

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor
August 11, 2020



Deposit 8/10/2020

Budget \$2702.25
8-106 Alma Hunt Missions \$100.00
8-300 PDF \$50.00
Total Deposit \$2852.25

Vision Team Recap 8/4/2020

Art Halk– Vision Chair– opened the meeting with prayer
Reports from Team Members

Dreama (reporting for Finance and Facilities) All bills are paid and we have used the PPP for the correct way. We are \$5600.00 down in giving compared to this same time last year. During the storm we lost some of the slate shingles on the sanctuary roof so we will have to have the roofer come out and look at that. The man came to fix the refrigerator and the coil will not fit. They double checked and because of the age of the frig, they are going to see if it can be made. We may have to purchase a new one. She will update everyone when she knows. Also during the storm the white sign in the front of the church, one side of the sign has started to lean. Pastor Lynwood said will reset the sign and we are still in the process of getting prices on the new electronic sign

Pam Cooke -Mission Outreach The lunches went well for the homeless. PORT has changed this year because of Covid (please see the information listed in this Forecast about PORT for the update)

Nadine Stephenson At Large– Reminded that masks need to be worn at all times during the service so that all are safe and comfortable.

Robert Overman-At Large Nothing noted

Christy Kuhlne– NC - Loves the new keyboard the church purchased.

Tim Humphreys– At Large -Services are going great on the comeback.

Pastor Lynwood– We are trying to come up with a way that communion can be done in person and include our online viewers. We are still working on that. We are going to need to look into a new sound board soon for the church. It was mentioned by Pam that we need to make sure that the people attending in live service put their offerings in the plate before or after the service. Lynwood would make that announcement. Journey Church is making masks for Hilton Elementary School. He will check with them if we can partner with them in some way.

Pastor closed in prayer.

I would like to thank my Church Family for all of the calls, cards, and prayers during my time of illness. I am doing better and I am staying with my daughter and her family until I get stronger. Please continue to remember me in your prayers.

Love, Marilyn Hargrove

Pray for our Missionaries:

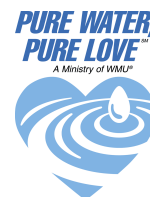
CM, Peggy Rutledge (American People)
MC, CC, KM, DW, (Central Asian People)
GH, AK (East Asian People) Ragan
Joseph, Janice Seely (European People)
MR (Northern African and Middle Eastern People)
JC, MH, WL (South Asian People)
CJ, KM, AP (Southeast Asian People)
Marguerite Butler (AL)
Brandon Ellis (FL) Samuel Hernandez (GA)
Samuel Ventura (NJ) Paul Walker (NY)
Yalid Fuentes (OR)

PORT UPDATE!

It looks like we will host PORT again this season, but things will look a little different.

Two churches will be hosting at the same time for 3 consecutive weeks. The intent is to divide the guests between the two churches. This will keep the numbers down and help us to follow the safety regulations. We will not be responsible for providing food or volunteers, however, anyone who is interested in doing so will not be turned away 😊

There will be safety measures taken and our church will be cleaned daily according to CDC guidelines. We will NOT run the showers or the clothes closet this season... (so please take your clothing items to your favorite thrift store where they can be used rather than stored at HBC) I will keep you informed on any changes or updates. Thank you! Pam



“Serving our community with the love of Jesus”

Tuesday, August 11th

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

Wednesday, August 12th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, August 13th

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, August 16th

10am Worship at HBC and Facebook Live

Tuesday, August 18th

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

Wednesday, August 19th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, August 20th

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, August 23rd

10am Worship at HBC and Facebook Live

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

Hilton Baptist Church will be hosting a Blood Drive, Monday, September 14th 1:30pm til 6:00pm

You can sign up for the Blood Drive on line or come the day of the event.



Happy Birthday for the next two weeks

Moses Sabb 8/10
Patsy Hardman 8/12
Marcia Callison 8/19
Barry Surber 8/19





Decisions! Decisions!

Nothing throws me quite like circumstances I can't control. It's that place where anxiety threatens to swallow me whole as my mind races through all of the fear-inducing what-ifs and unknowns.

That's why I'm so thankful for the example set by Daniel in Scripture. Daniel 6:1-15 gives us such a clear picture of what we can do when all that feels safe and secure in our lives

begins to come under attack.

In Daniel 6:10, Daniel has just learned that anyone caught praying to someone besides King Darius will be thrown into the lions' den. Can you imagine the level of fear this edict could have stirred up in Daniel? He easily could have found himself in a pit of despair before he ever came close to that pit full of lions. But Daniel's reaction is amazing. He decides to go home, throws his windows open and prays anyway! Daniel 6:10b tells us Daniel spoke prayers of gratitude. *"He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously."*

Since Daniel's response is so opposite of the way most of us would react, it makes me stop and ponder. And what I discover are three powerful truths I want to both remember and live out.

1) Thankfulness must become a habit. Our initial responses are usually a by-product of the rituals we've established in our life. Since gratitude-filled prayers were Daniel's reaction, that tells me gratitude and trust in God were front and center in Daniel's heart. Daniel was able to give thanks, even in the midst of uncontrollable circumstances, because it was a habit he'd already formed in his life.

2) Fighting fear begins the moment we start giving thanks. Being a thankful person seemed to help Daniel combat fear. Not once does the story mention Daniel trying to hide. He didn't manipulate his situation. He simply threw his windows open and prayed where anyone and everyone could see. Daniel wasn't living in denial of his circumstances. This was Daniel turning to God in the midst of his circumstances!

3) We can't always fix our circumstances, but we can fix our eyes on God. Daniel's posture during prayer is revealing. First, we see Daniel was praying toward Jerusalem. Daniel knew where his help and his hope came from — it came from God, and God alone. Daniel's deep level of trust is also revealed in that he was kneeling as he prayed. It's an act of deep humility. We may not always be kneeling when we pray, but we can always choose the posture of Daniel's heart and gratefully fix our eyes on Him instead of fixating on our problems today. Let's allow Daniel's life to remind our hearts that God is able to keep in perfect peace those whose minds are fixed on Him, because they trust in Him!

Honest with God

"When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. But whenever Moses went in before the Lord...he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded." Exodus 34:33-34



Upon his descent from Mt. Sinai, the people throughout the Israelite camp could see the difference on his face. Whenever Moses spent time with God, his countenance changed. He looked different. The change was so massive that he had to put a veil over his face so the people were not overwhelmed by the impact of God's presence.

But when Moses came before the Lord, he took the veil off. Removing the veil was symbolic of an honest relationship. Moses recognized that God knew him more intimately than he knew himself. When he was with God, he could be transparent. There was no reason to cover up.

Other Israelites might have had opportunities to have this relationship, but they held back. Only Moses (and Joshua) were willing. They exercised what I call a humble boldness in approaching their God. And God offers each of us the opportunity to have this kind of relationship with Him.

But how will we respond?

Some are like the other Israelites, content to watch. Hiding. Refusing to enter into His presence. But some are like Moses. Willing to spend time alone with God. Willing to take off their masks, and be intimate and honest with Him. Willing to go beyond studying God to really knowing Him.

Ask yourself if you're more like Moses or the other Israelites. How much do you really love spending time in His presence? Celebrating Who He is in heartfelt worship? Reading and studying His Word? Seeking His insights and wisdom?

In each of our lives we need to seek to enter into God's presence. Take off every mask. Be honest with Him. Wait. Meditate on His Word. Share every concern. Every fear. Every worry. Every problem. Every question.

Listen to His voice. And be ready to be changed. Perhaps consider praying the following words...

*"Father, help me to have a more intimate relationship with You. You know my every thought, and everything I do. Thank You that I can be honest with You.
In Jesus' name. Amen."*



Live By The Spirit

Here's a simple formula for maintaining a righteous lifestyle. Paul says in Galatians 5:16, "Live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature." Every moment of every day, we have a choice. We can live according to our fleshly desires for comfort and pleasure. Or, we can trust the Holy Spirit to enable us to fearlessly serve the Lord.

In order to walk by the Holy Spirit we must accept the truth that it's impossible to live the Christian life alone. If we depend upon our experiences and strength, we'll fail. God's Spirit works in and through us. That's why submitting our will to His power and guidance is critical. And surrender isn't a one-time deal. Believers have to yield repeatedly

Every time a decision must be made, we should look to the Spirit for guidance. Righteous living simply isn't natural for human beings. We require help. Our Father has graciously given us the Helper so we can live in a godly manner. When we choose to yield to His direction, joy and peace will follow.

The Cocoon

One day a small opening appeared on a cocoon, a man sat and watched for the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and it could go no further.



So the man decided to help the butterfly, he took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon. Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our life. If God allowed us to go through our life without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly.

Why Should We Tithe?

Since God owns everything — "the cattle on a thousand hills" and all there is — it might seem that He doesn't really need our tithes and offerings. He doesn't need them, true, but we need to give them. For, in instructing us to tithe, God is helping us to understand the law of reciprocity.



In addition, when we fail to tithe, it means we are actually robbing God of what already belongs to Him. In [Malachi 3:8-9](#), God spells out the results when the nation of Israel does not repay Him what they owe:

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse — the whole nation of you — because you are robbing me."

And while you are free to designate your offerings, the Bible instructs:

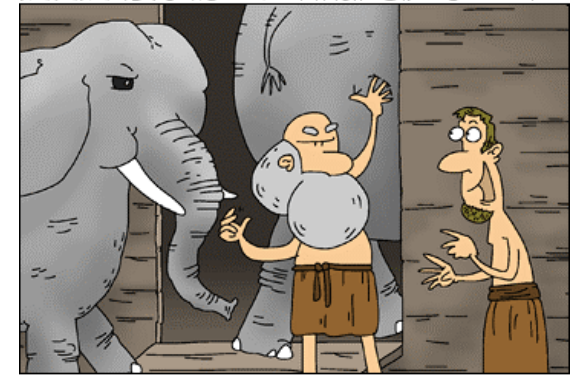
"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the Lord Almighty
(Malachi 3:10-12).

Clearly, God views the failure of freely bringing all our tithes in an undesignated manner into the storehouse as robbing Him. Why? Because the tithe is His property. Leviticus 27:30 tells us the tithe is His. Presenting the tithe is literally "returning" to the Lord what belongs to Him already!

God is doing some exciting new and powerful things through the faithful people of God at HBC...

Please remember your commitments and giving and be part of the miracle!

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READY FOR A FUN RIDDLE ... HOW MANY OF EACH ANIMAL DID MOSES TAKE ON THE ARK?



Spiritual Pride Before A Fall...

Spiritual pride is a subtle disease, for it can fester like a hidden cancer for years before it is discovered.

Jesus taught His disciples repeatedly about this malady, which easily affects those who have been showered with blessings. In other words, today's followers of Christ, today's on-fire believers,

need to be on guard against this illness.

Jesus told the story of the publican and the Pharisee, both praying in the temple. The Pharisee stood tall before God, saying (in so many words), "Look at me, God. I've done everything right. I've kept every requirement of the law. I'm not like all those sinners. You're just so lucky to have me."

The publican, on the other hand, bowed before God, acknowledging his sinfulness. He was repentant and humble, asking quietly for God's mercy.

Everyone knows the rest of the story. Jesus told His followers that the publican, not the Pharisee, was the one in right-standing with the Father. The self-righteous are seldom those who are righteous before God.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. (James 4:10)

This is a recurrent theme in the New Testament, one which, unfortunately, some of today's church members conveniently ignore. God certainly blesses His people today, just as He always has. Miracles did not die with the apostles; for God moves among His people today, doing the seemingly impossible on a routine basis.

But some of today's believers fall into the trap of thinking like the Pharisees of old. If one is healthy and wealthy, they are seen as blessed by God. On the other hand, the poor and the sick are sometimes seen as cursed in some way. Nothing could be further from the truth!

We are all beneficiaries of his grace and mercy. There is no room for spiritual pride. What Jesus did, he did for each and every one of us. Belief is more than mere agreement; belief is a commitment of one's entire being to the calling God has for each of us and be simple recipients of his grace.

Jesus showed us the kind of radical change it would take when He took on mortal flesh for a time to give us eternal life. It's this kind of radical change, a whole new direction, which should leave no room for spiritual pride in the believer's life.

We are who we are by the grace of God, and we have been accepted in His family by divine adoption, an act of God's mercy which none of us deserves, nor ever will!



The Word for "Worrywarts"

Worry acts like a thief; it robs us of the joy God wants us to experience each day. Basically, all our worries come down to two things: that we won't get what we need or that we'll lose what we've got.

Martha was a "worrywart" and it showed up when Jesus came to dinner. She worked hard in the kitchen while her sister Mary sat listening to Jesus. In frustration Martha asked, "...Lord, don't You care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself?" (Luke 10:40). Worry makes us forget who is the servant and who is Lord.

Notice three things in this story: Martha was busy serving, but she wasn't enjoying it. No doubt she wanted to please Jesus; it's just that she allowed her work for the Lord to become more important to her than her relationship with the Lord. Has that happened to you?

Satan didn't take Martha out of the kitchen; he just stole her purpose for being there. Satan doesn't turn you against the church; he just makes you focus on yourself. He doesn't take away your ministry, he just discourages you by saying you're overworked and not appreciated.

God values your attitude more than your actions .A bad attitude spoils the gift you offer to God. Jesus said, "*Martha... only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen... it...*" (Luke 10:42) What did Mary choose? Sitting at the feet of Jesus. He always prefers the quiet devotion of a sincere heart to the noisy attitude of a complainer. Think about it.

The Storm Ends at 4:39

Do you remember Hurricane John? It formed in the Pacific in 1994 and set a world record as the longest-lasting and farthest-traveling hurricane in recorded history. It was also one of the strongest hurricanes to have ever swept across the sea. It lasted a full month—31 days—and traveled from the eastern Pacific to the western Pacific and back to the central Pacific. Fortunately it remained mostly at sea, so damage was minimal despite the duration of the storm, but it broke records everywhere it went.



Some storms seem to go on forever. A health crisis, a job disruption, a damaged relationship, a tough period at church. For the disciples, the storm lasted far too long. They feared death by drowning while their Lord slept peacefully in the stern. But Jesus knew the exact time to say, "*Peace, be still.*" It was just at 4:39 – Mark 4:39. At that moment, the winds ceased, and there was a great calm. Let's learn to weather the storm by faith in Him. Our times are in His hands, and in His timing He will say, "Peace, be still!"



Discerning God's Will As A Way of Life

*"How can I discover God's
will for my life?"*

*"How can I be sure God's
guiding my decisions?"*

"God, what do you want me to do?"

Practically all followers of Jesus ask questions like these. Sometimes we think these thoughts randomly, but more often than not, we focus more when faced with important crossroads in our lives, when we're trying to sort out the best path forward.

But is that really the best view of discerning God's will: something we do at the "crisis" points in life? Truly discerning the will of God more as a process than as something we do only at crisis points. We are also wise to heed Jesus' parable of the unjust steward, realizing that if we're faithful in little, we'll be faithful with much.

Especially when struggles set in and things dry up around you, is this a necessarily sign to act and move on? That is what your natural mind will perceive to be true. Yet scripture reminds our spiritual mind of a much deeper and lasting truth.

In Genesis 26 we read that there was a severe drought and famine in the land, Isaac believed that going into another place such as Egypt would help sustain his family. But God spoke and directed his steps in a very different way. He commanded him to stay right where he was, and to sow seed.

Isaac obeyed the Lord and stayed in the land while famine was all around him. Then the Bible says that *"Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year a hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him"* (Genesis 26:12).

Imagine this remarkable picture of a man sowing amid the desolation, a stark and barren land. Sowing in the belief that God would provide a bountiful harvest in spite of the famine gripping his homeland. Most likely, his neighbors thought he was a madman to be sowing seed while the land was dry and dead.

Yet he relied on the promise of God, who said, *"I will be with thee, and I will bless thee."* It is only for believers with faith for the miraculous that can begin to harvest such a miraculous supply. God is pouring His abundance into your hands, just as He did for Isaac. But you have to be obediently waiting in the place he has placed you to receive.

If you look at the circumstances of your situation, it might seem like a good time to store up, hold back, go somewhere else and play it safe. Don't! Obey God, plant more seed in the drought and get ready for a miracle harvest!

Walking by Faith

When veteran high-wire performer Nik Wallenda took his first step on a wire stretched above Niagara Falls in 2012, he was walking by faith. The same was true the next year when he walked on a wire high above a Grand Canyon gorge. When asked about fear, Wallenda has said, "I would say the only thing I fear is God."



Walking by faith in any arena of life requires confidence in something. Besides confidence in God, Wallenda has faith in his skills, training, and equipment. Still, there are no guarantees. Walking by faith means taking steps in the direction God has indicated, trusting that He will be faithful to guide and provide.

"For we walk by faith [we regulate our lives and conduct ourselves by our conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, with trust and holy fervor; thus we walk] not by sight or appearance." – 2 Corinthians 5:7 (AMP)



The Last Impression...

Sitting on the side of the interstate highway near Rocky Gap, waiting to catch speeding drivers, a Maryland State Police Officer saw an eastbound car puttering along at 40 MPH. He thought to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he noticed that there were five elderly ladies – two in the front seat and three in the back – wide-eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, said to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?" "Ma'am," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers." "Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly... forty miles an hour!" the woman said, a bit proudly.

The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explained to her that the "40" sign was the route number, not the speed limit. "This is Route 40 and I-68!" A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," the officer asked with concern. "Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Route 220!"