

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor  
July 18, 2017

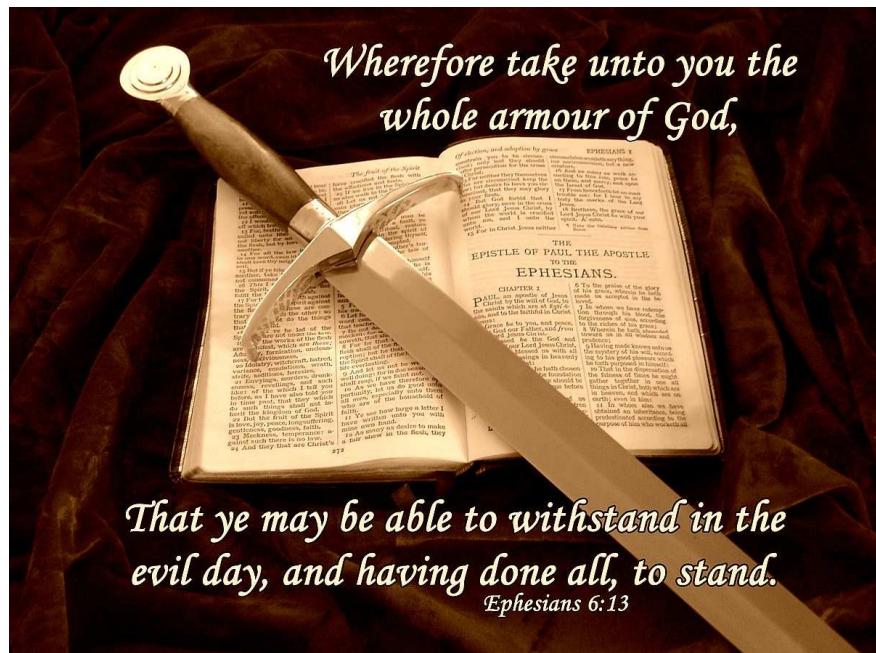
## HBC Counting Report for July 16, 2017

8-102 Wednesday Night Supper.....	\$90.00
8-106 Alma Hunt State Missions.....	\$36.00
8-145 Cash in Cash out Bazaar.....	\$35.00
8-145 Cash in Cash out Coffee Fund.....	\$2.00
8-200 Future Growth.....	\$26.00
8-403 Food Closet.....	\$200.00
8-413 Men's Brotherhood.....	\$23.00
Designated Budget– Pastor Tee's Salary.....	\$100.00
Budget Offering.....	\$1572.00
Total Deposit.....	\$2284.00
 R & R Deposit.....	\$200.00

Sunday School Attendance 47—One Class no report

Contacts 48

Worship Attendance 66



## Pray for our Missionaries

California– Timothy Chan

Illinois– Thawnsgsian Kam,

Matt Wilcoski

Maryland– Ernesto Carranza

Michigan– John Denson

Mississippi– Joe Stevenson

Missouri– Christopher Seay

New Hampshire– Lal Biswa

North Carolina– Paul Vermillon

Texas– Joshua Owens

American People– Cheryl Morris

East Asian People– RG, SL

European People– CS

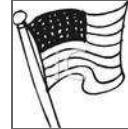
Northern African and Middle

Eastern People– JB

South Asian People– RR, TM

## **July**

Pure Water  
Pure Love



Church Pantry

**PURE WATER,  
PURE LOVE**  
A Ministry of WMCF

**OUR ON  
GOING  
MISSION....**



## **2017 S.E.E.D.S School Supply Drive List**

(Strengthen Educational Experiences to create Dynamic Students)

The following are school supplies needed to help the organization listed above. If you can help by donating any of these items, please put them on the stage in Prior Hall. Thank you ahead of time for your help

Backpacks

Composition Books

Spiral Notebooks

Loose Leaf Papers

Erasers

Rulers

Scissors (blunt)

Crayola Crayons

Pencil Sharpeners

Blue ink Pens

Glue Sticks

Boxes of tissue

#2 Pencils

Highlighters

Pocket Folders

## Happy Hearts

The date is set, December 12th Smithfield Station for our Christmas Luncheon. We will need to be there at 12pm. More information as we get closer to the date.

Happy Hearts

PLEASE– If you would be interested in going to a play in the fall, please let Pat Painter know so she can work on the outing.

**“Serving Our local Community with the Love of Jesus”**

## Weekly Assignments

### Greeters

**July 23**– Ricky Bennett  
Leanne Gardner  
**July 30**– Robert Overman  
Pam Cooke

### Ushers

**Please make sure to monitor the hallways**

**July 23**– Mia Kuhlne  
Colleen Devol  
**July 30**– Robbie Ayscue  
Roger Cooke

### Lock Up

**July 23**– Bob Spiers  
**July 30**– Robbie Ayscue

### Bus Ministry

**July 23**– Pam Cooke  
**July 30**– Joe Caskie

### SS and Children's Church

**July 23**– Kathy Caskie  
Pat Schell  
**July 30**– Tracy Venable

### Food Distribution this week

**July 18**– Margaret Upole  
Sue Monfalcone

**June 20**– Kathy Caskie  
Sue Monfalcone

**July 25**– Vince and Diane  
Figuenick

**July 27**– Marilyn Hargove  
Chung Hae Kim

### Nursery Helpers

**July 23**– NC/ New Visions  
**July 20**– Youth and Children Classes

### Parking Lot Attendants

**July 23**– Moses Sabb– Front PL  
Robert Overman—Back PL  
**July 30**– Robbie Ayscue- Front PL  
Roger Cooke—Back PL

## This week at HBC

### Tuesday– July 18th

1pm– 3pm Food Distribution

### Wednesday, July 19th

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper  
6:15 pm NC Practice  
6:00 pm Youth  
6:15 pm Prayer Meeting

### Thursday, July 20th

1pm– 3pm Food Distribution

### Sunday– July 23rd

9am Sunday School  
10am Worship Celebration

[www.hiltonbaptistchurch.org](http://www.hiltonbaptistchurch.org)  
Under the giving tab



**757-364-0428**



### July Birthdays this week

16 David Gwaltney  
Shirley London  
Diane Nou  
17– Benjamin Tanner  
18– Andrea Lumpkin  
21– Tracy Venable  
22– Jo Anny Brothers  
Mackenzie Stallings  
23– Maury Jackson  
Sue Monfalcone



### Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

**July 19th**

### Pizza and Salad

Adults \$5.00/ Children \$3.00  
Everyone welcome  
Bible Study after dinner



### Shoes for Link

We are collecting shoes for LINK! Any kind, children, men and woman Put them in Prior Hall on stage!  
Thanks for your help

## **100th year anniversaries of Hilton Village and Hilton Baptist Church**

In 2018 Hilton Village will be celebrating its 100th year anniversary and in 2019 Hilton Baptist Church will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Planning has been started on both of these celebrations. If you have any ideas for the celebration of either anniversary, please let the People Support Team know.

Team Members– Roger Cooke (chair) Sue Monfalcone, Hilda Laubach Margaret Upole, Bob Spiers, Denise Vassar and Pam Cooke.



**What:** Bible Study! Genesis to Revelation

**Where:** HBC's Media Center (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays from 6:00-7:00 pm

**Why:** to help us learn and understand the Word of God

**Who:** EVERYONE!

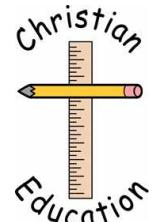
### **What if I miss a meeting?:**

return the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays for ‘make-up sessions’

Led by: Stan Langdon

Starting- the First Sunday in September

Come and join us!





## ***"Stories From Daniel... 'STAND STRONG!'"***

*"And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"*—[Daniel 6:20](#)

As we continue in our exciting message series from the Book of Daniel, the Bible tells the story of a man who totally laid his faith on the line. In one of the most profound summaries we find in the Word, the Bible simply says, “He believed in his God” ([Daniel 6:23](#)).

Daniel had been elevated to a position of great prominence. As a younger man, he had served faithfully for many years under the rule of King Nebuchadnezzar. Now Darius, the new ruler over Babylon, saw the integrity and value of this man who had so boldly spoken the word of God. The king was preparing to make him the prime minister, which meant that Daniel would have been the most powerful man in the entire kingdom, next to King Darius himself.

But Daniel’s enemies were angry. They were jealous. Yet they could find nothing wrong with him. They knew they couldn’t stop Daniel, unless they had something concerning him and his God. So they convinced Darius to sign a decree that no man could call on any god except the king for thirty days. And through their cunning and deception, the king actually passed a law forbidding prayer to any god.

What did Daniel do? He didn’t change a thing. He chose to remain faithful to the God who had always been faithful to him. He prayed in the very same way he always had before. However, the trap had been laid, and the king was distressed because even he could not change his own decree. So he sent Daniel into the lion’s den.

But God shut the lions’ mouths, and Daniel was delivered.

It is worth noting that God did not keep Daniel out of the lions’ den. He certainly could have. He had the power to, just as surely as He has the power to keep you out of any hardship that you potentially could face.

But God will sometimes allow His people to go through difficulties to prove their faith in Him.

Everyone on this planet faces hardships in life. Everyone faces difficulty. But Christians have the hope that no matter what, God will see us through. That is the great message resounding from the lions’ den. God will be with us in the midst of our adversity and difficulties.

*On the grace journey, Pastor Lynwood*

## ***God's Great Puzzle***

Would you agree that nothing is so disappointing as when you are completing a jigsaw puzzle and discovering that one last piece is lost. The 2500 piece puzzle looks broken without it. It’s incomplete, so the whole message isn’t there. That ultimate pinnacle is not reached ... the beauty of the puzzle is diminished.



Wow, isn’t it the same as God and his Word?

Like a puzzle, the body of Christ consists of many parts, which together make a complete picture. God has equipped each believer with particular gifts needed to do what God has called him or her to do. When that person is missing or not able to carry out his role, an important part of God’s plan is missing. The picture is incomplete. Not only does that person miss out on being part of God’s great puzzle, but all the other pieces are affected too. They won’t connect as a whole.

God has a perfect plan for His body of believers ... including you! Like the pieces of a puzzle, each one of us has a specific place and a specific task to fulfill. When every piece is in its God-designed place, the picture is perfect. But when just one piece is missing, the body is incomplete and Satan gains.

So, when you see others struggling, realize that you are hurt when they aren’t able to fulfill their roles. You are part of that incomplete mosaic of believers. Look to help those who struggle, not only because God calls you to “care for the least of these,” but also because you will benefit from being part of a complete picture.

Today, take ownership of your place in the puzzle. Are you a lost piece ... one that dropped off the table? Are some of your edges worn down or jagged ... not fitting smoothly into the other pieces? Ask for feedback today from 2 people who are close to you. How can you fit better into God’s puzzle? Your decisions can sabotage God’s perfect fit, so align your decisions with God’s ways. Stop working against God. Working with your God-designed fit will lead to a pleasurable and easier life. The kind of puzzle piece you are is your decision, so choose well.

***Prayer:*** Father God, Thank You for letting me know that I am an important part of Your Grand puzzle. And thank You, Father, for equipping each member of Christ’s body, the church, to do what You have called him or her to do. Help me to be aware and sensitive as You lead me to do my part.

*Instead of judging or ridiculing others who are struggling, help me encourage and assist them in fulfilling what You have called them to do. I ask this in the name of the ultimate picture on the puzzle box, Jesus Christ; and all God’s children say – Amen!*



## Guard Your Heart

The Bible says, "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." (Pro 4:23)

You are the overseer of your heart. Each day you must monitor what goes on there. You can't blame your bad attitude, resentment and unforgiveness on others. You are responsible! When somebody offends you, it's up to you whether or not you let bitterness take root. You can't control what other people do, but it's the "inside" part – the part you can control – that God holds us accountable for. You get to decide whether or not irritation turns into anger, anger into resentment, and resentment into retaliation.

The reason weeds take over a garden is because the gardener doesn't pull them up fast enough. When your garden is choked by weeds you can't say, "I don't know how it happened!" "Look diligently," you will see them moving in. The only way to stay free of the weeds the enemy wants to sow in your life is to be attentive to the condition of your heart.

When you're faced with a hurtful, offensive situation, refuse to let a wrong attitude take root and produce bad fruit. Instead, ask God to help you replace those destructive thoughts with mercy and forgiveness towards the people who hurt you.

## The Last Impression

The pastor enjoyed sharing a special "children's message" each Sunday morning. He'd bring all the children up, and they'd sit on the floor, and he'd tell them a story. One day he said, "Boys and girls, I want to tell you a story about someone who likes to live in the woods, but sometimes we can see him in our yards. Anybody have any idea who I am talking about?"



No takers. He said, "I want to tell you about a creature that lives in the woods and sometimes in our yards, has a big bushy tail, likes to eat nuts. Anybody have any idea what I'm talking about?"

No takers. He said, "I'm talking about a creature that lives in the woods, sometimes in our yards, big bushy tail, eats nuts, likes to climb trees, jumps from tree to tree—now, does anybody know what I'm talking about?"

One kid raised his hand to take him out of his misery. The pastor said, "Do you know what I'm thinking about?"

The kid said, "Yeah. I know the answer should be Jesus, but it sure sounds like a squirrel to me."



## Is Your Soul Healthy?

When I first became a believer, I was like the woman with the alabaster jar ([Matthew 26:7](#)). I loved much because I had been forgiven much. But as the years slipped by something happened in my life that happens to many believers: my gratefulness towards God's mercy transformed into frustration at my lingering sinful nature. I understood why I failed so greatly before knowing Christ, but it was difficult to accept my failings when I felt I should know better.

I have begged God to rid me of my sinful tendencies. Of course, God didn't instantly heal me with a lightning bolt, but answered me with a different kind of grace. The answer to my [prayer](#) came in the form of a Sunday school lesson on "holy habits," more traditionally known as virtues.

The habit of practicing virtues is a lot like lifting weights – it's exercise that builds health in your soul. When a person cultivates these virtues in his or her life, they are cooperating with the Creator's design for the human soul. Let's take a closer look at each cardinal virtue:

**1. Wisdom:** *For wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.* ([Proverbs 8:11](#)). You've probably known people with book smarts who lack common sense. Or perhaps you know someone with street smarts who lacks knowledge. A person who has cultivated the virtue of wisdom can not only discern truth but has the ability to implement their insights appropriately in any given situation.

**2. Justice:** *Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed* ([Isaiah 1:17](#)). Most of us have some sense of justice from a very early age when we yell, "It's not fair!" A just or righteous person gives to others what is deserved, keeps his word, and acts fairly even when no one is looking.

**3. Courage:** *In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence* ([Proverbs 14:26](#)). Many of us associate courage with lack of fear, courage has more to do with fear put in proper perspective. A courageous person chooses right even when a decision is frightening or comes with personal cost

**4. Temperance:** *Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control* ([Proverbs 25:28](#)). Temperance is an old-fashioned word for moderation. A temperate person exercises self-control, building a wall against unhealthy, sinful extremes.).

Identify which cardinal virtue you struggle most with. Ask God for the grace to grow and make one positive change in your behavior this week that will help you develop this "holy habit." As with lifting weights, the easier and more weight you will be able to bear daily!



**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!**



### **Church Signs**

- "No God – No Peace. Know God – Know Peace."
- "Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins."
- "Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!"
- An ad for St. Joseph's Episcopal Church has a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed and a headline that reads, "For fast, fast, fast relief, take two tablets."
- When the restaurant next to the Lutheran Church put out a big sign with red letters that said, "Open Sundays," the church reciprocated with its own message: "We are open on Sundays, too."
- "Have trouble sleeping? We have sermons – come hear one!"
- A singing group called "The Resurrection" was scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the pastor fixed the outside sign to read, "The Resurrection is postponed."
- "People are like tea bags – you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are."
- "God so loved the world that He did not send a committee."
- "Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!"
- "When down in the mouth, remember Jonah. He came out all right."
- "Sign broken. Message inside this Sunday."
- "Fight truth decay – study the Bible daily."
- "How will you spend eternity – Smoking or Non-smoking?"
- "Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives"
- "Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long, and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world."
- "Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church."
- "This is a ch\_\_ch. What is missing?"
- "Forbidden fruit creates many jams."

## What We Should Be Doing...

Hundreds of times I've found myself bemoaning some predicament or difficult decision. Often, I'm on the floor and staring up at the ceiling. Although the words may vary somewhat, they all pretty much amount to this: "God, can't you just tell me what to do?" I'm a planner. So, what I really mean is this: "If You could just spell out every step for the next few months—or years—that'd be great. Maybe a detailed list?"

What I keep forgetting is that God already did that. He even put it all in a list for me in Colossians. Sure, it isn't exactly a step-by-step guide, but close enough. His planner for our daily life goes like this:



**Bearing fruit in every good work:** Since He's prepared good works for us to do (Ephesians 2:10), that makes this one even more straightforward. But how can we identify these? By...

**Growing in the knowledge of God:** He's the one who prepared these good works. So, He's the one we should cozy up to and learn from through His Word and consistent communication. And when we do, we get some boom to go with it...

**Being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might:** God is radioactive. As we walk in those good works by getting to know Him, His power rubs off. True, we don't get the X-Men glowing face like Moses, but we can still put on quite the light show (Matthew 5:16). You get that power...

**So that you may have great endurance and patience:** When good works flow from our knowledge of God and His strength, we suddenly care a lot less about those worries that used to drag us down. We can endure because God's Kingdom is present in our life right now (Matthew 6:33). With such a focus, that means we should be...

**Joyfully giving thanks to the Father:** Rolling in those pre-prepared good works with God-strength and God-focus makes us want to do the God-is-good electric slide (your results and dance moves may vary). We just can't keep our mouths shut because He...

**Has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light:** In fact, that's the biggest, boldest thing on our God-given to-do list. We do the good works He's planned with His strength and our eyes on Him, all because He qualified us.

*So many times I want God to spell things out for me each step of the way. And sometimes He does. But most often, I've been given instructions for the day-to-day race that will one day end with Him. Faith means leaving the details in His hands!*



Membership has its privileges; at least that's what the old commercial said. The credit card company offers cash back to cardholders; the country club discounts rounds of golf for those paying dues; the coffee shop gives free beverages to loyal customers on their birthdays; and the gym lets members use all of the equipment as often as they like.

**Hilton Baptist Church**, though, is a different kind of organization. When performing at its best, the church focuses its attention and resources more on non-members than members. The mission statement of Hilton Baptist Church is, "*Serving Our Local Community with the Love of Jesus.*" This reminds us that while we seek to make members, our ultimate purpose is for the benefit of the whole world.

Membership at HBC, then, is not about privileges like preferred seating, or getting to the front of the line at potluck suppers. Rather it is a call to participate as part of a fellowship of followers of Jesus Christ who seek to make the world more like the Kingdom of God. It does allow you to vote on important matters in church business meetings and be fully supportive of the pastor as he seeks to lead HBC in the way God would have us go.

In some circles today, it is popular to talk about church membership as optional. But true Christianity was never intended to be a solo journey. The first followers of Jesus came together for teaching, meals, prayers, and more (Acts 2:42). The same is true today. We are better together as part of a local congregation. We are better together as part of a global church.

Membership may have its privileges, but at Hilton Baptist Church, our responsibilities to Christ and reaching others is far more important!

**God is doing some exciting things through the people of God at HBC...**

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

