

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor
July 7, 2020

Deposit 7/01/2020
Budget \$1689.00
Food Closet \$25.00
Total Deposit \$1714.00

PBA Associational Offering— HBC Goal \$1500.00
Collected to Date \$765.00

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:

AH, Crystal Reynolds (American People)
Linda Herra, Christy Krauter (European People)
TS (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) SS, KT (Southeast Asia People) Brian Harrell, Michael McGee, Anna Norton, Colleen Webb (Sub-Saharan African People)
Brenda Boberg (NC) Marcus Shambry (OR) William Blair (TN)

Barbara Gray, who started attending HBC a month or so before Covid Restrictions will be moving to Portsmouth. She is needing help in packing up. If you can help with packing, please contact Dreama. All the details are not final yet but the move will be made in the next month. We would just like to have things lined up. If you can help please let us know.



Wednesday, July 8th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, July 9th

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, July 12th

10am Facebook Live Worship

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

Happy Birthday for the next 2 weeks



Emma Beard 7/12
Tracy Venable 7/21

Serve the City Work Week

July 7- July 11th (Tues- Sat)

Contact Pam if you have questions 660-4226

Daily Schedule

8:30am- 9:00am Check-in and Orientation

9:00am- 12:00pm Service Projects

12:00pm- 12:30pm Lunch



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Tentative Projects Scheduled (subject to change)

Tuesday- Painting, Yard Work, Minor Home Repair

Wednesday- Painting, Yard Work, Minor Home Repair, Assemble Shed, packing at Food Bank

Thursday- Painting, Yard Work, Debris Cleaning, Minor Home Repair, Packing at Food Bank

Friday- Minor Home Repairs, Wash Vehicles at Rescue Mission, Packing at Fear to Freedom

Saturday- Wrap up Projects, Organize Tool Trailer

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Will People Come Back to Church After COVID-19?

It's the talk among my many pastor friends; Will people come back to church after Covid-19. There are some saying the new habit of watching church services at home will continue after the current stay-in-place orders are lifted. Others believe that our Christian friends will miss the fellowship with other believers and will crave being with them in person.

A [recent survey](#) reported that many churches in America are recording higher "attendance" numbers for their online weekend services during the days of COVID-19 social distancing than they had for their regular gatherings. This has been somewhat true for HBC as well. Our use of internet-based technology such as Facebook Live has allowed us to broadcast our sermons, and musical ministry, to a wider audience than would usually meet in our building on Sundays.

The present virus safety concerns along with the relative ease of live streaming and video recording has given HBC and churches of all sizes the opportunity to reach out, quite effectively, into our own communities, and to a potentially broader viewership. Plus, the wide usage of social media outlets, such as Facebook, has given many people of all ages the chance to stay home on Sunday mornings, to sleep in, and still "attend" church services. In fact, some researchers are [reporting](#) that many Christians are watching more than one church service online each Sunday morning.

One result of the current pandemic situation may be larger church audiences, but less active participation. People are watching church services on the internet but are much less involved in key metrics than they were before. Financial giving in some cases is [trending](#) significantly down, and some ministry outreaches have been curtailed or suspended.

But the facts are in, and there are no indications at the present time that we will be returning to "normal" anytime soon. HBC and other churches are constantly seeking new ways of connecting with people. Both the safety factor and convenience of worshipping at home in front of a computer, tablet, or television is quickly becoming what many are calling the "new normal" of church life.

That fact is causing many church leaders to think about the possible answers to a specific question, "Will people come back to active, in-person church attendance following the COVID-19 crisis?" I personally believe the answer is a resounding "Yes!" But with one important and qualifying factor. It will only be under the direction of the Holy Spirit and upon the willingness of each individual and family to decide when that time is "right" for them – And you will know when that time is right for you!



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 for "Wednesday Night Bible Study" with Pastor Lynwood & Special Guests!



Why I Believe People Will Want to Come Back to Church

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. I personally believe there are some key reasons why 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.

Some churches also developed creative ways (such as food distribution to the needy and 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.

3. 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.

Plus, the current widespread use of technology to communicate God's Word will likely go on when the pandemic ends. Perhaps a renewed spirit of dedication has also emerged which will carry over to a new reality for the church. God's people have had to be innovative and resourceful during the pandemic, and conceivably that level of commitment may continue once churches are back in their buildings.



Welcome to **Online Giving**

"The Benefits To You & HBC!"

Online donations to HBC may be made at any time from the comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online donations are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year (except when made anonymously), and each user can change his or her preferences or desired donation amounts at any time. You can make a one-time gift of recurring donation.

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 - Totally secure encrypted 24/7 web-based access
 - Easily schedule recurring donations to fit your pay periods
 - Debit / Credit card option allows you to take advantage of rewards such as air miles or cash bonuses. Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express are accepted
 - No need to share bank account information as you enter it directly into the Online Giving 100 % secure site
 - Allows you to give even if you are unable to attend services
 - Contribution amount is easily adjusted as desired or needed
- Option to remain anonymous

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A Place Called Heaven!

When it comes to life after death, there is only one absolutely credible source. His name is Jesus Christ!

With the cross on His horizon, Jesus talked candidly about His death and what lay beyond. He said, *“In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also”* (John 14:2-3).



The word which Jesus used to describe this place which we call heaven was a Greek word, *topos*. A study of that word in the Bible indicates that writers never used it to describe a make-believe, fantasy “pie-in-the-sky-in-the-sweet-by-and-by” sort of place. Our English word topography comes from the same source. To my knowledge, the word always referred to an actual, literal place.

On numerous occasions I have heard of people visiting Bethlehem, bowing low to enter the Church of the Nativity, going down the narrow stair case to a lower floor where a silver 14-pointed star marks the probable place or grotto where Jesus was born. That precise spot is a real place that still exist and can be travelled to today.

Galilee, where Jesus spent much of the time during His earthly ministry, is also a real and beautiful place. The synagogue built in the third century on the site of the synagogue where Jesus read the Scriptures long ago is an actual geographic site which can also be visited today.

In the Upper Room, with the cross on the horizon, Jesus told the disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them so that where He would be, they, too would be as well. He said, *“Where I am, there you may be also.”* If you can accept the fact that even now Jesus is in the presence of His father, that’s where we, too, will be when we cross heaven’s threshold.

“Heaven,” said Harry Ironside, “is Jesus, spelled out in large letters.

“But I’ve never been there,” you may say. There are many places in the world I’ve never been, but that, of course, doesn’t mean they are not real. So is it with heaven.

And what kind of a place is this? John, the Apostle whom Jesus loved, who could be described as Jesus’ best friend, had a vision, and he described heaven in terms of what is there and what is not there. in Revelation 21 & 22. It is defined by both what’s there and what’s not there.

C. S. Lewis wrote, “It is since Christians have ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this one.” Think about it!

With Jesus I Can Make It...

“That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, ‘Let us go over to the other side.’” (Mark 4:35)

Jesus gets into a boat with his disciples and tells them, “Let’s go to the other side.” They are on their way when all of a sudden, a squall comes up, and the waves begin to rock the boat so violently that even the disciples who are fishermen and thus accustomed to rough waters, begin to fear for their lives.



Through all this, Jesus is asleep on the boat! So they awaken him and ask him if he doesn’t care that they might drown. The Lord gets up and rebukes the wind and the waves as if he were talking to a person. Then he asks his disciples a poignant question, “Do you still have no faith?” He may be asking us the same question today.

For some of us, crossing to the other side could represent a season in our lives with decisions and adjustments to be made as we are going to school or getting married or beginning work in a profession. Getting to the other side could also represent a year in our lives; perhaps it’s a difficult year filled with the pain of illness or the death of a loved one.

It could even be just a day in our lives when we are facing an exam in school, a job interview, office layoffs, or test results at a doctor’s office. And in all of this, we may wonder if we’ll make it to the other side.

The thing is that life has unexpected turns where a storm can come up without warning and, all of a sudden, we’re in trouble. And at times we also feel as those disciples felt: “Lord, don’t you care that we’re about to drown?”

Jesus challenged the disciples, asking them if they had no faith. Notice that the Lord wasn’t questioning their faith for not having spoken to the storm themselves, just as he had done. Only Jesus could have done that. In fact, this was one of the attesting miracles, which proved the divinity of Jesus, for only God has power over the wind and the waves.

So why did Jesus admonish his disciples? He admonished them for their fear, and for believing that they would drown even though Jesus himself was in the boat! He wanted them to know – and he wants each of us to know – that if he is in the boat, the boat is making it to the other side.

Yes, there will be trouble, and the storms can really get frightening at times, but those storms aren’t catching the Lord by surprise, and he is going to take us safely to the other side!

Setting Our Priorities

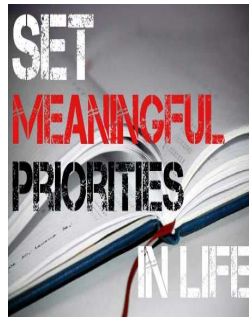
What is it about human nature that makes us looms? So often we coast in our relationships until they skid into a crisis. We think nothing of spending thousands on a car and blindly drive it by the homeless shelter every day. We think nothing of a sixty-hour workweek but can't find time for dinner as a family.

We live lives of loneliness and sorrow because those things that could build our friendships, family, and faith get our leftover time. Then, one day it is too late, we have waited too long.

We are like the Rabbi who did not run to Jesus until the crisis hit and his daughter was "at the point of death." The Greek word here for this moment of "final desperation."

Take a moment to examine your life today. What is at the "eschatos" – the point of death – in your life right now? What part of your spiritual or relational life is barely breathing?

Find ways to make those areas (family, friendships and faith) a higher priority than career and income. Do something different this week – Intentionally set apart regular time with God, schedule an appointment with those in your own family. Then, after prioritizing God and your family, then set up the rest of the week.



The Last Impression



One day God was walking through the Garden of Eden. After a short while, he came across Adam. Adam was in low spirits this particular day, and God asked him what was wrong. Adam told the Lord that he was lonely.

God responded that He would create Adam a companion. She would walk by his side for all eternity. She would listen to his problems. She would wash his clothes. She would keep his house clean. She would cook his meals. She would do anything to keep him happy. Most importantly, she would never complain or nag him.

To this Adam was ecstatic. His spirits lifted immediately. The Lord hated to tell him that this creature would come at a price. God told Adam that the creature would cost him an arm and a leg.

Adam responded, "What can I get for a rib?" ... And the rest is history



The Cry of Forgiveness

Famous last words... people are often remembered most for their last comments. Those final utterances can define what a person's life was really all about. Have you ever stopped to think specifically about Christ's final words, as he hung on the cross?

Among the very first words He uttered as He helplessly hung there, nailed between two thieves, for wrongs He never committed was "Father, forgive them." Imagine that – while in the midst of the most excruciating form of death known, He asks His heavenly Father to forgive the very ones who nailed Him to that cross.

Thank God – because the individuals He asked the Father to forgive were you and I! The cry of pardon burst forth that day from Calvary's cross, and that same cry is still shouted loud today for all to hear.

Rules Or Relationship

Have you ever watched someone walking a dog on a leash when the dog doesn't want to go where its owner is going? The owner is constantly tugging on the leash, pulling the dog from here and there, telling it to "stop that" and "come back here".

That's the way a lot of us live. We are on a "law leash." Our lives consist of "Stop that; come back here; don't do that". Only it's in terms of "Read your Bible; pray; go to church; pay your tithes; witness". Now, these are certainly the things we should be doing, but God never meant us to do them at the end of a leash. What a difference when you see a dog and its owner that have a strong relationship. The dog doesn't need a leash to go for a walk. Its owner can just speak a word and the dog responds.



Paul writes: "Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life" (2 Corinthians 3:5-6).

When God redeemed you, He wrote His law in your heart and mind (See Hebrews 10:16). That means He wants to relate to you from the inside. You shouldn't need an external system of rules to "keep you in line," because you have internalized God's Word and you have a desire to obey and please Him from your heart.