

Weekly Newsletter
January 3, 2012

Words from Pastor Lynwood



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Trust and Obey to Release God's Power in Your Life

"We see, then, that they were not able to enter the land, because they did not believe." – Hebrews 3:19

The saddest verse to me in the entire Bible is today's verse. It says the people of God were not able to enter the Promised Land because of their unbelief.

Think about this: For 400 years God planned the liberation of the Israelites from Egypt. To convince Pharaoh to let them go, God sent the various plagues to Egypt. He opened the Red Sea and he fed the Israelites with manna and quail. He took care of all of their needs as he brought them to the edge of the Promised Land.

But at the point of decision, God's people say, "We can't do it." And the Bible says because of their unbelief, they were not allowed to go in and they missed all that God had planned for their lives.

I don't want that to happen to you or me. I don't want us to miss what God has planned for our lives simply because we were afraid or unwilling to move in faith. Our unbelief limits God. We must choose to obey God in faith. Every time we trust God's wisdom and do what He says to do, even when we don't understand, we deepen our relationship with God.

Understand, though, we obey God, not out of duty or fear or compulsion, but because we love him and trust that he knows what is best for us. We want to follow Christ out of gratitude for all he has done for us, and the closer we follow Jesus, the deeper our relationship with him becomes.

Unbelievers often think Christians obey out of obligation or guilt or fear of punishment, but the opposite is true. Because we have been forgiven and set free, we obey out of love – and our obedience brings great joy! Jesus said, "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. When you obey me, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father and remain in his love. I have told you this so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!" (John 15:9-11 NLT)

The greatest tragedy this year would be for you to stand at the edge of your destiny, but to be afraid to enter into all that God has planned for you. Your obedience in moving forward – to take risks and step out in faith – will release God's power in your life.

What are you afraid of in 2011? Whatever it is, it doesn't stand a chance when you do whatever God tells you to do. There is no reason to be afraid. The Lord is on our side.

On the grace journey of faith with you, Lynwood

**101 Main Street
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This Week at HBC

**The Hilton Baptist Church Record
January 3, 2012**

HBC Counting Report December 27, 2011

8-503 Christmas Flowers.....	\$8.00	R & R
8-107 Lottie Moon	\$476.96	3-302 Cookbooks.....
8-112 Chaplains Fund.....	\$8.00	3-302 Bazaar.....
8-780 Church Items Sold.....	\$44.00	Total Deposit.....
8-740 Media- Tapes Purchased...\$	2.00	
Total Designated.....	\$538.96	
Total Budget Receipts.....	\$1842.00	
Total Deposit.....	\$2380.96	

HBC Counting Report December 31, 2011

8-200 Future Growth.....	\$240.00	R & R
8-102 Christmas Dinner.....	\$609.00	3-301 Pastor's DF.....
8-403 Food Closet.....	\$143.82	3-302 R & R.....
8-104 Annie Armstrong.....	\$10.00	3-302 Windows.....
8-110 World Hunger.....	\$10.00	Total Deposit.....
8-106 State Missions.....	\$10.00	
8-105 Associated Missions.....	\$10.00	
8-107 Lottie Moon.....	\$110.00	
8-404 WMU- Youth Challenge	\$25.00	
8-404 WMU – HELP Dental Cl	\$22.00	
8-506 Wedding Deposit.....	\$250.00	
8-107 Lottie Moon.....	\$15.00	
In honor of Jean Parker		
8-112 Chaplain Fund.....	\$5.00	
8-250 Memorial.....	\$20.00	
Marlene Carver		
Total Designated.....	\$1479.82	
Budget Designated		
0-865 Offering Envelopes.....	\$5.00	
Total Budget Receipts.....	\$9140.29	
Total Deposit.....	\$10,620.11	

HBC Counting Report January 3, 2012

8-200 Future Growth.....	\$265.00
8-103 Drink Machine.....	\$20.25
8-145 Aadahl Love Gift.....	\$60.00
8-112 Chaplain's Fund.....	\$38.00
8-107 Lottie Moon.....	\$385.00
Total Designated.....	\$768.25
Budget Designated	
0-874 Lights, Gas.....	\$300.00
Total Budget Receipts.....	\$4969.00
Total Deposit.....	\$5737.25

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.

Commonwealth Prayer Breakfast

January 11th 7:00 am

On the opening day of the General Assembly Session, the 46th Annual Commonwealth Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. This breakfast reaffirms our trust in God and recognizes His reconciling power. The quest speaker will be congressman Frank Wolf, author of Prisoner of Conscience, about his calling to protect religious rights throughout the world.

Tickets are \$35.00 each and can be purchased at www.commonwealthprayerbreakfast.org or by sending a check to Commonwealth Prayer Breakfast, 635 Harpersville Road, Newport News, VA 23601

Senior Adult Winter Happening

Thursday, January 26th

9:30- Lunch

Riverside Baptist Church

Deadline to give estimates: January 19th

Contact Mike Haywood 596-4587

Sunday, January 15th

Pulpit Exchange

Pastor Lynwood will be exchanging pulpits with an area church on January 15th and we will be honored to have a guest speaker from Hilton Presbyterian Church minister to us. Pray for Pastor Lynwood as he ministers to another congregation and come expecting great things from the message that God has prepared for us.

Special Reception for the Aadahl Family

Sunday January 8th

Immediately following Sunday Morning Worship.

Please make plans to attend this special time as we honor the Aadahl Family.

We want to make this a memorable time and we are asking for help. If you can help provide food please contact Sue Monfalcone 596-4327 or contact the church office.

As already noted, we are receiving a freewill love offering for the Aadahl Family and we ask that you please note your offering when you give.

The Happy Hearts



First Meeting of 2012 is
January 10th at 10:30am

Button up your overcoat, slip on your gloves and hat and join us for an informative program by Lucy's son-in-law.

Program: "Medicare 2012"

By Pharmacist, Tom Hudgins

Lunch: Warm Up Soup

Dessert

Coffee and Tea

Cost \$4.50

See you soon!

January 12th

6:30pm-9:30pm

Creator's Corner



Full Band Equipment available.

Anyone can perform.

Snacks provided.

Hope to see you there!

A special thanks...

A special thanks is given to Rich Kutchen for a contribution to HBC of \$882.22 from NNS honoring Tommy and Nadine Batkins.

This Week at HBC

Monday, January 2nd

Church office closed
2:00 PM Singing Saints Practice

Tuesday, January 3rd

10:00 am WOM Meeting

Wednesday, January 4th

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:15 pm Bible Study/ Prayer Mtg
6:15 pm RA's & GA's
6:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Bible Study
6:15 pm NC Practice
7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice

Sunday, January 8th

8:45 am NC Practice
9:00 am Welcome Center
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
Children's Church
Reception honoring Aadahl family immediately following morning
Worship.

Weekly Assignment Schedule

**Upcoming Meetings
in January**

January 9th– Vision Team 6:30pm
January 10th– Deacon's Dinner
6:30pm County Grill
January 16th– Facilities Décor Team 6:30pm
January 17th– Discipleship Team 6:30pm

Cookbooks are still for sale \$12.00 each. Please see Brenda Winstead or the church office for more information

Greeters

January 8– Pam & Roger Cooke
January 15– Jim & Margaret Upole
Goldie Wertz

Lock Up

January 8– Sue Monfalcone
January 15– Michael Jackson

Van Driver

January 8– Paul Thorne
January 15– Susie Adams

Nursery Workers

January 8- SS Lauren Harris
Worship– Kizzy Moriah
January 15– SS Pat Painter
Worship– Jean Parker

Children's Church 'Peace Makers'

January 8- Debbie Reisbeck
January 15– Tracy Venable

Sound Operators

January 8– Scott Kuhnle
January 15– Art Halk

Usher

January 8– Michael Jackson
January 15– Joe Wircenske

Deacon of the Week

January 8– Chuck Downs
January 15- Debbie Greene

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

wishlist

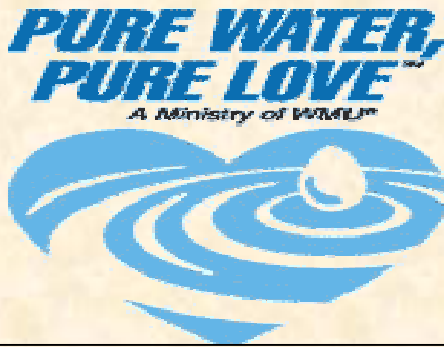
From Facilities Building and Grounds—Official Wish List #1

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



HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE



2011 **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®**

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions

Our church goal \$8000.00

Amount collected to date \$5184.26

Together we can reach our goal!

January



Menchville House

Sandwich, quart and gallon size freezer bags, plastic storage containers & Church Pantry

Lottie Moon Post Office



The Lottie Moon Post Office is set up in the back hallway of the church. Please be sure to check the Post Office and pick up your mail.

January 4th

Wednesday Night Dinner

5:15pm

Brunswick Stew Salad, Bread

Assorted Desserts

Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00 - Family of 4 or more \$15.00

Call the church office for reservations



Red Cross Blood Drive honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

St Andrews Episcopal Church

Monday, January 16th 2:00pm– 6:00pm

January 2012

Jan 3rd 10:00 am WOM Meeting

Jan 26th Sandwiches for Salvation Army

Jan 31st 9:30 am WOM Council Meeting



Deacons Dinner

Tuesday, January 10th

6:30pm at County Grill on Rt. 17

See Joe Wircenske for more info

Missing from Mission Room

1. Nutcracker Suite "Sylestrie" dolls
2. Small tree without base
3. Small ornaments

Please contact the church office if you have these or know where they are.

Hilton Singing Saints

January 9

2:00 pm Regency

January 16

2:30 James River

Church Food Pantry

During the months of November and

December our church has helped many families with food from the Food Pantry.

Please help us replenish the pan-

Happy New Year

Parables



Start Over With The God of New Beginnings

When you've trusted God and walked his way
When you've felt his hand lead you day by day
But your steps now take you another way...
Start over.

When you've made your plans and they've gone awry,
When you've tried your best and there's no more try
When you've failed yourself and you don't know why...
Start over.

When you've told your friends what you plan to do
When you've trusted them and they didn't come through
And you're all alone and it's up to you...
Start over.

When you've failed your kids and they're grown and gone
When you've done your best but it's turned out wrong
And now your grandchildren come along...
Start over.

When you've prayed to God so you'll know His will
When you've prayed and prayed and you don't know still...
When you want to stop cause you've had your fill...
Start over.

When you think you're finished and want to quit
When you've bottomed out in life's deepest pit
When you've tried and tried to get out of it...
Start over.

When the year has been long and successes few
When December comes and you're feeling blue
God gives a January just for you...
Start over.

Starting over means "*Victories Won*"
Starting over means "*A Race Well Run*"
Starting over means "*God's Will Done*"
Don't just sit there...

Start Over!



Harald and Mary Aadahl Farewell Reception

Plan to join us this Sunday, January 8th, immediately following morning worship for a special reception to honor Harald Aadahl's years of service to HBC as our Associate Pastor for Family Life!

A special love offering for the Aadahl Family is being received and encouraged – use special envelopes and note your designation!

The Gift of The New Year

Recently in your hand was placed a priceless gift. Look at it closely. There is no price maker stamped on it. It cannot be weighed, because no scale can balance its value. A king's ransom in comparison is as nothing yet it is given to beggar and prince alike. The giver asks only that it be used wisely and well.



This jewel, rare and unique, is not displayed in any shop window. It cannot be purchased, cannot be sold. No other treasure holds the possibilities this gift offers – none can surpass its golden splendor. Of all gifts, this is one of the most precious. It has been offered many times before; today, from the depths of a limitless love it will be given again. It will be left to you to find the golden thread running through it. Only with great care will the jewel retain its luster. Carelessness, ingratitude and selfishness will tarnish the brilliance, break the unspoiled thread, mar the perfection.

Guard it closely, lest through weak fingers it slip from the hand. Look often at its faultless beauty. Accept it as it is offered from the heart of the giver. Consider it is the most treasured of possessions, for of all gifts it is by far the greatest.... It is the gift of the New Year.



This year, 2012, with God's help...

Give up complaining... focus on gratitude.
 Give up harsh judgments... think kind thoughts.
 Give up worry... trust divine providence.
 Give up discouragement... be full of hope.
 Give up bitterness... turn to forgiveness.
 Give up hatred... return good for evil.
 Give up anger... practice patience.

Give up pettiness... put on maturity.
 Give up gloom... enjoy the beauty that is around me.
 Give up gossiping... control my tongue

Communication with Pastor Wells

The Last Impression

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer sees a car pattering along at 22 MPH. He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he notices that there are five elderly ladies—two in the front seat and three in the back—wide eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers." "Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly...Twenty-two miles an hour!" the woman says a bit proudly.

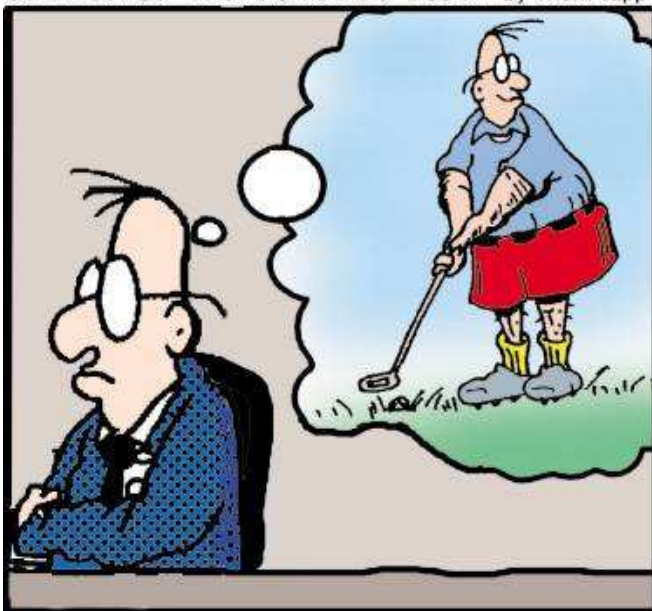
The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," the officer asks with concern.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119."



CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



Bro. Eli listens intently as the committee discusses the merits of scented toilet paper over non-scented toilet paper.

Will you consider making a special 2012 start-off gift to HBC this New Years?

Help us to launch into this year with our "VISION 2015" plan and begin accomplishing greater things for God than we ever have before?



January Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Bill Stallings	4	5	6 Anthony Addison Taylor Hackney	7
8 Lynn Prillaman	9 Debbie Greene Mathew Jordan Jamie Yell	10 Sylvia Brandt Carson Collins Heather Michie- Collins	11	12	13 Cathy Childs	14 Mary Frances Beech
15	16	17	18 Debbie Reisbeck	19	20 Scott Dillon	21
22	23 Ron Humphreys Barbara Michie Estelle Westall	24 Rhonda Kervin Kathy Walser	25 Gene Devol	26 Jonathan Dean	27 Lillian Phillips Charlotte Yell	28
29	30 Carolyn Schabach Eleanor Stevens	31				