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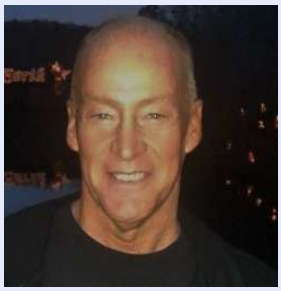
Weekly Newsletter
February 3, 2014



REACHING OUT TOGETHER
40 Days of Community

During the next 40 days we're looking at two things. One is deepening the sense of community within our church family, reaching out to the community around our church family. Deepening the sense of love within our church family. Reaching out in love to the community around our church family. We're learning to build stronger relationships in our church and reach out in relationships of love to those around our church. The reason we're doing this is because the Bible says we're better together.

Last week I talked about how you were created for five purposes. But those five purposes that God has for your life cannot be fulfilled on your own. You have to have other people in your life. We are wired for relationships. God said, *"It is not good for man to be alone."* God hates loneliness. So He wants us to be in community with each other.

You don't need a hundred friends but you do need three or four or five or six that are really there with you. The tragedy is most people today don't have a single intimate friend. They've got a lot of acquaintances but they don't have anybody looking out for their spiritual growth, who's helping them, who's saying I'm going to be there no matter what happens in your life. So we're going to be looking at how to deepen relationships. And why relationships go bad and how do you turn them around.

Last week we looked at, "Why do we need each other?" If you missed that message I'd encourage you to listen to it online. It's foundational for everything we're looking at the next six weeks. During the next six weeks we're looking at first, I'll be sharing six messages on deepening relationships so you can fulfill God's purposes. Then we're going to read this book 40 days of growing together – Better Together. A daily devotional. Then in our small groups we're looking at six videos and discussing on building stronger relationships.

This Sunday we're going to start with the end. The last purpose of your life is, You were made for a mission. God wants you to share His love with other people – with your friends, with your family, with the people you work with – and show His love to those who don't know Christ yet. Who are not in His family.

Why does He want us to do that? Because God wants everybody in His family. God has never made a person He didn't love. God has never made a person He didn't have a purpose for. God has never made a person that Jesus Christ didn't die for. So God wants us to share that good news. But you're not alone. God wants you to do it with other people.

On the grace journey of being better together with you, Lynwood

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The Hilton Baptist Church Record
February 2 , 2014

February 5th

Wednesday Night Dinner

5:15pm

Ham, Potato Salad, Green Beans

Adults $5.00 Children $3.00

Family of 4 or more $15.00

Call the church office for reservations

Sunday School and Worship Report February 2, 2014

Sunday School Enrollment…..…….……...…….……..…....139

Contacts……..... 17

Visitors…….. ……..... ... 4

Total present...…… …….…...…….……. ….67

Last week…….…….……..…...54

Worship Attendance … 104

HBC Counting Report for February 2, 2014

8-145 Cash in/ Cash out…(40 Day Books)……..$115.00

8-107 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering….. ……..……...$85.00

8-200 Future Growth…….…….$50.00

8-103 Drink Machine……...$1.00

8-700 Youth Fund….In memory of Lynn Faulkner…….$100.00

8-250 Memorial…..Valley Owens……$50.00

Total Designated Receipts…….……..$376.00

Total Budget Receipts……$6619.00

Total Deposit……..$6995.00

R & R

Last week we had a deposit for the steeple that was left out of the Forecast $500.00

This week there is a deposit for the steeple in the amount of $25.00

During the recent inclement weather, there were some who inquired about having our church closing put on the TV . We have checked into this and there is an application process in which we have to follow and will take 2 or 3 weeks to put into place.

Also please note, the TV stations do not put cancellations or delays of Wednesday Night Services of churches on the air. Your deacon will be calling you and leaving you a message in the event that any church service is cancelled or postponed.

We also post the delay or closing on our Facebook page and we will also post it on our website.

40 Days of Community began on January 26th

Don't forget to stop by Connection Central and sign up for the group that you want to be involved in.

The Groups at this time are:

Brenda and Jim Egnot– Mondays, 6:30pm

Church– Wednesdays ,6:15pm

Led by Judy France

Bea &Lloyd Ware

Patrick Nicholson– Youth

Brenda Winstead– Thursdays, 1pm at HBC

Bob Spiers @Judy Frances' Home –Thursdays 2:00pm

Scott and Kristy Kuhlne- Thursday, 6:30pm

Pam and Roger Cooke- Fridays, 7pm

Don't miss this opportunity to connect in a small group setting and make a difference. If you have any questions please contact Dwight or Lisa Godwin, or the church office.

Prayer for Week one

Topic: Host Homes

46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:46– 47

Pray that God will graciously bless out Host Homes by bringing people together in their new groups. Ask that God will create a bond of friendship in these groups during and beyond 40 Days of Community , as people develop lasting relationships to His glory and honor.

Invite someone to church nest week and pray that God will open his or her heart to accept the invitation.

PORT- February 12– 19

We are in need of volunteers to help support PORT–

a wonderful outreach program to those in need.

Sign up sheets are posted in Prior Hall. Make sure to sign up and be blessed as you help someone else!

If you have any donations for PORT , you can place them in the gym or bring them to the church office.

Needed Items: Jeans, Long sleeve shirts, hoodies, coats,

shoes and underclothes. Especially in need of L and XL items for men.

We appreciate all donations but PLEASE NO SUMMER CLOTHES.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP NOW TOO!!!

All able volunteers are needed to help set up the clothes closet for PORT on Sunday, January 26th. Bring a bag lunch and stay after church and join in the fun of fellowshipping together and preparing for our guests in February.

Please see Pam Cooke or the church office if you have any questions.

Happy Hearts

On February 12, the Happy Hearts will be traveling to see

The Miracle Worker at Swift Mill Creek. All members who have paid will me at 10:45 am and we will leave promptly at 11am. We have rented the PBA bus for this trip.

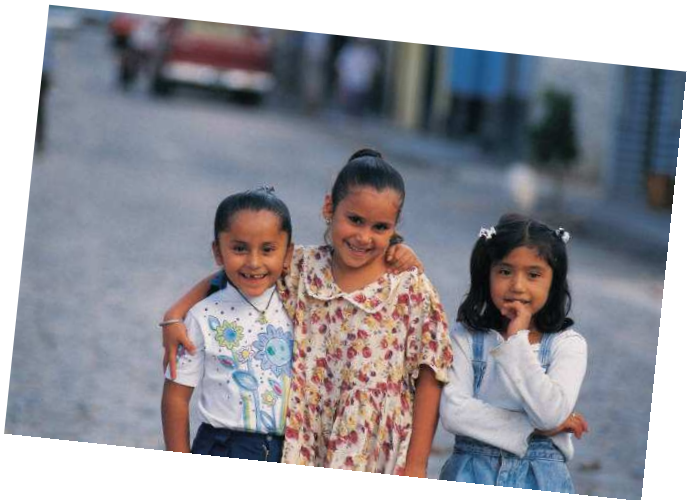
Please remember we do not have a regular meeting on February 11th.

Please see Pat Painter if you need any additional information.

Our church steeple is in need of repair! You can help by putting your money in the “steeple” replica in the front of the church or marking it on your check or envelope.

Our goal for the Steeple Project $7000.00

Collected to Date: $525.00



Children's Ministry Day

Children's Ministry Day is an annual February event that allows thousands of children to minister to their communities. This years theme is "Generation Reach"

Our Children will be helping our PORT guests on February 12th by assisting in the clothes closet monitored by our HBC adults. The PORT guest will also receive a Valentine card and small treat from provided by the children.

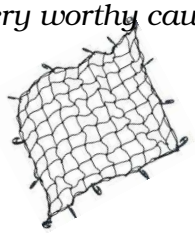
Please come and support our outreach to the Community

"More Than Nets"

This mission we are supporting helps purchase mosquito nets for Yendi . These nets help prevent the spread of malaria. Also the offering you give will aid in church planting in each village in Yendi.

Each Net costs $10.00 so any amount that you give will help!

Please put your offering in the Love Offering envelope located in the pew and mark the envelope "More than Nets" and we will be sure that it goes to this very worthy cause.



OUR ON GOING MISSION....

PURE WATER, PURE LOVE℠
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WMU February

4- 10am WOM Meeting
Special speaker from the Menchville House will be with us

10-16 Focus Week for WMU

15– Children's Ministry Day

25 - 9:30am Council Meeting

February

L.I.N.K.

Canned meats, spaghetti, fruits, vegetables, corn meal

Church Pantry

February

10th- Vision Team Meeting 6:30pm

11th– Deacon Meeting 6:30pm

B– Mens Breakfast

Attention Men! Due to the fact that we will be in the middle of our PORT ministry on the third Saturday, we will not be having our breakfast this month. We will resume in March.

Pray for Missions

Please pray for the following Missionaries this week:

Roger Ferrell– Alberta

Jim Lancaster, Sergio Barragan- Georgia

Brenda Carswell– Kentucky

Many Dees– Mississippi

Teresa Conley– Missouri

Arjun Gajmer– Ohio

HD– Central Asian People

BM, Mi Sook Nam European People

Karen Pearce– Global Resource Team

MW, TG– South Asian People

Helen Caldwell, GG Southeast Asian People

DH– Sub Saharan African People

WMU 125 years old

WMU Facts

2004: THE WMUV Board of Trustees and Advisory Board Signs and affirms the Declaration of the Dignity of Women

TOTALLY HIS
HEART, HANDS, VOICE

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our Church Goal $7000.00

Amount Collected to Date: $6050.00

Weekly Assignment Schedule

Greeters
February 9– Don Krause/ Bobby Turpin
February 16– Joe & Kathy Caskie

Lock Up
February 9– Charles Vassar
February 16– Sue Monfalcone

Bus Ministry
February 9– Don Krause
February 16– Charles Vassar

Deacon of the Week
February 9– Joe Wircenske
February 16– Bob Spiers

Sound Operators
February 9– Scott Kuhlne
February 16– Art Halk

Usher
February 9– Pat Schell/ Brenda Egnot
February 16– Bobby Turpin/ Joe Wircenske

WNS Kitchen Helpers
February 5– WMU
February 12– Tribble & Hope Class

Nursery Helpers
February 9– Faith Class
February 16– Tribble & Hope Class

Jesus Follower's Children's Church
February 9—Kathy Caskie
February 16– Tracy Venable

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

This week at HBC

Monday, February 3rd
2:00pm Singing Saints- The Newport
6:30pm- 40 Days Small Group
Brenda and Jim Egnot's home

Tuesday, February 4th
10:00am WOM Meeting

Wednesday, February 5th
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper
5:30 pm Finance Team Meeting
6:15 pm Children in Action
6:15pm –40 Days Small Groups at HBC
Led by Bea and Lloyd Ware
Led By Judy France
Led By Patrick Nicholson– Youth
6:15 pm NC Practice

Thursday, February 6th
9:30 am Senior Adult Happening
Ivy Memorial Baptist
40 Day Small Groups
1:00 pm at HBC
Led by Brenda Winstead
2:00 pm at Judy Frances'
Led by Bob Spiers
6:30 pm Scott and Kristy Kuhlne' home

Friday, February 7th
40 Day Small Group
7:00 pm Pam & Roger Cooke's home

Sunday, February 9th
40 Days of Community Week 2
9 am Sunday School
10 am Worship Celebration

Happy Birthday from the HBC Family

February

1– Gerri Hall
Betty Powell

2– Tammy Crasno
Mel Lindgren
Sandy Vaughn

3– Caleb Thornton

4– Michael Jackson
Bob Spiers

5– Brenda Williams

6– Ann Nichols

7– Dylan Collier
Adam Hobbs
Janet Lowder

Connecting with Community Conference

February 8, 2014

10am—3pm

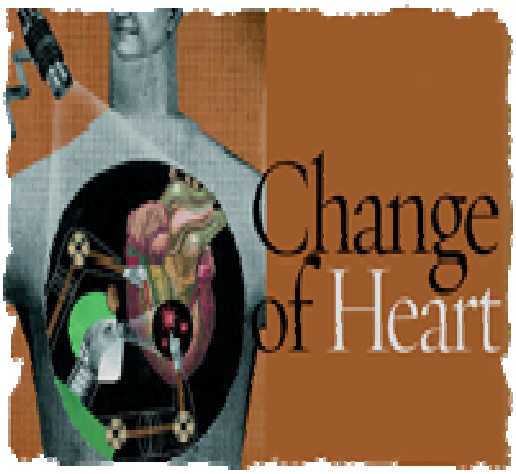
PBA Resource Center

A great opportunity for all types of people, from all of our churches to come together to learn how to connect with their community and to leave with tangible ways to do so!

The conference is free but you must RSVP by February 6th.

PBA 596-4587

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.

It's not easy. Nor does it happen overnight. Spiritual growth is a lot like physical growth. It's a process. To stay healthy and grow physically we must eat the right foods, exercise, and enjoy plenty of rest. According to the Bible, growing spiritually involves many elements of a similar formula.

Ephesians.4:14-15 says *"Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ."*

To grow, you obviously need to eat. And on the spiritual plane, believers must eat the right spiritual food – God's Word. Yet many Christians try to survive on spiritual "fast food." What is that fast food? – It might be a pastor's, preacher's or a teacher's message, rather than the Bible. Some watch Christian shows on TV, read Christian magazines, and listen to Christian music, read messages like this on the internet while cutting the Bible out of their diet.

There is no substitute for studying the Bible. Reading from both the Old and New Testaments, you discover a wealth of timeless wisdom. Nothing nourishes the soul individually and builds the Body of Christ corporately– like the Bible. Everything else is supplementary.

Secondly, exercise is another body builder. Christians exercise through resisting temptation, enduring trials, serving others, and telling others about their faith. Temptation and problems test our character. Serving others stretches our faith. Telling people about Christ strengthens our love for Him.

One less-than-obvious way to grow is to enjoy! Christians enjoy rest through worship. Our world has a tendency to pull us in different directions like a rubber band stretched to the limit. We need sleep, rest, and times of vacation to get our physical batteries recharged. In the same way, we need proper time of prayer and worship to keep us spiritually renewed.

The best spiritual growth occurs through an intentional process. It takes time – a lifetime. This means growing in a glowing relationship with God. Growing a strong Christian life means learning how to love Jesus more each day, staying close to Him, and getting to know Him better.

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 forgiveness 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."

Many of you may remember back to our time studying the *40 Days of Purpose*, where we as a church learned about God's five purposes for our lives. These purposes were designed to answer the question, "What on earth am **I** here for?" Well get ready to start another campaign! January 26th we begin *40 Days of Community*, a 6-week journey that is designed to answer the question, "What on earth are **WE** here for?"

Together, our entire church family will *expand outwardly* on God's five purposes to focus on Jesus' power to change us, our church and our community. This campaign is a great opportunity to serve our community—to make a life-changing impact! Let's **show** others in our community our faith in God by what we do.

To receive the full benefit of these 40 life-changing days, you will want to participate in each spiritual emphasis:

Hear all six weekend messages.

Read the 40 daily devotions from the workbook, "What on Earth Are We Here For?". Based on the "one anothers" of scripture, your workbook also provides daily Bible readings, weekly scripture memory verses, and pages where you can journal as you go.

Join a *40 Days of Community* connect group. If you are not already part of a small group, what are you waiting for? Visit the Connect Center to find a host home in your area today.

Will you commit the next 40 days of your life to participate in this great spiritual journey? Imagine the impact if we deepened the community within our church and served the community around our church. Get ready for another life change and to be blessed!

Looking forward to "40 Days of Community"
Together with you! - Pastor Lynwood

Next week: Reaching Out Better Together
Well, we're off and running on the 40 Days of Community Campaign! Please read the first seven daily readings in the "Better Together: What on Earth Are We Here For?" workbook, memorize your verse this week, and start in a 40 Days of Community Host Home. NEXT WEEK we learn about our exciting project where our small groups will be reaching out to help meet one of the biggest needs in our local community. But reaching out can start and now—invite a friend to hear this message!

Just Some Random Thoughts…

Just some questions I have always wondered about…

Is there another word for synonym?

Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all"?

What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?

Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?

Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?

If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?

Why do they put Braille on the drive-through bank machines?

How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?

Shadows on the Wall

Remember when the Berlin Wall came down? It was a remark able day in history – we watched, with joy and thanksgiving, as a people in bondage saw blessed freedom with no wall between!

Walls are not fun – and you may know someone – or you may BE someone – that's got WALLS up all around – you're unreachable, untouchable and unredeemable… for you see, as long as the walls are up, even GOD won't crash through – you are on your own! But wait – you are NOT alone – I see shadows on those walls – shadows in eerie living (or dying!) color – they haunt and hold you captive… have you had a good look at them lately?

See the BLUE shadow. It's got some black "overtones" – and it's not singing – unless it's singing the blues. Overwhelmed by despair, disappointment and depression, this dark, sad shadow fills the walls of your heart with graffiti from the grave!

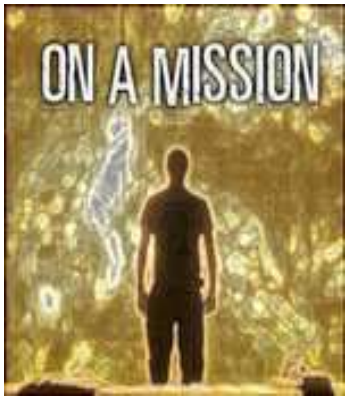
Now watch the RED shadow – this one almost jumps OFF the wall! It's mad at the world, at family and friends, at circumstances, at self – and at God. It's been hurt – imprinted by the hard stuff of life, inoculated with the toxic taste of bitterness, and enlarged to its maximum height, width – and depth.

But wait – there's one more shadow, almost covering the entire wall – it's WHITE with fear, its fists tightly clenched, its nerves moving silently and destructively through its form. Fear of life, fear of death, fear of persons, people, things – and fear of God.

Dark shadows on hopeless, heavy walls of life – and no crayon-removing agent to erase their sinister shapes; no rubbing alcohol to cleanse their gaping wounds…blue, red, white shadows on the walls of your heart – and no hope….OR is there?

Yes, there is HOPE….hope eternal from the throne of God. Look beyond the walls and see the Blood of Jesus Christ covering, cleansing, creating Light where darkness dwelt–the pure white Light of His Love. Can the walls come down? Can the shadows be dispelled? Of course – when you let in the Light, the powerful Light of God's love! Are you willing to do it today?

Just as the walls of Jericho fell with the sound of the trumpets, God can do the same in your life today. The Mighty Warrior from Heaven's Halls wants to blast those walls and cast away those shadows with the Light of His Love. Let the sound of victory be heard in YOUR life today – and the walls MUST fall in Jesus' Name! Believe it, claim it–and have a great day!



You're On a Mission!

Jesus sent His disciples out on a mission saying, *"Do not take a purse or bag… and do not greet anyone on the road."* (Luke 10:4) Observe three things He emphasized:

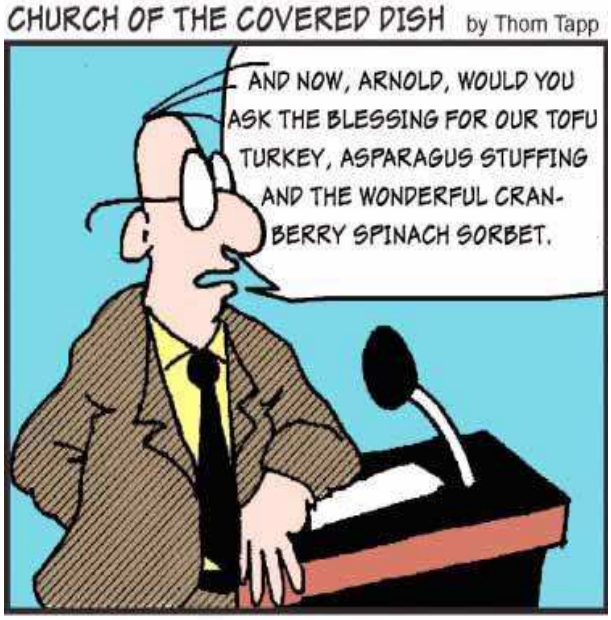
"Do not take a purse" - no hoarding! God will bless the man or woman who says, "Every penny You give me above my needs, Lord, I'll use to fulfill Your purposes." Imagine standing at the judgment seat of Christ with your riches uninvested, your assignment unfulfilled, and your sphere of influence unreached for Christ. What could you possibly say?

"Do not take a… bag" - no excess baggage! God's Word says, "…let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us." (Hebrews 12:1) Whatever can get your attention can influence you, and whatever can keep your attention can master you. Satan dreads the completion of your assignment, so you must fight to keep your focus.

"Do not greet anyone on the road" - don't waste time! Question any relationship that doesn't contribute to your destiny. Paul was single-minded on this issue: *"…if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him…"* (2 Thessalonians 3:14) The hour is too late and the need too great. In the old days, in certain agricultural states in America they closed the schools for a few weeks and everyone was sent into the fields to gather the harvest. Why? Because to wait is to be too late!

God is doing some exciting new and powerful things through the faithful people of God at HBC…

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



"Vegetarian" - Greek word for "Bad Hunter."