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Weekly Newsletter

June 23, 2015



Abraham's Covenant For Us Today!

The promise to Abraham is mostly misunderstood or sadly ignored by most of Christendom today. It is actually a foundation of the gospel message. Any understanding of God's purpose with the earth, mankind and Jesus Christ, must operate upon the axis of the promise to Abraham. The promise to him was also made by God to *"the fathers" of Israel, Abraham, Issac and Jacob,* and it constitutes one of the greatest promises that God has ever made to mankind.

The Bible teaches how that Abraham lived and grew up in an ungodly land called *"Ur of the Chaldees"* near the ancient city of Babel or Babylon. God appeared to him and made a promise that he would leave this country and go to a land God would show him. Abraham did this and it is recorded in scripture as a great act of faith.

In the Old Testament we read, *"Now THE LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father' house, unto a land that I will shew thee"* Genesis 12:1. And in the New Testament we read, *"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went."* Hebrews 11:8

Why is the promise to Abraham relevant? The importance of the promise to Abraham is one to all believers in the Bible. Consider this point: This promise to Abraham is described by Paul as the Gospel: *"And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, 'In thee shall all nations be blessed.'"* Galatians 3:8

In essence, what Abraham did was considered an act of faith by God. He listened and obeyed. Perhaps and most likely God's voice was heard by many others. But none chose to respond as Abraham did. Abraham heard the voice of God and he obeyed.

Can't we do the same? - To those who would challenge this thought with the response, "Well God doesn't speak like that anymore..." I would reply perhaps and most likely it may be because, "We don't listen and expect Him to speak like that anymore!" We often relegate our own failing to act and respond by alluding to what or how God does or does not do something. The real truth of the matter is that when God speaks, we fail to listen and obey.

How different our lives would be if we learned to listen and expected Him to speak? Where would He lead and to what heights we could soar... - If only we would listen and obey!

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

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The Hilton Baptist Church Record

June 23, 2015



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."



Sunday School and Worship Report June 21, 2015

Sunday School Enrollment.....	103
Contacts.....	11
Visitors.....	1
Total present.....	25
5 classes did not report	
Worship Attendance....No report	

HBC Counting Report for June 21, 2015

8-103 Drink Machine.....	\$3.00
8-105 Association Missions.....	\$150.00
8-145 Cash in / Cash out Bazaar.....	\$35.00
Budget Designated in Memory of Alvin Schell.....	\$170.00
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Given by the Faith Class.....	\$25.00
Budget Offering.....	\$5051.00
Total Deposit.....	\$5434.00



Don't forget we have Prayer Meeting every Wednesday Night at 6:15pm. We invite everyone to come and be a part.



We will be packing Christmas Shoe boxes in the September Happy Heart meeting so it is not too late to start bringing items to fill the boxes...school supplies, toys, hygiene items, small toys, sewing kits, coloring books, books, small games (just to name a few items), You want to bring them ahead of time....just mark the Operation Christmas Child and place them in the church office.





Pray for Missions

Please pray for the following Missionaries this week:

BS, DS

Lori Pruit—Arizona

Tamra Overstreet— California

Shaun Pillay, Steven Thiel— Connecticut

Eileen Whaley— Florida

Matthew Carder— Kansas

Sitha Salyers— Kentucky

Antonia Neves— Nevada

Becky Wooten— Ohio

Patsy Goff— Texas

Joosoon Lee— Washington

Luis Mejia— Wyoming

CH, SC, TP, TR— East Asian People

AP, BH, Kris Kunz— Northern African and

Middle Eastern People

RB— Southeast Asian People

ED— 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!



June

Community

Co-op Service



Money for Sports

Camperships \$75.00 each

Any amount contributed helps!

Church Pantry



**OUR ON
GOING
MISSION...**



Associational Missions

Our Goal \$1500.00

Collected to date: \$1090.42

Weekly Assignment Schedule

Greeters/ Ushers

June 28– Paul Thorne, Ray Moody,
Moses Sabb

July 5– Joe and Kathy Caskie

Lock Up

June 28– Sue Monfalcone

July 5– Robert Overman

Bus Ministry

June 28– Don Krause

July 5– Stan Langdon

Deacon of the Week

June 28– Sue Monfalcone

July 5– Paul Thorne

Nursery Helpers

June 28-NC/ New Visions

July 5– Joy Class

SS and Children's Church

June 28– Kathy Caskie, Pat Schell

July 5– Tracy Venable/
Margaret Upole

Food Distribution this week

June 23– Sue Monfalcone/ Dreama

June 25– Mary Pulley/
Pat Painter

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

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.

Lifeline Screening at HBC

Monday, August 3, 2015

Please registration
is required.

1-888-653-6450

Screen for:

Stroke /Carotid Screening
Heart Rhythm
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
Peripheral Arterial Disease
Osteoporosis Risk



This week at HBC

Wednesday, June 24th

6:15 pm Prayer Meeting

6:15 pm NC Practice

6:00 pm Youth

Friday, June 26th

5:30pm Community Dinner

Sunday, June 28th

9am Sunday School/Life Groups

10am Worship Celebration



Happy Birthday In June

21– Brian Budlove

22– Jean Parker

23– Bill Duke

24– Ronnie Greene

25– Stephanie Crasno

Travis Morgan

Taylor Ripley

Cindy Monelly

26– Ron Wertz

27– Doug Miller



Register online!



Hilton Area Churches Vacation Bible School 2015!
July 13-17

Register at:

<http://2015.cokesburyvbs.com/hiltonchurches2015>

Both the kids and
volunteers have
to register...

<http://2015.cokesburyvbs.com/hiltonchurches2015>

The offering project for Vacation Bible School is the Menchville House. You can help by bringing the following items to donate. There is a box in the Connection Center to put the collected items in.

Paper Plates Tissues Plastic ware
Paper towel Cereal Twin Sheets
Disposable cups

Serving our local community with the love of Jesus!

Fight Through The Struggle To Faith...

The older I get, I never cease to marvel how life is a never ending swing between the highest highs and the lowest lows. Like the pendulum movements of an old grandfather clock, the passing of time is marked by a rhythm that we do not control. Seasons pass, sunsets give way to night, and stars lose their beauty to the dawn of the next day.

We feel frustrated in our walk with God when we are continually forced to swerve around what seem to be never ending roadblocks and detours. We experience breakthroughs and breakouts and glorious times where our joy seems unfathomable. Then in the very next moment run into a wall that does not give way. We feel as though God has forsaken us – or, worse, that we somehow misinterpreted His will. One way or another, our joy is depleted, our passion runs dry, and we settle for motions rather than movement in our walk with God.

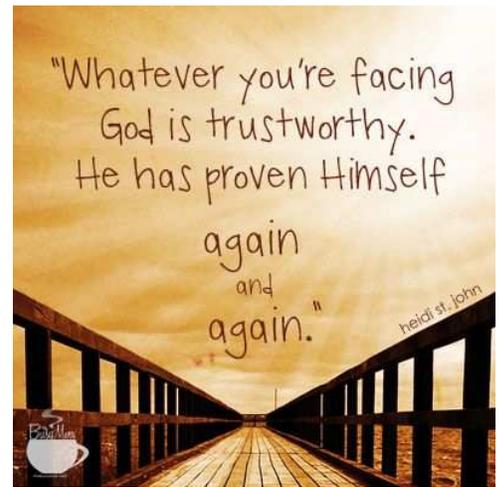
However, we have a choice. We always have a choice. Either we can trust the Spirit's leading, or we can insist on going our own way. But I continue to learn only one choice leads to life. The other marks a gradual descent toward spiritual death, for no one can refuse God's will and prosper.

That is the challenge of faith. Not to surrender to the circumstances of good or bad, but to reach through the darkness and latch ourselves firmly onto the providence of God. Or if we miss that opportunity, simply free fall into the ocean of His grace.

Only through trials and failures do we discover deeper intimacy with God than we've known before. There is a sweetness, even in falling, when we look back and realize our God has never failed to catch us, or allowed us to broken, but for the greater purpose of conforming us to His will.

Whatever struggle you are facing, heartache unhealed, or dream unfulfilled -- consider for a moment a visual reminder of the "this too shall pass" principle. Reflect on it when going through difficult seasons and challenging times. Make a fist and look at your knuckles. You see peaks and valleys. Such is the nature of life: peaks and valleys, peaks and valleys. You may be in a valley now, but go a little further and you'll be on top of a peak once again.

Then raise your fist to eye level, between you and the horizon beyond. And do the same with your other hand. Now realize now you are simply putting up your dukes and fighting the good fight of faith. Keep your eyes on the prize and never give in, never give up! The final bell has not rung and the match has not yet been called. With every ounce of your strength and last fighting breath, press on, fight on and the victory will be won





It was small enough to overlook. Only two words. I know I'd read that passage a hundred times. But I'd never seen it.

But I won't miss it again. It's highlighted in yellow and underlined in red. You might want to do the same. Look in Mark, chapter 16. Get your pencil ready and enjoy this jewel in the seventh verse (here it comes). The verse reads like this: "But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee."

Did you see it? Read it again. (This time I italicized the words.)

"But go, tell his disciples *and Peter* that he is going before you to Galilee."

Now tell me if that's not a hidden treasure. If I might paraphrase the words, "Don't stay here, go tell the disciples," a pause, then a smile, "and especially tell Peter, that he is going before you to Galilee."

What a line. It's as if all of heaven had watched Peter fall—and it's as if all of heaven wanted to help him back up again. "Be sure and tell Peter that he's not left out. Tell him that one failure doesn't make a flop."

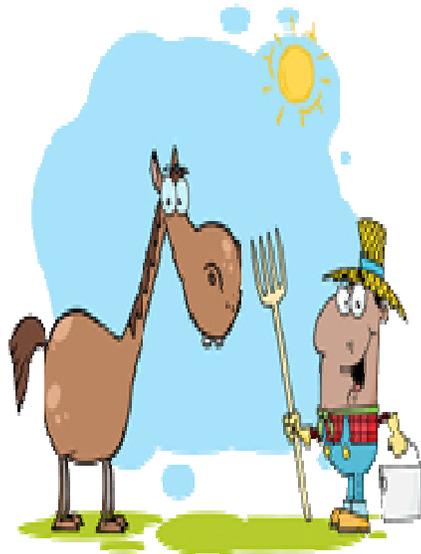
Whew! No wonder they call it the gospel of the second chance.

Those who know these types of things say that the Gospel of Mark is really the transcribed notes and dictated thoughts of Peter. If this is true, then it was Peter himself who included these two words! And if these really are his words, I can't help but imagine that the old fisherman had to brush away a tear and swallow a lump when he got to this point in the story.

It's not every day that you get a second chance. Peter must have known that. The next time he saw Jesus, he got so excited that he barely got his britches on before he jumped into the cold water of the Sea of Galilee. It was also enough, so they say, to cause this backwoods Galilean to carry the gospel of the second chance all the way to Rome where they killed him. If you've ever wondered what would cause a man to be willing to be crucified upside down, maybe now you know.

It's not every day that you find someone who will give you a second chance—much less someone who will give you a second chance every day.

But in Jesus, Peter found both.



The Only One Pulling

An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy. He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull! Buddy didn't move.

Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Buster, pull!" Buddy didn't respond.

Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Coco, pull!" Nothing.

Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch.

The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times. The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"

We're a lot like Buddy, aren't we? We don't like to do something if we think we're the only one pulling. Need an example?

Ever said, "Why should I pour my time and effort into the work of the church? No one else seems to care!"

Or, "Why should I put forth the extra effort to do a good job at work? No one else does, and it wouldn't be appreciated anyway!"

Or, "Why should I be nice to him? He's certainly not going to make any effort to be nice to me!"

See what I mean? Like Elijah in the cave, we often find ourselves saying to God, "I alone am left." (1 Kings 19:10) Nobody else is faithful. Nobody else is trying.

But God told Elijah he had 7,000 people on His side that Elijah didn't know about. Like Buddy and Elijah, we may be blind. Blind to what others are doing around us. But, even if we are the only one doing what is right, we need to continue.

Galatians 6:9 says, *"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."*

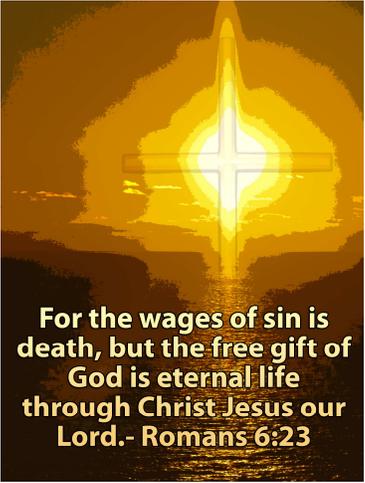
Don't give up! You aren't alone. Keep moving forward in Jesus' name!

Freedom From Sin

“Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin? ... The answer is through Jesus Christ our Lord!” Romans 7:24-25 (LB)

Did you know that even as Christians we may still have addictions we struggle against. Even though you are a new creation in Christ, you are always engaged in spiritual warfare.

If you're exhausted from the emotional damages of the ongoing battle between your old and new nature, don't give up. Paul identified the struggles in Romans 7, and then he closed out the chapter with the cure – God's battle plan for victory.



For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.- Romans 6:23

There are three things you need to do in order to get over the desire to do the wrong thing:

Deepen your understanding of Christ. - You've accepted Christ; you're a Christian; Jesus lives in you. But he doesn't just want to be in you; he wants to be in charge of you. You can give yourself either to your bad habits or to your Savior. Paul says in Romans 8:2, *“For the new spiritual principle of life in Jesus Christ lifts me out of the old vicious cycle of sin” (LB)*. The more you make time to know Jesus and what he did for you, the more it will lift you out of the battle.

Detect and disarm the lies you're believing. - Satan is the father of lies. He puts them in front of you all the time: “You're no good.” “You know better than God.” “It's not really a problem; you have a handle on it.” When you listen to those lies, you're doomed. That's why you need to detect and disarm the lies, so you can have the victory. If you want to stop defeating yourself, you have to stop deceiving yourself.

Declare your struggles to someone. - *“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so God can heal you” (James 5:16 NCV)*. Revealing your feeling is the beginning of healing. That's one of my favorite sayings. If you want to just be forgiven, confess your sins to God. But if you want to be healed, confess them to somebody else. It's the power that comes from having a spiritual accountability partner or small group.

The battle between your old and new nature is important, and you must learn how to fight if you want to live in freedom.

*“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery”
(Galatians 5:1 NIV).*



Old Goat For Dinner

The young couple invited their elderly pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they were having.

“Goat,” the little boy replied. “Goat?” replied the startled man of the cloth, “Are you sure about that?”

“Yep,” said the youngster. “I heard Dad say to Mom, “Today is just as good as any to have the old goat for dinner.””

Most Unchurched Consider Themselves Christian

A new study, released recently by The Barna Group, shows that millions of Americans do not attend church, and that a large majority of those who stay home on Sunday consider themselves to be Christian.

The research, which was based on phone interviews with 4,020 adults between August of 2009 and February of 2010, revealed that:



In the past six months, 28% of the adult population has not attended any church service or activity. When children are included, this translates to more than 100 million people.

In the US, 83% of all adults identify themselves as “Christian.”

Of those who have not attended church for at least six months, 61 percent label themselves “Christian.”

Two-thirds (68%) of the Christians who do not attend church hold a biblical view of God, but only one-third (35%) agree that the Bible is totally accurate in all the principles it teaches.

Past studies of those who do not attend church have revealed that one of the main reasons for not attending is the painful experiences endured within the local church context. A previous Barna study shows that 37 percent of unchurched Americans said they avoid church because of negative past experiences in the church or with church people.



Toss Your Bread into the Ocean

“Give generously, for your gifts will return to you later. Divide your gifts among many, for you do not know what risks might lie ahead.” – Ecclesiastes 11:1

Picture yourself standing on the beach with a loaf of bread in your hand. You break off one piece, then another, throwing the chunks of bread into the waves until the loaf is gone. “Cast your bread upon the waters,” was a bit of advice King Solomon gave in Ecclesiastes (KJV). Did he mean for us to actually throw bread into the ocean? No. Writers of the Bible often used word pictures to help us understand the truth. “Be generous!” Solomon is saying. As water is an unlikely place to throw bread, do kind deeds to unlikely people, not thinking of receiving anything back.

What happens when we “cast our bread on the waters”? Kind words and deeds act like boomerangs. Cast them out to a needy person and you’ll find that when you’re in need, someone will cast bread your way. By generously sharing your money, possessions, and time, you open the door to God’s blessings!

The Last Impression

A pastor, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service.

Afterward the pastor asked the man where he had gone. “I went to get a haircut,” was the reply. “But,” said the pastor, “why didn’t you do that before the service started?”



“Because,” the gentleman said, “I didn’t need one then.”

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



“Her methods are a bit unorthodox, but you’ve got to admit she’s effective!”

Will you consider making a special 2015 “catch-up” gift to HBC this summer?

Help us to continue into this year with by accomplishing greater things for God than we ever have before?