended. The MRI is designed to help any man engaged in ministry who desires to sharpen, retool, or simply get refreshed on how to use his ministry tools. The topics this year included: homiletics, hermeneutics, biblical counseling, balance in ministry, and how to address some of the challenges that arise in churches of different sizes. Bro. Sam Davison and Bro. Dave Hardy hosted the MRI; sessions were also taught by Bro. Jason Gaddis, Bro. John Waterloo, Bro. Wayne Hardy, and Bro. Jamie Jett.

The MRI is not only designed to help refresh through teaching, but also through fellowship. Longer breaks between the sessions, several

free hours each afternoon, and the opportunity to stay on-campus overnight allowed for ample fellowship with other men who attended. This gave opportunity to develop new friendships, renew acquaintances with fellow servants of God, and encourage those who may be going through some difficult circumstances. Several testimonies from men who attended this year expressed that they were looking forward to returning to their churches refreshed, revived and ready to get back to the work as a result of spending these few days with like-minded ministry men.

Next year's dates for the MRI are May 28-30, 2014. We would strongly encourage you to consider attending and perhaps bring some of the men you serve alongside who may be helped by the teaching, fellowship, and refreshment that the MRI is able to provide.



SUMMER PROJECTS UPDATE

Warren Scruggs, Business Manager

The May College Offering commitment exceeded this year's goal by \$9,182 reaching a total commitment of \$829,182. The generous giving of churches and individuals has allowed the college to focus efforts on summer projects that will bring major improvements to the campus.

The full renovation and expansion of the cafeteria that began over Christmas break is now in full swing and is scheduled to be completed in time for this year's Southwest Baptist Youth Conference of the Heartland held August 7-9. The dining area is being expanded to seat more than 400 people, the serving area is being relocated to eliminate congestion, and a newly designed salad bar and drink station are being added for better traffic flow and convenience. The kitchen is being redesigned with new equipment being added, making it more efficient for preparing the meals. The snack bar area is far enough along that meals were able to be served there during this year's MRI.

The college purchased two buildings adjacent to the campus last year

for the purpose of starting a K-12 Christian school where our education majors can receive practical hands-on training. Both buildings having undergone extensive renovations with a custom floor plan and all new interior finishes. The remaining work includes finishing the HVAC, setting the plumbing fixtures, pouring the sidewalks, connecting the parking lot and fence to our campus, landscaping, and securing a final inspection and certificate of occupancy. Heartland Baptist Academy is scheduled to open this fall.

The May College Offering also enabled us to close on the purchase of the Union Pacific Railroad property. This purchase expands our entire campus to the west connecting Heartland Baptist Academy to the campus and providing enough space for a considerable amount of additional campus parking in the future.

We are very grateful to the Lord for how He has used and continues to use the May College Offering to fund the summer campus improvement projects each year.

2013 May College Offering

\$820,000 Goal

Total Commitment: \$829,182

Amount Received: \$438,796

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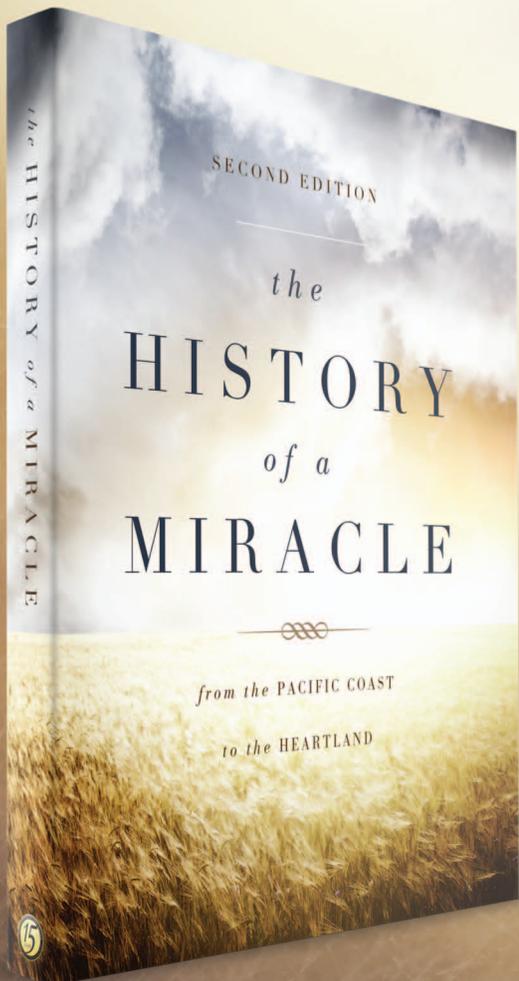
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