

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022

REPORTS



Better Together!

Annual Conference

The Heartland Conference of the IPHC

April 30, 2022 — 9:00 AM, Heartland Retreat Center

Bishop Doug Beacham, Presiding Official

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State of the Conference 2022

April 30, 2022

Stuart Sherrill, Superintendent

Bishop Beacham, Members of the Executive Council, and Members of the Heartland Conference,

It is my joy to gather with you today and report to you the State of the Heartland Conference.

We need a strong presence of the Holy Spirit today that will propel us forward as a people in God's plan for reaching our field of harvest. In Acts 4, the early church found herself in a tremendous time of need. Verse 31 says that when they had prayed, the place was shaken, they were all filled anew with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke God's word with renewed boldness. The verses that follow record how Christ sent a fresh season of harvest into His church. Would you pray with me? **"Father, shake this place today. Fill me again with your Holy Spirit. Empower me to serve you boldly. Help me accomplish the great work you have called me to!"**

Today we are looking at some difficult statistics. The global pandemic brought most churches decreased statistics. However, we must confront the fact that a downward trend began in 2018, well before Covid-19 reared its head.

These numbers could taunt us if we allow them to. ("You have a stated vision to double by the year 2033, yet you have less members, attenders, and churches than you did when Arise 2033 started.") As I prepared for the task of presenting these numbers to you, I was counselled to remember that **many of you ministers feel the pressure of decreased statistics even more than I do.** A great cloud of Old Testament witnesses in Hebrews 11 testify to us that that God can turn impossibly bleak situations around and bring triumphant results!

Ministers and delegates, please do not grow weary in doing well. Galatians 6:9 says you will reap a harvest in the proper time — **if you do not faint.** Would you pray with me? **"Father, help me not to faint in difficult times. I want to see the harvest for which I have so faithfully labored.**

I am not a coach in a locker room with some magic words that will lead us as a team to a come-from-behind victory in the second half of a game. This is the time for a desperate church to cry out to God to revive the church, send awakening to our land, and open our eyes to the harvest He has. We can no longer delude ourselves into thinking this work is something we can do in our own power. Nothing less than daily dependence on God and awe of His power working in and through clay jars will enable us to rise to the challenge.

May we see today our desperate need for God's intervention in our conference. May we determine to cry out to Him as a church like never before! May we experience the power from above that grows Christ's church!

Heartland Conference Purpose

Mission

- The Heartland Conference exists to equip and resource our churches and ministers to reach the lost and make disciples.
- We strive to network our ministers and churches to encourage and exhort one another.
- We align ourselves with the IPHC in America and around the world to reach the end-time harvest.

Vision

- Over 25 years ago God showed me a vision of a huge harvest field. It's long rows stretch across a wide valley. The enormity of the task was overwhelming, until God showed me the **workers laboring together, side-by-side** in the rows. This vision gave me the sense of how much we can do when we work together. Because of this vision my message to the conference since being elected superintendent has been to double the churches and members of the Heartland Conference.
- Our churches must become **Houses of Prayer for All Nations**. God's vision for each of our assignments grows out of prayer, and the power to accomplish vision comes from above in response to consistent prayer.
- We must align with the Vision of **Arise 2033** presented by Bishop Doug Beacham at the IPHC 2017 General Conference. Under Arise 2033 we are to double our churches and increase to 75% of the counties in America and 150 nations of the world.
- **We are better together**. This is our motto, but it is also our vision. No one leading a ministry can successfully do it for the long haul while going it alone. You will get discouraged. You will get complacent. Networking with other ministers is necessary for success!

Strategy

- Jesus echoed the words of Isaiah that God's house would be called a **house of prayer for all nations**. We have five certified prayer coaches in the Heartland Conference to help our churches implement the four dimensions of the praying church:
 - **Daily at-home prayer** – The pastor must be a person of prayer, members need to be taught how to pray daily, and spouses and families should pray together.
 - **Church-wide prayer** – The early church had set times of prayer. We must do the same. Too many of our churches are known as houses of praise and/or houses of preaching. Too few are known as houses of prayer.
 - **Identified and mobilized intercessors** – Often we have been intimidated at intercessors and their strong, at-time strange forms of prayer. We need to affirm them in their gifting and encourage them to set the church's temperature for the things that God wants us to pray.
 - **Prayer evangelism** – The early church devoted herself to prayer, and God added to the church daily people who were being saved. We can mobilize our members and attenders in "prayer, care, and share" for all around them so that we begin bringing a daily harvest of souls into the church.
- **Peer groups** – We provide opportunities for ministers to connect so that they will not find themselves alone like King David in Psalm 142 saying "No man cares for my soul."

- One excellent source for peer groups and an opportunity to be coached by pastors who have proven track records in church growth is **Healthy Growing Multiplying Churches**. Contact Terry Lowder to find out how your church can join in.
- **Church Planting** — We have coaches in the Heartland Conference who help navigate the waters of planting a new church. God calls you, we provide the training, and yes, there are several sources for financial resources to help in this process as well.

We specifically are targeting the following cities:

- Altus
- Elgin
- Elk City
- Guthrie
- Lawton
- Norman
- Weatherford
- Woodward
- **New ministers and pastors** — The biggest single bottleneck for fulfilling the goals of Arise 2033 is raising up and attracting new ministers. One recent church pulpit committee asked that why with 160 ministers in the conference and only 65 churches there were not more candidates for their church. A follow-up question was why aren't there more ministry students graduating from Southwestern Christian University. My answer to them is that we are not seeing people answer the call to ministry like we once did. I personally know five ministers who were called to ministry in that church years ago, but there have not been any called from there recently. We must preach about the call and help those who respond prepare to answer that call.
- **House Churches** — There are many advantages to meeting in smaller groups. And more and more people desire a simpler, purer expression of the church. House churches is one of the simplest ways we can move toward fulfilling Arise 2033.

Executive Council

I am grateful for the Executive Council you elected in 2018. They include leading pastors from our conference, a very successful business member, and some Team Heartland members. Please let them know you esteem them highly in love for their works' sake.

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| • Stuart Sherrill , Superintendent | • Justin Blankenship , council member |
| • Terry Lowder , Assistant Superintendent | • Hallie Brown , council member |
| • Debbie Burpo. , Secretary/Treasurer | • Daniel Ice , council member |
| • John Leggett , council member | • Nestor Garcia , seat and voice |

Team Heartland

The conference is blessed with an incredible staff. They do a tremendous job of balancing work and ministry. We meet most Mondays for staff meeting. Sheri brings a home-cooked meal. In addition to discussing the projects facing us, we pray over the conference churches and ministers. If you want us to pray for your need, please let us know.

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| • Stuart Sherrill , Superintendent | • Terry Lowder , Assistant Superintendent, Missions and Evangelism Director |
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- **Hallie Brown**, Discipleship Ministries Director
- **Nathan Peck**, grounds keeper
- **Tammy Cavener**, bookkeeper
- **Brenda Clowers**, administrative assistant
- **Sheri Sherrill**, part-time volunteer

Ministries Cabinet

We have a gifted group of men and women in the Heartland who lead our conference ministries. They work in two areas: hosting conference-wide events and equipping your local your to be successful in these ministries. Please thank them for their service.

- **Hallie Brown**, Discipleship Ministries Director
- **Jimmy Bennett**, Men's Ministries Director
- **Dustin Burpo**, KidMin (Children's Ministries) Director
- **Woody Burpo**, Student Ministries Director
- **Nestor Garcia**, Hispanic Ministries Director
- **Richard Goad**, Omega Ministries Director
- **Terry Lowder**, Missions and Evangelism Director
- **Sheri Sherrill**, WIN (World Intercessors Network) Director and Ministers Wives Fellowship

Overview of Conference

Reporting statistics is one of the best ways we have to check the overall health of our conference, churches, and ministers. **Please help us by promptly reporting statistics.** Ministers and churches are expected to report monthly. The church reporting is available online. There is also an annual church report which is easily filled out by totaling the monthly reports.

Each year we spend time tracking down information to present this information as accurately as possible to you and to the Global Ministry Center.

Finances

A separate financial report is included in your packet today. Although finances are not the best indicator of organizational health, I am pleased to report that the conference portion of ministers and churches' tithes and offerings is trending healthily upward. This is a direct result of many of our churches doing well, even during Covid-19.

2019 — \$545,601 — 2019 was our highest year on record since at least 2011.

2020 — \$538,468 — We were definitely pleased when 2020 came in as our 2nd best year

2021 — \$568,584 — Let us rejoice that 2021 surpassed even 2019.

2022 — Although we only have figures for the first quarter of 2022, they show \$2,000/month over 2021!

Combined Statistics

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Member Churches	69	71	73	76	72	68	68	65
Affiliate Churches	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
Members	4,693	4,949	5,186	5,322 ¹	4780 ¹	5282	*	4753
Worship Attendance	5,494 ²	4,677	5,136	5,680	5620	5349	*	4343
Attendance growth	—	—	10%	11%	-1%	-5%		* ↓ -19%
Average Attendance	—	66	73	76	78	79	*	69
Median Attendance	—	—	49	40	47	50	*	35

1 2017 included an estimate of members in churches that do not have official membership. 2018 does not.

2 Unclear if numbers include affiliate church attendance

* 2020 Statistical figures were greatly impacted by COVID-19. Guidelines for reporting attendance figures were not finalized by the GMC at the time of Annual Conference 2021.

Heartland Conference Member Churches for Year Ending 2021

Church	City	District	Members	Attendance	+/- %
1. Abundant Life Church ¹	Enid	Plains	88	66	
2. Acts of Grace	Blanchard	Valley	24	16	↓ -33%
3. Apache First Pentecostal Holiness Church	Apache	Mountain	82	82	↓ -23%
4. Bethel Pentecostal Holiness Church	Apache	Mountain	71	28	↓ -36%
5. Cement Pentecostal Holiness Church	Cement	Mountain	35	35	↑ 40%
6. Centro Cristiano Torre Fuerte ¹	Enid	Hispanic	67	40	
7. Centro de Celebracion	Oklahoma City	Hispanic	200	250	→ 0%
8. Cheyenne Pentecostal Holiness Church	Cheyenne	Blue Sky	36	21	↓ -30%
9. Christ Chapel	Healtdton	Red River	31	31	↑ 35%
10. Christ Our Savior	Anadarko	Valley	35	35	↑ 17%
11. Community Fellowship	Frederick	Mountain	15	17	→ 0%
12. Compassion Church Oklahoma City	Oklahoma City	Metro	123	123	↑ 46%
13. Compassion Church Wichita Falls	Wichita Falls TX	Mountain	401	401	↓ -47%
14. Connect Church McLoud ²	McLoud	Metro	20	25	
15. Connect Church Midwest City ²	Midwest City	Metro	74	76	↓ -42%
16. Cristo Viene	Arkansas City KS	Hispanic	20	22	↓ -21%

Church	City	District	Members	Attendance	+/- %
17. Crossroads Church	Lone Grove	Red River	12	12	↓ -52%
18. Crossroads Connection Church	Harrah	Metro	25	25	New
19. Faith Chapel Ministries	Choctaw	Metro	31	36	↓ -33%
20. Family Church	Yukon	Metro	206	168	↑ 38%
21. Fresh Anointing Pentecostal Holiness Church	El Reno	Canyon	31	31	↓ -59%
22. Friendship Pentecostal Holiness Church	Oklahoma City	Metro	124	124	→ 3%
23. Frontline Ministries	Kingfisher	Canyon	120	65	↓ -52%
24. Glory Promise Center	Newcastle	Metro	140	140	↑ 8%
25. God of No Limits	Oklahoma City	Metro	30	55	↓ -39%
26. Grace Place	Ardmore	Red River	27	27	↑ 170%
27. Hammon Pentecostal Holiness Church	Hammon	Blue Sky	34	19	↑ 36%
28. Heritage Fellowship	Edmond	Metro	38	29	↓ -31%
29. Hinton Pentecostal Holiness Church	Hinton	Canyon	19	25	↓ -31%
30. His Hand Extended	Watonga	Canyon	25	25	↑ 150%
31. House of Prayer	Oklahoma City	Metro	140	105	↓ -42%
32. Iglesia Principe de Paz	Bethany	Hispanic	230	200	↓ -13%
33. JesusCristo El Buen Pastor	Oklahoma City	Hispanic	25	25	New
34. Judah House of Praise	Cordell	Blue Sky	50	35	↓ -46%
35. Landmark Church	Purcell	Valley	165	273	↑ 19%
36. Liberty Christian Center	Midwest City	Metro	34	34	↓ -15%
37. Life Springs Family Worship Center	Ponca City	Plains	81	37	↑ 23%
38. Living Word Cowboy Church	Bradley	Valley	21	12	↓ -50%
39. Ministerios Linaje de Dios	Oklahoma City	Hispanic	228	201	→ -2%
40. Mount Zion Pentecostal Holiness Church	Hydro	Canyon	57	24	↑ 60%
41. Mountain View Pentecostal Holiness Church	Mountain View	Blue Sky	72	34	↓ -35%
42. MyChurch	Mustang	Canyon	85	45	↓ -36%
43. New Beginning Worship Center	Oklahoma City	Metro	63	161	↑ 46%
44. New Covenant	Lookeoba	Canyon	117	14	↓ -44%
45. New Covenant/Nuevo Pacto	Gainesville TX	Hispanic	20	20	New
46. New Hope Church	Carnegie	Blue Sky	7	5	→ 0%
47. New Life Church ³	Oklahoma City	Metro	187	100	↓ -32%
48. New Vision Church	Oklahoma City	Hispanic	30	30	↓ -40%
49. Pasión Iglesia Bethany ⁴	Bethany	Hispanic			
50. Pasión Iglesia South ⁴	Oklahoma City	Hispanic			

Church	City	District	Members	Attendance	+/- %
51. Passion Church ⁴	Bethany	Metro	289	289	↓ -17%
52. Portland Avenue Pentecostal Holiness Church	Oklahoma City	Metro	35	15	↓ -57%
53. Reflection Church	Oklahoma City	Metro	60	80	↑ 60%
54. Resurrection of Life Ministries	Midwest City	Metro	70	27	↓ -29%
55. Rhythms of Grace Church	Oklahoma City	Metro	22	22	↑ 340%
56. River of Life	Wilson	Red River	30	65	↓ -19%
57. Southgate Pentecostal Holiness Church	Moore	Metro	79	43	↓ -47%
58. Starlight Ministries	Stillwater	Plains	36	21	↓ -28%
59. Templo Betel	Oklahoma City	Hispanic	28	28	↓ -44%
60. Trinity Crossing	Tuttle	Valley	69	30	↓ -40%
61. Visión Familiar Casa Paterna	Oklahoma City	Hispanic	55	55	↓ -8%
62. Visión Familiar Downtown	Oklahoma City	Hispanic	60	40	↓ -32%
63. Visión Familiar Meridian	Oklahoma City	Hispanic	80	180	→ 0%
64. Visión Familiar Yukon	Yukon	Hispanic	40	40	↓ -56%
65. Westgate Christian Center	Ardmore	Red River	4	4	↓ -84%

- 1 Centro Cristiano Torre Fuerte was a campus church of Abundant Life Church for 2019
- 2 Connect Church McLoud was a campus church of Connect Church Midwest City for 2019
- 3 New Life Church 2019 attendance is from The Crown Center and Fellowship Church combined
- 4 Passion Church attendance includes campus churches Pasión Iglesia Bethany and Pasión Iglesia South

Heartland Conference Affiliate Churches

Church	City	District
1. The Gate	Oklahoma City	Metro
2. Triumphant Church	Oklahoma City	Metro

Church Plants

- Crossroads Connection Church, Harrah/Pastor Joe Scott
- Iglesia Pasión South, Oklahoma City/Pastor Diogen Ceballos (campus church of Passion Church)

Status Change

- 2021 Centro Cristiano Torre Fuerte became a planted member church from being a campus church of Abundant Life Church

Church Merger

- Hammon Pentecostal Holiness Church/Butler Pentecostal Holiness Church — Hammon Pentecostal Holiness Church

Churches Closed

- Trinity Chapel, Harrah
- Westside PH, Clinton

Churches Withdrawn

- Visión Familiar Stillwater (noted church withdrew from conference, no property)
- Visión Familiar Western, Oklahoma City (noted church withdrew from conference, no property)

Church Pastoral Changes

- Appointed Brandon and Cherie McDade to Hinton Pentecostal Holiness Church, 3/14/2022
- Appointed Beau Davis as pastor of Fresh Anointing PH, El Reno (has been serving as interim pastor since July 2021), 4/24/2022
- Appointment pending — Brandon Manley as pastor of Apache First PH, (elected 4/20/2022)

Ministers

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Licensed Ministers	25	25	24	33	31	33	36	31	26
Ordained Ministers	143	143	154	152	150	149	139	135	130
Total Licensed and Ordained	168	168	176	185	181	182	175	166	156
Local Church Ministers	48	50	50	40	43	35	33	35	29

Ministers

Ordained Ministers

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| 1. Juan Aldama | 16. Justin Blankenship | 32. Dan Clowers |
| 2. Marty Alvarado | 17. David Brack | 33. Donnie Collins |
| 3. Bill Anderson | 18. Jim Bratcher | 34. Roger Comstock |
| 4. George Ankrah | 19. Patricia “Pat” Brewer | 35. Cristina Contreras |
| 5. Mark Anson | 20. Steve Brown | 36. Steven Cowan |
| 6. Ines Vargas Archila | 21. Lonnie Burns | 37. Jerry Craddock |
| 7. Elio Arteaga | 22. Debbie Burpo | 38. Benjamin Crisp * |
| 8. Homero Avalos | 23. Dustin Burpo | 39. Harold Dalton |
| 9. Liliana Avila | 24. Walter “Woody” Burpo | 40. James Davenport |
| 10. Melody Barnard | 25. Albert Cascioli | 41. Quintella Davenport |
| 11. Max Barroso | 26. F. Kay Caudle | 42. Jose Luis Dehuma |
| 12. Floyd Been | 27. Tammy Cavener | 43. Ingrid Deleon |
| 13. Jimmy Been | 28. Bonifacio Chica Giraldo | 44. Ron S. Dryden |
| 14. Louis Bennett | 29. Leslie Claborn | 45. Jim Duck |
| 15. James “Jimmy” Bennett | 30. Theodore Clark, Jr | 46. Bob Ely |
| | 31. Brenda Clowers | 47. Steve Ely |

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| 48. Velio Estrada | 76. Kirby King | 104. Baxter Scroggins |
| 49. Abdias Exposito Lopez | 77. Dewayne Klepper | 105. Ethan Sellers |
| 50. Sherman Fitzgerald | 78. Victor Knight | 106. Randy Sellers |
| 51. Orrie P. Flynt | 79. Leslie Lanza | 107. Stuart Sherrill |
| 52. Eliu Garcia | 80. Phillip "Phil" Larson | 108. Jerry Smith |
| 53. Irene Garcia | 81. John Leggett | 109. Jessica Smith |
| 54. Nestor Garcia | 82. Terry Lowder | 110. Judy Snow |
| 55. Dustin Gardner | 83. Lendel Lunsford | 111. Kevin Snow |
| 56. Otis "Chuck" Garrison | 84. Julio Cesar Maldonado | 112. Shirley Spencer |
| 57. Richard Goad | 85. Karla Maldonado | 113. Linda Stanberry |
| 58. Pablo Gonzalez | 86. Daniel Manning | 114. Bobby Stewart |
| 59. Keisha Gordon | 87. J. "Caleb" McDowell | 115. Dan Stewart |
| 60. Roger Gorman | 88. Elizabeth Newman | 116. Sarah Tarpley-Vesselee |
| 61. Ronald Grant | 89. Roy Newman | 117. Eme Tima |
| 62. Luis Guevara | 90. DeWayne Oden | 118. Tufuola Tima |
| 63. Larry Harris | 91. David L. Oxley | 119. Paul Underwood Jr. |
| 64. Angela Harrison | 92. Dan Palesano | 120. Johnny Upton |
| 65. Filese Hauser | 93. Vickie Chitty Parker | 121. Ray Wade |
| 66. John Hauser | 94. Jeff Patterson | 122. Andrew Ware |
| 67. Peggy Henderson | 95. M. Stephen Perdue | 123. Benjamin "Ben" West |
| 68. Alex Hernandez | 96. Pearline Perkey | 124. Deysi West |
| 69. Bennie Holbrook | 97. Ronnie Porter | 125. Patricia Whipple |
| 70. R. E. Honaker | 98. Aldon Preston | 126. Jerry Wilkins |
| 71. Jess Howell | 99. Madeline Raglin | 127. Jerol Williams |
| 72. Harold D. Hunter | 100. Danny Ray, Jr. | 128. Johnny Youell, Jr. |
| 73. Lynn Ice | 101. Edward Rhodes | 129. John Youell |
| 74. Jerry Jones | 102. Lynn Richardson | 130. John Zwolle |
| 75. Kent Kelso | 103. Christopher Rush | |

* Recommended for Ordination at this Annual Conference

Licensed Ministers

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| 1. Cherie Alvarado | 10. Allison Jones | 19. Timothy Patterson |
| 2. Erika Arteaga | 11. Gaston Lagos | 20. David Riley |
| 3. Raeha Butler | 12. Roger Lanza | 21. Michelle Riley |
| 4. Diogen Ceballos Peñalo | 13. Brandon Manley * | 22. Rodrigo Rivas |
| 5. Christopher "Beau" Davis | 14. Brandon McDade * | 23. Marita Rojas Hernandez |
| 6. Cenovio Deleon | 15. Cherie McDade * | 24. Joe Scott |
| 7. Kay Haley | 16. Bryan Nix | 25. Yeudy Umana |
| 8. Andrew Hamm | 17. Jeffrey Oeder | 26. Abigail Yates * |
| 9. Betsy Hope | 18. Kimberly Oeder | |

Local Church Ministers Serving as Pastors

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| 1. Dorma Claypool | 3. Tyrone Tramble |
| 2. Ronald King | 4. Andrew "Jack" Wellman |

*Recommended for Ministers License at this Annual Conference

Ministerial Changes:

- **3 ordinands submitted for your consideration**
 1. Roger Comstock (reinstatement)
 2. Ben Crisp
 3. Louis Bennett
- **3 Licensed ministers submitted for your consideration**
 1. Brandon McDade
 2. Cherie McDade
 3. Brandon Manley
 4. Abigail Yates
- **4 Ministers promoted to Glory!**

1. Annette Elizabeth Youell (former WIN Director and beloved wife of Rev. John Youell, Sr.), 8/31/2021	3. Dan Byus, 2/3/2022
2. Jerry Ozment, 11/21/2021	4. Terry Walburn, 2/20/2022
	5. Elvio Canavesio, 3/3/2022
- **Transfers**
 1. Brad Davis (transferred out)
 2. Amanda Flores (transferred out)
 3. Bill Flores (transferred out)
- **Withdrawn Ministers:**

1. Hector Arana	7. Lance Howell
2. Melvin Bunn	8. Carl Johnson
3. Oscar Castro	9. Bertha Muzquiz
4. Jack Dawson	10. Victor Zepeda Vallejo
5. Armando Gomez	11. Michael Whitman
6. Heber Gonzalez	

Suggested Response

William Borden was heir to a vast fortune in the early 1900s. He left it all to prepare for a life of missionary service. God only knows how many thousands of people he would have led to the Lord, except that he died before he reached his chosen field. The world thought it was a waste of a promising life, but thousands of others answered the call to take up his place. Along the journey William made three declarations that I believe we should make today.

1. **No reserve!** Don't hold anything back as you serve God
2. **No retreat!** Don't resign out of discouragement. Don't stop moving forward.
3. **No regret!** Instead of regret, you will rejoice for all eternity that you stayed faithful and resolute in your call.

Put your hand firmly on the helm of the ministry. Like piloting a ship through stormy seas, the effort required is more than you or I can do alone. Allow the God to whom you belong and whom you serve to stand by you and steer with you. This ministry and harvest are possible, but only through Christ.

Please don't do ministry alone. We are better together!

Ministry Report since Last Annual Conference:

- I have preached and ministered. However, I visited fewer churches on a Sunday than normal. Family crises, working with churches in transition, and preaching at churches that needed special encouragement left me with less time to visit. Sheri and I love each of the churches of the Heartland Conference. Please know that our heart is to visit each of you every couple of years. If you feel your church would benefit in particular from a visit from the Sherrills, let me know, and I'll schedule a visit as soon as possible. I'm happy to preach or just cheer you on.
- Several ministers and I visited most of the churches in the conference during the night. Our goal was to spiritually survey the conference like Nehemiah literally surveyed Jerusalem and her walls. We prayed and asked the Lord for spiritual insights. Our goal was to start the process of helping the churches of the conference **rebuild** following the losses incurred during the pandemic.
- I carry a bigger prayer burden for the ministers and churches of this conference than ever before. I am striving to wrestle for you in prayer as Paul did for the churches he oversaw.
- I have attended three COB Meetings, and I've continued to serve as a trustee of Southwestern Christian University.
- Sheri and I have attended parts of most of our School of Ministry classes to network with students.
- A particular joy was hosting the 8th Annual Ministers and Spouses' Retreat. This year we added in time for focused and extended prayer over many of you.
- There have been many meetings, phone calls, and miles driven.
- I am striving to make full proof of my ministry to the Lord and to you!

Personal Note and Thank you!

For over two months I have meditated on what it means to **endure** hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. I have sought to disentangle from affairs of this life that I might please the One who enlisted me as a soldier. Many Scriptures share different secrets on how to endure. Most famous is the exhortation to look to Jesus who endured the cross. We consider him who endured hostility **so that we do not become weary and discouraged** in our souls.

Most of you know that Sheri and I have endured much loss this past year. On August 29, 2021 we buried Sheri's precious mother, **Norma Boudreaux**. Eight days later, our son-in-law **Matt Harris** passed away on September 6 with no warning. I had no idea how little I knew and understood grief. I did not know that things could seem worse eight months after the loss than they did when it occurred. Through it all, I have grown closer to Jesus Christ than I ever dreamed possible. **Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who stood with us, loved us, and prayed for us!**

It is my honor to serve this conference with such great ministers and leaders. Thank you for believing in me, for supporting me, for encouraging me, and for urging us all to take this conference where Jesus wants us to be!

Much love in Christ,



Stuart Sherrill

Heartland Conference Superintendent

Heartland Conference IPHC

Annual Report for 2021

Assistant Superintendent Rev. W. Terry Lowder

April 30, 2022

Mr. Chairman, Bishop Sherrill, Executive Council and esteemed members, I am honored to serve you and with you, the wonderful Heartland Conference. Thank you for the privilege of serving along with an amazing team of ministry leaders on a daily basis here at the Heartland Retreat Center. I am so grateful to the Lord for my amazing wife, Lady Kendra and children, Rachel and Will. I feel very humbled and blessed!

I cannot help but reflect upon the season of loss, grief and suffering we all have experienced. Through the pain, questions and disappointment I have seen God's goodness, love and mercy. And with the psalmist I pray we can all continue to declare from Psalm 27:13 *"I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the Land of the living."* And the exhortation that follows in verse 14, *"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."*

The pandemic will no doubt painfully remain in our memories for years to come. As we try and return to a more normal existence, we are in some ways called to rebuild both personally and corporately. We have no choice because we are called to faithfulness, to service, to ministry through every season. Pastors and leaders, you have been heroic in your efforts to stand strong through the most unprecedented experience and I pray God's richest blessings upon you.

Thank you for continuing to give to World Missions Ministries

In 2021 Heartland Churches gave the following to IPHC Missions:

\$103,012.25 to WMM ministry and Projects

\$167,131.83 to Missionary support and gifts accounts

\$17,605.90 to People to People

And \$52,369.04 to Global Outreach offering.

Total \$340,119.02 in IPHC missions for 2021. Thank you for all you do with such sacrificial generosity. As you can imagine, missions support is more important today than ever, so thank you for your faithful and prayerful support. I often remind you that this amount of giving comes from a little more than one-half of our churches. Imagine the difference we could make.

We are especially proud of our Heartland missionaries. We are blessed to have career missionaries as well as short term missionaries and a number of dynamic young missionaries who have been trained through our IPHC Awakening Ministry. Our missionaries are:

Jeff and Kim Oeder

Ben and Deysi West

Haley Jones

Raeha Butler

Seth Nix

Rachel Schwartz

Richard and Benita Honaker

Ed and Margi Rhodes

Harold and Anna Dalton

Allison Jones

Abigail Yates

May the Lord continue to use them to reach the harvest where they serve around the world.

These are *our Heartland* missionaries therefore please make every effort to support them.

For the past three years the Heartland Conference has held Healthy Growing Multiplying Churches coaching meetings and several our churches have experienced growth as a result. A few have experienced dramatic increase. At least 20 pastors have attended coaching and some on a regular basis. We are transitioning to peer coaching groups. We want to help you and your church and you will be learning more the near future. We are especially grateful to John

Leggett, Justin Blankenship and Steve Ely for their work and leadership. I am also grateful for Woody Burpo who serves as one of our HGM Church Planting coaches.

Arise 2033 is the mission of IPHC Ministries to reach America and the world for Jesus Christ. Currently, the IPHC has a presence in 16% of 3,142 counties in the United States of America. We have work in 100 of the 195 nations of the world. However, the need is great. Jesus is calling His church to ARISE, to be the salt of the earth, to be the light in the midst of darkness, to be a Place of Hope in our communities, to be a People of Promise, boldly declaring the word of the Lord, and to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth! Our goal is to increase our presence in the US to 75% of the counties and to 150 of the world's countries. Here in the Heartland we need church planters and mother churches as well as home churches in order to do our part for reaching this goal by the year 2033. If the Lord should tarry, this will be the 2000th Anniversary of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. What an anniversary gift we can bring to Jesus! The gift of more churches and more souls for the Kingdom. May the Lord help us as we strive to complete the work of the Great Commission.

Thank you for praying and thank you for working so we can do our part to multiply believers and churches across the Heartland Conference.

Thank you for the privilege of serving alongside you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Lowder

Assistant Superintendent, Heartland Conference

Heartland DM Director Report Annual Conference 2022

I would like to thank Bishop Stuart Sherrill, the Heartland Conference Executive Council, pastors, delegates, and all members of the Heartland Conference for the honor and privilege of serving as your Discipleship Ministries Director.

My vision for Discipleship Ministries has been and remains:

"To see every Heartland Conference Church involved with Discipleship Ministries as we work together to make strong and effective followers of Christ (disciples)"

Our belief remains that in every aspect of life and ministry we are "better together". I am so very thankful for each member of the Discipleship Ministries team and am grateful for the gifts they bring to the Heartland, and to the Kingdom of God!! As 2021 came to a close, Ms. Shirley Spencer, who has served as our Omega Ministries Director for the last 8 years, felt that she needed to step back due to family responsibilities and health issues. Ms. Shirley did an incredible job with Omega Ministries, and she will be dearly missed on the Discipleship Ministries team. We are excited to announce that Richard and Linda Goad have accepted the baton from Ms. Shirley taking over as Omega Ministries Directors at the beginning of 2022. They have already hit the ground running!!!

The Heartland Discipleship Ministries team includes:

Conference DM Director – Hallie Brown
Conference Omega Ministries – Richard and Linda Goad
Conference Men's Ministries – Jimmy Bennett
Conference Student Ministries – Woody Burpo
Conference KidMin – Dustin Burpo

Below are a few highlights for each area of Discipleship Ministries:

School of Ministry

- ❖ Heartland School of Ministry offers 16 classes over a two-year period. These classes meet in a modular format – one weekend a month in the months of September thru November, and January thru May.
- ❖ Our School of Ministry fulfills the educational requirements for credentialing in the IPHC.
- ❖ After not being able to have graduation during the COVID shut down, we were excited to be able to have our graduation ceremony at Fall Camp Meeting 2021 with 8 students walking!
- ❖ We currently have approximately 15 students enrolled.

Omega Ministries

- ❖ Unfortunately our 2021 annual luncheon had to be cancelled due to COVID; however, the 2022 luncheon is scheduled for September 9th.
- ❖ Ms. Shirley published a bi-monthly newsletter that included a section highlighting one of our senior or retired ministers in each issue, and Richard

and Linda are continuing this newsletter. One issue has already been sent out with a second one due out in a few days.

- ❖ Richard and Linda are planning an Omega Ministries sponsored trip this October to Branson, MO.

Women's Ministries

- ❖ We have missed having our annual conferences the last couple of years, but we are so looking forward to our 2022 conference which is scheduled for October 6-8.

Men's Ministries

- ❖ The 2021 Men's Conference – "Man in the Mirror" was a great success with over 70 men in attendance.
- ❖ Pastor Jimmy has a great vision for men's ministries! In my 2020 report we shared a plan that had to be delayed due to COVID; however, we were able to begin the implementation this past year.
 - ❖ In 2021 the Heartland Men's Ministries hosted 1 Impact Weekend. The format for these weekends is a Friday night men's rally in one Heartland Church followed by a Saturday work day in a different Heartland Church.
 - In November the rally was at Hammon and the work day was at Cheyenne where they painted the outside of the church.
- ❖ 2022 planned events
 - ❖ Impact Huddle – a one day Men's Ministries event at the Heartland Retreat Center – May 14th from 11am-2pm
 - ❖ Impact Weekends
 - August 19-20
 - November 4-5

KidMin and Student Ministry

- ❖ **Camps**
 - ❖ 2021 camp results are included in the chart at the end of this report
 - ❖ 2022 Camp Dates
 - ❖ June 6-10 – High School Camp – Students 8th-12th grade
 - ❖ June 11-17 - Middle School Camp – Students 5th-8th grade
 - ❖ June 20-24 - Elementary Camp – students K -5th Grade
- ❖ **Lock-In**
 - ❖ We host this event off site each year in October.
 - ❖ In 2021 we had a record setting attendance of 182 students and volunteers.
 - ❖ Our 2022 Lock-In is scheduled for October 21-22
- ❖ **Float Trip**
 - ❖ This event is in early August each year and is an overnight *Family Event* sponsored by Student Ministries
 - ❖ We had a great trip in 2021 with 47 of us floating
 - ❖ In 2022 this event is scheduled for August 4-5

❖ **Fine Arts Ministry**

- ❖ I have the great privilege of serving on the National Fine Arts Committee which was tasked with doing a complete overhaul of this ministry. We have released new National Guidelines which totally change the look of this ministry.
- ❖ This event was canceled for 2021
- ❖ Our 2022 Heartland Fine Arts Ministry event was last Saturday – April 23rd

❖ **Youth Quest**

- ❖ For 2021 the format for Youth Quest was completely different. After having to cancel this event in 2020, it was decided that there would be 2 regional events to keep from having to cancel 2021 as well.
- ❖ We had the incredible privilege of hosting YouthQuest West here at the Heartland Retreat Center and had a great turn out of churches from Oklahoma, Mississippi, Texas, Tennessee, and Kansas.
- ❖ YouthQuest East was held in North Carolina at the Cornerstone Conference Campgrounds.
- ❖ I had the honor of being on the staff for both events and they were both a great success.

Other

- ❖ September 27- October 1– National DM Summit
- ❖ November 8-10 - Heartland DM team vision and planning retreat to prepare for 2022
- ❖ Regular ZOOM meetings with other DM Directors and Bishop Tommy McGhee – this has been such an encouragement as we have purposed to stay connected and support one another in the midst of the pandemic.

Our Heartland DM team desires to be a resource to and partner with each conference church as you lead your members into becoming strong and effective followers of Christ (disciples). Please feel free to call on us anytime as we would love to have the opportunity to share any tools we may have with you!!!

2021 Camp Statistics

Camp	Students Attended	Salvations	Rededications	Sanctifications	Holy Spirit Baptisms	Call to Ministry
High School	123	7	28	23	6	18
Middle School	56	3	14	7	5	3
Elementary	122	39	37	21	25	29
Total	301	49	79	51	36	50

Sincerely,
 Hallie Brown
 Discipleship Ministries Director
 Heartland Conference IPHC

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Current Period

INCOME

UNRESTRICTED

SUPPORT, REVENUE & INCOME	\$599,263.24
OTHER INCOME	4,361.45
RENTAL INCOME	<u>37,422.70</u>

Subtotal Unrestricted 641,047.39

EVANGELISM

CHURCHES - CONF OVERSITE	<u>23,372.11</u>
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Subtotal Evangelism 23,372.11

PASS THRU FUND

MISSIONS	152,035.01
GENERAL PROGRAM	<u>340,736.03</u>

Subtotal Pass Thru Fund 492,771.04

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

GENERAL DISCIPLESHIP MIN	16,189.03
WOMEN'S MINISTRIES	8,273.79
MEN'S MINISTRIES	5,843.10
CAMPS	44,956.23
SCHOOL OF MINISTRY	<u>7,760.97</u>

Subtotal Discipleship Ministries 83,023.12

SENIOR MINISTRIES 2,400.00

TOTAL INCOME 1,242,613.66

EXPENSES

GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	\$338,367.08
REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>16,902.87</u>

Subtotal General & Administrative 355,269.95

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION 10,548.07

GENERAL PROGRAM 10,000.00

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2,640.96

OTHER EVENTS 13,759.94

Subtotal General Program 26,400.90

MINISTRY ALLOCATIONS 54,939.65

EVENTS

SUMMIT 6,631.87

FALL CAMP MEETING 7,657.74

RENTAL EXPENSES 2,390.00

RETREAT CENTER EXPENSES 122,850.27

Subtotal Events 139,529.88

EVANGELISM 175,811.60

PASS THRU FUND

MISSIONS 143,045.70

GENERAL PROGRAM 336,684.84

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Current Period

Subtotal Pass Thru Fund	479,730.54
DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES	
GENERAL DISCIPLESHIP MIN	25,996.95
WOMEN'S MINISTRIES	3,767.00
MEN'S MINISTRIES	4,593.74
DM CAMPS	33,224.91
DM SCHOOL OF MINISTRY	5,885.87
RETREAT/ CAMP FACILITIES	<u>1,768.99</u>
Subtotal Discipleship Ministries	75,237.46
HISPANIC MINISTRIES	
HISP SCHOOL OF MINISTRY	24.00
SENIOR MINISTRIES	<u>343.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,317,835.05</u>
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	<u><u>-\$75,221.39</u></u>

Balance Sheet

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	Current Year
ASSETS	
CHECKING ACCOUNTS	
FIRST FIDELITY BANK 5610	\$182,958.73
BANK OF OK 9554 (DM)	28,718.25
FIRST FIDELITY 5122 - HS	546.73
FIRST FIDELITY 5713 - SM	6,486.64
Subtotal Checking Accounts	218,710.35
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	
BANK OF OK 6852	33,527.31
FIRST FIDELITY 2597 - MM	4,053.05
FIRST FIDELITY 9732 - WM	2,132.82
IPHC 10758-101	11,643.90
IPHC 13053-101	10,392.57
IPHC-LAWTON 13204-101	27.10
Subtotal Savings Accounts	61,776.75
PETTY CASH	248.74
INVESTMENTS	1,260,553.67
LOANS-CHURCH/ORGANIZATION	126,000.00
FIXED ASSETS	
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	2,129,189.00
Subtotal Fixed Assets	2,129,189.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,796,478.51
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	-\$234.47
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	200,232.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES	199,997.87
NET EQUITY	
UNRESTRICTED	\$3,445,898.64
MISSIONS	42,112.15
PROJECTS	700.00
GENERAL PROGRAM PASS THRU	32,305.05
DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES	68,431.43
HISPANIC MINISTRIES	546.73
SENIOR MINISTRIES	6,486.64
TOTAL EQUITY	3,596,480.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$3,796,478.51