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## PIVOT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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To pivot is to turn or change direction. PIVOT is our HCN **Annual Leadership Conference** that will have something for your entire team. PIVOT takes place **Sunday, August 27th, 3:15-8:15 PM**, at the HCN Office in Omaha.

This year, we are thrilled to have Pastor Keith Strasburger of Parkview Baptist Church, Lexington as our keynote speaker on **Relational Discipleship**. Keith previously served with Real Life Ministries and the Relational Discipleship Network in Post Falls, ID. Keith will speak twice.

There will be two breakout sessions to choose from. **Breakout Session #1** includes: Basics of Church **Security**;

How Do I Ask Better **Questions?**; How to Make Church Life Reflect Church **Doctrine**; Online Do's & Don'ts for Effective **Discipleship**; Engagement with Others: A **Leadership Style**.

**Breakout Session #2** includes the following topics: **Teaching** with the SOAR Learning Method; **Worship** as Spiritual Formation; 3 Essential Conversations for **Family Ministry** Leaders & their Lead Pastor; Everyday **Evangelism**: Encouragement and Ideas to Share Your Faith; Thriving as a **Pastor's Wife**.

PIVOT is not just for Pastors! Join us on Sunday, August 27th, and bring your team!

**Learn more or register at:**  
[heartlandchurchnetwork.org/pivot](https://heartlandchurchnetwork.org/pivot)



# HEARTLAND CHURCH NETWORK KID'S KAMP



HCN's 2023 Kid's Kamp was held from July 24 - 28 at Camp of the Good Shepherd, just outside of Louisville, Nebraska. There were around 50 campers and 35 staff members this year, along with numerous folks who came out during the day to help with various tasks.

The Camp Director, Crystal Beland, and Camp Pastor, Ty Woznek, welcomed the campers with an opening ceremony before they went off for a week of fun and learning.

This year's theme was "Not All Heroes Wear Capes". The camp staff did an awesome job leading a sermon series, throughout the week, from Pastor Ty Woznek, based on Hebrews 11:5. Crystal Beland led the Bible Study each morning and tied her lessons in with the sermons to help deliver an easy-to-understand picture of the gospel, focusing on bible heroes that lived out Matthew 16:24, this year's memory verse.

*"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'"*

From Crafts to Missions and everything in between, the campers learned about how God used His heroes and how He can use us to accomplish His will. God is so good, as throughout the week there were several children who came forward with decisions or questions regarding salvation and recommitment.



Planning for next year's camp has already begun and we can't wait! Information about camp next year will be revealed in 2024. Contact Dave Graves, at the HCN office, if you are interested in sending your kiddos or want to help.

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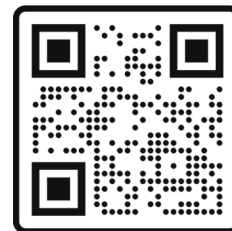
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TAKE THE NEXT STEP

# 2ND MILE

LIVES CHANGED ~ DISCIPLES MADE



The Gap is what led Larry Nicholson and Mike Gunter to found 2nd Mile. The Gap is that space between graduating a drug or alcohol recovery program and successful, God-honoring, independent living. Only about 2% of people successfully cross The Gap.

Instead of falling into The Gap, 2nd Mile provides a next step by offering progressive discipleship, next-level mentorship, and real-life education, community engagement, and overall wellness. Relationships and purpose make the difference—local churches provide both. 2nd Mile has a men's house and soon a women's house where residents live and support one another while crossing The Gap.



There are a few ways you might partner with 2nd Mile. First, you could become a Discipler. Following a progressive disciple-making style, you would be paired with a Disciple for an ongoing relationship of life-transformation. Second, you might allow 2nd Mile to partner with your church in outreach ministry. Third, you might offer meeting space at your church for 2nd Mile programming. Finally, you might contribute to 2nd Mile financially to support their houses and programming.

God is at work changing lives through the ministry of 2nd Mile.

**Learn more at:**  
**[2ndmile.info](https://2ndmile.info)**



# LIFE CHANGER MISSIONS



Take a moment to imagine 60 teens and young adults, from around the United States, coming together for the purpose of meeting physical and spiritual needs through construction projects and evangelism. Thanks to our partnership with Heartland Baptist Church (Sioux City, IA), Life Changer Missions can replace your imagination.



Life Changer Missions is a summer missions' opportunity that provides home improvement projects at no charge to low-income homeowners. This year's event took place from June 11-17, and projects included painting, roofing, and deck replacement. There were five families helped and many lives changed.

"Changed" describes not only the families whose houses are being fixed, but also the youth and staff, who volunteer their time and labor.

The youth go through training to share the gospel and go door-to-door handing out tracts. There is also a nightly corporate worship service, where new friendships are made and existing ones are renewed and strengthened.

Something like this could not take place without the tremendous support from the volunteer staff. From Project Managers to Kitchen Staff, as well as Crew Chiefs and Runners, the list goes on and on. Year after year, every bit of support is greatly appreciated, as it allows us to continue providing help and sharing the Good News with those in need.

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[heartlandchurchnetwork.org/LCM](http://heartlandchurchnetwork.org/LCM)





# LOOKING AHEAD

**EACH ONE, START ONE**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**2023**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

Save the date! **Thursday, November 2** we will gather at **Southview Baptist Church, 3434 S 13th St, Lincoln, NE 68502**, for Heartland Church Network's Annual Meeting. We will celebrate all God has done for and through our association and our churches during this past year, as we look forward to what lies ahead!

*Dinner served from 6-6:45 PM*  
*Meeting begins at 7 PM*

Join us Tuesday, September 26th, 6:30 - 8:30 PM for a FREE dinner & another Meet the Missionaries! Jeff Crull will be here in Omaha to share his experiences as a missionary in the DRC. We want you—church member, mission leader, or church staff—to get to know Jeff better, so mark your calendar now!



The 78th Church Forward Annual Meeting is on October 9-10, at Westside Church in Omaha. This will be an exciting time for you and your team to connect with other leaders, as well as convention and association staff. They have numerous break-out sessions to equip your ministry teams for the unique challenges you face in local church ministry. There will also be live Spanish translation for the main sessions and many break-outs.



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