

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor
April 28, 2020

4/25/2020	4/26/2020
Budget 1619.00	Budget \$975.00
Annie Armstrong \$70.00	Cash in Cash out \$900.00
Associational Missions \$15.00	Food Closet \$100.00
Food Pantry \$35.00	Total Deposit \$1975.00
Total Deposit \$1739.00	

Helping the Homeless

We at Hilton Baptist Church have the opportunity to help the homeless. Can you imagine having a "Stay at Home" order in place and you do not have a home to stay in. The homeless of our community are in that situation right now. Different churches on the Peninsula are helping by donating bag lunches and the Four Oaks Center comes by and delivers them to three locations in the city where the homeless people can come and get them.

HBC has taken a couple of dates to be able to help. We need people to help make sandwiches on May 9th. If you would like to be a part, contact Pam Cooke 660-4226 and she will give you all the details.

Thanks again for being the hands and feet of Jesus!



To Kathy Devol on the passing of her father and
To Ruth Fries on the passing of her mother.

We love you and will be praying for you during this difficult time.



Please join Pastor Lynwood Monday through Friday at 9am for a morning devotion on Facebook Live. If you are not his friend, just send him a friend request him and he will accept. These devotions have been a blessing to so many.

During this crisis, if you need anything, please contact the church office 595-3300 and we will be able to help you. The church phone will be answered 24 hours a day.

Pray for our Missionaries:
PR (East Asian People) Hilary Mackey, David McClure (European People) KR, JT (South Asian People) Litza Craig, RJ (Southeast Asian People) Alicia Scofield (MT) Luis Cruz (Ontario) John Ames (RI)

Happy Birthday

4/29 Wayne Tawney
5/1 Madison Jordan
5/3 Pauline Shofner
5/3 Jim Upole
5/4 Joyce Greene
5/6 Kizzy Moriah



**Stay Home...
Keep 6' distance ...
Call and check on a friend...
Wash your hands ...
Pray!**

Tuesday, April 28th
1:00- 3:00pm Food Distribution
Thursday, April 30th
1:00-3-00pm Food Distribution
Sunday, May 3rd
10:00 Worship Live on Facebook
Tuesday, May 5th
1:00- 3:00pm Food Distribution
Thursday, May 7th
1:00-3-00pm Food Distribution
Sunday, May 10th
10:00 Worship Live on Facebook
Happy Mother's Day!

Betty Powell will be staying at the home of her son and daughter in law. If you would like to send her a card, I have listed her address below.

Keep her in your prayers as she starts her healing.

Betty Powell
306 Powhatan Drive
Poquoson, VA 23662

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

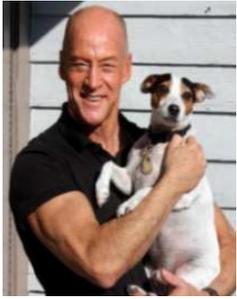
Our church goal \$4500.00
Collected to date \$3008.00

Baby bottles

With all the changes in our services at church, some people may have baby bottles that they would like to return. If you do, call the church office and we will arrange to pick it up sometime in the near future. Thank you for your giving.



"Serving our community with the love of Jesus"



Finding Your Purpose In Life

Most people struggle with three basic issues in life. The first is identity: “Who am I?” The second is importance: “Do I matter?” And the third is impact: “What is my purpose in life?” I believe the answers are found in understanding some of God’s reasons for creating you and putting you on earth.

God’s purpose for your life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment, your peace of mind, or even your happiness. It will last longer than your family, your ministry, or even your dreams and ambitions. To know why you were placed on this planet, you must begin with God. You were born by His purpose and for His purpose.

The search for the purpose of life has puzzled people for thousands of years. That’s because we typically begin at the wrong starting point – ourselves. We ask self-centered questions like: “What do I want to do with my life? What are my goals, my ambitions, and my dreams for my future?” Focusing on yourself will never reveal your life’s purpose because the Bible says in Job 12:10, “*It is God who directs the lives of His creatures; everyone’s life is in His power.*”

How then do you discover the purposes that you were created for? You only have two options. Your first option is speculation. This is what most people do. They conjecture, they guess, they theorize.

Fortunately, there is an alternative to speculation about the meaning and purpose of life. It’s revelation. We can turn to what God has revealed about life in His Word. The easiest way to discover the purpose of an invention is to ask the creator of it. The same is true for discovering your life’s purpose: ask God.

God has not left us in the dark to wonder and guess. He has clearly revealed His five purposes for our lives through the Bible. It’s our owner’s manual, explaining why we are alive, how life works, what to avoid, and what to expect in the future. It explains what no self-help or philosophy book could know. The Bible says in 1 Cor. 2:7, “*God’s wisdom... goes deep into the interior of His purposes... It’s not the latest message, but more like the oldest – what God determined as the way to bring out His best in us....*”

God is not just the starting point of your life; He is the source of it. To discover your purpose in life you must turn to God’s Word, not the world’s wisdom. You must build your life on eternal truths.

Ephesians 1:11 says, “*It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, He had His eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose He is working out in everything and everyone.*”

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

Faith In The Face Of Uncertainty

If you have been reading the headlines the past few days, you may have wondered whether the world is coming to an end:

“*Stock Market Bloodbath*”

“*Anxiety grips companies across the world as virus spreads*”

“*Italy extends its quarantine to the entire country*”

“*We’re past the point of containment’ . . .*”

Though they may sound alarming, these headlines are alerting us of a very real and urgent threat the world is facing from the new coronavirus and its attendant disease COVID-19. Fears about the coronavirus and COVID-19 are not unwarranted nor to be taken lightly. Lives are at stake. Yet I worry that the viral fear of COVID-19 is making us more vulnerable to the virus and its collateral effects. We have seen how a news story can send the global stock market tumbling. Fear can even weaken your immune system.

So what are we to do about this growing threat? I suggest the following:

Be Practical - We have to take this threat seriously. I have spoken with many doctors about COVID-19 and have read their practical advice: avoid close contact with people who are sick, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, stay home when you are sick, wash your hands consistently, don’t shake hands with others, etc. If you can, avoid any unnecessary travel, especially overseas to regions where the virus has spread. The CDC has published a helpful prevention guide, which you can reference for tips on how to protect yourself and your family from the virus.

Be Prayerful - This cannot be emphasized enough right now. We need to call out to God and ask for divine intervention to protect our country and its citizens. We need to pray for those who are infected that the Lord would touch them. Regardless of your political persuasion, this is not a time for partisan bickering but for us to pray and work together to fight this virus that knows no boundaries. COVID-19 transcends race, gender and party. We need to pull together, work together and pray together.

Be Prepared - There are two ways we need to be prepared for the coronavirus: The first is to be practically prepared in case of an emergency. Stock up on groceries and items such as sanitizers and, if possible, set aside an emergency fund for any unexpected expenses.

We also need to be prepared spiritually for this threat. Crisis such as these put life in perspective: am I in a right relationship with God? Maybe you grew up in church and walked away from your faith or maybe you have never considered God at all. Right now is the time to do it. Jesus died on a cross 2,000 years ago for you and me to give us hope and life not only for now but for eternity. If we turn to Him, we can confidently replace fear with faith. We can triumph over COVID-19!



Continually Surrounded

"The LORD's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!"
Psalms 32:10,11



God controls and allows every detail of our lives. Nothing happens without His knowledge and approval. Every day, little changes in schedule or small irritations occur. Every day, we can choose to let these obstacles upset us, or we can rest in the knowledge that God lovingly ordained them as small irritants to help us look to and rely on Him.

For example, we can grumble about the frustrating traffic jam that is keeping us from getting somewhere on time, or we can remember that God knows about our deadlines and view the time sitting in traffic as an opportunity to pray. We can complain, or we can rejoice.

Every decision we make has consequences. Every turn in the path we choose to take will either lead us closer or further away from our place of destiny with Christ.

May we allow the knowledge that we are continually surrounded by God's unfailing love to permeate our lives and chase away our complaints and fears.



The Church Lady

There was a little old lady who was very spiritual who would step out on her porch every day, raise her arms to the sky and yell, "Praise the Lord"

One day, an atheist bought the house next door to her, and he became very irritated with the spiritual lady. So after a month or so of her yelling, "Praise the Lord" from her porch, he would go outside on his porch and yelled back, "There is no Lord."

Yet, the little old lady continued. One cold, wintry day, when the little old lady couldn't get to the store, she went out on her porch, raised her hands up to the sky and said, "Help me Lord, I have no more money, it's cold, and I have no more food."

The next morning, she went outside, and there were bags of food on the porch, enough to last her a week. "Praise the Lord," she yelled. The Atheist stepped out from the bushes and said, "There is no Lord, ha ha ha, I bought those groceries!"

The little old lady raised her arms to the sky and said, "Praise the Lord, You sent me groceries and you made the Devil pay for them!"



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Thanks to Mikel Rice

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SLOW DOWN ... WATCH OUT FOR THAT OASIS ... CAREFUL FOR THE DUNE ... CAN'T YOU SEE THAT PALM TREE?