



GRADUATION PREACHING CONFERENCE - MAY 13-15

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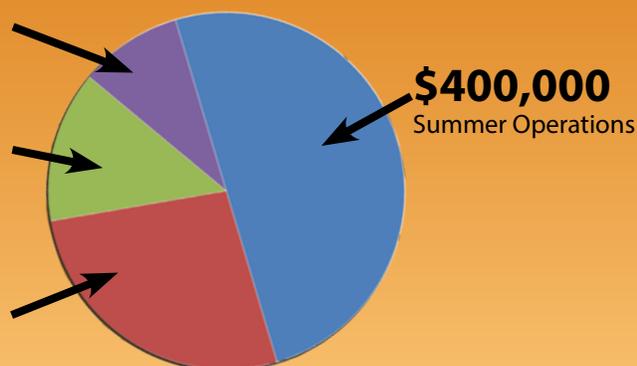
EVERYONE is invited to join us for the 2014 Graduation Preaching Conference (May 13th–15th). This meeting serves as a great time to hear good old-fashioned Bible preaching, God-honoring music, and allows plenty of time to fellowship with the brethren. The conference begins with preaching on Tuesday morning at 9:30 am and concludes with the Commencement Service on Thursday evening at 7:00 pm at Southwest Baptist Church. In addition to the preaching services, several fellowship opportunities are scheduled. On Wednesday, the Friends of Heartland Meeting and the Ladies’ Meeting will begin simultaneously immediately following the morning preaching session. The Alumni Association will host two events: the Alumni Banquet (Wednesday at 1:30 pm) and the Mike Thomas Memorial Golf Tournament (Friday morning). Registration is required for both of these events. Please note, you do not have to be a member of the Association to attend either event. You may register online at www.heartlandalumni.org.

The 2014 May College Offering will be received on Wednesday morning of the conference. Last year, at our 15th anniversary celebration, we exceeded a record offering goal of \$820,000 by receiving a commitment of \$829,000. This year we are endeavoring to raise a commitment of \$800,000 with a goal of receiving \$450,000 in cash on

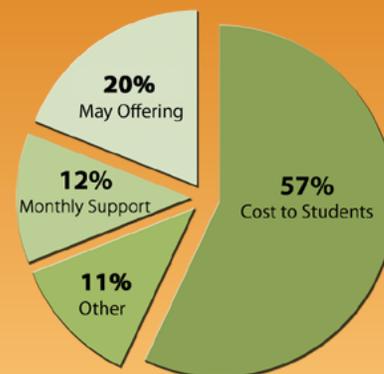
Wednesday. This offering is a huge blessing to each student because it directly underwrites roughly 20% of the cost to operate the school. This means the school does not charge the students the full cost to attend Heartland. This year’s May College Offering is scheduled to fund summer operations, debt retirement, a campus-wide administrative and student information software system, a security access control system, as well as other renovations and campus improvements. Please see the accompanying chart for more details. In light of the significance of this annual offering, **EVERYONE** is requested to pray about being a part of what the Lord is doing at Heartland Baptist Bible College. Please feel free to contact me personally at (405) 943-9330 or jeff.copes@heartlandbaptist.edu if you have any questions.

Once more, plan to attend, plan to participate, and lastly, please pray for the men who will be preaching at this meeting. Specifically, pray God will use them in a wonderful way and grant great unction and liberty as they preach God’s Word. The names of the men who are preaching are listed on the back of the Herald. Again, anyone and **EVERYONE** is invited to this conference and can attend any and all of the various scheduled meetings. We look forward to seeing you and serving you during the Graduation Preaching Conference.

2014 May College Offering Breakdown



The Importance of the May Offering





INNER CITY CHURCH PLANTING CLASS

Keith Hainline, Missions Department Chairman
Nathan Heckle, Dean of Students

Shortly after chapel on March 25th, 13 men began making their way from Oklahoma City to New York City. The purpose of this eight day trip was to expose these men, (which included 11 students and 2 HBBC staff members) to the need and challenges of starting New Testament Baptist churches in the inner city. For most of these men it was their first time in “The Big Apple.” As soon as we touched down at LaGuardia airport, we were met with a stark contrast from what we just left back in Oklahoma City: traffic, enormous skyscrapers, and a multitude of people hustling and bustling from here to there.

Within hours of arriving in New York City, Pastor Pete Montoro of the Open Door Bible Baptist Church stationed us in the subway handing out tracks to the scores of people who passed by while boarding the trains. It takes only a few seconds to recognize the overwhelming task that Pastor Montoro and others in “the City” face on a daily basis.

It was a pleasure to have four pastors (Pete Montoro, Burton Gates,

Jose Sraviah, and Mike Newburger) share their heart and passion for reaching the major metropolitan areas of our country. We were able to glean wisdom from the experience of these men. Some of the subjects that they covered were Knowing the Will of God, Surrendered to a Call, Acclimation to Inner City Life, Picking a Place, Building the Inner-City Church, and Taking Care of Your Family.



One of the unique opportunities of this trip was hearing from a new church planter, Bro. Mike Newburger. Mike and Kelly Newburger are 2006 HBBC graduates. They started the North Brooklyn Baptist Church and held their second service in their new location while we were there. It was a blessing to help them canvass their area by distributing tracts

and John and Romans.

The trip was a once in a lifetime experience not to be soon forgotten. We thank the Lord for the opportunity to experience this and expose these men to the needs of the inner cities of America first hand.

BOOKS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER

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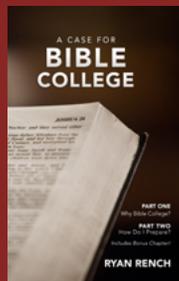
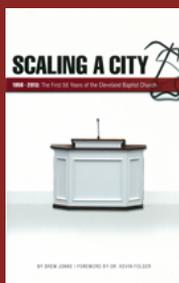
I think any preacher would benefit directly or indirectly by reading any of the three following books.

First is a book entitled *Scaling a City* which is about the great Cleveland Baptist Church in Cleveland, OH.

Here is what Pastor Kevin Folger had to say, “In August 2013, Cleveland Baptist Church celebrated its fifty-fifth anniversary as a church. As we approached this monumental moment, I was desirous to chronicle the history of our church for succeeding generations. I believe that part of what is wrong with many churches is that they have no recollection of their history or the price that was paid to get them to where they are. Because of that, I decided to publish a book on the first fifty-five years of Cleveland Baptist Church.

My desire as the pastor was to tell the story of Dr. Roy Thompson, our founding pastor. Two-thirds of this book is about his life and how God used him to found and establish our church. There are some epic stories on the pages of the book, *Scaling a City*. For information on obtaining a copy, please email christine.aichele@clevelandbaptist.org.”

Second is a book written by Wayne Hardy which we use in the Music Philosophy class. This book has a creative title - *The Great Exemption* - along with



a descriptive subtitle, “Building Music Philosophy Using Basic Bible Principles.” Along with several others, Pastor Hardy discusses the following subjects: contemporary Christian music, worship, distinct Christian music, music versus preaching, hindrances in the music ministry, and technology. Though the book is just 36 pages in length, the author dives deep into scriptures and defends “The Great Exemption” in a practical and understandable manner.

Third, is a recently published book by a Heartland graduate Ryan Rench. This youth pastor decided to write a book to help students, parents and pastors on the value of attending a Bible College. In the first half of the book he presents a balanced perspective on “Why Bible College?” and the second half is “How Do I Prepare?”. This book, *A Case for Bible College*, would help anyone make a spiritual and informed decision regarding attending a Bible college.

The Great Exemption and *A Case for Bible College* can be purchased from Heartland Baptist Bookstore online at www.heartlandbaptist.edu/bookstore. *Scaling a City* can be purchased from Cleveland Baptist Church by calling 216-671-2822 or online at www.clevelandbaptist.org.



BE REVIVED
 BE EQUIPPED
 BE REFOCUSED
 BE ENCOURAGED
 BE REFRESHED

Heartland's burden for preparing men and women to enter ministry goes beyond their time of training. We also have a burden to help those currently serving in ministry. For this reason, we started the Ministry Refresher Institute several years ago.

This year, we have added a second MRI. First is the general "Ministry Refresher Institute" (aka MRI) which is intended to help men already in ministry who desire to improve in their preaching or teaching. Second is the "Music Ministry Refresher Institute" (aka MMRI) which is designed for men already involved in the leadership of a local church music ministry who have a desire to improve in that area.

Please go online for more details, and register before May 21st. We encourage pastors to take advantage of this training opportunity and bring their entire staff for this special time of refreshment and sharpening of ministry tools. Please feel free to contact the Executive Vice President, Jeff Copes, (jeff.copes@heartlandbaptist.edu) or the Music Department Chairman, Aaron Mast, (aaron.mast@heartlandbaptist.edu) if you have any questions regarding either of these two institutes.

MAY 28-30, 2014
WWW.HEARTLANDMRI.COM

UPCOMING
 events

Graduation Preaching Conference
 May 13-15, 2014

Ministry Refresher Institute
Music Ministry Refresher Institute
 May 28-30, 2014

Southwest Baptist Youth
Conference of the Heartland
 August 6-8, 2014

Opening Days
 August 26-27, 2014

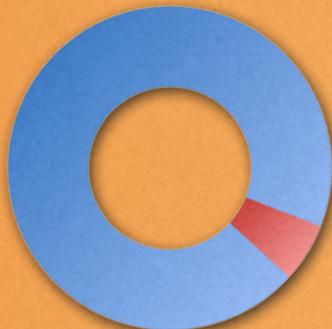
Alumni Homecoming Week
 October 13-16, 2014

Church Planting Conference
 January 13-15, 2015

College Days
 March 18-20, 2015

Southern Gospel Jubilee
 April 10, 2015

2013 May College Offering Update



\$829,182 total committed

\$780,091 94.1% received

\$49,091 5.9% remaining

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TUESDAY, MAY 13



Matt Sperling
Onawa Bible Baptist Church
Onawa, IA



Jeff Amsbaugh
Greater Rhode Island Baptist Temple
Johnston, RI



Jason Gaddis
Southwest Baptist Church
Oklahoma City, OK

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14



Tim Shellenberger
Centralia Baptist Church
Centralia, WA



Clifton Mizer
First Baptist Church
Englewood, CO



Joe Arthur
Harvest Baptist Tabernacle
Jonesboro, GA

THURSDAY, MAY 15



Roy Webster
Grayson Bible Baptist Church
Sherman, TX



John Waterloo
Central Baptist Church
Ponca City, OK



Dale Bigham
Arden Road Baptist Church
Amarillo, TX



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Visit www.heartlandbaptist.edu/GPC for more information regarding the **May College Offering** and the **schedule of events**.