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Let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Hebrews 12:1. 2024 has come to an end but let us not forget, we still

have a race to run in 2025. Still so many who need to hear about Jesus and His saving grace. It was a very busy ending to 2024. On December 6th was our annual Heartland Baptist Open House. This is the night of the Ashland City Christmas Parade. Since the parade passes in front of our church building and the general public lines the sidewalks, we take that opportunity to open the church for families to come on in, warm up, have cookies, hot chocolate and apple cider. This year we had live music that all could enjoy also. It is an opportunity for us to meet people within our community and invite them to join us for worship. On December 18th, Heartland enjoyed Christmas caroling to two of our nursing homes within our community and also individuals who are not able to get out much. It always blesses our heart to see these individuals sing along and smile.

A few months ago we were reminded that the field in our area is white unto harvest as a post was made on the local FB swap. This post said:
“Looking for a pagan community/gathering place in or near Columbia. Thank you for your recommendations.”

As foreign as that may seem to some of us, the responses within the post were even more mind-blowing. There are so many people and places where paganism is welcomed and encouraged. So many times we read of paganism within scripture and we think that it isn't relevant/applicable for us today. Oh, but it is. We are reminded that we have a work to do. This world is need of Light and we are the ones who are called to be that Light.

Please continue to pray for Tawnya's family. This year will hold many solo trips for her as she goes back and

forth to be with her family there. This season of life is hard but we know from experience that God gives mercy and grace daily and daily portion is sufficient.

Due to the snow and ice we have experienced over the past few weeks, Heartland has had to postpone our vision Sunday. This Sunday we will encourage each other to press toward the mark. We are praying for continued spiritual growth and growth in number also. We have several projects around the church that have been delayed and we are praying that this is the year that we can accomplish all of these things.

Goals of accomplishments:

- New Front Door to the Church
- Paint the Back Exterior of the Church Building
- New Cabinet/Countertop in Fellowship Hall
- New Carpet (at least in sanctuary)
- Paint the interior foyer and fellowship hall to match the updated auditorium.

We hope to begin on these projects as soon as Spring rolls around.

To those who are so faithful to pray for the Amburgeys and Heartland Baptist, Thank YOU! And for those who faithfully give financially, thank you. Because of your love, we, here in Ashland, MO can point people to the Savior, the Creator of it all. God has been so good to us. He is faithful even when we are not.

If you should ever have any questions for us, please reach out and we will do the best we can to find those answers for you.

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