

Weekly Newsletter
December 5, 2011

Words from Pastor Lynwood



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A God-Examination

When things are turbulent and unpleasant in our lives, how easy it is to point a finger at someone else, or some upsetting event, and assess blame for our own discontent. But when we do that finger pointing, we always find four of our remaining fingers pointed right back at ourselves.

This is the time we must remember the words of the Psalmist David:

"Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23,24

Often times it may be hard to submit ourselves to a God-examination, and to admit to knowing that it must be done. We go to the doctor and dentist to get our physical and yearly checkups. But some people may be afraid to go for a God-examination; afraid of what they might see. Some seem to feel as if they have it all together, thinking "What's the point? I'm good!" Others may feel if they hide their problems, no one will see them. Then on the other hand, you have those that blame the world and the devil for everything wrong in their lives.

Mentioning the words "personality check" can be like setting off a bomb, but God is expecting for it to be just like that. He wants to get our attention. He wants us to be more like Christ. To live as Christ, we must walk as Christ. God gave Jesus as an example to live by (Philippians 2:5). A God-examination is checking the inventory to see if we are measuring up. We may not like what we see, but the important thing is, if we humble ourselves and repent, God will heal, redeem and restore.

Many people mistakenly think they can run and hide, acting like nothing can be wrong with them, but God Who knows all and sees all, sees us. Most importantly He sees our inward parts. If our heart is not right, He sees. If our thoughts are not right, He sees. If we harbor ill feelings towards people, places and situations, He sees. He knows everything.

If we are honest with ourselves, our healing, freedom and restoration will take place. We get oil changes in our cars, why not look at ourselves as needing a cleansing every now and again? Cleaning out the filters or even changing the filters will keep the oil flowing like it should. Submitting ourselves on a regular basis for a God-examination for a checkup can only allow the flow of God's anointing to work better in our lives.

My Scripture for this season of life is: *"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus"* - Philippians 2:5 (NIV) That's not an easy task to pursue, but if it means I can become more like Christ, then it certainly a worthwhile goal.

On the grace journey with you, Lynwood

101 Main Street
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This Week at HBC

The Hilton Baptist Church Record
December 5, 2011

Sunday School and Worship Report

Sunday School Enrollment.....	184
Contacts.....	13
Visitors.....	11
Total present.....	105
Last Week.....	88
Worship December 4, 2011.....	145

HBC Counting Report December 4, 2011

8-103 Drink Machine.....	\$8.00
8-200 Future Growth.....	\$120.00
8-102 Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$220.25
8-506 Special Receptions.....	\$300.00
8-112 Chaplains Fund.....	\$5.00
8-503 Christmas Flowers.....	\$272.00
8-107 Lottie Moon.....	\$1667.00
Total Designated.....	\$2592.25
Budget Designated 0-874 Gas, Lights and Water.....	\$300.00
Total Budget Receipts.....	\$ 7747.00
Total Deposit.....	\$10,339.25

3-302 Repair and Replacement.....	\$135.00
3-302 Cookbooks.....	\$84.00
Total Deposit.....	\$219.00

December 7th
Wednesday Night Dinner
5:15pm

Hamburgers and Hotdogs

Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00
Family of 4 or more \$15.00
Call the church office for
reservations

Please plan now to attend the following special services as we celebrate the birth of Christ.
Christmas Eve 5:00pm
Christmas Day
Worship Service 10:30am

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.



The Happy Hearts

The Happy Hearts will be leaving the church at 10:30am on Tuesday, December 13th for the December Christmas Outing at the Williamsburg Lodge.

We will be traveling by church bus and car pools to Williamsburg. This is the perfect time of year to wear your Christmas finery and join in the celebration of the birth of our Lord with joy and thanksgiving. See you soon!

Call Mary 882-8396 or Sylvia 873-8801 if you need more information.



Christmas Musical & Dinner

Prior Hall
December 16 & 17
Dinner served at 6pm
Music at 7pm



Adults \$5.00 each Children \$3.00 each
(no family prices for this event)

Dinner: Baked chicken, vegetables, salad and cheesecake

Tickets for each night will be available at the following times for

purchase outside the kitchen door in the hallway

Tickets can be purchased at the church office

Monday through Thursday 8am—5pm

Wednesday December 7 - 5:15pm

Sunday December 11- 9am, 10:15am, 12:00pm

LAST DAY TO BUY TICKETS IS DECEMBER 11

Come for Music if you can not come for Dinner!

YOU MUST HAVE TICKETS TO ATTEND THE DINNER

Please purchase your tickets now as there will be no tickets available after December 11th.

Christmas Dinner and Music

HELP NEEDED

See Sue Monfalcone if you will help with dinner preparations on

Friday, December 16 or Saturday December 17th, or if you can help with decorating Thursday, December 15th or

Saturday Morning December 17th

Hilton Singing Saints

December 12
2:00pm Riverside Day

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

Poinsettias

We will be decorating our church sanctuary with Christmas Poinsettias. You will find a form in your bulletin which can be filled out to make a donation to help purchase them. You can give your donation 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. .



Weekly Assignment Schedule

Greeters

December 11 Betty Lou Blanchard
Hilda Laubach

December 18 Pam & Roger Cooke

Lock Up

December 11 Robbie Ayscue

December 18 Joe Hudson

Van Driver

December 11 Lloyd Ware

December 18 Charles Vasser

Nursery Workers

December 11 SS and Worship -
Amanda Whiesark

December 18 SS- Lauren Harris
Worship- Mary Aadahl

Children's Church 'Peace Makers'

December 11 Tracy Venable

December 18 Kathy Devol,
Kathy Caskie

Sound Operators

December 11 Bob Spiers

December 18 Scott Kuhnle

Usher

December 11 Joe Wircenske

December 18 Brian Fries

Deacon of the Week

December 11 Joe Wircenske

December 18 Pam Cooke

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

Upcoming Meetings

December

December 6

Deacon's Meeting 6:30pm

December 12

Vision Team Meeting 6:30pm



**Please mark your calendar now for all the HBC
upcoming activities!**

Wednesday 12/7 PORT Begins

Saturday 12/10 Children's Workshop- 10:00am - 3:00pm

Wednesday 12/14 No Dinner Served, Prayer Meeting only

Friday 12/16 Christmas Program, Dinner Served 6pm

Tickets available Adults \$5, Children \$3

Saturday 12/17 Christmas Program, Dinner Served 6pm

Tickets available Adults \$5, Children \$3

Wednesday 12/21 All church activities cancelled

Saturday 12/24 Christmas Eve Service 5:00pm

Sunday 12/25 No Sunday School, Worship Service Only 10:30am

Nursery Provided, No Children's Church

Wednesday 12/28 All church activities cancelled

This Week at HBC

Monday, December 5

6:30 pm Worship Team Meeting

Tuesday, December 6

6:30 pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, December 7th

PORT BEGINS

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner

6:15 pm Bible Study/ Prayer Mtg

6:15 pm RA's & GA's

6:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth

6:15 pm NC Practice

7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday December 8th

PORT

Friday December 9th

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Saturday, December 10th

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10:00 am Children's Christmas
Workshop



We would like to express our deepest sympathy to Shirley Short and the family on the recent passing of Howard Short. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Your HBC Family

HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE



2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®

Lottie Moon was a heroine for today - a woman passionate about a lost world, a woman who didn't hesitate to speak her mind. In 1918, Woman's Missionary Union named the annual Christmas offering for international missions after the woman who had urged them to start it.

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

Hilton School of Music

Christmas Recital

Sunday,
December 18th
7:00pm
In the Chapel



There will be a reception to follow.

Jesus is the reason for the season

Children's Christmas Workshop

This Saturday December 10th

10 am—3pm Ages 5-12 LUNCH

CRAFTS



Birthday Party for Jesus



Lots of FUN! And It's Free!

Invite your friends!

It's gonna be a great time!

For more information see Debbie Reisbeck or Denise Vasser

Need some great Christmas Gifts?

HBC Cookbooks \$12.00
Woodcuts of the church \$10.00

HBC Christmas Ornaments \$5.00

HBC Note Paper \$4.00

See Brenda Windstead or Sue Monfalcone or stop by the church office

December

H.E.L.P Dental Clinic



Toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss & money

Church Pantry

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.



Parables

Why Does Gossip Matter So Much?

“Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.” (2 Timothy 2:16)



I was in church one time when an old friend of mine came to visit. It was the strangest thing. Another friend and I were just talking about him. He was going through a difficult time and we felt so sorry for him. As I watched him take his seat, I couldn't help but wonder how he was handling his crisis. I not only heard about his misfortune, but I also had the not-so-rare pleasure to hear several conflicting accounts about what had happened.

Paul Scott in *The Day of the Scorpion* wrote, “Ah, well, the truth is one thing, but in a way it's the other thing, the gossip, that counts. It shows where peoples' hearts lie.” Isn't that the cold, hard truth?

Gossip is a frequent topic in the Bible. Obviously God knows that it's going to take awhile before his opinion about it sinks in. He's right.

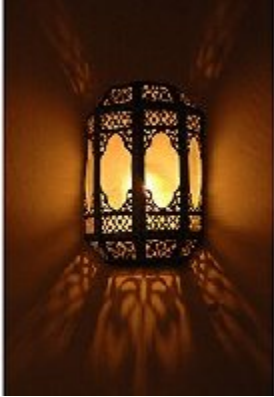
Jesus' half-brother, James, once wrote, *“If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. (James 1:26)* James understood the danger of gossip better than any of Jesus' disciples. Jesus spent his entire life with James, so James probably knew Jesus better than anyone, including his own mother. He also knew that gossip helped to perpetuate the hatred and envy that destroyed his brother.

I think that's exactly why James devoted a portion of the Book of James to teach us about the nature of gossip. He saw firsthand what can happen when the flames of hatred are fanned by gossip. I think that's why he said, *“the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.” (James 3:5)*

I guess what bothered me most about my friend's visit was just as we were singing praise choruses, someone turned around to me with a “Well-what-do-you-know” look on her face. I didn't know what else to say except, “He's going through a difficult divorce you know” “I know,” she said. “But I'm sure you heard the real reason that his wife left,” she replied with a smug, all knowing and judgmental attitude.

No... I didn't know, and I doubt seriously if she did either. And for me it didn't really matter. I simply hurt for him, prayed for him and asked God to comfort and heal him. I did not speculate nor pretend that I knew more.

And then I prayed for the sister... How terrible a thing when we spread the poison of gossip and judgmental attitudes, especially when “we really don't know either...”



How Will We Light The Church?

Several centuries ago in a mountain village in Europe, a wealthy nobleman wondered what legacy he should leave to his townspeople. He made a good decision. He decided to build them a church. No one was permitted to see the plans or the inside of the church until it was finished. At its grand opening, the people gathered and marveled at the beauty of the new church. Everything had been thought of and included. It was a masterpiece.

But then someone said, "Wait a minute! Where are the lamps? It is really quite dark in here. How will the church be lighted?" The nobleman pointed to some brackets in the walls, and then he gave each family a lamp, which they were to bring with them each time they came to worship.

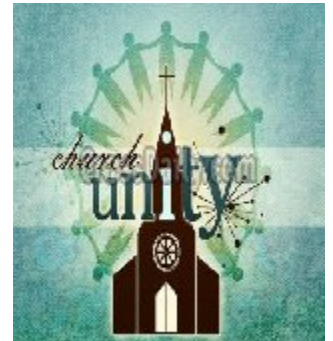
"Each time you are here" the nobleman said, "the place where you are seated will be lighted. Each time you are not here, that place will be dark. This is to remind you that whenever you fail to come to church, some part of God's house will be dark."

That's a poignant story, isn't it? And it makes a very significant point about the importance of our commitment and loyalty to the church.

Protecting Your Church

It is your job to protect the unity of your church! Unity is the soul of fellowship. Destroy it, and you rip the heart out of Christ's Body. It is the essence, the core, of how God intends for us to experience life together in his church.

In his final moments before being arrested, Jesus prayed passionately for our unity. It was uppermost in his mind during those agonizing hours. That shows how significant this subject is. Nothing on earth is more valuable to God than his church. He paid the highest price for it, and he wants it protected, especially from the devastating damage that is caused by division, conflict, and disharmony. Are dividing the Body of Christ just to get your way in some matter? Be ready to answer to God!



Paul instructed us: *"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."* Ephesians 4:3 (NIV)

What are you saying and doing to make your church family more warm and loving? Many people in your community are looking for love and a place to belong. The truth is, *everyone* needs and wants to be loved, and when people find a church where members genuinely love and care for each other, you would have to lock the doors to keep them away.

Communication with Pastor Wells

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“If people can’t see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.” Proverbs 29:18

Moving forward is never easy. People don’t like change. It just seems to be human nature. This fact seems to be even more true in church life.

There are those who want to see their future only through the lense of their present and their past. They complain and criticize when challenged to put their words into deeds and walk the walk of faith. Some become offended by the suggestion that God might be leading us to higher ground, and called us to greater challenges and greater rewards if we will simply believe and trust Him.

These are new or original thoughts. We have been singing this truth for years in some of the lyrics of one our most beloved hymns:

*My heart has no desire to stay, Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where those abound,
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.*

*Lord, lift me up and let me stand, By faith, on Heaven’s tableland,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my fet on higher ground!*

How about you? Are you content to dwell where doubts and fears dismay? Or will you answer God’s call to “Higher Ground” with faith?

God is doing some exciting new and powerful things through the faithful people of God at HBC...

Please remember your commitments and giving and be part of the miracle!

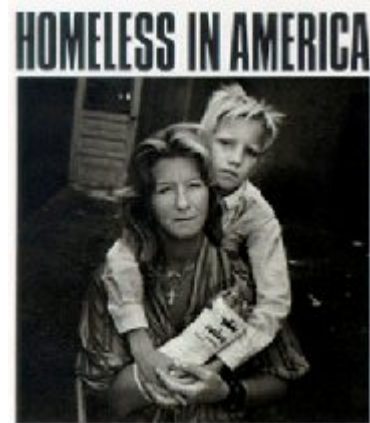
CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



“Ms Hornsnogger, would you bring me that book of trite emotionally charged sermon illustrations?”

P.eople
O.ffering
R.esources
T.ogether

**This week HBC partners with other area churches and LINK of Hampton Roads, Inc., to offer shelter and food to the destitute and homeless in our area
Will you help?**



First introduced in 1993/94, the PORT Emergency Homeless Winter Shelter Program to the homeless in Newport News during the winter months. It continues to be one of the most innovative emergency shelter efforts on the Peninsula that providing a continuum of comprehensive assistance to homeless men, women and children. P.O.R.T. is financially supported by churches who join together to offer their resources along with grants by the City of Newport News, Department of Housing and Community Development and volunteers from interfaith groups from the Greater Virginia Peninsula. LINK is now the largest homeless provider on the Peninsula, both of emergency shelter and supportive housing to chronically homeless persons with disabilities.

The PORT program is designed for interfaith congregations located in any area of Newport News to come together to open their church, parish or social halls and provide food and shelter for individuals or families who would normally spend their nights sleeping on the streets, in cars, or perhaps in empty buildings or in the woods.

Other client services provided at the PORT sites include: planning, coordination of services, sharing of information, community referrals, central intake, case management, collection of homeless data, medical referrals, on-site medical evaluations and dental care, establishing standards for the shelter sites, provision of transportation, flu/pneumonia shots, information for affordable housing, job placement and job referrals, locating and providing additional support services not covered by the basic services provision, obtaining identification for the homeless, filing taxes, advocacy, raising public awareness of poverty and homeless issues, developing and maintaining food resources, providing nutrition education, AA, N.A, life skills, access to assisted living and coordination of information and referrals among other service providers. The purpose of these services is to meet the “holistic” and, therefore, total needs of the client, emergency, short and long term.

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2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®

If you are a follower of Jesus, you are part of the task to fulfill the Great Commission.

Paul says, “All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it”. (1 Corinthians 12:27). Jesus has commissioned us to be His heart, His hands, His voice. Through praying, giving and going, Southern Baptists have fulfilled this legacy for more than 160 years.

Yet, billions remain lost and time may be running out for them. We must pray more intentionally and give more sacrificially than ever before. Our churches must take direct responsibility for helping reach the nearly 3,800 unengaged, unreached people groups that missionaries may never be able to get to.

And, since most unreached people groups likely are represented in the world’s urban centers, we have unique challenges and opportunities to reach the world through the cities.

What can you do? If you are a pastor or missions leader, you can lead your church to own the Great Commission as never before, to be an extension of His heart, hands and voice through praying, serving and unprecedented giving to engage the remaining people groups without access to the Gospel.

Individually and together, we *are* Southern Baptist missions!

HBC GOAL: \$8,000 – WE CAN DO IT WITH YOUR HELP