Since its founding in 1966, first as Pacific Coast Baptist Bible College and then moving to Oklahoma City in 1998, Heartland Baptist Bible College has not sought to produce great students, but has sought to produce great servants. Although each servant must prepare by first being a student, our primary goal is to train the next generation of Christian leaders and workers who are equipped to fulfill their individual call to labor in the Lord’s harvest field.

This our mission statement: “Heartland Baptist Bible College is committed to excellence in educating and training preachers, missionaries, and Christian workers.” On Thursday, May 15, 2014, over 1,700 people gathered at Southwest Baptist Church as part of the commencement ceremony for 88 graduates who have been educated and trained and now will be serving the Lord across our nation and around the world.

This year’s Graduation Preaching Conference began on Tuesday, May 13 and was filled with outstanding preaching, wonderful student testimonies, God-honoring music, and edifying fellowship. In addition, we praise God that the $800,000 May Offering goal was met and even surpassed. As of this writing, the new commitment total is now $829,420 - $29,420 over the goal. To date, the cash received is $512,715 - exceeding the $450,000 cash goal. We are immensely thankful to all who sacrificially gave and participated in this very important offering. This offering provides for over 20% of the college’s annual expenses and is also an investment in each student as it helps to keep tuition affordable.

One bittersweet aspect of this great week was the presentation of the “Faithful for a Lifetime Award” to Bro. Ken Biddinger. Sadly, poor health prevented “Brother B,” as he was affectionately called, from being in attendance. The award was accepted on behalf of Bro. Biddinger by his daughter, Brenda Waterloo, on May 15, 2014. Two days later, “Bro. B” received his ultimate reward as he passed from this life to enter into the presence of the Lord he served faithfully for 50 years.

We are actively planning, preparing, and praying for all the returning students, as well as a new freshman class in the fall. Many reading this already pray for the school. We thank you for your prayers and humbly ask that you continue to pray for the school and the future servants God would have us to train for the Gospel ministry.
As the Lord has grown the student body from 128 students to over an average of 440 students since moving from San Dimas, CA, to Oklahoma City 16 years ago. He also has grown the full-time staff and faculty family from 13 to 37 individuals serving the Lord at Heartland Baptist Bible College. The Lord has blessed the school with a wonderful group of faculty and staff who, on average, have served at Heartland full time for a little over 10 years each. I feel very honored to labor alongside these fine servants of the Lord. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless this wonderful school with staff and faculty that love to serve the Lord at Heartland and desire to train others to do the same - SERVE!

We are very excited and thankful to welcome the following individuals into the Heartland staff family: Andrew and Abigail Albert and Trevor Willoughby. Andrew and Abigail will start their full-time employment by traveling this summer with the GloryBound Quartet. Both of them grew up in Christian homes and in independent Baptist Churches. Both graduated from Heartland, Abigail in 2010 with a degree in Church Education and Andrew in 2012 with a Pastoral degree and a Master of Ministry degree in 2014. Andrew earned a B.A. in Sports Management before surrendering his life to full-time ministry. Abigail has been exposed to ministry all of her life. Her father, Bill Logue, was a preacher involved in church planting in upstate New York who directly helped start over 25 churches through the Buckley Road Baptist Church in Liverpool, NY. When this couple returns from the summer tour, they will

When instructing the people of Israel in Deuteronomy 6, God gave them three clear commands: love the Lord with all their heart; keep His words in their heart; and teach those words diligently to their children. In the New Testament, we are admonished, just as Israel was, to raise our children “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” Heartland Baptist Academy was created to help parents follow the spirit of those commands. Note the first sentence of our philosophy statement: “Heartland Baptist Academy is founded on the belief that Christian education should be based upon the conviction that we are commanded as Christians to educate children about the things of God, His Word, and His creation.” To God’s glory, HBA has just finished its first year of endeavoring to do just that.

The end of the year brought a great flurry of special activities in addition to the guest chapels, normal academics, and music classes taught by Heartland students. The Lord blessed with gorgeous weather as students took a field trip to the Braun’s dairy and then enjoyed a cookout complete with hayrides, games, and other activities. The Steps & Strides Walk-a-Thon saw another beautiful day as students and their families walked over 80 miles to raise money in an effort to give something back in appreciation for the school God has provided for them. Perhaps the most moving event to close out the year was the “I Love America” Spring Music Program. Family and friends were inspired as they recited pledges, heard patriotic music, and watched our students honor the United States Armed Forces.

The final sentence of the HBA philosophy statement declares we are seeking to train students by, “providing a program of academic excellence through Christian education thereby equipping them to better obey, serve, and glorify God with their lives.” When we survey all that the Lord has accomplished in the lives of our students, both spiritually and academically this first year, we can only say, “To God Be the Glory.”
In January of 2006, I arrived at Heartland as a freshman. I was excited, nervous, and a little immature. Immediately after arriving, the Lord placed people in my life that became amazing friends. Those lasting friendships have had an impact on my life. The classes, chapel services, services at Southwest, and interaction with the faculty and staff, all contributed to my growth and development. Since graduating in '09, I go back to Heartland a couple times a year, and it thrills my heart to see the same spirit continuing on. When I talk to parents about their graduate attending Heartland or when I send a student from our church to Heartland, I do so with great assurance knowing that the spirit of the school hasn't changed. The one word that I often use with parents and prospective students is “consistency.” I attribute that consistency to three things:

**God's amazing grace.** He has blessed the school with tremendous leadership, men who love the Lord and His Word. He has blessed the school with students that have a sincere desire to learn ministry and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. This tremendous spirit has to be attributed to God's grace.

**A steady faculty and staff.** Every time I visit the campus, it is refreshing to see familiar faces. The fact that there is little turnover in the faculty and staff is a major factor in the consistency of Heartland. The same professors that I sat under as a student are still faithfully teaching with passion and zeal. When I talk with current students, we are able to make an immediate connection because of the shared professors and experiences.

**Alumni participation.** As a graduate, I believe that I have an obligation to preserve and pass on what I received as a Heartland student. I can think of graduates that made an impact on my life during my time at Heartland. Their presence on campus, encouraging conversations, and friendships made a significant difference. Since graduating, I have met various students, as well as sent students to Heartland. If I can pass that friendship and encouragement on to them, I believe I am helping in preserving the spirit of Heartland.

I praise the Lord for Heartland and pray that the school will continue on. I am so thankful that the students I send and the current students there are experiencing the same Heartland I was privileged to experience.
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