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Weekly Newsletter
August 5, 2014

Esau and the Easy Path

"I would never do that!" How many of us have thought these words, or even said them out loud, after reading or hearing a Bible story about someone who made an unwise choice? Kill a sibling out of jealousy? Betray Jesus? Sleep with another man's wife and then make sure he dies? Fall asleep when Jesus asks for prayer backup? No way—not me.

One of the most mind-boggling accounts in the Old Testament is that of Esau selling his birthright for a bowl of soup and some bread. In those days, the birthright was an enormous privilege granted only to firstborn sons. It's easy to think that under no circumstance would we make such a foolish decision. Yet something drove Esau to this breaking point, and he gave up the most valuable thing in his possession.

Was he crazy, or are we all capable of such foolishness? You can probably remember times in your life when the going got so tough that it felt hopeless to keep trying. What about your relationship with God? Obeying Him and trying to live a holy life can feel like a steep uphill climb that's draining and full of obstacles. Worst of all, you can't see your final destination or even, at times, what's just around the corner. It can be discouraging to keep plodding along with no immediate results.

It's hard to imagine what Esau was thinking when he returned home one day, probably from an exhausting hunting expedition, and saw his twin brother cooking stew. His hunger, heightened by the aroma of whatever was in the pot, clouded his judgment, and the rumbling in his stomach drowned out the voice of reason. Esau responded to Jacob's bribe before thinking through the long-term implications of what he was doing. *"Look, I am about to die…What good is the birthright to me?" (Gen. 25:32 NIV).*

Esau likely knew that he was Isaac's favorite son. He might have made the deal with Jacob lightly, assuming his father would not enforce it. He certainly could not have anticipated being double-crossed later (see Gen. 27:1-40) and losing his father's final blessing as well. Instead of holding out for a permanent, priceless inheritance, Esau placed higher value on temporary, physical satisfaction. In so doing, he swapped his birthright for what turned out to be the most expensive bowl of stew in the history of mankind.

The impulse to seek instant gratification is certainly nothing new, though it does seem to have become an epidemic in our modern society. Since the beginning of time, humans have been quick to give up eternal rewards for the sake of relief from momentary pain, need, or trouble. Perseverance doesn't come naturally or easily, but blessing awaits those who persist!

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

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The Hilton Baptist Church Record
August 5, 2014

Hilton School of Music

Starting in September….

Piano, acoustic guitar and voice lessons are available. Susie Miran is the instructor. Contact the office for more information.

Living Proof Live Simul-cast

With Beth Moore

Saturday, September 13th

Temple Baptist Church

235 Harpersville Road, NN

9:30am until 4:15pm

$15.00 per person

Www.templechurch.net

Sunday School and Worship Report August 3, 2014

Sunday School Enrollment…..……..……...…….……..….....115

Visitors…….. ……..... ... 3

Total present...…… ……..…...…….……. ….54

One class did not report attendance

Contacts……..23

Worship Attendance … 92

HBC Counting Report for August 3 , 2014

8-145 Cash in/ Cash out…Bazaar…….……..$150.00

8-200 Future Growth…….$80.00

8-103 Drink Machine……..$7.00

8-105 Associational Missions…….….$110.00

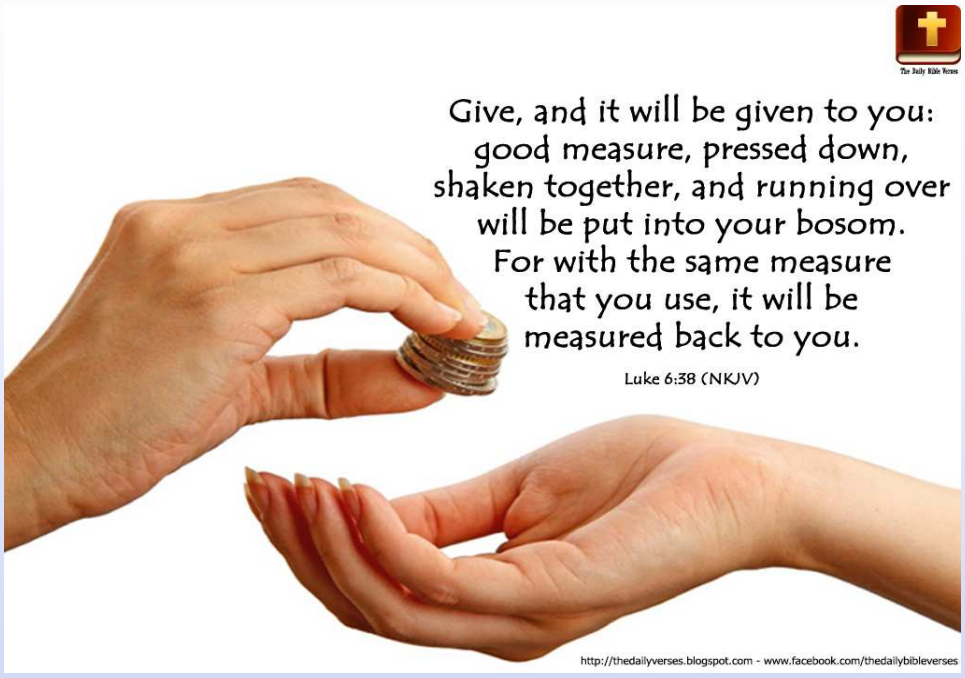
8-404 WMU More than Nets……..$20.00

8-412 Pure Water/ Pure Love…….$50.00

Total Designated Receipts……..$417.00

Total Budget Receipts……$5633.00

Total Deposit……..$6050.00



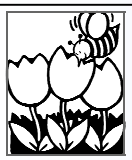
OUR ON GOING MISSION....

PUREWATER PURELOVE℠
a ministry of WMU®

August

VA Indians

Money for Christmas



Gifts for Children Church Pantry

Pray for Missions

Please pray for the following Missionaries this week:

Yelena Mileyev– California
Beth Adams– Colorado
Joshua Smith– Connecticut
Marcus McBee - Hawaii
Janice Smith– Indiana
Jim Arnold, John Divito– Kentucky
Cathy Earley– Neveda
Joe Ernspiker– Ohio
Joseph Spears– Oklahoma
Roger Carlson– Pennsylania
Jennifer Brungardt, David White- American Peoples
KA– Central Asian People
MB– Deaf People
JF, JR– East Asian People
Greg Brummitt, Kirstin Hesskew, Steven Jett, RW- European People
BT– Northern African and Middle Eastern People
FW, SW– Southeast Asian People
RS, Charles Taylor– Sub-Saharan African People

PBA Associational Giving

Goal $1500.00
To Date: $1535.00
Thank you for your giving!

Donations are being accepted for PORT hygiene kits. You can place these items in the Missions Room if you are able to assist in purchasing them.

Travel Size Toothpaste (100)

Travel Size Deodorant (100)

"More Than Nets"

Give to the mission that helps prevent Malaria in Yendi.

Malaria has been eliminated from the United States and other developed countries. It is still a threat to more than 40% of the world's population..

Mark your envelope...More than Nets. $10.00 will provide one net!

Fall Craft Show- September 27th

VENDORS WANTED

If you know of someone that would be interested in participating in our Fall Craft show, please have them contact the office or Denise Vassar.

There are spots open that need to be filled.

Please pass on this information !

Weekly Assignment Schedule

Greeters
August 10– Joe & Kathy Caskie
August 17– Roger & Pam Cooke

Lock Up
August 10– Tim Humphreys
August 17– Charles Vassar

Bus Ministry
August 10– Pam Cooke
August 17– Joe Caskie

Deacon of the Week
August 10– Brenda Egnot
August 17– Pam Cooke

Usher
August 10– Joe Wircenske
August 17– Paul Thorne/ Ray Moody

Nursery Helpers
August 10– Faith Class
August 17– Hope/ Tribble Class

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

This week at HBC

Sunday, August 10th
9 am Sunday School
10 am Worship Celebration

There will be
NO Wednesday Night Prayer Meetings in the month of August.
See you in
September.

Happy Birthday

August
4– Rosamond Chisogonou
Kimberly Demorier
6- Myrna Powell
8– Anne Kim

Please help to replenish the Food Pantry.
We need the following items: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pinto Beans, Black Beans, Peas, Green Beans, hot dog rolls, Dry Milk, Corn, Mac and Cheese, Instant potatoes and fruit cans

In July we fed 39 families
(90 individuals)

If you want to give an offering toward the Food Pantry, just mark it and drop it in the offering plate.
Your giving is appreciated

Wednesday Night Suppers

Wednesday Night Suppers will resume the first Wednesday Night of September. At this time if you would like to be placed on the list for the dinner you will need to contact the office or drop a note in the offering plate. No name will be carried over from last year. We are starting a new list to ensure that we have everyone's name on the list that will want to buy a dinner.

If you want to call the week that you are coming, you will need to contact the office by Monday for that week.

Meals are prepared by the number of people that we have coming. It is very important that if you are NOT coming to contact the office the Monday before and cancel your reservation. If you have not called, you are responsible for the purchase of your meal.

All the above will help us in preparing for the dinner and not over or under preparing. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter

Happy 95th Birthday Hilton Baptist Church

May 4, 1919

Facts about our past

July 26, 1921– Hilton Baptist Church hosted the Peninsula Baptist Association for the first time (The PBA had been organized on August 23, 1904

October 9, 1922– Church offered house in Hilton Village as a parsonage, rent free.

Life Line Screening will be at Hilton Baptist Church, Monday, August 11th. This organization does screening for stroke/Carotid Artery, Heart Rhythm, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease and Osteoporosis Risk.

You must preregister 1-888-653-6450 or visit www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners.

Attention All Happy Hearts

In our September 9th meeting we will be putting together our Shoe boxes. We do have shoe boxes available if you do not have them and also the stickers needed to list what age and sex the child is. Bring your items to this meeting and we will assemble your shoe boxes together!

Attention all HBC family members who would like to help!

If you would like to help but can not fill a shoe box there are other ways for you to have a part.

1. You can purchase a Greatest Journey Discipleship Book for Kids. This book has 12 lessons in it which helps kids know how to accept Jesus. The cost is only $6.00 per book
2. You can help by providing the funds to ship one shoebox. The cost is $7.00 .

Please mark your gift accordingly!

If you are assembling a shoebox and are not a part of the Happy Hearts, those boxes are to be turned in by Sunday, October 26th. You can bring these to the office!

Be a part of this worthy cause! If you have any questions, contact the church office or Pat Painter.

Under The Cover Of Love

1 Peter 4:8 *"Most important of all continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins."*

What does that mean? Love covers a multitude of sins. It has two meanings.

First, it means when you love Jesus Christ and He loves you, it covers up all your sins that you've ever done. When Jesus Christ came to earth and died on the cross, he stretched out his hands and said; this is how much I love you. I'm willing to die for you. I'm willing to take the punishment your for all the laws, the moral laws that you've broken. I'll take rap. I'll do your time. I'll serve your sentence. I'll pay your debt. Jesus says because I love you, everything you've ever done and everything you ever will be forgiven.

Is that good news? *That is very good news!*

God says, I want you in heaven, but heavens perfect and you're not, so we've got a problem. We've got to deal with all of your imperfections. Jesus says, I will come to earth, I will die for you. I'll show you how much I love you. If you will accept my love, it will cover all your sins so you don't have to pay for them anymore. That's good news.

The other thing this means when it says, *"Love covers a multitude of sins,"* is that once I've been forgiven God gives me the power to let other people off the hook. I've been forgiven and I can forgive others. He gives me the ability to let people off the hook. To cut them some slack.

We talked a little bit about this last week. You find somebody who is judgmental, they're self-righteous, always putting other people down, they're critical, they're always negative, they're always harping at perfectionist things. It means they don't really feel loved themselves. They've never truly experienced the grace of God.

When you understand how much you've been forgiven, you just start cutting a lot of other people some slack. When you understand how much you've been graced by God, you just start being more gracious with other people. You just don't get as angry as you used to. You don't get as impatient as you used to. You don't get so upset when other people blow it.

When you truly know how much you're been forgiven then you are able to let love flow and cover the sins of others.

Love covers a multitude of sins. When you really love somebody and they blow it, love doesn't rub it in. Love rubs it out. That's the mark of love. Love doesn't rub it in. Love rubs it out.

The Reflection

There was a king who presented his daughter with a beautiful diamond necklace. The necklace was stolen and his people in the kingdom searched everywhere but could not find it. The king then asked them all to search for it and put a reward for $50,000 for anyone who found it.

One day, a clerk was walking home along a river next to an industrial area. This river was completely polluted and filthy and smelly. As he was walking, the clerk saw a shimmering in the river and when he looked, he saw the diamond necklace. He decided to try and catch it so that he could get the $50,000 reward.

He put his hand in the filthy, dirty river and grabbed at the necklace, but somehow missed it and didn't catch it. He took his hand out and looked again and the necklace was still there. He tried again. But strangely, he still missed the necklace! He came out and started walking away, feeling depressed. Then again, he saw the necklace, right there. This time he was determined to get it, no matter what Although it was disgusting, he plunged in and searched everywhere for the necklace. Yet one more time, he failed. This time he was really bewildered and came out feeling very depressed that he could not get the necklace that would get him $50,000.

Just then, a saint who was walking by, saw him, and asked him what was the matter. The clerk didn't want to share the secret with the saint, thinking he might take the necklace for himself, so he refused to tell him anything. The saint could see this man was troubled. Being compassionate, he again asked the clerk to tell him the problem and promised that he would not tell anyone about it. The clerk mustered some courage and decided to put some faith in the saint. He told him about the necklace and how he tried and tried to catch it, but kept failing.

The saint then told him that perhaps he should try looking upward, toward the branches of the tree, instead of in the filthy river. The clerk looked up and true enough, the necklace was dangling on the branch of a tree. He had been trying to capture a mere reflection of the real necklace all this time.

Material happiness is just like the filthy, polluted river; because it is a mere reflection of the TRUE happiness in the spiritual world. We don't achieve the happiness we are looking for, no matter how hard we endeavor in the material life. Instead we must look upwards, toward God, who is the true source of real happiness, and stop chasing after the "reflection" of this happiness in the material world. This spiritual happiness is the only thing that can satisfy us completely.

"If you are risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." – Colossians 3:1-2

Bad Luck, Good Luck

An ancient Chinese story goes something like this...

A farmer had one old horse that he used for tilling his fields. One day the horse escaped into the hills and when all the farmer's neighbors heard about it, they sympathized with the old man over his bad luck. "Bad luck? Good luck? Who knows?" said the farmer.

A week later, the horse returned with a herd of wild horses from the hills and this time the neighbors congratulated the farmer on his good luck. "Good luck? Bad luck? Who knows?" said the farmer.

Then, when the farmer's son was attempting to tame one of the wild horses, he fell off its back and broke his leg. Everyone agreed that this was very bad luck. Not the farmer, who replied, "Bad Luck? Good luck? Who knows?"

Some weeks later, the army marched into the village and forced every able-bodied young man to go fight in a bloody war. When they saw that the farmer's son had a broken leg, they let him stay. Everyone was very happy at the farmer's good luck. "Good luck? Bad luck? Who knows?"

Life is a lot like that. Sometimes it seems like things are going well, and at other times, things seem to be going badly. And we let those things dictate our feelings and our outlook on life.

But the apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 4 that he had learned to be content, even happy, in all circumstances. He was happy when things were bad (he was in jail at the time), and he was happy when things were going good as well. That's the great thing about being part of God's family. We really don't have to worry in our circumstances, because no matter what, we have hope in Christ. "We know that in everything, God works for the good of those who love him (Romans 8:28).

The Counterfeiter

A big-city counterfeiter decided the best place to pass off his phony $18 bills would be in some small "hick town." So, he got into his very expensive new luxury car and off he went.

After driving for a while, he found a tiny town with a single store. He entered the store and handed one of the bogus bills to the man behind the counter. "Can you change this for me, please?" he asked.

The store clerk looked at the $18 bill for a short time, then smiled and said to the man, "Ah reckon so, mister. Ya want two nines or three sixes?"

Our new sermon series is called ***#DeathtoSelfie*** because a selfie illustrates the conflict that exists inside each of us.

Just as Jacob wrestled with his family, with God, and with himself to find himself, we wrestle in the conflict between who we think we're supposed to be and who we really are!

In Genesis 32, Jacob wrestles physically with God for a whole night. All his life, Jacob had been wrestling. He even wrestled with his twin brother Esau while they were still in their mother's womb.

In week 2 of *Death to Selfie*, Pastor Lynwood will be preaching and teaching on Esau selling his birthright for a bowl of beans. We also compromise and sell our birthrights for bowls, but Jesus died on the cross to transfer His birthright to us!

Plan to attend every Sunday and hear each powerful message – Invite family and friends!

Right Place Right Time!

Matthew Jordan

August 1

“The power of Jesus is just so amazing! Last night I was having some fellowship with a church brother of mine. We sat and played guitar and had some improvised praise and worship. As the evening grew late Jesus told me to just sit, be still, and listen. My brother and I had much needed spiritual conversation and prayer. The time came for me to leave. I couldn't help but burst into tears as soon as I got to my car. The Holy Spirit had showered me in a way that I haven't felt in a very long time. So after I get myself together I start driving and just praising God! AND THIS IS WHERE THE NIGHT GETS EVEN MORE AMAZING! As I arrive to my neighborhood it is about 1:45am. I'm driving slowly down the road, and I see this little boy walking, in tears. I stop and ask him "Are you alright buddy?" He looks at me and says "No I can't find my mommy." I assure him that I am one of the good guys and put him into Maddie's booster seat. I then call the police. As we are sitting there waiting for the police to come I am asking him questions. "What is your name?". "Tommy" the little guy replies. "How old are you Tommy?". "I am 5" he says. Then what happens next is something that I will remember forever. Tommy told me how he had awoke out of his sleep and searched his house for his mommy and she wasn't there, so he went looking for her. He said "I was so scared...so I asked Jesus to help me." My heart literally rejoiced immediately. All I could reply back is "That is so awesome!" "We are going to help you find your mommy." I said. The police arrived. And the last I heard was at around 4am that they still had not found where Tommy lives, but I know Tommy is going to be fine because he has our Almighty Father watching over him.”

The above incident was shared by our own Matt Jordan on his Facebook page and with the HBC Family last Sunday . We continue to pray for Tommy and we thank God for Matt’s life, witness and sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

19 Horses

One rich man owned 19 horses when he died. In his last will and testament he had written that upon his death, half the horses he owned should go to his only son; one fourth to the village temple and one fifth to the faithful servant. The village elders could not stop scratching their heads. How can they give half of the 19 horses to the son? You cannot cut up a horse. They puzzled over this dilemma and then decided to send for a wise man that was living in a neighboring village.

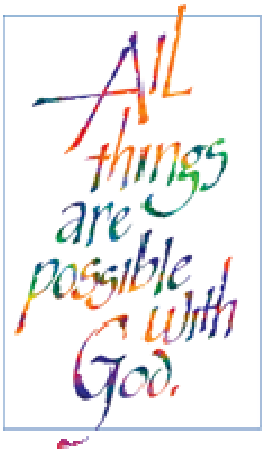
The wise man came riding on his horse and asked the villagers if he can be of any help to them. The village elders told him about the rich man's last will and testament which stated that half of the (19) horses must be given to his only son, one fourth must go to the temple and one fifth to the faithful servant. The wise man said he will immediately solve their problem without any delay whatsoever. He had the 19 horses placed in a row standing next to one another. Then he added his own horse as the 20th horse. Now he went about giving half of the 20 horses that is ten horses to the son. One fourth of 20-that is 5 horses were given to the temple committee. One fifth of twenty-that is 4 horses were given to the faithful servant. Ten plus five plus four made 19 horses. The remaining 20th horse was his own which he promptly mounted, spoke a few inspiring words, and rode back home.

The villagers were simply dumfounded, full of disbelief and filled with admiration. And the parting words of the wise man were inscribed in their hearts and minds which they greatly cherished and passed on to their succeeding generations till today.

The wise man said: In our daily lives, in our daily affairs, simply include God in the equation and then go about facing the day's happenings. (Ever come across problems in life that are seemingly insurmountable? Like the villagers, do we feel that such problems cannot be solved?).

The wise man continued: Including Jesus Christ in every aspect of our daily lives, the problems become lighter and eventually will disappear. He reminded them of the manner of ice, which, with the addition of the heat, will turn into water, and that will eventually evaporate as steam and disappear. And how do we remember to include add God in our daily lives? Through prayers filled with true love and devotion that only total faith can bring about.

Keeping your focus on Jesus and the cross is a powerful means of directing the mind Godward. But without true love and devotion entering into it, it remains like a boat without water. It is not difficult to push a boat floating in water, but extremely hard to drag the same boat on dry land.



Believe God For Great Things!

The poet wrote, "Beware of those who stand aloof, and greet each venture with reproof. The world would stop if things were run, by those who say, 'It can't be done.'" Refuse to let the word "impossible" stop you. Jesus said, "With God all things are possible." (Mt 19:26) If those who've changed the world had left every "impossible" task undone, we'd still be living in the Dark Ages. Here are four examples:

German experts predicted that trains travelling at 40 kph would cause severe nosebleeds and the passengers would suffocate going through tunnels. American experts added that we'd need more mental institutions because people would go mad when they saw the first trains.

When the YWCA first announced typing classes for women, there was a furious backlash on the grounds that the "female constitution would deteriorate under such strain."

Experts insisted that iron ships would never float, that the iron would wreak havoc with the compass readings.

In 1797, New Jersey farmers denounced the first cast-iron plough, insisting it would poison the land and stimulate weeds.

So much for "experts". It's not about what you can do, but what God can do with your life when it's fully surrendered to Him. It encompasses things outside the realm of the predictable, the safe, and the expected. *"Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18).* If God has given you a vision, pursue it, and believe Him for great things!

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp

"Dear Brother Eli, I have been out of town on vacation, and I would have sent you my tithe, but I already sealed the envelope."

Thank you for your love and generosity in giving to the ministry of HBC –

When you plant seeds of faith, there is no limit how God may bless you in return!