

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor
April 7, 2020

3/30/2020
Budget \$4515.00
Budget Designated—Initial Offering \$10.00
Annie Armstrong Offering \$25.00
Food Pantry \$1050.00
Total Deposit \$5600.00

4/2/2020
Budget \$2456.00
Annie Armstrong Offering \$10.00
Food Pantry \$90.00
WMU Group \$10.00
Total Deposit \$2566.00

Thank you for your continued giving during this time of shut down.
You can mail your offering or you can give on our church website.
Thank you again!

Many people have given to have an Easter Lily put in the church for Easter. Since we will not be joining together for Easter, we are going to hold off on the Easter Lilies. On our first service back at HBC, we will have flowers in the church for all those who gave in honor or in memory of someone.



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 and he will accept. These devotions have been a blessing to so many.

We have sent out a self addressed envelope 3 weeks ago. We are going to be doing that every 3 weeks to those who give by check and do not give online. We just want it to be easier for anyone that wants to give.



Thank you to everyone that has continued to give during this time. You will be blessed. God has been good to HBC as we help others.

A special thank you to our Praise Team and Audio Visual Team for all that they have done to help with the our worship services. They have done a great job, as they usually do! Thanks Team...your church family appreciate you!



The Southeastern Correctional Ministry has postponed their walk. We will let you know when a new date has been set.

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:

LS (Central Asian People) WG (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) DD (South Asian People) JC, SJ, (Southeast Asian People) David Yngsdal (Sub-Saharan African People) Michael Inman (KS) Vincent Santos Diaz (Manitoba) Ramel Williams (NE) Christopher Poluikis (VT)

Happy Birthday

4/7 Cheryl Eldridge
4/8 Denise Vassar



All activities are cancelled at Hilton Baptist Church until further Notice. We look forward to when we will be able to join again and have lots of fun and fellowship.

**Stay Home...
Keep 6' distance ...
Wash your hands ...
Pray!**

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Our church goal \$4500.00
Collected to date \$2038.00

Food Distribution

Notice to anyone that is scheduled to work in Food Distribution

We are so thankful for the Volunteers that help every month. We are aware that most of these people are over 60 and the Federal and Local government have said that this age group needs to Stay Home. With this being said, we agree. You know when you are scheduled. If you are planning on coming, please call the church office and let Dreama know. Otherwise, do not come please! We have several that have volunteered to help until they go back to work. Everything will be covered for your shift until we get back to normal. You are so appreciated, thank you so much!

“Serving our community with the love of Jesus”

Week of 4/5

Tuesday, April 7th

1:00– 3:00pm Food Distribution

Thursday, April 9th

1:00-3-00pm Food Distribution

Friday, April 10th

7pm Good Friday Service
Facebook Live

Sunday, April 12th

Easter Sunday. The Tomb is Empty, Jesus is Alive!
10:00 Worship Live on Facebook

Week of 4/12

Tuesday, April 14th

1:00– 3:00pm Food Distribution

Thursday, April 16th

1:00-3-00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, April 19th

10:00 Worship Live on Facebook

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.





EASTER DEVOTIONS

The following is a devotion pinned by Billy Graham. Let us take time this week in the Word to remember the greatest celebration of all times! He is Risen! Blessed be the name of the Lord!

THURSDAY Read: [1 Corinthians 15:35-43](#)

As we approach the celebration of Good Friday, I'm reminded of the seven sayings of Jesus from the cross and the glory and the power in each saying.

Jesus was alone. He had come to His own, and His own did not receive Him. When He was being arrested in the garden of Gethsemane, we are told that "all the disciples deserted him and fled" (Matthew 26:56). The crowds who had so recently shouted, "Hosanna!" would soon shout, "Crucify him! ... Crucify him!" (Matthew 21:9, 27:22-23).

Now even His loyal Twelve had left. And at last we hear Him cry out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34). Not only had He been forsaken by His human companions, but now in that desperate and lonely hour, He—because He was bearing our sins in His own body on the cross—had been forsaken by God. Jesus was enduring the suffering and judgment of Hell for you and for me.

FRIDAY Read: [1 Corinthians 15:44-49](#)

Good Friday celebrates the day our Lord died for our sins on the cross. I have often sat by the hour and tried to imagine the agony and suffering He went through because of our sins. At one point He said from the cross, "It is finished" (John 19:30). He meant that God had accepted His work on the cross as the penalty for our sins.

Christ's death on our behalf is the reason God can forgive us and still be just. And His death teaches us the depth and breadth that there should be in our forgiveness of one another.

While that holy Friday was tremendous, it was only a prelude to Sunday morning when He was raised from the dead. Godly women had come to see His tomb, but angels made the glorious announcement, "He has risen!" (Luke 24:6). His resurrection guaranteed that we, too, will be raised, if we are believers and obeyers of His Word.

SATURDAY Read: [1 Corinthians 15:50-54](#)

From Genesis to Revelation, we are warned that "it is later than you think." Paul writes to Christians in Romans 13:11-12: "The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light."

There are millions of people around the world who do not have peace at this moment because they have never found the secret of peace. Some of them may have riches today as a result of greed and covetousness; but their souls are lean, their hearts are cold toward God, their consciences are dulled, and their minds are blinded.

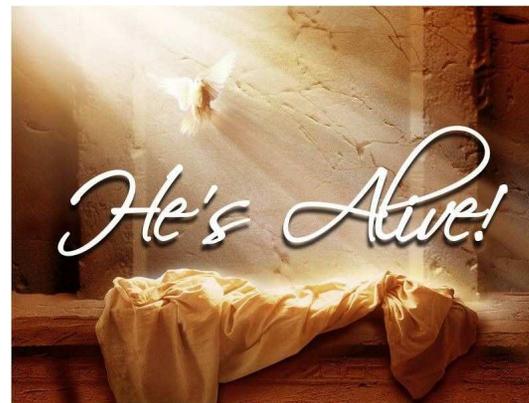
They need to know that there is a God of marvelous love who sent His Son Jesus Christ to this world. And as a demonstration of His mercy, Christ—who is the Prince of Peace—went to the cross to make a way for peace between God and mankind.

EASTER SUNDAY Read: [1 Corinthians 15:55-58](#)

Easter is a season of great gladness for those who know Christ. But for those who are without "the light of the knowledge of God's glory" (2 Corinthians 4:6), there is nothing to rejoice over.

Jesus left us with the great hope and certainty that He is going to return to bring a new Heaven and a new earth where, we are told, there will be no more sorrow, trouble, or death for those who have believed and followed Him. There will be trouble, sorrow, and suffering for those who have neglected or rejected Him.

As Christians, our great task is to obey the command to tell the whole world about Christ crucified, buried, yet risen again. My prayer for you during this season of the year, when we meditate on our Savior's great sacrifice for us on the cross, is that you will be filled with great peace and hope, because "He is risen!" That is the Good News.





Like The Very First Easter!

It is as if we were stepping into a time machine!

Instead of crowded parking lots, fancy dresses, new Easter suits and deciding where we are going to eat after the worship service, this Easter Sunday morning will be totally different. There will be no praise band or lilies, no echoing back by the congregation of the familiar Easter proclamation...*"The Lord Is Risen... He Is Risen Indeed!"*

In fact, things are probably going to be more similar than they have ever been to the way they were 2000 years ago.

The first Easter found the most faithful huddled away from their congregations, hiding out with a different fear. Instead of a pandemic, the disciples were afraid of the religious and political authorities who'd crucified Jesus and were likely coming after them too.

Perhaps they also feared Jesus. After all, they'd sworn never to deny or disown him, but when everything went south, they'd scrambled and fled, leaving a small group of women to keep the faith afloat. And now Jesus was loose and they were not eager to face Him at the moment.

However, the disciples' socially-distant hideout proved an ineffective escape from the Master. The resurrected Jesus had no difficulty in tracking them down. As they huddled together in their fear, He appeared in their midst (John 20:19–21). Not to scorn or rebuke them for their faithlessness, but rather to forgive and to bless and, a few weeks hence, to empower with his very Spirit.

It is this same Holy Spirit who has empowered Christians to serve and to love through every crisis—from pandemics to natural disasters and world wars. History reminds us how Christians historically have in the past sacrificed for others during epidemics and plagues. Christians built the first hospitals where caring for the sick could happen safely. Their courageous conviction to love and care for the least and the poor bore witness to the Spirit's power. The result was more an expanding than diminishing church and the spread of the gospel.

We remain the Body of Christ whether we are physically together or separate and apart. In this current event and challenge we exercise prudent wisdom and restraint. Even as practice stringent hygiene and social distancing, coming together physically as a congregation in the face of this pandemic could actually mar our witness. Rather than looking courageous and faithful, we could come off looking callous and foolish.

At HBC, we trust in God's ability to meet us regardless of the location. The church remains the church whether gathered or scattered. This Easter we invite all to join us for our first *"Easter Celebration Live On Facebook!"*, and together proclaiming, *"The Lord Is Risen... He Is Risen Indeed!"*

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

3 Ways To Celebrate Easter This Year!



1. "Go" to Church

Mandatory quarantine has pushed our weekend church gathering online. God has faithfully gone before us to establish a network of technology to keep us connected, though we remain physically apart. Log on to Facebook this Easter, and checkout the Hilton Baptist Church page, or our pastor, Lynwood Wells page, and you should be able to join our live telecast. And even though we aren't all physically together, we will still gather together in the presence of God.

God promises, *"for where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."* ([Matthew 18:20](#) ESV) Share the link to the service, for many who only attend church on major holidays, might not be as familiar with how to navigate on Facebook.

2. Read the Resurrection Scripture Passages

"Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!'" - [John 20:26](#)

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is recorded in all four of the Gospels: [Matthew 28:1-20](#), [Mark 16:1-20](#), [Luke 24:1-53](#), and [John 20:1-31](#). Taking time to read the Word of God aloud, or in private, is powerful. When we meet God in His Word, He is faithful to reveal layers of His truth we may not have been privy to before.

3. Sing Hallelujah!

"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." - [Psalm 95:1](#)

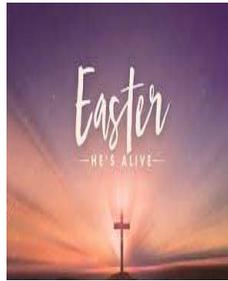
There are many verses throughout Scripture about singing as a form of worshipping and celebrating our God. Even though our current quarantine status may not have us in the mood to sing praises, it's good to worship God, even when things are literally in crisis mode. Singing is traditionally part of the Christian [Easter](#) celebration.

Turn on some worship or Gospel music and let the anthems of Easter fill the hallways of the house. Sing out! Christ is Risen! Or perhaps your favorite hymn by yourself or with others!

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

What Is Easter & Why Do Christians Celebrate It?

“Jesus replied, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.’” John 12:23-25



Christians celebrate Easter in remembrance of Jesus' resurrection from death, three days after being hung on a cross. “Luke tells us, having done all of his historical research,” that for forty days, Jesus gave many infallible proofs, “and Paul himself,” John Piper explains, “said that five hundred people had seen him alive, and some of those are still alive, if you want to go talk to them (1 Corinthians 15:6).” The substitutionary sacrifice of Christ paid the price for the sins of humanity, once for all. Another scholar explains why Jesus' resurrection is so important: “It literally changed everything. And that is not only why we celebrate Easter, but it is why we gather every Sunday morning, because every Sunday morning is resurrection Sunday.”

The Holy Spirit lives in every believer, because of the events we celebrate at Easter. No longer are we slaves to sin but free through the blood of Jesus. “For God so love the world,” the Apostle John wrote, “that He gave His one and only Son.” Forgiveness was always God's plan. “Easter is the ultimate rescue story,” writes Melissa Kruger. And though death has been defeated, Jesus will return. Easter celebrates what has been done, and what is still yet to come!

The Last Laugh!

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands.

The Pastor grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. He said to him quietly, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

The Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

My friend whispered back, "I'm in the ‘Secret Service!’”



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