

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor
August 18, 2020

Deposit 8/14/2020

Budget 42389.00
8-145 Cash in Cash out- Rent Journey Church \$400.00
8-403 Food Closet \$11.00
Total Deposit \$2800.00

Vision Team Meeting- Tuesday, September 1st 6:30pm



Sonshine Kids Update

We are planning on starting our Kid's Church back up on Sunday, September 13th.

We will be starting back with a safe place for the kids to come and worship. There are guidelines that they will need to follow and with the help of everyone, I am sure that everything will run smoothly.

I am looking for adults that would be able to ride with me on the bus and also adults to be my helper in the room. If you would be interested in helping in either capacity, please let me know. ---Dreama

Not all kids will be returning to church and we will continue our Virtual Lessons that are posted on the website weekly on Wednesday.

Just a friendly reminder:

1. Face Masks- Not everyone wants to wear them and we understand that BUT at HBC, we are asking everyone to please wear your face mask through the entire service. IF you can not do that...we still want you to attend. We have a way that you can enjoy the service. Please see one of the people when you check in. Otherwise, please be mindful that we have to wear our masks at all times.
2. Remember Social Distancing- There have been concerns about some of our guests talking to others without a mask and also touching them. Please do not have physical contact with anyone. We want to make HBC the safest place that we can so we can all enjoy worship together.

Call the office if you have any questions.

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.

We will not be supplying the refreshments. The Red Cross is in charge of all this. If you are volunteering, please call the office so that you can receive the new guidelines for volunteering. The Red Cross is also providing Volunteers for this event.



American Red Cross

Pray for our Missionaries:

AS (American People) Miranda Barker (European People) MD, DJ, MJ, SS (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) JN (Southeast Asian People) ML (Sub-Sharan African People) Susan Hayes (LAO Rose Ignacio, Juan Tovar, (NM) Eunice Lo (TX)

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

Pack the Pantry

Sunday, August 30th

Don't forget to bring your canned food and non-perishable foods.



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

Tuesday, August 25th

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, August 26th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, August 27th

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, August 30th

10am Worship at HBC and Facebook Live
Food Collection Sunday

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



Happy Birthday for July for the next two weeks

Marcia Callison 8/19
Barry Surber 8/19
Janice Harvey 8/30
Mark St. Ours 8/31
Pat Schell 8/31



"Serving our community with the love of Jesus"



God Works Through Our Good Resolves!

“To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power.”

2 Thessalonians 1:11

Last week we talked about “*Decisions! Decisions!*” This week we’re discussing what it takes to move us beyond simply deciding to the resolving experience. This involves bringing our natural person, our intellect and our souls into the alignment with our emotions and wills.

The engagement of God’s power never takes the place of the engagement of our will! The power of God in sanctification never makes us passive! The power of God engages itself beneath or behind and within our will, not in place of our will.

The evidence of God’s power in our lives is not the absence of our willing, but the strength of our willing, the joy of our willing.

Anyone who says, “Well, I believe in the sovereignty of God and so I will just sit back and do nothing” does not really believe in the sovereignty of God. For why would someone who believes in God’s sovereignty so blatantly disobey him?

When you sit back to do nothing, you are not doing nothing. The fact is that you are actively engaging your will in a decision to sit back. And if that is the way you handle sin or temptation in your life, it is blatant disobedience, because we are commanded to wage good warfare (1 Tim. 1:18) and resist the devil (James 4:7) and strive for holiness (Heb. 12:14) and put to death the sinful acts of the body (Rom, 8:13).

Second Thessalonians 1:11 says that it is by the power of God that we will fulfill our good resolves and our works of faith. But this does not nullify the meaning of the word “resolve” and the word “work.” Part of the whole process of walking worthy of God’s call is the active engagement of our will in resolving to do righteousness.

If you have lingering sin in your life, or if you keep neglecting some good deed just because you have been waiting around to be saved without a fight, you are compounding your disobedience. God will never override your will in any other way than through your exercise of that will; that is, through your good resolves — your intentions and plans and purposes.

So, people who believe in the sovereignty of God must not fear to engage their wills in the struggle for holiness. “*Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able*” (Luke 13:24). Only strive in the faith that in and through your striving God is at work to will and to do his good pleasure (Philippians 2:13).

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood



Holy Fire

In ancient cultures, the most important thing a household did was to never let the fire go cold. In rural Korean cultures the same ancestral fire burned for centuries, and when they moved they took the fire of their forefathers with them. When your fire went out, it was thought, you lost your connection with heaven. Would that Christians were as careful about tending spiritual fire as these ancients were about

natural fire. We are to nourish the spiritual fire, and we do that by prayer, obedience, mission, devotion, and study.

Holy fire is warming. In the words of the nineteenth-century New England poet Lucy Larcom: “If the world seems cold to you, Kindle fires to warm it.” How many fires will you kindle today with the flint of faith?

Perspective and Persistence

The Apostle Paul said, “I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again.” (2 Corinthians 11:26)



Speaking to Thomas Edison, before Edison discovered how to make an electric light bulb work, a young journalist asked, “How come you keep trying to make an electric light when you have failed so many times. Don't you know that gas lights are with us to stay?”

“Young man,” Edison said, “I have not failed but successfully discovered 6,000 ways that won't work!”

If anyone knew opposition it was the Apostle Paul. Besides being in prison and being exposed to death, he received from the Jews the thirty-nine lashes. He was also beaten with rods, stoned, and shipwrecked three times. He was in constant danger from bandits, his own countrymen, and from Gentiles. He often went without sleep and knew hunger and thirst and was left cold and naked, and knew constant pressure because of his concern for all the churches. (2 Corinthians 11:24-28).

Paul was faithful to the end. In spite of innumerable setbacks, he never quit and he never gave up.

Great perspective. Great persistence. Great attitude. Having a Great God makes all the difference! You and I have the same Great God and can have the same great attitude in everything that we are doing for God and for his glory.



Wonder and Worship

Never lose your sense of wonder, or you'll lose your motivation for worship. Unless you believe God is all-powerful, ever-present and approachable, you'll live in a state of anxiety believing that everything depends on you. You'll shrink from sharing your faith in case you're ridiculed or can't find the right words. You'll fail to be generous because the source of your security is in yourself.

You'll avoid confronting those who need it, because without the certainty of God's acceptance you become a slave to people's opinions.

We live in a cynical age that discourages wonder. We've diminished the marvel and awe, yet deep down we still ache for it. When you shrink your concept of God to fit your own rationale, you pray without faith, work without passion, serve without joy, and suffer without hope. And the result is fear, retreat and loss of vision.

But there's one thing that's guaranteed to restore your understanding of how big and wonderful God is – worship. God created us so that when we experience something awe-inspiring we need to praise it, to wrap words around it. We don't worship God because He needs it, but because we do.

Without worship our perception of Him is incomplete; we forget how great He is; we overlook our calling and become self-involved. We lose our sense of wonder and gratitude by plodding through life with blinkers on, and we become self-reliant, stubborn and proud. So, each day let us pause and say with the Psalmist, "Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool..." (Psalm 99:5)

The Last Impression

A little old lady answered a knock on the door one day, only to be confronted by a well-dressed young man carrying a vacuum cleaner. "Good morning," said the young man. "If I could take a couple of minutes of your time, I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners."



"Go away!" said the old lady. "I haven't got any money!" and she proceeded to close the door. Quick as a flash, the young man wedged his foot in the door and pushed it wide open. "Don't be too hasty!" he said. "Not until you have at least seen my demonstration."

And with that, he emptied a bucket of horse manure onto her hallway carpet. "If this vacuum cleaner does not remove all traces of this horse manure from your carpet, Madam, I will personally eat the remainder." "Well," she said, "I hope you've got a good appetite, because my electricity was cut off this morning!"



Giving To the Lord

"Then they faithfully brought in the offerings, the tithes, and the dedicated things." 2 Chronicles 31:12

The key word in the scripture above with regard to giving is "faithfully." It will always be a challenge to faithfully bring the offerings, the tithes, and the dedicated things to the house of the Lord, but your faithfulness will always bring a blessing as well.

The "tithe" is the Lord's, and it is given as holy unto Him. It is to be the first portion of our increase. Whatever God gives us, ten percent of it belongs to Him. Despite what some people seem to believe, the tithe was never intended to be divided or "designated" – It belongs to God... Totally!

The "offerings" we give to the Lord is the portion of our increase over and above our tithe that we give for the work of ministry. This is given by a willingness and simple desire to meet the needs of service.

This giving is over and above that which is required. This type of giving is often based upon specific needs each believer is experiencing in their own lives. This is gift that, when coupled with our faith, becomes a seed sown that can be expected in due season to produce a harvest of that which is planted.

Each form of giving comes with a blessing but let us not forget that our giving to the Lord is fulfilled through obedience!

Are you worshipping God through your giving?

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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I PRAISE TOO MUCH AND NOW I'M STUCK

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The Fiery Furnaces Of Our Lives

*"Now thanks be unto God, which always
causeth us to triumph in Christ"
(2 Cor. 2:14).*

God gets His greatest victories out of apparent defeats. Very often the enemy seems to triumph for a little, and God lets it be so; but then He comes in and upsets all the temporary and deceptive work of the enemy, overthrows the apparent victory, and as the Bible says, *"turns the way of the wicked upside down."* In this way, He gives a great deal larger victory than we would have known if He had not allowed the enemy, seemingly, to triumph in the first place.

The story of the three Hebrew children being cast into the fiery furnace is a familiar one. It looked as if the servants of the living God were going to have a terrible defeat. We have all been in places where it seemed as though we were defeated, and the enemy rejoiced. We can imagine what a complete defeat this looked to be. They fell down into the flames, and their enemies watched them to see them burn up in that awful fire, but were greatly astonished to see them walking around in the fire enjoying themselves. Nebuchadnezzar told them to *"come forth out of the midst of the fire."* Not even a hair was singed, nor was the smell of fire on their garments, *"because there is no other god that can deliver after this sort."*

What appeared to be a hopeless defeat resulted in a marvelous victory!

Suppose that these three men had lost their faith and courage, and had complained, saying, "Why did not God keep us out of the furnace!" They would have been burned, and God would not have been glorified.

If there is a great trial in your life today, do not own it as a defeat, but continue, by faith, to claim the victory through Him who is able to make you more than conqueror, and a glorious victory will soon be apparent. Let us learn that in all the hard places God brings us into, He is making opportunities for us to exercise such faith in Him as will bring about blessed results and greatly glorify His name. –

The following verse is from a poem called, *"Life's Lessons,"*

***"The clouds that cover sunshine
They cannot banish the sun;
And the earth shines out the brighter
When the weary rain is done.
We must stand in the deepest shadow
To see the clearest light;
And often through wrong's own darkness
Comes the very strength of light."***

Unhurried, Uninterrupted Time With God...

A real Christian stands out in the crowd!

Their character is deeper,
their ideas fresher,
their spirit softer,
their courage greater,
their leadership better,
their concerns wider,
their compassion more genuine,
their convictions more concrete.

They're joyful in spite of difficult circumstances and show wisdom far beyond their years. And they're full of surprises: you think you have them boxed in, but they turn out to be unpredictable. When you're around them you feel slightly off balance because you don't know what to expect next. Over time you that their unexpected ideas and actions can be trusted.

Why? Because these people have a strong relationship with the Lord – one that's renewed day by day. David said: *"Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law they meditate day and night."* (Psalm 1:2)

They have a spiritual root system that reaches down to streams of living water. Consequently, what they put their hand to prospers. Too few of us ever reach this level. How come?

Because we're just too busy!

The arch-enemy of spiritual growth is business, which is closely tied to something the Bible calls "worldliness" – getting caught up with society's agenda, to the neglect of walking with God.

Anyway you cut it, a key ingredient in real Christianity is – time. Not left over time, not throw away time, but quality time.

Time for contemplation.

Time for meditation.

Time for reflection.

Unhurried, uninterrupted time with God.

The Bible reminds us with this instruction: *"Be still and know that I am God, I will be exalted among the nations"* Psalm 46:10.

Have you had your quiet time with God today?

IT'S EASY
TO STAND WITH
THE CROWD
IT TAKES
COURAGE
TO STAND ALONE

More Than Believing Alone

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and began following Him on the road.” (Mark 10:52)

I don't know what step you need to take next, but I do know that you need to take it. For someone, the next step is to accept Jesus Christ into your life. For someone else, it may be to be baptized. Maybe you need to join a church, get into a small group, tithe, find a ministry, invite a friend to church. I don't know what your next step is, but I do know this: You have one. God will never be finished taking you deeper in faith. There is always a next step.

If you don't take the next step, you're going to get stuck in a rut — and the only difference between a grave and a rut is the length. If you don't move forward in faith, you will die. Your heart will grow cold, and you will feel more distant from God. He isn't going to help you with step three, four, and five until you take step one. If you're asking God to help you with something, he's asking *you*, “Why haven't you done what I've already told you to do?” You may have “been aiming to” do something. Stop aiming and pull the trigger.

Before Bartimaeus met Jesus, he was sitting beside the road. After he received his sight from the Lord, he *“began following Jesus on the road”* (Mark 10:52b NASB). Which of those two phrases describes your life: sitting beside the road or following Jesus on the road? Which of those two lifestyles do you think is more fulfilling? Which do you think has more joy, more meaning, and more satisfaction? Which one do you want to represent your life?

There's only one way to follow Jesus on the road: Take the next step.

Faith is more than believing. Faith is more than thinking, talking, or having convictions about Jesus. Faith is action. It is movement; it is activity. Faith is something you do. In fact, the Bible says in James 2:14, *“If people say they have faith, but do nothing, their faith is worth nothing”* (NCV).

Where do you get the faith to begin a fresh start? There's only one source: Jesus Christ.

“Everything that we have — right thinking and right living, a clean slate and a fresh start — comes from God by way of Jesus Christ”
(1 Corinthians 1:30 MSG).

Bartimaeus had no idea that Jesus Christ was going to pass his way that day. To him, it was just another day. But God gave him an unexpected opportunity that offered him a fresh start. God is giving you the same opportunity. Don't blow it. Take your next step of faith before the opportunity passes you by.



What Is Ministry?

Ministry is giving when you feel like keeping, praying for others when you need to be prayed for, feeding others when your own soul is hungry, living truth before people even when you can't see results, hurting with other people even when your own hurt can't be spoken, keeping your word even when it is not convenient, it is being faithful when your flesh wants to run away.

Love and Punishment

I read an illustration of a small boy who was always late coming home from school. His parents warned him that he would face punishment if he came home late again. The next day, the boy came home late. When dinnertime arrived, the boy came to the table and looked at his plate. Upon the plate was nothing but a piece of bread. In his glass, only water. He looked at his parent's dinner plates and noticed that they were full of food, their glasses full of milk. The boy was stunned.



Then, without so much as a word about his son's behavior, the father switched his own plate and glass with his son's. As he began to eat the piece of bread, he smiled at his son. Later in life the son recalled that it was on that day as a boy when he learned what God was really like.

This story provides us with a simple picture of God's love for us. The father in the story, who did not do anything wrong, out of love took upon himself his son's punishment. The Scriptures provide us with the same message of God's love for us — that through Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection, He who was sinless took upon Himself the guilt and punishment of our sins. What a gift that God's grace is always greater than our sin! If you have responded to God's love through placing your faith in Christ, you are set free from the punishment of sin. Today, in everything you do, let your life reflect your gratitude for God's love.

One Last Laugh!



A man finally summons the courage to go sky diving for the very first time. The preparation and plane flight go smoothly, but immediately after jumping from the plane, he is unable to get his parachute to deploy.

As he hurtles towards the earth, he is shocked to see a man rocketing upwards toward him.

As they pass in the air, the skydiver yells, "Do you know anything about parachutes?"

The second man responds, "No. Do you know anything about gas grills?"