

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor
July 7, 2020

Deposit 7/9/2020

Budget \$3554.00
 Budget Designated– Memorials \$70.00 in Memory of David Moore
 8-145 Cash in Cash out– Rent Journey Church \$400.00
 8-403 Food Closet \$141.00
 8-412 Pure Water Pure Love \$50.00 In memory of David Moore
 Total Deposit \$4215.00

Mission Giving for July and August

Pure Water Pure Love

Pure Water, Pure Love has a three-fold mission: to supply missionaries with water filters, to provide the people they serve with wells that offer clean water and to supply missions teams with water filters for use on short-term missions trips.

Throughout the world, people are at constant risk of contracting a disease or parasites from their water. Many are forced to carry heavy jugs of water for miles just to be sure their families have clean, healthy water. For others, the prospect of clean water is simply non-existent.

With the help of hundreds of churches, PWPL provides thousands of water filters to missionary families and helps fund clean water projects.

You can help! We will be collecting for this mission through August. Should we return to church on July 19th, we will have the PWPL jug in the sanctuary.

Food Pantry Donations

With projection of starting church back on July 19th we will also be supporting the Food Pantry. Please bring your non– perishable items and put them in the Food Pantry basket July 19th and July 26th.

HBC is making Sandwiches for the Homeless

We can really use your help!
 We will be making sandwiches for the homeless on Wednesday, July 22nd and Thursday, July 23rd. We need help on both days to make sandwiches and fix lunch bags. PLEASE call Pam Cooke if you can help one or both of those days. We need to know ahead of time to be sure everything is covered. 9am til 10am (approx.)

We are also in need of boxes to deliver the lunches. (Larger than a shoebox but smaller than a large kitchen appliance Box)



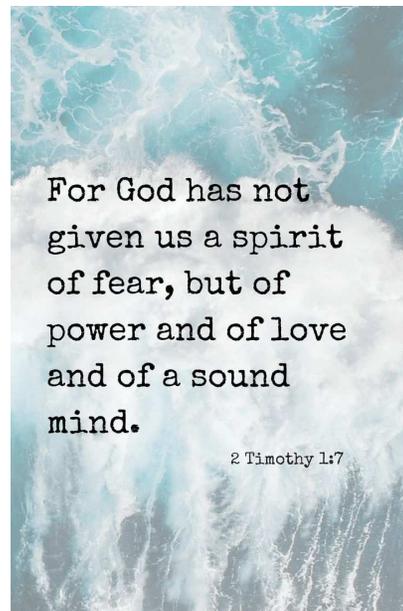
Pray for our Missionaries:

Meghan Aranda (American People) EF, EJ, JN, SO, BV (East Asian People)
 Jason Dietz (European People) MS (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) HC, CS (South Asian People)
 Wendy Jennings (Southeast Asian People) Taisir Emeish, JM (Sub Saharan African People) Tim Cummins (GA)
 Chad Wilkin (IN) Shane Tucker (KS)
 Abel Rodriguez (LA) Christopher Steiner (MN) Phillip Lyons (TN) Stuart Bell, Nelson Cantor, David Eliff (WA)

A Special Thanks

We would like to express our thanks for all the cards, visits, expressions of love and prayers during the recent passing of my husband, David Moore. Your love and kindness meant so much. May God Bless each of you.

Kathy Moore and family



Tuesday, July 14th

1:00 –2:00pm Food Distribution
 6:30pm Vision Team Meeting

Wednesday, July 15th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, July 16th

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, July 19th

10am Worship at HBC and Facebook Live

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9:00am Homeless Sandwiches fixed at the church
 7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

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Happy Birthday for July for the Next two weeks

Tracy Venable 7/21
 Maury Jackson 7/23
 Sue Monfalcone 7/23
 Madison St. Ours 7/24



“Serving our community with the love of Jesus”



What Do We Mean When We Say “New Normal”...

“New Normal...” The phrase itself is an oxymoron. It’s a figure of speech which itself contains contradictory terms. Each and every day is filled with uncertainty. And for the foreseeable future that seems to be no ‘new normal.’

So much has happened to us collectively during COVID. It’s like a collective trauma that has left us all reeling. Trauma is an experience that overloads your system’s ability to respond. It’s typically a very painful, unexpected experience.

Right now, these experiences can come in many forms, like a serious illness, loss of a loved one, loss of a job, loss of social life, loss of access to what brings you joy, loss of support for childcare and education. Trauma is a blow to your system. And now more than ever, we have all seen how vulnerable we are.

As the world opens back up, we are at a crucial point. We are faced with a decision on whether or not to step back out- “to get back on the horse,” as they say. As we do that, we can allow our brains to stay in a state of hyper-vigilance, or we can find some way of letting go of what we can’t control, and instead go forth in peace and wisdom. Anxiety tells us to fear and react while wisdom tells us to pause and respond. We feel restless and powerless.

In response, it’s natural that we want to regain a sense of control over our lives: We want the updates (reading the news), we want to band together (convincing others to do what we’re doing), we want to be healthy (disinfecting everything or isolating). Yet there’s a fine line between living in fear and responding in wisdom.

The only way to move forward in wisdom is to remember what’s most important – the eternal. The good news of the gospel is that our encounter with God is a matter first and foremost one of Spirit, followed by spirit led actions.

The church of Jesus Christ is not a tradition, not a building, and not a denomination. It is a spiritual structure which consists of living stones, yes, you and me being fitted together to corporately house and provide a residence where the Spirit of God may inhabit and through which the Spirit of God may work.

Individually, St. Paul declares us to be the temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:9). Likewise He has promised, “*For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.*” *Matthew 18:20.*” In other words, He meets us both individually and corporately. He just wants us meet us at the point of our need and of our faith!

On the grace journey together with you... Pastor Lynwood

**ALL HBC Family Members
please note...**

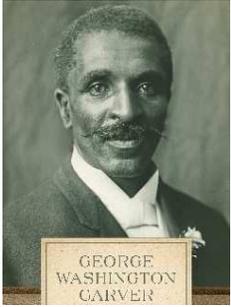
**In our re-open we will be taking
precautions to make
our in-person services as
safe as possible.**

**We respectfully ask that you
honor others by following these
guidelines:**



- *Please be prepared to have temperature check and registration upon entry.
- *Please wear a mask while you are in the building. If you don't have a mask, one will be provided for you. Mask should be worn at all times .
- * Hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed strategically around the building. Feel free to use them as often as you deem necessary, and please assist children.
- *Please do your best to practice physical distancing while inside the building and refrain from gathering closely.
- *Please only sit in the chairs or pews marked as open. We will be skipping every other pew as well as moving some chairs.
- *Families and close friends may choose to sit together and stay together in the auditorium. There will be no nursery, preschool, children or student rooms open on Sunday morning.
- *While we all want to hug, high-five, and shake hands, please refrain from doing so for now.
- *Each Sunday service will continue to be streamed to Facebook That means that we will be watching the exact same service on the screen in the auditorium as is being streamed online at home.
- *Plan to arrive EARLY for registration and seating. Doors will open at 9:30AM and will be closed at 10:00 AM. NO LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ALLOWED IN after the service has begun.
- *As the service ends, we ask that you exit the building promptly so that we can sanitize the auditorium service.
- *Once seated you will be asked to stay there during entire worship service and a congregational picture will be taken to record seating location.
- *Persons with compromised immune systems, in an at-risk category, or simply not ready to return to campus are encouraged to stay home and continue watching online.

While these guidelines may seem excessive to some, we are taking each of these precautions to minimize the risk of any virus infection in our church family and for the safety and benefit of all who choose to attend our public worship. Thank you for your cooperation!



All Things Are Possible!

"Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'" – Matthew 19:26

The future must have seemed hopeless for George Washington Carver. He lived during a time when there were few opportunities and overwhelming obstacles for African-Americans.

Born on a farm in Missouri around 1864, he had a difficult childhood. His body was frail, and he often was sick. He never really knew his natural father. While still an infant, Carver – along with his sisters and mother – was kidnapped by raiders. Although he was rescued, the others died or disappeared.

Yet Carver did not allow these obstacles to stand in his way. He demonstrated determination and a drive to learn. He eventually graduated from Iowa Agricultural College where he taught before moving on to Tuskegee College in Alabama.

In spite of what seemed like impossible barriers, Carver went on to make many amazing discoveries, including hundreds of innovative uses for peanuts, soybeans, pecans, and sweet potatoes. He also developed a crop rotation method that revolutionized agriculture.

What was his secret? Faith in God. He prayed, “those whom He has redeemed learn to walk with Him not only daily or hourly,” but moment by moment. He asked God for wisdom “to do His will.” Carver simply believed that all things were possible.

Think about your life. Whatever you face, trust in God. Don't limit Him. Fill your mind with His Word, and be ready to step out in faith. Believe that He will answer your prayers. If you ask, all things are possible.

The Last Laugh...

“Bubba’s Hearing And The Pastor”

“What’s wrong, Bubba?” asked the pastor.

“I need you to pray for my hearing,” said Bubba.

The pastor put his hands on Bubba’s ears and prayed.

When he was done, he asked, “So how’s your hearing?”

“I don’t know,” said Bubba. “It isn’t until next Tuesday!”



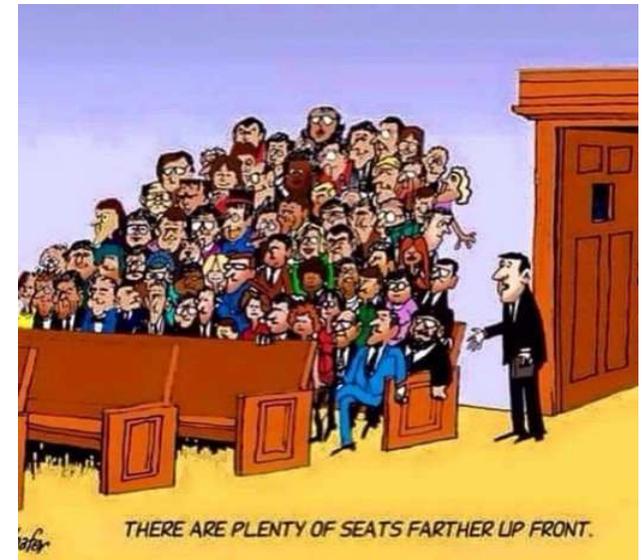
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Why People Will Want to Come Back to Church

Here are a few reasons why I think believers and visitors may want to come back to church after the coronavirus restrictions are relaxed.

1. People will miss connections with other believers.

The current isolation from other people is likely to cause some to crave interpersonal connections with others. The extended time of social distancing can permit loneliness to develop in some, so perhaps [Christ](#)-followers will desire to be present in church buildings once again to renew times of fellowship and interaction with other believers. This may be especially true with younger generations for whom strong connections with peers are very important.

2. People will respond positively to connections made during coronavirus situation. Many pastors and other church leaders have worked hard during the COVID-19 scare to communicate the gospel and the love of Christ to the largest number of people possible. Churches of all sizes have effectively utilized technology, especially social media platforms, to minister to church members and to reach out to unchurched people in their own communities.

3. Some churches also developed new creative ways of outreach. Ministries such as our HBC Food Pantry and food distribution to the needy. And I have also heard of some who have been making grocery or medicine runs for shut-ins) to demonstrate their willingness to serve in their own neighborhoods. These methods, especially during a difficult time in this nation's history, will undoubtedly yield some evangelistic results for the church. Recipients may indeed choose to visit those churches once the current shelter-in-place directives are relaxed.

4. People will have a greater sense of commitment due to living through a crisis. Some church leaders believe that the coronavirus epidemic may, in fact, be good for the church. Churches have had to figure out ways to fulfill their mission without the opportunity to gather in large assemblies. The emphasis upon a growing level of true community in small groups, in lieu of big gatherings, may continue to be a significant priority in the church's future.

No one knows exactly what the church will look like once the current practice of social distancing is over. Some are predicting difficult times ahead for churches. Others are saying the church will come back stronger than ever. The important thing to remember is that the church is God's idea and it is His work in the world today ([Matthew 16:18](#)). He is certainly able to take care of His church and help the church weather whatever circumstances life may throw at it!

Don't Look Back!

The COVID-19 pandemic is likely to have lasting impact not only on the economy but on the church. Many of the changes that we are putting in place now may impact the way we view ministry in the future, and many churches may emerge healthier than before the crisis. A crisis is an ideal time to focus on the things that really matter, and to consider our true priorities as the Church.

Like any pastor, I would be lying if I said I wasn't stressed. But I would also be lying if I said I wasn't strangely hope-filled.

The point here is not to radically rethink our mission (for this has always been to make disciples who make more disciples), but to rethink our ways of engaging in the mission. What if, for instance, we began to measure success based on the number of people we mobilized weekly on mission instead of the number of Sunday attendees or even the amount of money in our coffers? What if we moved from lecture and classroom-based discipleship to one-on-one relational discipleship? What if we detoxed from our addiction to come-to-us events and began to think in more localized, incarnational ways regarding being church and spreading the gospel?

And what if, when all this was over, we didn't look back?

God's Spirit has always led God's people to creativity at key moments in history, and the moment we are in will possibly define existence for generations. You may feel busier than ever making pivots in strategy during this time. Take time for prayer and reflection to consider how your church might function differently after the pandemic passes.

Under the Assyrian and Babylonian empires, God's people lived in exile, separated from their place of worship, their traditions and, in many cases, their own families and communities of origin. Many struggled to maintain devotion to God, to perform meaningful worship and to live out of their convictions instead of the prevailing culture.

For many in the church, today is perhaps our "exile moment." We are reminded daily that God does not reside in a building made of brick and mortar. We struggle to find connection and meaning with uprooted lives and routines. We are surrounded by idolatry—from people calling for financial stability over the lives of neighbors to the embrace of hoarding increasingly scarce resources.

This is a moment for the church to shine and for our faith to shape our own living. Loving God and loving our neighbors have always been radical. However your church shifts and however you remain faithful in this crisis, don't look back.



—Jonathan Davis
Beale Memorial Baptist
Church, Tappahannock, VA



Making HBC A Safe Place To Worship!

On July 19, we plan to return to live worship on Sundays. Be prepared for the following extra safety measures to be enforced:

- *Face masks must be worn when entering, exiting and talking with others and should only be removed when seated for worship
- *Temperatures will be taken upon entry
- *We will utilize only one central back door for entrance and exiting
- *One person in restroom at a time

There will be other signs and guidelines posted and it is expected that all rules will be followed by everyone to ensure a safe worship experience!

All HBC Online Ministries Will Continue!

During the last several months, our online presence and outreach has shown significant increases. Many new names and faces have been added through our “Virtual Worship” ministry!



We have been blessed in that even before COVID19 struck, we had several years of online streaming under our belt. During this time when the church building has remained closed, it is noteworthy that our ministry has grown in a substantive way. Through our streamed worship services, and our online teaching devotionals Mon. – Fri, we are reaching people that we have never engaged before – and they are a faithful group!

If you have a computer or a smart TV you can join in with us at anytime! Currently we are live streaming through 2 Facebook sites: 1)Hilton Baptist Church, or, 2) Lynwood Wells. Both are public open access sites and anyone can view them. If you don’t know how to “connect” try getting a younger person familiar with social networking to help you get plugged in!

“Facebook Live Sunday Worship!”

10:00 AM – Sunday morning!

“Messages From Mill Point!”

9:00 AM Mon. – Fri.

20 -minute daily devotionals with Pastor Lynwood

Join us Wednesday nights 7:00 pm on Facebook Live for “Wednesday Night Bible Study” with Pastor Lynwood & Special Guests!

Priming the Pump

Many years ago, I heard Oral Roberts tell the story of a letter found inside an old tin can. It was wired to the handle of an old pump that offered the only hope of drinking water on a very long and seldom-used trail across the Amargosa Desert:



The note read as follows:

“This pump is all right as of June 1932. I put a new sucker washer into it and it ought to last five years. But the washer dries out and the pump has got to be primed. Under the white rock I buried a bottle of water, out of the sun and cork end up.

There’s enough water in it to prime the pump, but not if you drink some first. Pour about one fourth and let her soak to wet the leather. Then pour in the rest medium fast and pump like crazy.

You’ll git water. The well has never run dry. Have faith. When you git watered up, fill the bottle and put it back like you found it for the next feller.”

Signed, Desert Pete

P.S. Don’t go drinking up the water first. Prime the pump with it and you’ll get all you can hold.”

If you were a lonely traveler shuffling down that parched desert trail with your canteen bone dry, would you trust this guy, “Desert Pete”?

For all you know, he is a lunatic. What if it’s a mad hoax? There are no guarantees to what he claims is true. And what would motivate you to prime the pump with the water in the bottle – perhaps the only water available! But, you understand the fact that old pumps have to be primed.

It’s a gamble. A risk. An adventure. What do you do?

This story illustrates an important principle: the principle of *before*. The lonely traveler had to prime the pump before all the water flowed. The before principle manifests itself in everyday life.

There are battles before victory. There are struggles before celebration. There are steps before arrivals. There is practice before perfection. There is preparation before completion.

We want victory in our life. What you do now – *before* the battle – will determine the victory you have in the battle! Find what you can do to “prime the pump” and you’ll have all the water that you need!