

Words from Pastor Lynwood



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Looking For Peace On Earth

When we think of the Bible and the word 'peace' we are likely to picture the scene of shepherds guarding their sheep by night. Suddenly, an angel appears with good news about a baby in a manger, then a multitude of angels join in singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to men."

We hear about it every Christmas: peace on earth. We sing about it. We pray for it. Peace on Earth: an end to wars, an end to bitterness and hostility, an end to fear. We even talk about how nice it would be

to have Christmas all year long, so we could always focus on Peace and Goodwill to Men (and Women – all of Mankind, in fact).

But the wars go on. Bitter struggles that have lasted for centuries continue. We find new ways to kill, new things to be afraid of. The Christmas ideal of Peace on Earth seems to be nothing more than an oasis in the midst of a violent world – or maybe it's just a mirage.

Unfortunately, peace with God means we are now at war with Satan and all his forces. Our peace is not complete, yet. It won't be complete until Satan is defeated and removed from the earth or we go home to be in heaven. But I think there's something more to the peace God offers than just an end of war and conflict. It involves more than just the lack of commotion and difficulties. It promises something else than the absence of fear. Jesus didn't come to earth to take our problems away. He came to stand with us in the midst of our problems so we would find that He, himself, is our peace.

The word 'gospel' means 'good news' or 'good tidings.' The angel that came to the shepherds said, "*Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.*" (Luke 2:10) He came to announce the gospel, the good news that Jesus had come into the world. The good news doesn't end with the Christmas story.

Jesus taught us how to know God and how to serve him, he showed us how to love each other, and then he gave his own life as a sacrifice for our sins so we could live with him someday in heaven. But the good news doesn't end with Easter, either. Jesus is living in heaven right now, watching over us. The Holy Spirit lives within us to help us know God better and to experience his love. In the end, everything will work out according to his plan, and he – and we – will be victorious. That's good news!

So this Christmas when you think about Peace on Earth, thank God for sending his Son to be our Peace – now and forever.

In His Christmas love for you now and always, Lynwood

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This Week at HBC

The Hilton Baptist Church Record
December 19, 2011

Sunday School and Worship Report

Sunday School Enrollment.....	183
Contacts.....	13
Visitors.....	4
Total present.....	115
Last Week.....	109
Worship December 18, 2011.....	166

HBC Counting Report December 18, 2011

8-200 Future Growth.....	\$100.00
8-107 Lottie Moon From Singing Saints.....	\$35.00
In Honor of Barbara Caffacus and Virginia Dillon	
8-107 Lottie Moon.....	\$ 1385.00
8-503 Christmas Flowers.....	\$90.00
8-112 Chaplains Fund.....	\$17.00
9-407 Port.....	\$62.00
Total Designated.....	\$1689.00
Total Budget Receipts.....	\$7791.50
Total Deposit.....	\$9480.00
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3-302 Repair and Replacement.....	\$50.00
3-302 Cookbooks.....	\$24.00
3-302 Windows.....	\$400.00
3-301 Pastors Discretionary Fund.....	\$50.00
Total Deposit.....	\$ 524.00



From the office Staff of HBC we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas

Contributions for 2011

The end of the year is quickly approaching, in order to have your contributions posted for 2011 you will need to have them in by Wednesday, December 28th. Please plan accordingly.

There will be no Wednesday Night Dinners until after the first of the year.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, December 26th for the Christmas Holiday.

Offering Envelopes for 2012

The offering envelopes have not arrived for 2012 as of yet. They will be prepared and placed in your Sunday School Rooms by January 9, (since we will not be having Sunday School again until that day)

When giving you can

- ◆ Write a check and mark it for the contribution that you want to make
- ◆ If paying cash, put it in a pew envelope or another envelope you may have and mark the envelope Budget.

The counting committee will be sure to record all the giving as per your indications.



**PBA End of the Year Youth Rally
Wednesday, December 28th.**

We will be meeting at Hilton at 6:30pm and then going to Parkview Baptist for pizza, band, fellowship and a speaker.

Then we will be traveling to Ice Plex for skating until 11:30pm.
The cost \$10.00

If you want to add MORE fun, you can pay an additional \$5.00 (total \$15.00) and return to Parkview Baptist for rest of the night until 6am. There will be planned games and activities all night!

We are looking for a great time.

Please let Pastor Harald know if you will be going by
Wednesday, December 21st.



Our custodian, Tommie Wheeler will be on vacation through the end of the year.

We need your help in keeping the church clean.

Please take time to look around and if you see something that needs attention...spend that little extra time to take care of it.

When we all work together, we will be able to keep our church looking its best!



We want to welcome the newest members to the HBC Family

Joey Kubitz

Lauren Harris

John & Angel Small

We are so glad you have joined us!

Attention Team Leaders

The schedules are needed for 2012. Please drop them at the office or email them to Dreama at youthpreach7@aol.com.

Poinsettias

It's not too late to donate

for the Poinsettias that have been placed in the church. You can donate In Honor or In Memory of a loved one. We will list all the names in our Christmas Bulletin and Forecast. Just fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the office with your donation.



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**Hilton Singing Saints**

January 3

2:00 pm Practice at church for the next 3 months

January 9

2:00 pm Regency

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Weekly Assignment Schedule

Greeters

December 25 Jim & Margaret Upole
Goldie Wertz

Lock Up

December 25 Tim Humphreys
January 1– Charles Vasser

Van Driver

December 25 Joe Caskie

Nursery Workers

December 25 No Sunday School
Worship– Mary Aadahl
January 1– SS Jessica Stallings
Worship– Cathy Moore

Children's Church 'Peace Makers'

December 25 No Children's Church
January 1– No Children's Church

Sound Operators

December 25 Art Halk
January 1– Tim Humphreys

Usher

December 25 Roger DeMorier
January 1– Ronnie Greene

Deacon of the Week

December 25 Bob Spiers

*If you can not be present for your date,
please contact a replacement
person.*

This Week at HBC

Wednesday, December 21

All church activities cancelled

Saturday, December 24th

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25th

MERRY CHRISTMAS

10:30 am Worship Service

wishlist.

From Facilities Building and Grounds—Official Wish List #1

4 new windows for the Nursery Area

2 new windows for the GA Room

Total of 6 new windows @ \$300.00 each= \$1800.00

Note: These new windows not only will keep out the winter cold and the summer heat but will help to lower our electric bill over time. The GA room is having leakage around the window frames when it rains. If you would like to contribute to this cause, Please insert your check in an envelope and mark it "windows". Thank you for your support. Mary Downs

Last minute shopping.....how about these gifts?

HBC Cookbooks \$12.00

Woodcuts of the church
\$10.00

HBC Christmas Orna-
ments \$5.00

HBC Note Paper \$4.00

See Brenda Windstead or
Sue Monfalcone

Mark your calendar now for all the HBC upcoming activities!

Saturday 12/24 Christmas Eve Service 5:00pm

Sunday 12/25 No Sunday School, Worship Service Only 10:30am
No Children's Church

Wednesday 12/28 All church activities cancelled

Sunday 1/1/2012 No Sunday School, Worship Service Only 10:30am



Please plan now to attend the following special services as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
5:00pm

Christmas Day Worship Service
10:30am



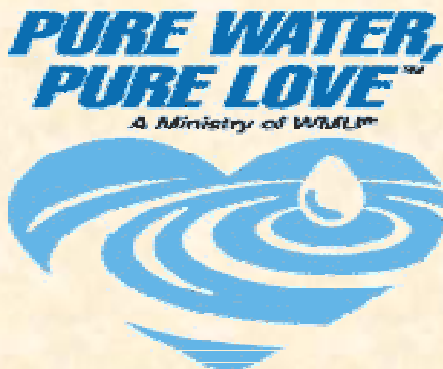
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions

You can be an extension of the Heart, the Hands and the Voice of Jesus through your prayers and when you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to help reach a lost and dying world.

Our church goal \$8000.00

Amount collected to date \$4197.30

Together we can reach our goal!



Lottie Moon Post Office

The Lottie Moon Post Office is set up in the back hallway of the church. Please place your Christmas cards to your church family members in the appropriate slot. Please place your "Postage" in the Lottie Moon Offering.



December

H.E.L.P Dental
Clinic



Toothpaste,
toothbrushes,
dental floss & money

Church Pantry



Red Cross Blood Drive
honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

St Andrews Episcopal Church
Monday, January 16th 2:00pm– 6:00pm

Thanks to all those who helped in anyway with the Dinner and Musical for Christmas. Everything was wonderful and everyone had such a great time!



Parables

A Great Christmas Gift

Imagine there is a bank, which credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day.

What would you do? Draw out every cent, of course! Well, everyone has such a bank. Its name is TIME. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose.

It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day.

If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.

There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow". You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success!

The clock is running. Make the most of today.

To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who has failed a grade.

To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of ONE DAY, ask a daily wage laborer who has kids to feed.

To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who has missed the train.

To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who has avoided an accident.

To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have! And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to have your time. And remember time waits for no one...

Yesterday is history.

Tomorrow a mystery.

Today is a gift.



***Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service 5:00pm***

There is no more beautiful and special time than Christmas Eve in HBC Family when together as family as friends we share Holy Communion for our brokenness, and light candles to drive out the darkness. Plan now to join us!



The Last Impression



Are you trying to lose weight, and now find yourself surrounded by an increasing number of Christmas delights? Well, here are some helpful “Holiday Dieting Tips”:

1. If no one sees you eat it, it has no calories.
 2. If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar, they cancel each other out.
 3. When eating with someone else, calories don't count if you both eat the same amount.
 4. Foods used for medicinal purposes have no calories. This includes any chocolate used for energy, Sara Lee Cheesecake (eaten whole), and Haagen-Daz Ice Cream.
 5. Movie-related foods are much lower in calories simply because they are a part of the entertainment experience and not part of one's personal fuel. This includes Milk Duds, popcorn with butter, Junior Mints, Snickers, and Gummi Bears.
 6. Cookie pieces contain no calories because the process of breakage causes calorie leakage.
 7. If you eat the food off someone else's plate, it doesn't count.
 8. If you eat standing up the calories all go to your feet and get walked off.
 9. Food eaten at Christmas parties has no calories, courtesy of Santa.
 10. STRESSED is just DESSERTS spelled backward.
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Communication with Pastor Wells

Bless The Lord O My Soul!



Years ago, Donald Grey Barnhouse wrote of a man who came up to him at the end of his sermon, shook his hand, and said “I can understand ‘God bless me,’ but how can I ‘Bless God?’ What does it mean when we sing, ‘Bless the Lord, O my soul?’”

Barnhouse replied, “Do you have any children?” “Yes,” the man answered, “I have a boy who is six and a girl who is five.”

Again, Barnhouse asked, “At Christmas time do they ever give you a present?” “Sure,” the man replied.

“Where do they get the money?” he asked. With that, the man said, laughing, “Well, I give it to them.”

“That’s exactly it,” Barnhouse said, “You pay for the Christmas presents your children give you. You’re so glad when they are talking about it with their mother. They are whispering secrets. They are excited that they are going to surprise daddy. Then on Christmas morning they come and say, ‘daddy, here is a blessing for you.’ It ultimately came from you, but it was a blessing because it came back with their love.”

When we sing, “Bless the Lord, O My Soul” we are praising Him with the blessings He puts in our lives. This Christmas, as we exchange gifts blessing others, and in turn are blessed ourselves, remember to give praise to God, from Whom all blessings flow!

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



Will you consider making a special 2011 year-end gift to HBC this Christmas – and help us to launch into next year with “VISION 2015” to accomplish greater things for God than we ever have before?

Pray, Believe and Give as God Leads!