



We would like to express our deepest sympathy to Kathy Moore and her family on the recent passing of her husband, David.

Please continue to remember the family in your prayers during this difficult time.



Vision Team 6/23/2020 Recap

Team Reports

*Tara– Finance- Everything is ok. The PPP is being handled correctly. All bills are paid

*Robbie- Worship Team is ok

*Christy- Mentioned again the joy of having Mia on the Praise Team. It was mentioned that Laura has continued to be in touch with and she is still in quarantine.

*Stan– At Large Discipleship No Report

*Dreema- Kids are doing well. We have at least 22 kids watching the video and weekly worksheet packages are being sent to the kids weekly.

*Nadine -At Large- No report

*Tim– At Large - We are moving forward in the future of the sanctuary.

*Robert– At Large No Report

*Lynwood

Pastor Ronzel of COP spoke with Lynwood and when they come back to church, their services will be held at 10:24am on Saturday Mornings. They are planning to start back to church sometime in August, they do not have an exact date yet.

Journey Church is using Prior Hall and their services are on Saturday at 6:30pm. They have already started back.

It has been discussed that on the 5th Sunday (4 times yearly) all three congregations would come together for one service. Each church would take a different Sunday and be in charge. After restrictions are lifted, more planning will be made on this.

July 12th was a date projected that we would open back the church. We would like to open with guidelines put in place for the protection of our church family. We will have temperatures taken, wear masks, maintain social distancing and hand sanitizing stations. We will send out a letter prior to opening the church with the safety guidelines.

Tara mentioned returning on July 19th, which would be two weeks after the 4th of July holiday. This would allow us to see what happens after the holiday. All the team agreed with this and vote was taken by Art, Vision Team Chair, that we would return to worship in the sanctuary, July 19th provided there is not an outbreak of the virus before that time. All were in favor.

Lynwood- Mentioned that a new Mevo camera was purchased. The current one we had was overheating and cutting out. The new one should be much better with sound because it has 3 mics built in. He is also looking into a streaming service for the broadcasts and he is comparing companies

Meeting was closed by prayer.

Just a note***

We will not be having Sunday School or Kid's Programs when the Church opens for Sunday Worship . We will determine the best time and methods to restart those programs



The Challenging Days Ahead...

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 can't control every germ molecule, other's behaviors, who opens up or stays closed, who gets sick, who dies. We can't control our economy, how many businesses survive, whether our family members go forth in fear or peace. In trying to control all these variables, we're trying to find some sense of stability in a scary season of life. 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. St Augustine once said that our souls will continue to be restless until they find rest in something eternal. When all around is sinking sand, we need to cling to something firm. Even though we can't control our current circumstances, we can control our response.

Here are some things to reflect on in your search for wisdom in this season: Define what your anxiety and fear keep convincing you to try to control. Practice letting go of those anxieties. Define what is within your control. Then pause and from that place of peace, respond to the world around you.

And, above all, always try to remember...

*"On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand!"*

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood



Making HBC A Safe Place To Worship!

On July 19 as we 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 any time! 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.

15-minute daily devotionals with Pastor Lynwood

Join us Wednesday nights 7:00 pm on Facebook Live for
for ***"Wednesday Night Bible Study"***

God's Protection

"Wondrously show Your lovingkindness ... Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings." – Psalm 17:7-9

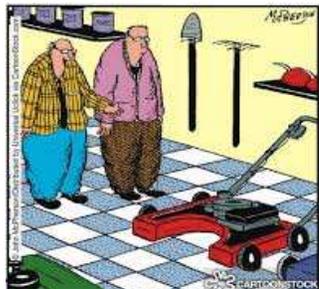
David was a mighty warrior who fought many battles. Yet he also had a tender heart. Here, for example, we see him crying out to God for protection and vindication in emotional terms.

God is the *"Savior of those who take refuge at Your right hand from those who rise up against them"* (v. 7). Wanting reassurance of how much God loved him, David prayed, *"Keep me as the apple of the eye."* He prayed that God would hide him *"in the shadow of Your wings from the wicked who despoil me"* (v. 9).

While knowing that God cared for him, he faced the reality of people who were boastful and arrogant, and had an *"unfeeling heart"* (v.10). He felt surrounded and sensed that they were *"like a lion that is eager to tear, and as a young lion lurking in hiding places"* (v. 12). It would be easy to be afraid or discouraged. Yet, through every trouble, David depended upon God.

The Bible urges us to realize that God is with us, no matter what others may, or what situations we face. Each of us can take refuge in His hands. Picture yourself as the apple of His eye. You, too, can hide in the shadow of His wings. You can make God your refuge and strength (Psalm 46:1). You can rest in Him and trust Him. You can be confident and at peace.

"Father, I take refuge at Your right hand. Keep me as the apple of Your eye. Hide me in the shadow of Your wings. I trust in You. In Jesus' name, Amen!"



The Last Laugh... "The Priest & The Lawn Mower"

A priest buys a lawn mower at a yard sale.

Back home, he pulls on the starter rope a few times with no results. He storms back to the yard sale and tells the previous owner, "I can't get the mower to start!"

"That's because you have to curse to get it started," says the man.

"I'm a man of the cloth. I don't even remember how to curse."

"You keep pulling on that rope, and it'll come back to you."

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AND GIVE ME GUIDANCE TO PRAY FOR THE
THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER

08-24-2012

Corona Virus Prayers



A Prayer for Those Who Are Ill

Father God, you are the ultimate healer. Father, we come before you to pray for those infected with this virus. We pray not only for their healing, but for them to be comforted while they heal.

Lord, please eradicate every ounce of this virus from their bodies. Please heal every cell in their bodies, every infected part of their being. We pray for no lasting effects in their bodies from this illness.

Father please heal them, inside and out. And provide them with the medical care they need, with the medications they need, and with the healing not only physically, but spiritually, so that they may live life, and life abundantly ahead. - In Jesus' name, Amen!

A Prayer for Those Who Are Worried

Father, worry and fear are not of your heart. 1 John 4 reminds us that perfect love casts out all fear. And we pray your perfect love upon the hearts of all those who are burdened with the fear of this virus. Lord, we know with no doubt that you are bigger than the threat of anything, especially illnesses. Please comfort those who are living in fear, please free them from the bondage that anxiety creates within.

Remind them that you are still on the throne, and that you are still in control. Fully rain down the serenity that comes only from the Prince of Peace. Help those who are living in unease to trust you in this time, so that in times to come we may rest assured that you will be faithful to be with us until the end of the age.

We rest at the throne of the Almighty such fears, and cast them upon you, for your burden is light, and your yoke is easy. We know you cover us with your wings. In Jesus' name, Amen!

A Prayer for Those Treating the Sick

Father, we come to pray for those who are caring for the sick. It takes a kind and selfless heart to care for those who are sick, and so Father we pray for them. We pray that you would be their source of rest, their source of replenishment when weary, and their source of hope in such overwhelming times.

Lord we know in Luke 6:38 that whosoever pours out will be given back in proportion, so we pray blessings upon these caregivers. We also pray for their health, that they may not fall ill.

Father, protect them with a hedge of protection against the germs of coronavirus, and help those who are giving to be protected as they nurse others back to health. Bless them, oh Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Nothing Too Hard



Jeremiah had been a prophet for nearly forty years by the time Jerusalem came under attack by the Babylonians. He had long been proclaiming a message of repentance, but the people continued to ignore his words.

Now, the enemy had surrounded Jerusalem and the end was near. In this time of great turmoil, God told Jeremiah to purchase a field from his cousin.

This was a strange request but Jeremiah obediently purchased the field. However, he soon began to question God's reasoning: "*See how the siege ramps are built up to take the city? Though the city will be handed over to the Babylonians, You say to me, 'Buy the field'*" (Jeremiah 32:24,25).

Jeremiah had been a prophet for many years. He had been given the privilege of talking directly with God, but this command just didn't make sense. Why should he purchase a field when the enemy was invading and taking prisoners?

God answered Jeremiah with a simple, yet challenging, question. "*I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for Me?*" (Jeremiah 32:27)

Yes, the enemy had invaded the land and would soon overrun the city of Jerusalem. But God's plan was for the people to one day return: "*I will surely gather them from all the lands where I banish them in My furious anger and great wrath; I will bring them back to this place and let them live in safety. They will be My people and I will be their God*" (Jeremiah 32:37-38).

Jeremiah's field was to be a reminder that God would one day restore His people – a reminder that He could be trusted even in the face of overwhelming circumstances.

Am I alone in my struggle at times to believe God and trust Him to work all things together for my good?

We often have a difficult time seeing how all the pieces of God's plan fit together. He leads us down a path and we fail to see the purpose – especially when the enemy begins to attack.

We want to fight back, but God says to patiently trust Him and pray. We want to determine a solution and solve the problem, but God says to love Him with all our heart and share His love with others.

The times in which we are most tested and pressed down ought to be the times of greatest growth and closeness with our Heavenly Father. When it seems we have nowhere else to turn, we ought to rejoice and trust Him even more!

Let's put our life firmly in His Hands and submit to His guidance – even when we may not see where we are going or how we will get there. Remember we often see life from the backside of the tapestry, and a mass of confused threads.

Let's trust His ways and always remember...for God, there is NOTHING too hard!



Trust One Day at a Time

God wants us to learn to trust him one day at a time: *"Give us this day our daily bread."* Not for next week. Not for next year. Not for next month. Just one day at a time.

Philippians 4:6 and 8 show us that there are four things that you need to do to trust God on a daily basis: *"Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done..."*

Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise" (NLT).

What are some keys in learning to trust God?

Worry about nothing. - Why is worry such a big deal? Because it's not just a bad habit. It's a flat out sin! But God keeps his promises, and you can trust that he will take care of you. *"Don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today" (Matthew 6:34).*

Pray about everything. - Prayer can change things. *Romans 8:32 says, "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"* God solved your biggest problem – getting into Heaven – when he sent Jesus to die for you. If God loved you enough to send Jesus to die for you, don't you think he loves you enough to take care of your other problems?

Thank God in all things. - No matter what happens, give thanks. The Bible doesn't say, *"For all things give thanks."* It says, *"In all things give thanks."* You don't have to be thankful for bad things in your life. You should never be thankful for evil. You don't have to be thankful for cancer or a car accident or war or abuse. But God says in everything give thanks. Why? Because you know that God's going to take care of you. You know he's going to meet your needs. You know he's going to help you.

Think about the right things. - God gives us a list of things to think about, things that are true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and worthy of praise.

Where do you find things that are pure and lovely to think about? At the movies? I don't think so. On TV? No. You will only find pure and lovely and honorable thoughts in the Word of God. You need to read it, study it, memorize it, and fill your mind with it.

Isaiah 26:3 says, *"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!"*



You Can Overcome Your Fears

"When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You." – Psalm 56:3

Is fear causing you to hide from somebody today? Your boss? Your husband or wife? Your strong-willed child? Your grouchy co-worker? When God asked Adam, "Where are you?" he replied, "I hid... I was afraid..." (Genesis 3:9-10) And we've all been hiding from things ever since! We hide behind forced smiles, agreeable words we don't mean and social rituals we detest. Or worse, we hide behind things we do believe but don't express because we are afraid of what people might think or say.

Short-term, it may be easier to act as if things don't bother you, or pretend to agree when, in reality, you disagree. But long-term it doesn't work, because peace isn't the absence of discord. When we remain silent in order to avoid confrontation, we just end up avoiding something far more important: relationships.

So rise up and say, "When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You." Confront your fears, come out of hiding and start living.

The Last Impression...

A guy was on the side of the road hitchhiking on a very dark night and in the middle of a storm. The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him. Suddenly he saw a car coming toward him and stop.

Without thinking about it, the guy got into the back seat, closed the door and then realized there was nobody behind the wheel! The car started slowly; the guy looked at the road and saw a curve coming his way. Scared, he started to pray begging for his life. He hadn't come out of shock, when just before he hit the curve, a hand appeared through the window and moved the wheel. The guy, paralyzed in terror, watched how the hand appeared every time right before a curve.

Gathering his strength, the guy finally jumped out of the car and ran to the nearest town. Wet and in shock, he went to a restaurant and started telling everybody about the horrible experience he went through.

A silence enveloped everybody when they realized the guy was serious.

About half an hour later, two guys walked in the same restaurant. They looked around for a table when one said to the other, "Look John, that's the dummy who got in the car when we were pushing it."

