



Prayer Update, November 2012

Hope from the Heartland

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Dear Pastors and Faithful Supporters,

1 Thessalonians 5:24 "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

We rejoice in the greatness of the God who called us to plant Heartland Baptist Church. He has opened the windows of Heaven and provided a building for sale that will meet our needs as a church. It is approximately an 11,000 Sq. Ft. building (including the basement) that is completely gutted on the first floor and ready for us to lay out in the way most practical for our congregation. We CLOSED on this building this past Friday at 5:15 PM. We rejoice in this provision from God. It is a blessing to be moving forward!

BUILDING EXTERIOR



FIRST FLOOR INTERIOR



God has placed us right in the center of downtown Alliance across the street from city hall! Please recollect that the city manager is the one that evicted us from the Senior Services Center Building which is owned by the city. God's sense of humor never ceases to amaze me. Not to mention the exposure to our city that God has blessed us with. We will now have an unusual opportunity to be seen by our city. This building, the *Essay Building*, is well known in this city. It will now be known as *GOD'S HOUSE* from now until eternity, Lord willing! We rejoice in his vindication of Heartland Baptist Church, His New Testament Church.

We have a man from our sending church that is preparing to do a series of CAD layout options with the 4,280 sq. ft. of space on the first floor. Once we have settled on a layout, we will begin planning our phases of construction i.e. Framing, Electrical, Heating, Air, Plumbing and Finish Work. We are anticipating the provision of God for our financial needs as well as the volunteer help of professionals to aid us in this labor of love to our God.

We do praise the Lord that we are debt free and own this building. However, I ask that each pastor, church and/or individual please pray about having a part in this wonderful working of God through a financial gift to Heartland Baptist Church Building Fund. Bare in mind we are a church plant that is four years old. Our congregation cannot sustain the financial burden of a building renovation project let alone fully support its pastor. Please also remember that we are in a temporary meeting place that is short term which places the imminent burden of renovating our new church home. There were no other apparent options for meeting places in this city. We receive this peacefully and confidently as God's perfect will for us. He has put this building in our path three times and with emphasis this third time. Praise His name!

Another note of blessing that we have experienced of late is the repentance and reconciliation of two divorced ladies who turned their backs on the principles of God's Word regarding marriage, divorce and remarriage. God has done a tremendous work of conviction in both ladies and both have come to the point of confession and repentance over their willful disobedience and disregard of God's Word.

One of these ladies has been absent from church for about six months in her flight from God and His Word. We have been interceding before the Lord on her behalf last Wednesday, October 10 we had our weekly men's prayer time at 6 AM. It was a sweet time of pouring out before the Lord in tears on behalf of a handful of disobedient believers. The Spirit led me to take one of our men and visit with this lady (Becky Colvin) who unbeknownst to us was under the chastening and conviction of God. She broke down in repentance and made peace with God—HALLELUJAH! She then repented before the body in our Wednesday evening prayer service and was gloriously restored to the body! We had a cake fellowship following the service to welcome her back into our fellowship. It was a faith building experience for our whole congregation. There was rejoicing and tears as the body embraced Becky.

We continue to pray for the power of God in our midst. Please pray with us regarding the renovation of our new church home. We are exploring what must be done at this time to bring this building to fruitful use. We do not have a price tag on this renovation yet but are moving toward it. I am estimating that probably we will be looking at approximately \$75,000—\$100,000 to bring the first floor to fruition. It is a blessed victory for the Body of Christ, Heartland Baptist Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- ⇒ Provision of finances for our renovation project.
- ⇒ Continued spiritual growth in the congregation.
- ⇒ God to continue adding to His church.
- ⇒ Strength & wisdom to carry on the work.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT THROUGH PRAYER AND FINANCES!

Earnestly Contending,

Pastor Dennis Gruber & Family

“...that ye should earnestly contend for the faith...” Jude 3