

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

July 21, 2020

Deposit 7/16/2020

Budget \$2612.00
 Designated Budget– Memorial David Moore \$75.00
 Designated Budget- Memorial Emma Fischer \$100.00
 8-145 Cash in Cash out- \$75.00 for Kids’ Ministry in memory of David Moore
 8-145– Cash in Cash out– Rent COP \$900.00
 8-403 Food Closet– \$30.00 In honor of Sue Monfalcone
 8412– Pure Water Pure Love \$100.00
 Total Deposit \$3892.00

Vision Team 7/14/2020 Recap

Art–VT Chair opened with prayer

Team Reports

Tara- Finance Team–Finances are fine. All bills are paid

Robbie– Worship Team– Everything is fine

Dreama– Reporting for Facilities- 1) The Freezer and refrigerator are both having problems. We have a price to fix the problem at approximately \$1500.00 and to replace the units approximately \$7000.00. It was decided by the Team to fix the problem instead of purchase new units at this time. 2) Due to the Coronavirus and Denise being out because of surgery, it was suggested that we cancel the Craft Show this year. The team voted to cancel for 2020. The money that had already been paid by crafters would be returned.

Pam– Mission Outreach 1) For Serve the City Pam, Pat Painter and Paul Thorne participated and everything went well . There was over 1000 hours worked by everyone that volunteered. 2) HBC will be making sandwiches again for the Homeless, July 22nd and July 23rd. We still need volunteers. The city has taken over the Four Oaks Day Center and things have changed. More information will be coming.

Nadine, Tim H and Robert– Had no report

Dreama– Did mention about the Kid’s Ministry and a couple of the families are struggling. Please remember the kids and their families in your prayers.

Lynwood- Went over the Guidelines for return to church. Workday on Saturday to get sanctuary ready. X’s to be placed on sidewalks for 6’ distance and jobs needed to make the day safe were discussed and assigned.

Lynwood Closed in prayer

HBC is making Sandwiches for the Homeless

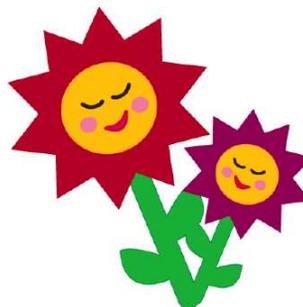
We can really use your help! We will be making sandwiches for the homeless on Wednesday, July 22nd and Thursday , July 23rd. We need help on both days to make sandwiches and fix lunch bags. PLEASE call Pam Cooke if you can help one or both of those days. We need to know ahead of time to be sure everything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

JB (Baptist Global Response) AA, RB, TB, DK (Central Asian People) RC, EW (East Asian People) Benjamin Armacoat (European People) JM (Global Strategic Advance) AM, EM (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) AK, CM (Southeast Asian People) Sky Scott (Sub-Saharan African People) Sylain Lombe Mduyi (IL) Gilmer Mauricio (IA) Artuno Nenez (KS) Gregory Whitetree (KY) Stuart Dace (MO) Taylor Field, Matthew Ulp (NY) Barrett Betty (NC) Peyton Willis (TN) Christopher Hess (VA) Timothy Walker (WA)

Food Pantry Donations

We will be taking up donations for food pantry this Sunday. Bring your non perishable items and place them in the basket at the back of the church in the Mission Outreach area. Thanks for your continued giving to this important ministry.



A Special Thanks

To My HBC Family
 I want to say thank you to everyone for all the prayers and thoughts and cards you have sent me. They have really helped lift my spirits. I have several more weeks to go without walking but it will pass quickly. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Love, Jeanne and Barry

Tuesday, July 21st

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, July 22nd

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

Thursday, July 23rd

9:00am Homeless Sandwiches Fixed at the church
 1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, July 26th

10am Worship at HBC and Facebook Live

Tuesday, July 28th

1:00 –2:00pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, July 29th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, July 30th

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, August 2nd

10am Worship at HBC and Facebook Live

Don’t forget Pastor Lynwood’s Morning Devotions from Millpoint every week day at 9am.

Happy Birthday for July for the next two weeks

Sue Monfalcone 7/23
 Madison St. Ours 7/24
 Wayne Tawney 7/27
 Herb Turner 7/28
 Cindy Gibson 7/31



“Serving our community with the love of Jesus”



3 Things To Let Go Of During COVID19

There's a difference between letting go and having things ripped out of your hands.

COVID has taken so many things from all of us during the past few months. Many lives lost, jobs ended, cancelled events and travel. Not to mention school and church closures, and the financial impact each one of these changes represents.

Trying to figure out how to make it through this crisis has become my daily focus. The combination of worry and exhaustion revealed my need to let go. Here are 3 things that I decided to let go of, for the better:

1. Let Go of the Expectation for Things to Return to Normal - Normal is the word used to describe the moments when life is in a comfortable routine. Familiar patterns make life easy. We would all rather stick to our normal way of doing things.

COVID came into our lives like a flash flood. The swiftness of raging flood waters left our normal way of life changed in its wake. In the midst of change, simple things don't always feel simple. But in the end we often find our new routines offer a much needed change.

2. Let Go Of Busyness - COVID set in motion a global time-out. With stores and malls closed due to COVID, that put an end to quick trips to the store to "pick up a few things." Quarantine has helped us to slow down and be more present to the everyday ordinary moments. Those moments that we often took for granted.

1 Samuel 12:16 says "Now then, stand still and see this great thing the Lord is about to do before your eyes!" Stillness allows us to see God at work. Resist the temptation to allow hurry to run your days. You might miss a glimpse of God at work.

3. Let Go of Trying to Remain Positive At All Times - Spring break plans: cancelled. Graduation party: cancelled. Birthday party: cancelled. As we move forward, COVID will still be a reality. It's okay to allow yourself to hurt and to feel pain and discouragement.

Restoration of hope often takes time. When temptation fills your heart and you want to rush the process, remember God's timing may not match your timeline, but God is always on time and never a moment late. Allow this truth to keep you strong in your faith and in the challenges to come.

Finally, it is important to remember this. A positive mindset is not about being happy all time. It's about keeping a hope-filled posture towards the days ahead. Some are good. Others better. The best are always yet to come!

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

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

In all our public worship we will continue to take precautions to make our in-person services as safe as possible.

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

**RETURN TO
PUBLIC CHURCH
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 for entry and exit of service, and may be removed only while seated for worship.

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 together whether in service or 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.

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!



Don't Worry About It

*"Casting all your care upon Him,
for He cares for you." – 1 Peter 5:7*

"Cheer up, it might never happen!" can be the most annoying phrase in the whole world. And "Turn that frown upside down!" can be as helpful as dropping your ice cream on the carpet! It can feel really patronizing and unhelpful when people tell you not to worry. After all, most of the time you worry about things that actually matter.

One author wrote, "A friend came up with this novel idea: 'Why don't you try this worry coupon? It entitles you to worry as much as you like, but only if it will: (a) feed and clothe you; (b) add to your life instead of taking from it; (c) make tomorrow better; (d) you don't mind acting like a non-believer! If that doesn't work, make a list of all the things you're worrying about, place it in a box and put it up on a shelf where you can't see it. If God is either unwilling or unable to take care of it, you can always get the box and start worrying again but at least give Him a chance. While you are waiting for Him to answer, pray. Stand on His Word. Don't give your worries a voice."

If you're a chronic worrier, why not make a list of the things you're worrying about, give them to God in prayer – and give Him a chance to help.

The Last Impression

Fresh out of business school, a young man answered a want ad for an accountant. His interview was with a very nervous man who ran a small business that he had started himself.



"I need someone with an accounting degree," the man said. "But mainly, I'm looking for someone to do my worrying for me."

"Excuse me?" the accountant said.

"I worry about a lot of things," the man said. "But I don't want to have to worry about money. Your job will be to take all the money worries off my back."

"I see," the accountant said. "And how much does the job pay?"

"I'll start you at a hundred thousand."

"A hundred thousand dollars!" the accountant exclaimed. "How can such a small business afford a sum like that?"

"That," the owner said, "is your first worry."



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**LEAVE THE GARDEN? ... BUT I HAVEN'T A
THING TO WEAR!**



Local Churches Can Lead The Way

Bill Wilson predicts that up to one-third of U.S. churches could be out of business by 2025. He points to LifeWay Research that says 5% of U.S. churches will close within the year because of the pandemic. That's five times the average closure rate for churches, according to The Christian Century magazine.

Wilson, who directs [The Center for Healthy Churches](#), acknowledges that this is all conjecture, given the unprecedented nature and unknown length of the pandemic shutdown.

His best guess is that churches will suffer a 33% decline in giving in 2020, in part because there was no live Easter offering. It's possible that the traditional surge in giving in December will help make up for lost ground, he said, but there's no way to know.

Drawing on his experience with his organization, which has worked with several hundred churches during the past decade, Wilson estimates that one-quarter to one-third of churches operate on thin or no reserves.

Yet despite evidence of a looming financial disaster, he remains hopeful that the church can rise to the occasion.

In a March 18 post on the center's website, he wrote: "The Church has an opportunity to show the world what healthy people do in times of crisis. Rather than panic and devolve into self-absorption and self-protection, we run toward the needs in our culture rather than away from them.

We refuse to demonize others, but act out the story of the Good Samaritan on a daily basis. Local churches can lead the way to show their communities what 'love your neighbor as yourself' actually looks like."

Wilson believes that our response to the crisis will help determine what happens next. "Is this the death of the church or the rebirth?" he said. "We'll see."

Dr. William "Bill" Wilson founded The Center for Healthy Churches in January of 2014. This followed his service as President of the Center for Congregational Health at Wake Forest Baptist Health since 2009. Previously he was Pastor of First Baptist Church of Dalton, Georgia, where he served since 2003. He brings over 33 years of local church ministry experience to CHC, having served as pastor in two churches in Virginia (Farmville BC and FBC Waynesboro) and on a church staff in South Carolina. Bill has led each of the churches he has served into a time of significant growth and expansion of ministry.



When It Seems God Is Silent

I absolutely love it when God speaks to me. Sometimes it's through His Word. Other times it is through another person. And on other occasions it is through the direct quiet voice of His Spirit into my spirit.

But recently I have taken another step along in my spiritual development. I am also learning to love it when it seems God is silent.

When Lazarus was dying, his sisters urgently called for Jesus. Imagine how their grief must have compounded when He didn't instantly respond to their request. God's silence is difficult to accept. Why is He silent at times?

Silence delays His action. We want Him to leap into action when we call, particularly if we are hurting or afraid. But since He promises to meet our needs, we can be sure that a silence from heaven has purpose.

Silence draws our attention. The disciples knew that Jesus could heal, so they must have wondered why He delayed instead of rushing to His friend's bedside. But the Lord wanted them to witness something even greater: His power over death! They had been confused by His statements about conquering death, and they needed to understand that He could fulfill His own resurrection prophecies. (Mark 9:31-32) The miracle at Lazarus' tomb was part of their preparation.

Silence deepens our assurance. Mary and Martha sent word of Lazarus' illness because they anticipated that the Lord would heal him. But would their faith waver if that expectation was not met?

Martha answered the question by stating, "*I believe that you are the Christ.*" (John 11:21-27) The Lord rewarded the women's trust with a stunning miracle: their brother's return to life.

At times, the only thing we can hear when we pray is our own breathing. That can be frustrating and frightening. But Scripture says God is always with us. The Sovereign silence will not last forever.

In Job 23:8-10 we read "*But if I go to the east, he is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find him. When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him. But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.*"

According to Hebrews 13:5, God says "*Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.*" When you pray and it seems God is silent in His reply, cling to those promises as you seek the purpose behind His silence.



What Was Elijah Doing?

A couple of stories to illustrate how our children explain what happened in the Bible: A Sunday school teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A young girl answered: "Because they couldn't get a babysitter."

Another Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the prophet and his contest with the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the bull in pieces and laid it upon the altar. Then Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this three times.

"Now," said the teacher, "Can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord had Elijah pour water over the bull on the altar?" A little girl in the back of the room raised her hand with great enthusiasm. "To make the gravy."

It was a good question. Why DID the Lord tell Elijah to pour the water over the altar? At least two reasons seem to come to mind when I think about why? (and it has nothing to do with gravy).

First, this challenge and demonstration came at the end of three years of drought. The people were desperate for it to rain. Water was scarce and precious. Yet, it was the very thing that was needed to be given to God as a sacrificial offering that would honor Him. He multiplied it back abundantly in the form of rains that would end the drought for good.

Secondly, the Lord certainly wanted to exhibit His power in an absolutely incredible manner. When God was finished, no one was going to say, "Well, maybe Elijah used a flame he kept tucked away in his cloak." No!

The fire from the Lord burnt up the wet sacrifice, the soaked wood, and even the rocks used to build the altar!

If there is any lesson to be learned in this story, it is that our God is a powerful and awesome God!

Though we ourselves may not see displays of God's power like what happened on Mount Carmel, it is comforting to know that the God who hears and answers our prayers is the God who has such power.

"Be exalted, O LORD, in Your own strength! We will sing and praise Your power." (Psalm 21:13)

Praise be to our all-powerful and truly awesome God!



God Is Preparing You Today For Something Greater Tomorrow!

For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]. – Ephesians 2:10

A traveler was visiting a logging area in the Pacific Northwest and was interested in seeing how the logs that would be used for furniture were chosen. As the logs came down the stream, the logger would suddenly reach out and hook one, pull it up, and then set it down. He would sometimes wait for a few minutes before grabbing another. There didn't seem to be any rhyme or reason to his choices.

After a while, the visitor said to him, "I don't understand what you're doing."

"These logs may all look alike to you," the logger said, "But I can recognize that a few of them are quite different. The ones that I let pass came from trees that grew in a valley. They were always protected from the storms. The grain is rather coarse.

"The logs that I pulled aside are from high up on the mountain, where they were beaten by strong winds from the time they were quite small. That toughens the trees and gives them a fine grain. We save these logs for choice work. They're too good to be used for ordinary lumber."

As with choice lumber, the same is often true in the lives of believers who strive to follow God. It is through the trying and testing that they were prepared for choice work. Just consider Moses, Joseph or Peter.

If you were to ask Moses how he became who he was, he would remind you of his trials with Pharaoh and his times of testing in the wilderness. If you were to ask Joseph, he would most likely refer back to his years as a slave, his imprisonment on a false accusation, and his imprisonment in Pharaoh's dungeon. Talk to Peter, and he would probably point back to his denial and how he learned many difficult yet important lessons.

A lot of folks want to talk about the joy and abundance of the Christian life without ever acknowledging the process that leads to the reward.

Maybe you find yourself facing something similar in your life today. Is it just possible that God is preparing you for a choice work tomorrow?