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Weekly Newsletter
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Words from Pastor Lynwood



“VISION 2015”
New Life Connections!”

**A special personal word from
Pastor Lynwood about a 3 year
vision plan for HBC’s future...**

*“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*

God has given birds various kinds of sight so they can see where they are flying. Some are extremely farsighted. This kind of vision suits them well to migrate far distances. They fly where their instincts direct them—south for the winter, north for the summer.

Other birds are severely nearsighted and only see what is in front of them. Like me, you too have probably had a bird fly out in front of you as you drive down the highway. Most birds will see a speeding vehicle in time and make a quick flight adjustment. But those nearsighted ones, not keen enough to see the impending danger in their flight path, die with a sudden thud on the front bumper.

Eagles on the other hand are known for their keen sight at both ends of the vision spectrum. An eagle can see things up close with a microscopic clarity. Yet it can also easily see things three miles away. As the eagle flies it knows where it is going and determines how it is going to get there.

Eagles are amazing birds in another unique way. When storms approach, other birds fly away in fear or seek shelter in the trees. But the eagle is energized by the challenge of the storm. It spreads its mighty wings to catch the wind and be lifted far above the clouds.

I believe God is looking for men and women who are like eagles, a people of vision “who can see” with their spiritual eyes what God is doing in and through them. People who will catch the wind of the Spirit and soar; not in their own strength, but in the power of the wind that carries them. Men and women who like the eagle are dependable, focused and fearless when it comes to their God given purpose. They will overcome the storms and adversities of life because they have the vision to see, and the faith not to give up.

God wants the eagles of HBC to have a faith vision to see what is unseen, to see what will be in the weeks, months and years to come. If the vision of an eagle can see 3 miles away, then by faith, the eagles of HBC should also be able to see 3 years into the future and know where God is leading them and what He desires to accomplish in and through them.

“Vision 2015 – New Life Connections!” is a vision flight plan for those eagles! It is not a plan simply about new programs, new schedules and building renovations. “Vision 2015 – New Life Connections” is first and foremost about people. People today are searching for a deep authentic spiritual experience in a safe, warm and welcoming environment. We as the HBC Family need to do all that we can to earnestly make connections with that target group. So we are setting some aggressive goals for our three year plan.

“Vision 2015 – New Life Connections,” is first aimed toward the specific goal of continued growth in our church by reaching new people. By the end of next year we are setting a goal of at least 200 people in our Sunday Worship attendance. One way we will seek to accomplish this is to once again offer two distinctively focused morning worship services.

First, we will present a 45 minute Traditional Worship Service from 8:45 – 9:30, with hymnals, a simple sermon and a greater sensitivity to cherished formality and traditions. For instance, the use of the overhead projector and screen will be employed only when needed or requested for special presentations, i.e., WMU mission focus videos.

Then, we will offer a Contemporary Worship Service at 10:30 – 11:45. This will include an extended time of upbeat praise and worship music at the beginning of the service, frequent use of multimedia, and a more casual, relaxed worship style.

In the hour between the two services, we will offer both a traditional Sunday School as well as Life Group formation studies between 9:30 and 10:30. We will also encourage the development of Life Group formations to meet in homes to be offered on various nights of the week. These will be designed to develop deeper relationships within our existing church family and focus upon more in-depth discipleship training.

As we grow our attendance we will also be trusting God for an increase in our finances. This effort will help restore our fiscal strength and integrity. One of our most significant commitments will be to designate ***4% of budget income back into our savings account.*** We recognize the need to refocus our stewardship of financial resources and wisely replenish our much depleted cash reserves. We cannot continue following the track we have been on, sometimes struggling week to week just to meet our bills. We must intentionally prepare for unforeseen emergencies and major repairs on our ever-aging building structure. Maintenance and repair costs alone have risen significantly in the last few years.

Likewise, much has been accomplished in the last few months in painting and upgrading our beloved church facility. We do not want to lose this energy and momentum toward ongoing improvements. So included in our budgeting we want to allocate funding to supply resources for our tremendous team of volunteers, and designate ***4% of our budget income toward seed money along with our designated funds specifically toward upgrades and improvements.***

Imagine how much improved our church would be with a fresh coat of paint in our Sanctuary and in our hallways and main gathering areas throughout the building. Imagine new carpet throughout our hallways. Imagine transforming Prior Hall into a more comfortable living area for social gatherings and performance events. Imagine changing our currently underused gym facility into a safe indoor playground and creative area for our 7-12 yr. old children.

All of these things can happen in the next 3 years if we move from imagining to visioning to making it happen!

But let's be clear about the main focus of this exciting HBC forecast -

“Vision 2015 – New Life Connections.”

It is not about finances and building renovations alone... It's about people meeting God and making “New Life Connections!”

Without God, we cannot. Without us, God will not! If our church is going to continue to become the kind of church that God wants us to be, then we must intentionally once again make significant “Life Connections” with people beyond our walls and into the surrounding community. And as we will strive to do with our fiscal and building resources, I as your pastor will also call for, and seek to redirect at least an equivalent ***4% of our budget be specifically designated toward increased outreach efforts, lay leadership ministry development and stronger discipleship training for every member of the HBC Family.*** This will bring our spending priorities back in line with our renewed missional emphasis and efforts.

Imagine... HBC becoming a church with a renewed disciple-making community and a fresh focus upon fulfilling the Great Commission to “go into the entire world and make disciples.” I am convinced that if Jesus was physically present in today’s age and culture he would be on the Internet streaming His teaching and preaching. I believe further that He would use Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and every other social connection possible to introduce Himself and build transformative relationships to reach people everywhere, in every culture and generation.

We have these capabilities, but we need to refocus our outreach efforts and fiscal priorities to acquire the equipment and broadcast time to make them happen. However, all of these things will require our church family to pray and work in unity together if we are to see them come to pass.

“Vision 2015 – New Life Connections!” will require sacrificial and sometimes painful cuts and realignments from our familiar way of operations in the past. There will be a greater call upon each member of our church family to undertake more significant and important lay leadership and ministry responsibilities. But with every increase in responsibility there will also come a greater sense of God’s empowerment and more abundant fulfillment of His plan unfolding as we seek to put Him first in all that we undertake to do for His Kingdom.

Please know that “Vision 2015 – New Life Connections!” will not simply happen, nor will it come easy. But as we keep our eyes on Jesus, looking to God as our Source and walking as we are led by His Spirit – We cannot help but succeed in accomplishing great things for God!

In His awesome love for Jesus and you, Pastor Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record
November 21, 2011

Sunday School and Worship Report

Sunday School Enrollment.....	184
Contacts.....	8
Visitors.....	2
Total present.....	88
Last Week.....	108
Worship November 20, 2011.....	115

HBC Counting Report November 20, 2011

8-103 Drink Machine.....	\$12.00
8-200 Future Growth.....	\$125.00
8-102 Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$240.00
8-110 World Hunger.....	\$150.00
8-250 Memorials.... Walter Cook	\$100.00
8-250 Memorials....Marlene Carver.....	\$ 35.00
8-404 WMU- Thanksgiving Baskets.....	\$30.00
8-403 Food Pantry.....	\$20.00
8-503 Christmas Flowers.....	\$ 30.00
8-600GA Shoeboxes.....	\$121.00
8-145 Dads That Make a Difference Conference.....	\$60.00
Total Designated.....	\$ 923.00
Total Budget Receipts.....	\$7192.00
Total Deposit.....	\$8115.00

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

See display in Library Window.

Thanksgiving Service
Hilton Baptist Church

Thursday,
November 24

10:00am

Oh, Give thanks to the
Lord, for He is good,
His mercy endures
forever! Psalms 107:1



Missions and more

PORT Clothing Items Needed

We are in need of the following clothing items for PORT. Please place your donation in the Missions Room.

New - socks, underclothes for both men and women and T-shirts
Gently used - large jeans, sweatshirts, long sleeved shirts and coats.

Please see Pam Cooke if you have any questions.

A Special Thanks

Thanks to everyone who brought donations for the Thanksgiving Baskets. We were able to give Thanksgiving Baskets to 6 families. God has blessed us because we give to others!

P.O.R.T.

We will be hosting PORT

December 7th—14th.

We need you! Please go to Prior Hall and find a place where you can help and sign up!



November 2011

Nov 29 9:30am
WOM Council Meeting



December 2011

December 3 9:30am
International Prayer Breakfast

Using Caution and Discernment In Our Generosity A "No Solicitation Policy" On HBC Property

In response to concerns expressed by our membership, and increased incidents of non-church members seeking out individuals for solicitation of funds or assistance – The Pastor and Deacon Body have found it necessary to establish a "No Solicitation Policy" on HBC property for the protection of our members and Church Family. All requests for money or food assistance should be directed through the Church Office to be carefully considered by our Benevolence Committee. They will be responded to by our church on a case-by-case basis and provided for according to our available resources. All individual church members are encouraged to be aware of this policy and abide voluntarily.

Church Food Pantry

As we get closer to the Holiday Season, we will begin to receive more calls for help. Your donation to the Church Food Pantry will help bless someone who is less fortunate than you. Not only food can be donated but also toilet paper, soap, shampoo etc.

Thank you for your help!

November

Youth

Challenge of Hampton Roads



33 gallon trash bags,

Cleaning supplies

Toilet paper, dish soap

Church Pantry

A Special Thank you!

Thank you to all who gave for the Operation Shoe Box for hurting children overseas. We were able to send 23 shoeboxes..

Please pray for the children who will receive these boxes.



Mark your calendar now for all the HBC upcoming activities!

Wednesday 11/23 All Church activities cancelled

Thursday 11/24 Thanksgiving Service 10:00am

Sunday 11/27 First Sunday of Advent

Sanctuary Decoration– Don't wait to be asked to come!
EVERYONE is invited. 4pm...Pizza following decorations!

Wednesday 11/30 Dinner 5:15pm and Business Meeting 6:15pm

Saturday 12/3 WMU / Men's Fellowship Prayer Breakfast 9:30am

Wednesday 12/7 PORT Begins

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

Saturday 12/14 No Dinner Served, Prayer Meeting only

Friday 12/16 Christmas Program, Dinner Served 6pm

Saturday 12/17 Christmas Program, Dinner Served 6pm

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

Wednesday 12/28 All church activities cancelled

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

Sunday November 27- 9am, 10:15am and 12pm

Wednesday November 30 - 5:15pm

Sunday December 4 - 9am, 10:15am and 12pm

Wednesday December 7 - 5:15pm

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

LAST DAY TO BUY TICKETS

Come for Music if you can not come for Dinner!

The Happy Hearts



Please note that the cut off date for paid reservations to Williamsburg Lodge is Sunday, December 4th. The cost is \$15.00 If you are planning to go please see Sylvia Williamson with money in hand. We will plan to meet at the church at 10:30am on Tuesday, December 13th. We will travel by church bus and car pools. 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!

Mary 882-8396 Sylvia 873-8801

Children's Christmas Workshop

Saturday December 10th

Preparations are now being made for the Christmas

Workshop. We need volunteers

in all areas. Please see

Debbie Reisbeck

or Denise Vassar to help!



Hilton Singing Saints

November 28

Chesapeake 2:00pm

December 5

Mennowood 2:00pm

After singing we will be going to Barbara and Bob's house—
Don't forget

To bring your favorite food!

Weekly Assignment Schedule

Greeters
November 27 Chuck & Mary Downs
December 4 Richey Cooper
 Debbie & Joyce Greene

Lock Up
November 27 Pam Cooke
December 4 Bob Spiers

Van Driver
November 27 Paul Thorne
December 4 Susie Adams

Nursery Workers
November 27
 SS Lauren Harris
 Worship– Mary Aadahl
December 4 TBA

Children’s Church ‘Peace Makers’
November 27 No Children’s Church
December 4 Debbie Reisbeck

Sound Operators
November 27 Art Halk
December 4 Tim Humphreys

Usher
November 27 Ronnie Greene
December 4 Michael Jackson

Deacon of the Week
November 27 Lloyd Ware
December 4 Sylvia Williamson

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

This Week at HBC

Thursday, November 24th
 10:00am Thanksgiving Service
 HBC
 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Sunday, November 27th
 8:45 am NC Practice
 9:00 am Welcome Center
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship Services
 4:00 pm Sanctuary Decorating
 All invited...Pizza to follow!

Wednesday
 November 23rd
 There will be no dinner this
 Wednesday Night
 because of
 Thanksgiving.



Upcoming Meetings
In November
 November 28 - 6:30pm
 Facilities Team

Church Business Meeting
 Please mark your calendars
 Wednesday, November 30
 6:15pm

Men's Fellowship
 Make plans now to join the
 WMU on December 3rd at
 9:30 am for the Prayer
 Breakfast for International
 Missions.



Poinsettias



We will be decorating our church sanctuary with Christmas Poinsettias. You will find a form in the weekly 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. .



*We would like to express our
 deepest sympathy to Mary Frances
 Beech on the passing of her aunt
 Pearl Oglesbee in Mississippi.
 Our heartfelt thoughts and
 prayers are with you during this
 difficult time.
 Your HBC Family*