



## ALUMNI WEEK RECAP

Andrew Albert, Field Representative/Alumni Representative

Once again, Heartland Alumni from all across the country gathered in Oklahoma City during Alumni Homecoming Week on October 13th - 16th. The Lord blessed the week with spirit-filled preaching, fellowship, and encouragement. It is evident that the emphasis on strong biblical preaching, which Heartland endeavors to teach, was upheld by those who preached during Alumni Week. There were numerous reports from students who said they were encouraged by the preaching and that this week came at just the right time.

There were multiple opportunities to fellowship including the Alumni Banquet, class reunions, alumni/student basketball and volleyball

games, meals at local restaurants, and a bonfire to cap off the week. Each one of these proved to be a time to share with each other what God has been doing in their lives and the lives of those to whom they minister. Alumni had a wonderful opportunity to encourage students, staff, faculty, and each other through preaching, teaching, singing, and testimonies.

We are thankful for the alumni who took time out of their busy schedules to get connected, stay connected, and give back during this exciting week.





#### **HEARTLAND BAPTIST ACADEMY**

Alan Moriarty, HBA Principal

Heartland Baptist Academy has experienced a great first quarter of school for the 2014-2015 year. The semester started off with much anticipation as we experienced a 70% increase in enrollment from last year (from 16 students to 27). With the increased enrollment, we were able to add an additional classroom and hire HBBC graduate James Meierdierks ('12) to teach the junior and senior high grades. He is already making a difference in our school with the amount of labor he has invested into our students. We are thankful for him and the faithful efforts of our other teachers as we strive together to make the program of HBA one of academic excellence.

One of the ways we have enriched the academic program of HBA has been through the implementation of nationally recognized standardized tests. We were pleased to see that hard work is paying off as many of our students scored well beyond their current grade level. Currently, we are in the process of taking what we learned from these examinations and building upon the instruction we are already offering.

Instruction has also taken place outside the classroom as our kindergarten, first, and second grade students were able to take part in special programs with the local police, fire and rescue, and nurses for a community helpers class this fall. Also, our third through sixth grade

students enjoyed an interactive, hands-on tour of the world's only bone museum. The Museum of Osteology allowed each of our students to see God's meticulous creativity first-hand. Finally, our junior and senior high students were privileged to tour the Oklahoma State Capitol with State Senator, Ralph Shortey.

We have much planned for the remaining quarter of the fall semester. In November, we are looking forward to a field trip to the Oklahoma Aquarium. We are also anticipating several fun activities as part of our Spirit Month. Then in December, we will be holding our second annual Christmas program.

As you can see, there has been a lot going on over the last few weeks, not to mention all the student teachers and preachers from the college that have come to invest in our students. Our desire is that the ministry opportunities they experience at Heartland will help better equip them as the Lord leads them from Heartland to full-time ministry.

We are truly thankful for your faithful prayers and support. If there is anything we can do for you, or if you have any questions about our school, please contact me at alan.moriarty@heartlandbaptist.edu.





# STAFF CHANGES

Jeff Copes, Executive Vice President

The Lord has assembled a loving, faithful and experienced staff at Heartland. He also has, at times, redirected staff members to minister in other places. I would like to make the "Friends of Heartland" aware of a few personnel changes occurring this fall.

First, Jen Stevens, Music Department Secretary for the last three years, was married on November 8, 2014. Jen and her husband, Matt Bowser, will live in upstate New York. Jen has done an outstanding job in the Music Department, and she will be greatly missed. Second, we are pleased to announce that Abigail Albert will be the new Music

Department Secretary. Abigail has been on staff for two years and will be transferring from the Finance Department. Lastly, Aaron Ferguson is leaving Heartland at the end of the year to return to his home church, Bible Baptist Church in Stillwater, OK, to be a help to Pastor Wayne Hardy on various IT and graphics projects. Aaron will also be greatly missed, and we look forward to hearing how the Lord uses him in his home church.

Please pray for these changes and for all the staff as they labor and serve the Lord at Heartland Baptist Bible College.

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**Church Planting Conference** *January 13-15, 2015* 

College Days March 18-20, 2015

**Southern Gospel Jubilee** *April 10, 2015* 

**Graduation Preaching Conference** *May 12-14, 2015* 

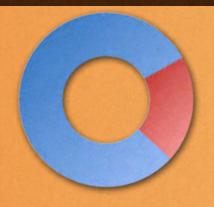
**Ministry Refresher Institute** *May 27-29, 2015* 

**Southwest Baptist Youth Conference of the Heartland** *August 5-7, 2015* 

**Opening Days**August 25-26, 2015

**Alumni Homecoming Week** *October 12-15, 2015* 

### 2014 May College Offering Update



**\$819,420** total committed

\$656,740 80.1% received

\$162,680 19.9% remaining



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