The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor
January 16, 2018

HBC Counting Report for January 16, 2018

8-102 Wednesday Night Supper……..…..……$90.00
8-200 Future Growth……$104.00
8-145 Cash in Cash out– Church of Purpose Rent……..$900.00
8-407 PORT……..$15.00
8-403 Food Pantry…….$40.00
8-403 Food Pantry in honor of Sue Monfalcone……..….$40.00
8-412 Pure Water– Pure Love……..…$100.00
8-404 WMU……..$50.00
8-107 Lottie Moon ……..……$104.00
8-145 Cash in Cash out……...……$6.56
Budget offering……..…..…..$7845.76
Initial Offering…… ……$60.00
Total Deposit…….$9355.32

Sunday School Attendance 41– one classes no report
Contacts 54 Worship Service….75

December 2017 Recap

Budget Deposits $24,782.40
Budget Expenses $20,854.22
Designated Deposits
$13,136.83
Designated Expenses $6838.74

Proverbs 3:9-10 "Honor the Lord with your wealth then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine."

Money Market $33,924.61

Savings $11,715.72
Outreach $16,493.78
Building Maintenance $5,715.11

PDF/RR Account $20,236.99

PDF $7,043.24
RR $12,817.04
Deacons $376.41

Designated Account Balance
$55,306.40

Pray for our Missionaries

BS, DS
Florida– Suzette Wood
Kansas– Ranga Diyali
Nevada– Vickie McDaniel
South Carolina– Alfred Frye
American People– Andrew Moffett
Central Asian People– SL
European People– CS
Northern African and Middle Eastern People– JD, SG
South Asian People– SK
Southeast Asian People– CB, JK
Sub-Saharan African People– RM

OUR ON GOING MISSION….

PURE WATER, PURE LOVE
A Ministry of WMU

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our Goal $6000.00
Collected to Date
$6676.00

Inclement Weather

When it is bad weather, we will do our best to contact everyone that we can by phone. If you are not sure about services, please check our website and Facebook page for updates. Both will be updated as soon as a decision is made on services.

January Church Wide Mission Project

Fluvanna Correctional Center

Forever Postage Stamps

The ladies of Fluvanna Correctional Center have no way to get postage for mailing other than working at the Center. To earn one stamp it takes a lot of time. By HBC partnering with the Correctional Center, these ladies will be able to send letters to their families. This helps with the rehabilitation of the ladies and their families.

You can give your stamps to any lady in the WMU or to Dreama in the Church Office.

Thank you for helping with this worthy project.

Church Pantry

"Serving Our local Community with the Love of Jesus"

Weekly Assignments

Greeters
January 21– Brian & Ruth Fries
January 28– Ray Moody
Robbie Ayscue

Usher and Parking Lot Attendants
January 21– Brenda Egnot– Front PL
Jamie Bays– Back PL
January 28– Joe Wircenske– Front PL
Stan Langdon– Back PL

Lock Up
January 21– Sue Monfalcone
January 28– Charles Vassar

Van Ministry
January 21– Kirk Crippen

Food Distribution this week
January 16– Margaret Upole
Sue Monfalcone
January 18– Kathy Caskie
Sue Monfalcone
January 23– Diane and Vince Figuenick
January 26– Chung Hae Kim
Sue Monfalcone

Nursery Helpers
January 21 – Hope/Tribble Class
January 28– New Visions/ NC

Wednesday Night Helpers
January 24– Joy Class
January 31– Outreach Team

This week at HBC

Tuesday, January 16th
1:00pm-3:00pm
Food Distribution

Wednesday, January 17th
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper
6:15 pm NC Practice
6:00 pm Youth and Children's Classes
6:15 pm Prayer Meeting

Thursday, January 18th
1:00pm– 3:00pm
Food Distribution

Sunday– January 21st
9 :00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Celebration
Kids Church
6:00pm Bible Study

Happy Birthday In January
8– Zachary Lowman
Lynn Petty Prillaman
9- Debbie Greene
Matt Jordan
Jamie Yell
10– Sylvia Brandt
Mia Kuhlne
Heather Michie Collins
13– Cathy Childs
Dreama Johnson
Janelle Kary
14– Mary Frances Beech
18– Debbie Reisbeck
21– Andrew Colliier

Sonshine Kids Korner!

Wednesday Kids Class- 6:00pm
Sunday School—Sunday 9:00am
Kids Church 10:00am

Please invite kids in your neighborhood to come and be with us. Ages 4 and up!

For I know the Plans I have for you, declares the Lord Plans to Prosper you and not to harm you Plans to give you Hope and a Future
-Jeremiah 29:11

Boxes for Hope for Appalachia

We are doing boxes that would be similar to the boxes that we do for Operation Christmas Child.

Please see the insert for more information and if you have any questions please contact Sue Monfalcone or the church office

www.hiltonbaptistchurch.org
Under the giving tab

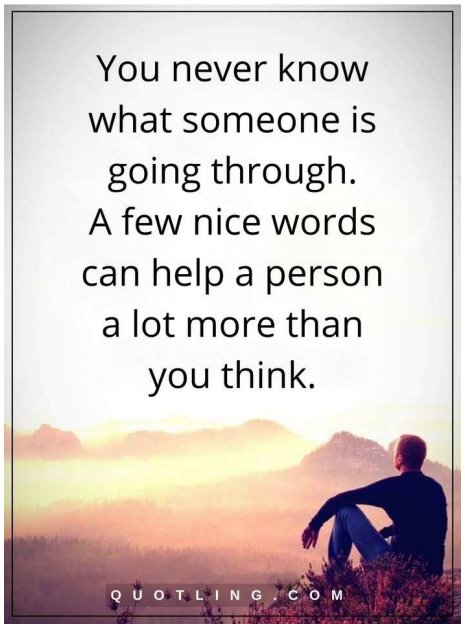
757-364-0428

Online Giving

Attention all ladies! Devoted Conference at Wave Church March 1-3

Register by January 31st and these are the prices
Adult $119.00 Single mom, student, widow $99.00

See Dreama to register or if you have questions. If you need to make payments that can be arranged.



Community Dinner is January 26th

Please plan now to come out and be a part and greet our neighbors and enjoy a good meal. Please let Dreama know if you will be able to help!

COMMUNITY DINNER

There are some offering envelopes and Christmas cards in the Connection Center, please check there and be sure you have gotten all your mail

Food Pantry

God has blessed us to help so many people. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please see Sue Monfalcone. A new schedule for 2018 is being made and there is a place for you!

These items can always be used in the food pantry:
Soup, Canned Vegetables, Mac and Cheese, Rice, instant potatoes, canned fruit (no sugar) Tuna fish, cereal, peanut butter and jelly (large and small) unsweetened applesauce and dry milk. **January 28th** is our collection day so don't forget to plan ahead.

Updated Church List

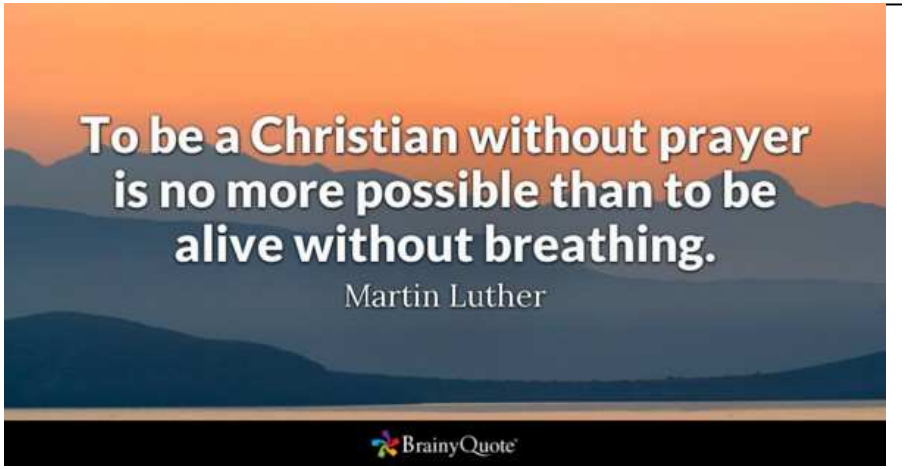
Dreama is working on an updated church list. If you have changed your information in the last year, please let her know as soon as possible. We are going to try to have a new church list available by the first of February.

PORT is coming soon.

We will be host church for PORT March 7th through March 14th. It is time now to start bringing items for the hygiene kits, Other items needed are jeans in all sizes, socks and underwear for both men and women.
You can drop them off in the basket on the stage in Prior Hall.

You can sign up to help with PORT starting this NOW!

We all need to come together and help those that are less fortunate. Any time that you have available would be a great help and blessing to those who are less fortunate.



Wednesday Night Supper
Sloppy Joe's
$5.00
Family of 5 or more $15.00. Everyone is invited. Let the office know by Monday afternoon if you will be coming.
Helping in the Kitchen : HBC Kids!

Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements were mailed out the end of last week. If you did not get yours or if there is a problem, please see Dreama. Thank you for your continued giving to the ministries of HBC.

Church Consumer Or Contributor? …

Why do you go to church? For some people, it is simply the way they were raised. Perhaps it is all they have known. Maybe it's just the thing to do on a Sunday morning. In some areas, attending church has become a cultural or social event.

Why do you attend HBC? Is it because you like the kid's program they offer? Maybe you like the style of worship, the quality of the band, etc. Maybe you go because you have friends who attend. Maybe it's because you like how the pastor preaches, or maybe you're there because it's where you've always attended.

There are countless reasons why people attend church or why we choose to attend the one we do. We are all uniquely stamped with personality, tastes, and preferences, etc. so having a variety of options isn't necessarily a bad thing. Your fit might not look like my fit, and that's OK.

Unfortunately, the Church is made up of human beings, which makes it far from perfect. There is always something about which to complain or something with which to disagree. Ironically enough, music typically holds the most potential for stirring controversy. It's too loud, it's too soft, it's too rocky, it's not traditional, it's too traditional.

It's not just the music, however. There are differing opinions and perspectives on pretty much any ministry within the church, including ministry leaders and volunteers. We in the capital "C" Church are quite an eclectic bunch. How often do we approach going to church strictly from the perspective of what we like or don't like about it? How many times have we chosen to attend or not to attend based on what's in it for us, what we like, or what we prefer?

We often approach church like we are consumers out shopping for what we want or what effectively satisfies our needs. Of course, we will find ourselves migrating toward the expression of the church that feels like a fit for us, but beyond that, have you ever gotten up on a Sunday morning and chosen to go to church from the perspective of what's in it for HIM? The corporate worship service is not meant to be about what's in it for us. It is meant to be a place where we gather to offer ourselves to HIM.

Next Sunday, when you get up to go to church, rather than thinking about what's in it for you, take a minute and ask yourself, "What am I taking to church this morning? What am I presenting as an offering to Him?"

Worship is not about what we get out of it. Worship is about bringing everything we have to Jesus, offering our whole selves in response to the fact that He sacrificed all of Himself for us. Just some food for thought…

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

Put On The New…

There was a popular song of a bygone era, and the words went something like this:

You've got to accentuate the positive,
Eliminate the negative,
Latch on to the affirmative,
And don't mess with Mr. In-between.

Those lyrics are an accurate description of the passage we have before us in Colossians 3, beginning with verse 12. Listen to these affirmative words:

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:12

There are the positive qualities of Christian being a Christ follower. Through this entire section the apostle writes in terms of putting off and putting on clothes. That suggests that this ought to be done daily, like every morning. As God's chosen people we ought to put on daily these qualities that reflect the character of Jesus. Each of these terms could be used of Him. So when you get up, start out by putting on these qualities of grace.

So… Let's share and, or confess. How do you get up in the morning? Some have great difficulty. Some can leap out of bed, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, ready to face the day immediately, but others drag along for a couple of hours, needing a cup of coffee to get them going. It is reported that Albert Einstein once said, "The problem with the speed of light is, it comes too early in the morning!"

No matter what time you get started, however, Paul's word is, *"clothe yourselves."* When you get up, deliberately put on these qualities of life. The reason, of course, is because you can put them on. That is his point through this whole letter. You are a new man, a new woman in Christ, therefore, you can begin to live that way. In the words pf Nike – Just do it!

Many seem to find great difficulty putting on the good and positive as they begin their day or throughout the day. That is probably because they have never thoroughly understood, or perhaps have not practiced, what the apostle said earlier: *"Put off the old man."*

Learn to recognize the characteristics of the old life: the self-centered, praise-loving, prideful flesh in every one of us. Reject that! Put it off! Do as Paul says in the previous paragraph: *"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your old earthly nature."* Treat it as though you are dead to it.

And you can, because God has given you a new basis of operation!

Seven Reasons Some Church Members Don't Want Their Churches to Grow

It is highly unusual to hear church members say that they don't desire their churches to be obedient to the Great Commission. Most church members do desire to see their churches grow . . . until the growth affects them. It is at that point they can become disillusioned and critical. So what is it about growth that impacts some members negatively? Let me suggest seven reasons.

Loss of familiarity. When a church is growing, it becomes a different church over time. The difference is not necessarily good or bad, but it's not the same as it was in earlier years. Some church members grieve when they see their churches change. They miss "the good old days."

Loss of memories. I recently heard a poignant story from a lady whose church was demolishing the old worship center to build a new one to accommodate growth. She and her husband were married in the old worship center. She understandably grieved at the loss of that physical reminder of their wedding.

Loss of comfort. Growth can mean that the closest parking spots are no longer available. Growth can mean that the traffic flow in the parking lot is more difficult. Church members can feel that their creature comforts are compromised by growth.

Loss of power. New people in a church can mean that power bases are diluted. The growth can result in new influencers in the church. Some of the longer-tenured influencers may not like that.

Loss of perceived intimacy. It's a common response: "I used to know everyone in this church. I just don't feel as close to members as I once did." Indeed, growth can mean that all the members may not know each other as they did when the church was smaller.

Loss of worship style. New members and attendees might have different worship style preferences. They often influence church leaders to make changes. Existing members may resent these changes. They might also start worship wars.

Loss of worship time. Growth in the church may necessitate adding worship services or changing times of worship services. Some members may be frustrated that they have lost "their" worship time.

"Obedience to the Great Commission often results in growth in the church. But growth in the church is not always received well by some members. Healthy church members understand they are to be giving and sacrificial members of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12). They will rejoice when more members join the fellowship, and when more people become believers in Christ." – Reprint from Thom Ranier

Someone To Pour Your Life Into

Howard Hendricks, author and professor at Dallas Theological Seminary, suggests that every person should seek to have three individuals in their life: a Paul, a Barnabas, and a Timothy.

A Paul is an older person who is willing to mentor you, to build into your life. Not someone who's smarter or more gifted than you, but somebody who's been down the road. Somebody willing to share their strengths and weaknesses – everything they have learned in the laboratory of life. Somebody whose faith you'll want to imitate.

A Barnabas is a soul brother, somebody who loves you but is not impressed by you. Somebody to whom you can be accountable. Somebody who's willing to keep you honest, who's willing to say, "Hey, man, you're neglecting your wife, and don't give me any guff!"

A Timothy is a younger person into whose life you are building. For a model, read 1 and 2 Timothy. Here was Paul, the quintessential mentor, building into the life of his protégée – affirming, encouraging, teaching, correcting, directing, praying.

Do you have these three guys in your life?

The Last Impression

A preacher and the president of a soap manufacturing company went for a walk together.

The president said, "What good is religion? Look at all the trouble and misery of the world! Still there, even after years, thousands of years, of teaching about goodness and truth and love and peace. Still there, after all the sermons and teachings. If religion is good and true, why should this be?"

The preacher said nothing.

They continued walking until he noticed a child playing in the gutter. Then the preacher said, "Look at that child. You say that soap makes people clean, but see the dirt on that youngster. Of what good is soap? With all the soap in the world, over all these years, the child is still filthy. I wonder how effective soap is, after all!"

The president of the soap company protested, "But preacher, soap can't do any good unless it is used!"

"Exactly," replied the preacher. "Exactly."

Sunday Mornings 9:00am
Wednesday Nights 6:00pm
Saturday Nights – "Fervor!" 6:30pm

Join Pastor Tee and others for these dynamic Youth Bible studies with the best of contemporary small-group interaction. Helping students identify distortions in vital areas of life, and see with greater clarity and truth about God, themselves and others… in terms to which they can relate!

Pray for
Pastor Tee & Our HBC Youth
That they will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of God!

The Blood Of The Lamb

Imagine with me. It is a hot dusty day in a hot dusty land. The wind rises, blowing hair into the eyes of a young man. All around are the noises and smells of the market and temple. The air is filled with the bleating of sheep, the lowing of oxen and the shouting of people. Each step he takes he is bustled and pushed by those around him. They all are heading to the same destination. The temple.

The young man presents his lamb to the Levite priest before him. The priest examines the lamb thoroughly. He opens his mouth, checks his hooves. Runs his hands up and down each leg. He checks for flaws, defects. Then the priest nods solemnly. Relief floods the young man's heart. His offering was perfect. Acceptable. A weight lifts off his shoulders. He is forgiven.

Did you notice? Did you see? The priest didn't look the young man up and down. He didn't glance his shoes, look in his eyes, or ask for a record of how he spent his time in the last week. There is no third degree or scrutiny of the man's heart and character. The young man did not have to be perfect or acceptable to be forgiven. The sacrifice needed to be perfect and acceptable. The sacrifice needed to be blemish free.

The Bible says *"you must bring to the Lord as the penalty for your sin a female from the flock, either a sheep or a goat. This is a sin offering with which the priest will purify you from your sin, making you right with the Lord."* Leviticus 5:6 The Old Testament sacrificial code is a shadow and a foreshadowing. It shows us how we are forgiven. It shows us how we become acceptable with God.

Just as the young man had his sin covered by the blood of the acceptable lamb so too we come before God covered and made acceptable by an offering. The offering of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

1 Peter 1:1-19 *And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.* And just as the priest didn't examine the young man to see if he was blemish free God doesn't look at us, he only looks at the Lamb of God who takes away our sins. The blood of Jesus, the Lamb, covers us and makes us acceptable.

Did you see that? Did you feel that? We don't need to be perfect to come to God. The perfect sacrifice was given in Jesus. When we first come to God (pre-Christian) we are totally blemished and defective because of sin. The Bible says we are dead to God. We are made acceptable by trusting in the sacrifice of Jesus. The sacrifice has been paid. We are forgiven

This is what faith is!

Were Not Our Hearts Burning Within Us

In Luke 24:32, the apostles spoke to each other, and said, *"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"*

That's the problem!

We can have the privilege of listening to the best sermons, "sit under" the best Bible teachers and scholars and still "miss it". They even "missed it" with Jesus!

It was afterwards, that they admitted that they had experienced an awesome time! Their hearts were too heavy.

Often we go to Church for the wrong reasons, or get absorbed in the presentation and miss the message. They had Jesus – today, we have the Holy Spirit, and yet both of us "miss it".

Jesus was giving a Bible Study all about Himself and they still didn't recognize Him. Today, the Holy Spirit's role, according to Jesus in John 16:14 is "to bring glory to Me by taking from what is Mine and making it known to you". In other words, to make Jesus known to us. But we miss it.

So often, we seek the gifts and not the Giver. So often we seek the experience and He wants to give us reality. So often we seek the supernatural and He desires that we move naturally in the supernatural!

So often we sense the Holy Spirit's presence – a thought in our mind, a rising of the pulse rate, a tear falling down our cheeks uninitiated, a warmth, a calmness, a peace – and yet we let it pass without a response.

Or maybe we experience a special event, or someone shares about a certain situation, and we know within us that God has been speaking to us or He has shown something to us about it, but we hold back and keep quiet.

We say to ourselves afterwards – didn't my heartburn within me when that happened.

What tremendous release there would have been, had we "stepped out in faith" and shared what God revealed, or been obedient to His voice.

The antidote to a burning heart disappointment is to "recognize" Jesus and the Holy Spirit when they share something with you, and act upon it!

HBC - Becoming The Church God Intends Us To Be!

There is no greater movement in the history of the world than the church. The church, at her best, is unstoppable! This passage describes the key components of a healthy local church.

The church is not a building we come and sit in; it is a movement we choose to be a part of. The church = people. In Acts 2, as the people met together, the church became attractive to a watching world. God added to their number every day!

The reality is that the hope of the world is the message of Jesus through the local church. *And you have a place in that!* You are invited to be a part of the greatest movement in the history of the world.

If you view church as only a place you go to once a week, than you are missing out on all that God intended for you. God desires you to belong to a small group community, a group of people you can be challenged with, share with, cry with, and laugh with. This group wants to do life with you. This fall, when groups launch back up, make a commitment to join a group. The reality is we are all better together.

Along with that, God is inviting you to use your gifts within the church. Opportunities exist for you to follow Jesus. By serving, you will experience the awe and favor of God, in the guests we greet, the kids we serve and students we invest in. No matter where you choose to serve, there will be life change in you, and in those you serve.

Let us believe that HBC will be stronger than ever financially in 2018.

Start the year out right with a fresh financial commitment!