The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor
May 16, 2017

HBC Counting Report for May 14, 2017

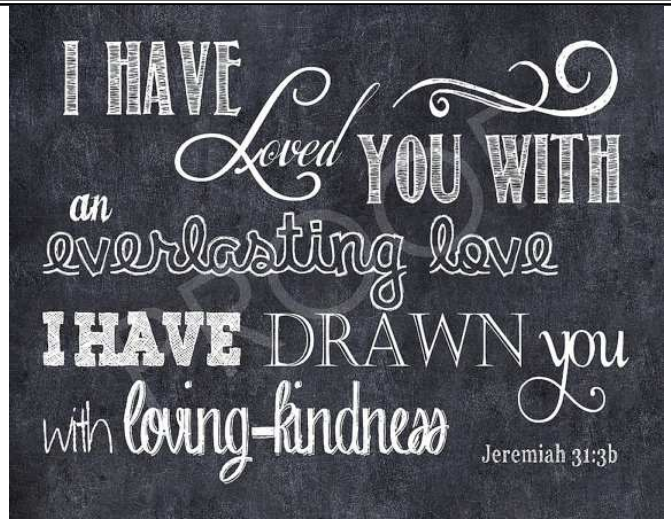
8-102 Wednesday Night Dinner……..…..…$95.00
8-200 Future Growth……..……..…$26.00
8-145 Cash in Cash out– Coffee Fund ……. ……$4.80
8-104 PBA Assoc Missions……..$26.00
8-520 Hilton School of Music…….$510.00
8-145 Cash in Cash out –Bazaar……$70.00
8-700 Youth Ministry…….$100.00
8-127 Happy Hearts……..$375.00
Busget Designated Memory of Mary Pulley……$100.00
Budget Offering…….……$7016.52
Total Deposit…….…….$8323.32

Online and Text Giving week of May 7

PDF……..$100.00
Budget Designated Fees…….$1.01
Fees Paid…….$1.01
Total Deposit……..…..$101.01

Attendance Record for

Sunday School 45 Two classes NR
Contacts 69
Worship Service–108



Pray for our Missionaries!

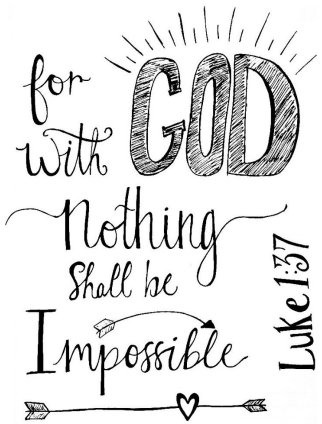
Alaska– Gail Gay
Maryland– Jasmine Hailu
Montana– Heather Hunt
Nebraska– Wesley O'Hara
Nevada– J.P. Scott
New Jersey– Aaron McNickle
Ohio– Faith Trembley
Texas– Jesse Ray
Washington– Scott Dahl
Central Asian People– DE, JR, MH
East Asian People– Michael Creed,
Northern African and Middle Eastern People– EE, KU
South Asian People– TH
Southeast Asian People– JH, JT, XS
Sub Saharan African People– Lori Smoot

Annie Armstrong Offering

HBC Goal $5000.00
Amount Collected to date $3842.00

PBA Offering

HBC Goal $1500.00
Amount Collected to date $152.00



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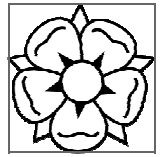


Carenet
Fill baby bottle
Baby items

Church Pantry

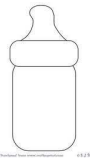
PURE WATER, PURE LOVE
A Ministry of WMU

OUR ON GOING MISSION….

BABY BOTTLE TIME !!!!

All Baby Bottles are due. If you have not turned in your bottle please get with Pat Painter today

Thank you to everyone who took a bottle and filled it. We could not have done it without you!



Weekly Assignments

Greeters
May 21– Robert Overman
Pam Cooke
May 28– Joe Caskie
Paul Thorne

Ushers
Please make sure to monitor the hallways
May 21– Don Krause
Roger Cooke
May 28– Ray Moody
Moses Sabb

Lock Up
May 21– Pam Cooke
May 28– Bob Spiers

Bus Ministry
May 21– Stan Langdon
May 28– Pam Cooke

SS and Children's Church
May 21– Kathy Devol
May 28– Kathy Caskie
Pat Schell

Food Distribution this week
May 16– Margaret Upole
Sue Monfalcone
May 18– Kathy Caskie
Sue Monfalcone

WNS Support
May 17– WMU
May 24– Youth

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

Parking Lot Attendants
May 21– Don Krause– Front PL
Roger Cooke– Back PL
May 28– Ray Moody– Front PL
Moses Sabb—Back PL

This week at HBC

Tuesday– May 16th
1pm– 3pm Food Distribution
1:30pm until 6:00pm
Blood Drive at First United Methodist Church

Wednesday, May 17th
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper
6:15 pm NC Practice
6:00 pm Youth
6:15 pm Prayer Meeting

Thursday, May 18th
1pm– 3pm Food Distribution

Saturday, May 20th
8am B-Men's Breakfast

Sunday– May 21st
9am Sunday School
10am Worship Celebration
PBA Emphasis Sunday

May Birthdays this week
14– Lynwood Wells
15– Mary Ann Schell
16– Nancy Mitchell
17– Tommie Peake
Madison Sickafoose
19– Aaron Thornton
20– Jordan Lovell
Joe Wircenske

Calling all youth…..
Memorial Day Weekend
Friday May 26–
Monday, May 28th

Come join Pastor Tee and the rest of the Youth for a weekend of spiritual refreshing and fun.

Today is the last day to sign up. See Pastor Tee TODAY!

Senior Adult June Jamboree
Parkview Baptist Church–
Thursday, June 29th
12:00 to 3:00pm
Lunch will be served

Program: International Students
Craig Waddell
Summer Mission Workers

Cost $5.00 Deadline to register in June 22nd
Call Mike Haywood 596-4587, 508-7557
Email dirtybluepinto@aol.com

757-364-0428

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Under the giving tab

online GIVING
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Facilities Team Announcements

Meeting Monday May 22nd
6:30pm

Planning Ahead….
The church family is invited to the R & R Fundraiser Lunch
After church, Sunday June 11th
Everyone plan on staying and Enjoying a wonderful lunch.

Calling all men!
This Saturday,
May 20th
B- Men's Breakfast
8 am

Come on out for a great breakfast and prayer.
For more information see Bob Spiers!

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner
May 17th

Subs and Salad
Adults $5.00/
Children $3.00

Don't forget your donations for the Food Pantry. All non perishable items, bread, meat, bags, ice packs, fabric bags, we will even take backpacks as we have homeless people come here often with nothing at all.

Thank you for remembering those less fortunate.

HBC Community Dinner
Friday, May 26th
5:30 –6:45

We are encouraging all of our church people that can to please come and sit with our guests and talk to them.
We want to build relationships with our quests. Sit with someone you don't know. Talk about things that they might be interested in. Come in as a stranger and leave as a friend.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner
This summer we will continue to have our Wednesday Night Fellowship dinner starting at 5:30. If you are on the permanent list for WNS, you will not be removed. If you would like to join us, please call the office and add your name.

We would like for everyone to come and be a part every Wednesday before our prayer service. See you on Wednesday!

Hilton Area Churches Vacation Bible School

July 10– 15…..We need you!
Workers and Children!
Registration is online, if you do not have a computer or need assistance with registering, let Pam Cooke know...she will take care of you!
Planning has already started for VBS! Please plan on coming and helping as we pour into the lives of kids!

See Pam Cooke for more information!

Items needed for VBS.
If you can help with donating these items for Vacation Bible School, please put them on the stage in Prior Hall.

Empty 16oz. Water Bottles
Empty toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls
Glass baby food jars with lids.

Shoes for Link

We are collecting shoes for LINK. By partnering with LINK to help them collect 7500 pairs of shoes, they will receive $3000.00 to go toward the many programs that they have.

NEW, USED and even shoes that may need a little TLC…. Slippers, flip flops, tennis shoes, dress shoes, heels BUT NO ROLLERSKATERS or ICE SKATES! Men, women and children!

"Serving Our local Community with the Love of Jesus"

Is Our God A "Goosebumps God?"

"Do you ever feel your relationship with Christ is sort of like riding a roller coaster? Sometimes you feel you're on fire for God, and sometimes, you don't feel a thing? How can you stop this up-and-down ride?"

Let me begin by saying that you can't always trust your feelings, because feelings have nothing to do with the facts of God's Word. Feelings come, feelings go. And feelings can fool you. Trust the facts, not your feelings.

One important fact is this: If you've trusted Christ, you're a Christian. Jesus said, *"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and ... no one can snatch them out of my hand"* (John 10:27 -28).

The Bible promises that *"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 1:6). So we have to base our faith on God's sovereignty—what he has done and is doing in our lives—rather than on our feelings. Scripture also says *"if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself"* (2 Timothy 2:13). So even if you feel like your faith is fading, God remains faithful toward you. His commitment to you never changes.

Now, this is not to say that we should completely ignore our feelings. Sometimes our feelings are a pretty good indication of where we are spiritually. Our feelings might be trying to tell us we've sinned against God, or that we've put our relationship with God on the back burner. If either is the case, it's time to listen to your feelings. Scripture tells us, *"Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God"* (Ephesians 4:30). When we sin, we "grieve," or disappoint, the Holy Spirit, who lives inside us to help us live the Christian life.

So, next time you don't "feel" like a Christian, do a gut check. Go to God and ask, "Have I sinned against you?" (See Psalm 139:23-24.) If you determine your bad feelings are a result of sin, ask God to forgive you. And ask the Holy Spirit to help you go on walking with God.

And think about those times when you're on fire for God. What are you doing during those times that gives you joy? You're probably reading your Bible, spending time in prayer, hanging out with Christians, going to Bible studies, telling others about your faith.

These are the kinds of things you need to do regularly and consistently. As you do, I think you'll experience fewer and fewer roller-coaster rides and that fire will burn stronger all the time.

On the grace journey together with you, 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?

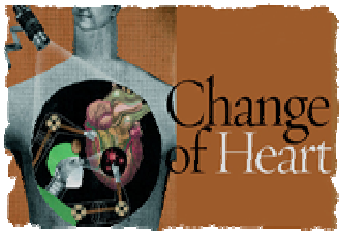
Like a puzzle, the body of Christ consists of many parts, which together make a complete picture. God has equipped each believer with particular gifts needed to do what God has called him or her to do. When that person is missing or not able to carry out his role, an important part of God's plan is missing. 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!*



A Change of Heart

I've heard two stories lately with a common theme. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick tells a story from his own childhood days. His father had said to his mother, upon leaving the house one Saturday in the morning hours: "Tell Harry that he can cut the grass today, if he feels like it." Then, halfway down the walk, his father turned once more to add: "And tell Harry that he had better feel like it."

A similar story. A new elementary school was raising the American flag for the first time. To make the day special, they had invited a Marine Corps color guard to come out and perform the duty for them. The day before the ceremony, the Marine in charge of the unit called to confirm directions to the school. After doing so, he was asked by the school secretary whether he was sending Marines who like children. There was a brief pause on the other end of the line before the man replied, "Ma'am, if I tell them to like children, they will like children."

Both of those stories emphasize the point that there is a big difference between doing something and wanting (or liking) to do it. And, as much as a father or a Marine sergeant may command someone to enjoy what they're doing, it's just not that simple!

I wish that it was! I can make Christians attend worship, but what I really desire is for them to WANT to attend worship. I can make Christians give more, but what I really desire to for them to WANT to give more. I can make Christians serve in a variety of capacities, but what I really desire is for them to WANT to serve more. It's so much harder to change what people want to do than it is to change what they do.

But it's not just hard to change it in others — it's hard to make that change in my own life as well. I often find myself thinking that I need to pray more, study more, visit more, when what I'd really, really like to find such joy in those things that I WANT to do them more.

When you peel away the outer layers of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and get to the core of what Jesus is saying, this is the principle you find. Jesus doesn't just want followers who don't murder; he wants his followers to WANT to live in love. He doesn't just want followers who don't commit adultery; he wants his followers to WANT to be people of commitment and integrity. He doesn't want followers who merely DO the right thing; he wants followers who WANT to do the right thing. He doesn't just want the actions; he wants the heart.

"Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith." (1 Timothy 1:5) I continue to struggle with how to change people's hearts. I continue to struggle with how to change my own heart. May we seek to submit ourselves to the only One who can shape and mold us into what we were made to be.

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?"

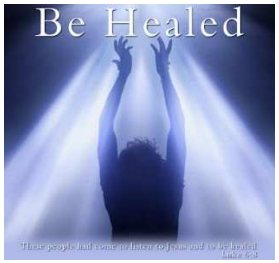
One kid raised his hand to take him out of his misery. The pastor said, "Do you know what I'm thinking about?"

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

Wedfdnesday 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!

Eastover Youth Retreat Memorial Day Weekend
A few spaces open – Call Church TODAY!



A Pattern for Healing

I believe that God heals today. We know He has miraculously built into the human body a natural process in which it heals over time. But I believe God can quicken the healing process. I also believe that He can do a miracle when we have been told there is no hope. I have seen so many of these miracles myself. God promises His healing touch and tells us that by His stripes we are healed. So we should ask God to heal us when we are facing sickness.

In James 5, we are given the scriptural pattern for healing*: "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."*

The early church didn't follow signs and wonders; signs and wonders followed them. This is an important distinction. We can go to God and ask Him to heal. I thank God that healing is available to us today. But we make a mistake when we focus on phenomena. Instead, we should focus on the proclamation of God's Word and leave the miracles, healings, and the rest up to God to do as He sovereignly chooses.

A Faith Self-Exam

"'Dear woman,' Jesus said to her, 'your faith is great. Your request is granted.' And her daughter was instantly healed."- Matt 15:28

Great faith. Instant healing. A Gentile woman humbly and persistently pleading with Jesus to heal her child.

Do I have such faith? Am I willing to fall to my knees, putting all thoughts of myself and what people think of me aside, begging God to hear my prayers? I think the bigger question is, "Do I really believe that God will answer my prayers?"

Perhaps you are going through a time where you can't even see two steps in front of you--you can't even begin to see the future God has in store for you.

Will you start putting faith in yourself and start working harder, or will you run to God, fall into his arms, rest in his presence, and allow him to guide your life? Will you be as shamelessly persistent as that woman on the dusty road? Have faith--God has a purpose for your life.

He will answer your prayers!

Faithful In Giving.

Miss Oseola McCarty was born March 7, 1908, and she died September 26, 1999. (91 years old)

Miss McCarty dropped out of school at 12 to take care of her sick aunt. She never went back to school but began a lifelong career of washing and ironing clothes — preferring a washboard to modern washing machines.

She retired at age 86. Through all her adult life she worked, paid her bills, made monthly payments on her insurance and burial plot and she faithfully tithed to her church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Everything left over went into the bank.

"The Lord portioned out the good things in life to me just fine," she said. "Who needs any more?"

Miss McCarty proved Soren Kierkegaard correct: "It is more blessed to give than to receive, but then it is also more blessed to be able to do without than to have to have."

About five years before her death, Oseola McCarty became a national celebrity by giving $150,000 — sixth-tenths of her life savings — to found a scholarship for poor children wanting to attend the University of Southern Mississippi.

Right & Wrong Ways To Give

There's a story told about a couple of guys who were discussing their approaches to giving.

One man said, "Here's how I decide how much to give. I cash my paycheck in small bills, then I go home a draw circle on the floor. I throw the money into the air and whatever falls into the circle is God's."

The other guy said, "I think my way is even better. On payday, I cash my check in small bills. When I get home, I toss the money in the air, and whatever God catches he can keep."

Stewardship is not leaving a tip on Gods tablecloth; it is the confession of an unpayable debt at Gods Calvary.

Become a Tither!

It's estimated that less than one-tenth of all those who attend church give a tenth of their income to God's work, even though the Bible clearly teaches that the first tenth of all we earn belongs to God. *"A tithe of everything...is holy to the Lord." (Lev. 27:30)*

Today it is estimated that two-thirds of the church's income comes from people aged 69 or older. That's alarming! We need to teach our children the responsibility and rewards of tithing. Perhaps you think tithing only applied to those who lived under the Old Testament law, like the Pharisees. No, Jesus said, *"...unless your right-eousness surpasses that of the Pharisees... you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven."*

The tithe is a minimum. Your love and faith should determine the maximum. Abraham paid tithes 600 years before the law (Genesis 14:20), then Jesus endorsed it saying we "ought" to tithe (Matthew 23:23), and the writer to the Hebrews confirmed that it is still God's plan (Hebrews 7:4-5).

As believers, we are the spiritual seed of Abraham, and as such, his blessings have been promised to us (Galatians 3:14). But if you want what Abraham had, you've got to do what Abraham did – and he was the first man in Scripture to tithe!

Giving God the first tenth of your income makes Him number one in your priorities. His Word says, *"Bring the whole tithe... Test Me in this...and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of Heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." (Malachi 3:10)*

Thank you for your faithful prayers and generous giving to HBC...
As we continue to obey God,
listen to His voice,
and work together,
we continue to accomplish great things for His Kingdom !