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# Weekly Newsletter

## February 23, 2015



### ***From My Heart To Yours..***

I believe it is safe to say that anyone who knows me well would agree that I am not an alarmist. It is simply not in my nature. However, from time to time my faith is challenged and I am moved to share out of my own weakness – and this is one of those times.

In 2015, we as a church, have experienced one of the most successful starts of a new year spiritually than we have in a long times. Our numbers have been increasing. We are seeing new faces almost every Sunday. People are coming to the Lord and joining our church family. And there has been a sense of excitement and new beginnings that we have not felt in a long time. God has been blessing us and we are tremendously grateful for His favor and blessing.

At the same time, due to weather, illness and the challenges of a younger congregation of faith – we are struggling significantly with our finances. This is something that I do not talk about much, nor am I comfortable with, because the God I know and serve is the God who is faithful and meets all our needs, *“according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus!”* according to Philippians 4:19 – and that has not, and will not ever change!

But there are times I need to admit that my faith – and perhaps, your faith – are challenged, and this is one of those times. So I am coming to you to share my heartfelt concerns and ask you to do two specific things for me personally and for our beloved church:

*First – I am asking you to pray for my own faith and strength as your pastor to continue to trust God to supply our financial need so we can continue to grow and be the church that He has called us to be!*

*Second – I am asking to pray and ask God what e would have you do to help us catch up and meet the financial needs where we have fallen behind since the beginning of this year!*

If you will join me in seeking and obeying God I know – *that I know!* – that our needs will be met and we will experience the financial breakthrough that we so desperately need to receive.

And likewise I know – *that I know!* – that when you give, God will bless both the seed that you sow and the love that you show, and that He will multiply it back into your life in the way that you need it the most!

Thank you for your faithfulness and for allowing me to be your pastor and share my heart and needs with you in this special way.

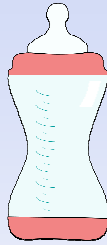
*On the grace and faith journey, together with you, Lynwood*

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# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

## February 23, 2015

Please take a baby bottle and fill it with loose change for CareNet Pregnancy Center. We have bottles in the Connect Center and office. See Pat Painter if you can not find a bottle to fill!



Thanks in advance for your help!



### Inclement Weather

In the event of Inclement weather– your deacon will notify you of any changes in services. Also please check our Facebook page or our website. We will update these to reflect any changes in our normal church schedule.

### Sunday School and Worship Report February 22, 2015

Sunday School Enrollment.....	104
Contacts.....	10
Visitors.....	1
Total present.....	54
One class no report	
Worship Attendance....	No report

### HBC Counting Report for February 22, 2015

8-103 Drink Machine.....	\$1.00
8-403 Food Closet.....	\$25.00
8-407 PORT.....	\$560.00
8-200 Future Growth.....	\$80.00
Initial Offering.....	\$5.00
Budget in Memory of Valley Roy.....	\$18.00
Budget Offerings.....	\$3022.67
Total Deposit.....	\$3711.67
R & R Deposit.....	\$25.00



On Sundays (for a limited time) if you take your Church Bulletin to Piccadilly, you and your family will be able to receive 10% off your entire meal!

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



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



**Pray for Missions**

**Please pray for the  
following Missionaries this week:**

- BS, DS
- Rick Lentz– Florida
- Trent Chambers, Chad Logan– Georgia
- Chad Chambers– Kansas
- Deana Flora– Ohio
- Helen Drucila, Helen Paz– Pennsylvania
- Peter Vavrosky, Texas
- April Davis– Virginia
- Dale Braswell, Elaine Peters– Washington
- Donna Brown, Jay Cook–  
American People
- Tim Mabe– Central Asian People
- DL, DT, ER– East Asian People
- JB– European People
- JB– North American and Middle Eastern  
People
- GB, SC– Southeast Asian People
- Jimmy Bledso, SL– Sub-Saharan  
African People

**“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!



**March**

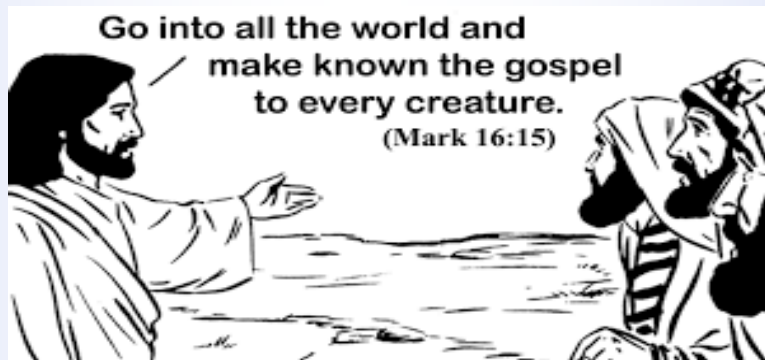
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Retreat Center

Stamps, gallon size bleach, dryer sheets, White pillow cases, copier paper

Church Pantry



## Weekly Assignment Schedule

### Greeters/ Ushers

**March 1**– Brian & Ruth Fries,  
Chris & Janelle Kary

**March 8**– Joe Wircenske, Don  
Krause, Brenda Egnot ,Pat Schell

### Lock Up

**March 1**– Robert Overman

**March 8**– Paul Thorne

### Bus Ministry

**March 1**– Pam Cooke

**March 8**– Joe Caskie

### Deacon of the Week

**March 1**– Harold Edinghoffer

**March 8**– Judy France

### Nursery Helpers

**March 1**– Joy Class

**March 8**– Faith Class

### SS and Children's Church

**March 1**– Kathy Devol & Colleen

**March 8**– Kathy Caskie

### WNS Support

**March 4**– Youth

**March 11**– Children's Ministry

### Food Distribution this week

**February 24**– Sue Monfalcone/  
Dreama Johnson

**February 26**– Pat Painter  
Mary Pulley

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

### **Wednesday Night Dinner**

**5:00 pm**

Chili and Baked Potato  
Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00

Family of 4 or more \$15.00

Call the church office for  
reservations

### Happy Birthday from HBC

#### February

24– Carl Parker

25– Kathy Moore

26– Robin Ayers

Betty Young

27– Rebecca Curtis

28– Thelma Carter



### *This week at HBC*

#### Monday, February 23rd

2:00pm Singing Saints

Chesapeake

#### Tuesday, February 24th

9:30am WMU Council Meeting

#### Wednesday, February 25th

5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper

6:15 pm Children in Action

6:15 pm Church Business Meeting

6:15 pm NC Practice

7:15pm The Story Practice

#### Saturday, February 28th

9:00am Church Clean Up Day

#### Sunday, March 1st

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Worship Celebration

Children's Church

"Jesus Followers"

### **Singing Saints**

Monday, March 2nd

2pm Chesapeake

Monday, March 9th

2pm Mennowood

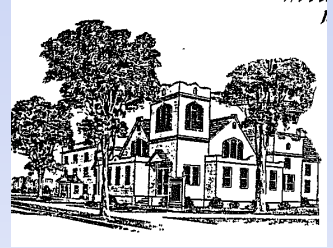


SPENDING TIME WITH GOD  
PUTS EVERYTHING ELSE IN  
PERSPECTIVE.

# Happy 95th Birthday Hilton Baptist Church

May 4, 1919

April 20, 1981– Hilton Happy Hearts  
were organized



## Church Work Day

**Saturday, February 28th**

9:00am until ??

Lunch will be served.

We have lots of work that needs to be done, cleaning, painting, dusting..etc. All work will be inside.

We need your help. Please mark your calendars now to join the Facilities Team and help!

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Vassar or the church office.



Don't forget to bring those printer cartridges, old cell phone, MP3 players and cameras and drop them off in the church office ! We will recycle them and get a little money for the church.

## The Story

We will be placing door hangers on homes in the Hilton area in the month of March to advertise for "The Story". We need volunteers to help with passing out the fliers. No specific dates have been planned yet but if you feel like you could help, please contact Dreama in the church office

We are looking forward to God doing great things!

## February Happenings

February 25– Church Business Mting

February 28– Church Clean up day

## March Happenings

March 3– WMU Meeting 10am

March 4– Discipleship Meeting 6:30pm

March 9– Vision Team Meeting 6:30pm

March 10– Deacon Meeting

Happy Hearts

March 15– City Marathon

March 21– B– Men's Breakfast

March 24– WMU Council Meeting

March 27– Community Dinner

March 29– Palm Sunday

March 30– Facilities Meeting



## Vision Team Minutes

Feb. 9, 2015

Deacons – We would like to invite a few more interns in order to keep the flock numbers down. This will help the deacons have more time to dedicate to their flock. We also plan to work closely with the discipleship team to help spread God's Word.

Discipleship – We plan to work closely with the Youth Leader once he/she is hired; support the current Sunday School classrooms and the curriculum; we plan to offer 2-3 new Connect Group series throughout the year; continue hosting the Christmas Workshop and participate in the Community VBS.

Finance – An amount of \$4,500 was borrowed from the money market for the month of January.

Mission Action – The WMU is continuing with their meetings as well as the B-Men. Lottie Moon did not reach their mission goal; PORT is coming up (and so far has been a great success!); the pantry still needs donations and these food items are being passed out regularly.

People Support – Three strong candidates were interviewed and one has been scheduled for a second interview with Lynwood for the youth leader position; we are continuing to support Wednesday night suppers with Sue as our faithful church hostess; and the van needs some minor surgeries.

Worship – The Easter Combined Ensemble has been formed and practices are underway.

At Large – The children and youth are doing well and although they are currently assisting with Children's Church, once we have a Part Time Youth Leader, the youth will no longer work with the younger children, but will stay together for Sunday Morning Bible Study.

Pastor's Remarks – The Easter Production is going to be a good experience, and we are going outside of our box, so we all need to participate and pray for a successful event. We are also planning a follow-up Connect Series afterwards.

Vision Team Leaders: We are currently reading Autopsy of a Deceased Church. The author has done extensive research on dying and struggling churches and has led many workshops/seminars to help those churches. We will use part of our team meetings involved in this Book Club discussion.

**PORT- A great week of :  
“Serving our local community with the love of Jesus”**

Words from our PORT coordinator Pam Cooke:

*WOW! Words cannot describe this past week as Hilton Baptist Church worked together, day and night, serving our local community, by supporting the needs of our ever growing homeless population. I want to thank all of the dedicated volunteers who helped keep everything running smoothly, and hats off to those who spent the past 48 hours at church so we could keep the shelter open during the snow storm. The partner churches did a fantastic job, and I hope all of those involved feel as blessed as I am to have been the hands and feet of God for our guests. Pam Cooke*

Many of our Greater Hilton neighbors donated clothes and items to us through the week. When it was found out that we were keeping the church open all day, several companies donated . These include Davita Dialysis, Walmart in Newport News and Trader Joes. Many of our church family donated treats and have given money for the things that were needed for the extra time that we kept the guests. We could not have done it without You!

We would like to extend a special thanks to Pam Cooke for all her hard work ,organization and heading up the project. All your time, efforts and love are so greatly appreciated! You are the best!



**Baby Bottles for Care Net**

Care Net Resource Pregnancy Center offers pregnancy testing, counseling and classes for new moms to earn diapers and clothes for their babies while learning important parenting skills. Help them change lives and keep filling up your bottles.

Bottles are due back Easter!



## ***What We Have To Fear***

It was the first camping experience for Jed. As soon as he had pitched his tent, he went for a hike in the woods. In about fifteen minutes he rushed back into camp, bleeding and disheveled.

"What happened?" asked a fellow camper.  
"I was chased by a black snake!" cried the frightened Jed.

The camper laughed and retorted, "A black snake isn't deadly."

"Listen," groaned Jed, "If he can make you jump off a fifty-foot cliff, he is!"

There are any number of things in this world that may frighten us. For some of you, it may be snakes, or spiders or rats. For others, it may be great heights or the thought of flying in an airplane. For others, there is a fear of losing your health or losing your job. For most, there is a fear of death.

It was Franklin D. Roosevelt who once said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." I understand him to mean that the way we react to fear is often more dangerous than the thing we fear. Fear can cause us to make rash decisions. At other times, fear can paralyze us so that we do nothing at all.

It is significant to me that the command Jesus gave his disciples more than any other was "Fear not" or "Do not be afraid." The storm is raging. "Fear not!" There are those who seek to do us harm. "Fear not!" The girl has died. "Fear not!" We would regard all of those situations as legitimate reasons to fear. But Jesus made it clear that when He is present, fear is inappropriate. He is capable of handling anything we face, including death!

So what is it that causes you to live in fear? What is it that produces such anxiety that you have trouble going to sleep at night? Turn it over to the One who has promised to watch over you. "Fear not!" Trust Him.

The Psalmist David said, *"I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears."* (Psalm 34:4)

As Rick Warren often points out, there are 365 specific places in the Bible where we were told by God, "Fear Not" – one for each day of the year!

So whatever you might be facing today, be encouraged by those words and know today is one of those days that God is going to see you through, no matter what!







## ***How to Get Over Your Past***

All of us have chapters we wish we could rewrite. To get over your past you must first start looking at it differently. Reframe it. Ask, "How did it make me stronger? What do I know now that I didn't know then?" Don't focus on what you lost, but on what you gained.

Second, understand the difference between guilt and shame. Guilt is feeling bad about what you've done – it's healthy; shame is feeling bad about whom you are – it's toxic and debilitating. All of us have things we'd like to change about ourselves, but when God created us He said, "...it was very good..." (Gen 1:31), so start seeing yourself as He sees you.

Third, stop punishing yourself with the "if only's." After stumbling badly and having God pick him up, David wrote, "Happy is the person whose sins are forgiven... whom the Lord does not consider guilty..." (Ps 32:1-2) Forgive yourself; God has. Because He sees you through the Cross, you are "accepted" (Eph 1:6).

Finally, move from pain to gain. Healing takes time, so expect some anger, fear and sadness. Don't disown them; they're part of the process. But don't adopt them either; know when it's time to move on. You can't walk backwards into the future, and the future God has in mind contains more happiness than any past you can remember.

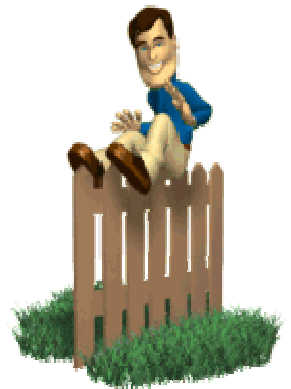
## ***Sitting on the Fence***

There was an incredibly large group of people assembled. On one side of the group stood a man, Jesus. On the other side of the group stood another man, Satan. Separating them, running through the group was a fence. The scene set, both Jesus and Satan began calling to the people in the group and, one by one, each having made up his or her mind, each went to either Jesus or Satan.

This kept going, and eventually Jesus had gathered around him a group of people from the larger crowds, as did Satan. But one man joined neither group. He climbed the fence that was there and just sat down on it. Then Jesus and his people left. So too did Satan and his people.

And the man on the fence sat alone. As this man sat there, Satan came back, and appeared to be looking for something that he'd lost. The man said, "Have you lost something?" Satan looked straight at him and replied, "No, there you are. Come with me." "But," said the man, "I sat on the fence. I chose neither you nor Him.

"That's okay," said Satan. "I own the fence."





## ***Life On The Edge***

Did you ever come home at 11:30pm for a midnight curfew? It's not likely. As a teenager, I remember waiting on my front steps until 11:59pm before going inside. When given the opportunity, it seems to be in our nature to push the limits to the very farthest degree. How far is too far? How much noise can I make until I push Mom over the edge? How fast over the speed limit can I drive before the police will pull me over? How much can I cheat before getting caught?

We like living on the edge. The problem is that when we do it for too long, we might not realize we're in real danger until it's too late. It's essential that we pay attention to the path we're on. It's like driving on a winding mountain road: as you near the edge, you'll hit a series of warning grooves that cause you to start bumping along. They are there to remind you to get back on the right track. The Christian life is much the same. I used to think some of the rules in the Bible were cumbersome. I have come to realize, however, that it is these very guidelines – like warning grooves on a road – that help keep me from flying over the edge and losing control in my life.

God's commandments and principles are there for our protection so we can experience all God wants us to experience. Typically, when people lose control of their lives, it isn't just one bad decision that launches them off a moral cliff, but a series of poor choices along the way. The Scriptures, the Holy Spirit, and our brothers and sisters in Christ all provide us with the warning grooves and guardrails we need to prevent us from going over the edge.

## ***The Last Impression***

Three elderly gents were talking about what their grandchildren would be saying about them fifty years from now.

"I would like my grandchildren to say, 'He was successful in business,'" declared the first man.

"Fifty years from now," said the second, "I want them to say, 'He was a loyal family man.'"

Turning to the third gent, he asked, "So what do you want them to say about you in fifty years?"

"Me?" the third one replied. "I want them to say, 'He certainly looks good for his age.'"





### ***There Can Be No Mission Failure!***

I forget now where I first heard this comment on many churches today. Yet I have repeated it often in recent years. It simply says: *“A church fails when it stops being a ‘fisher of men’ and starts becoming the ‘keeper of an aquarium’.”*

Jesus told us to go into the entire world and be His ambassadors, but many churches today have inadvertently changed the *“go and be”* command to a *“come and see”* approach.

We have grown attached to buildings, programs, staff and a wide variety of goods and services designed to attract and entertain people, and make them comfortable. There is no quicker way to kill a church than to become inward focused.

When the emphasis is on comfort rather than commitment, there is a serious problem. When the overarching concern of the decision making process is around maintenance (not simply facilities maintenance, but programs and people) then a church loses its very reason for being.

At HBC, we are in the process once again of casting vision for the upcoming year. And the key word is *“MISSIONAL!”* Every dream we dream, and everything we undertake to accomplish will be measured by this definition.

*“Missional”* is a term used to describe what happens when you and I replace the *“come to us”* invitations with a *“go to them”* life. It’s when *“the way of Jesus”* informs and radically transforms our existence to one wholly focused on sacrificially living for Him and others. It happens when we adopt a missionary stance in relation to our culture.

*“Missional”* speaks of the very nature of the Jesus follower. As Henry Blackaby has said, *“Find out what God is already doing and join him there.”* We can be certain God is always moving toward people, meeting them right where they are and calling them unto Himself.

Do we have all the material resources we need to accomplish this mission? Not yet. But where there is a God-sized vision for a God-birthing mission, then Spirit anointed people can do supernatural things. The old saying rings true – when God guides, He provides.

The same principle is true on a personal level. When our eyes are turned from inward to upward, from self to others, from temporal to eternal, from carnal to spiritual, the joy of the Lord will be our strength, and He will be our source and our supply.

## ***The Congressman and The Barber***

One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut he asked about his bill and the barber replied, "I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week." The florist was pleased and left the shop. When the barber came to open his shop the next morning, there was a "thank you" card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a cop came in for a haircut, and when he tried to pay his bill, the barber again replied, "I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week." The cop was happy and left the shop. The next morning when the barber arrived at the shop, there was a "thank you" card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Later that day, a college professor came in for a haircut, and when he tried to pay his bill, the barber again replied, "I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week." The professor was very happy and left the shop. The next morning when the barber opened his shop, there was a "thank you" card and a dozen different books, such as "How to Improve Your Business" and "Becoming More Successful."

Then, a Congressman came in for a haircut, and when he tried to pay his bill, the barber again replied, "I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week." The Congressman was very happy and left the shop.

The next morning when the barber came to the shop to open up, there were a dozen Congressmen lined up waiting for a free haircut.

*And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the members of our Congress! – LW*



**Join us for  
Family Night Supper**

**Wednesdays  
5:00 pm**

**Come & join us for great food  
and fellowship!**



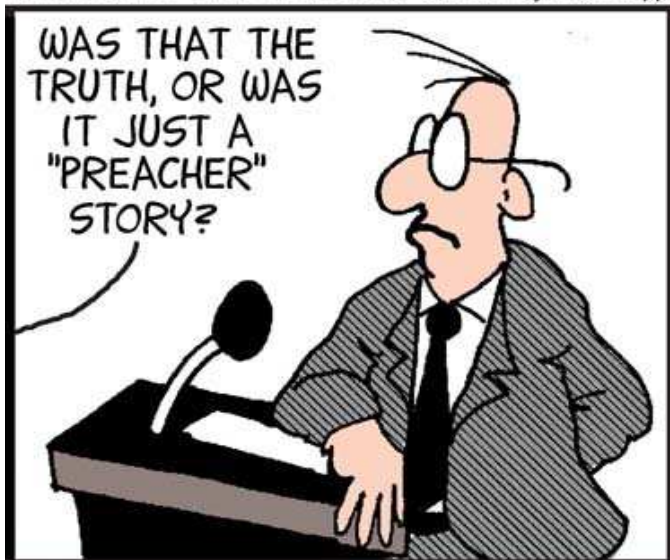
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Pray & ask God where he would have you to serve!*

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**CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH** by Thom Tapp



**"Abundant use of illustrations in sermons can lead to unforeseen consequences..."**

***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!***