

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor
August 4, 2020

Deposit 7/30/2020

8-145 Cash in Cash out- \$6.00
8-403 Food Closet \$140.00
8-412 Pure Water Pure Love \$10.00
Budget \$3505.00
Total Deposit \$3661.00

Deposit 8/3/2020

8-403 Food Closet \$125.00
8-412 Pure Water Pure Love \$50.00
Budget \$5225.00
Budget Designated- Sonshine Kids \$3.00
Total Deposit \$5403.00

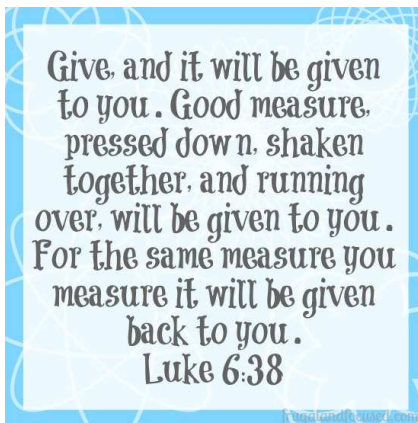
July Recap

Budget Deposits \$17,725.43
Budget Expenses \$24,557.69
Designated Deposits \$3,212.00
Designated Expenses \$4,329.68

Money Market Balance \$96,911.32
Savings \$86,243.93
Outreach \$10,667.39

PDF/ RR \$17,900.47
PDF \$5188.09
RR \$12,335.97
Deacons \$376.41

Designated Account \$56,840.86



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.

More information is coming!



By this we know
love, because Jesus
Christ laid down His
life for us.

1 John 3:16



JESUS LOVES YOU

Pray for our Missionaries:

Jennifer Brungardt, David White (American People) KA (Central Asian People) NH, JR (East Asian People) Amy Carpenter, Kirstin Hesskew, Ricky Wilhelm (European People) RS (Sub- Saharan African People) Emily Wilson (Alberta) Julie Newstead (AZ) Robert Campbell (British Columbia) Joshua Smith (CT) Rodrick Drewberry (GA) John Ronel (KS) Raymond Conner, Andre Franklin (NC) Williams Velez (OR) Roger Carlson (PA) Christopher Coleman (SC) John Brassel (TX) Alan Bella (WY)



Missions 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.

With the help of hundreds of churches, PWPL provides thousands of water filters to missionary families and helps fund clean water projects.



The PWPL jug is located at the Mission Outreach table.



Tuesday, August 4th

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

Wednesday, August 5th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, August 6th

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, August 9th

10am Worship at HBC and Facebook Live

Tuesday, August 11th

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

Wednesday, August 12th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

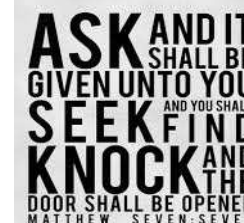
Thursday, August 13th

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, August 16th

10am Worship at HBC and Facebook Live

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



Happy Birthday for July for the next two weeks

Jennifer Johnson 8/5
Myrna Powell 8/6
Moses Sabb 8/10
Patsy Hardman 8/12



“Serving our community with the love of Jesus”



Writing on the Wall

Sometimes you can see the writing on the wall. Our future isn't written on billboards. Wouldn't it be nice if it was? As you are driving down the highway a sign lets you know what is coming in your future.

That would be nice, but it's not a reality. God chooses to get our attention in other ways.

We see one such instance today in Daniel 5. King Belshazzar receives a message from God in a very abrupt way.

In Daniel 5:5-6 we read:

“Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking.”

Could you imagine eating dinner one night and God starts writing on the wall? What destiny would God write? What would he warn you about?

In Daniel, as King Belshazzar was eating dinner with his guests a hand mysteriously appears and starts to write in a language he doesn't understand. The only one who could interpret is Daniel.

What Daniel had to say wasn't good, King Belshazzar's life would be taken tonight!

In other words... Times Up!

Of course, King Belshazzar was a wicked person and he had the sacred vessels from Israel brought to celebrate the feast. This angered God and that night Babylon fell. The lesson here is that we need to live our life with the knowledge that God is watching what we do.

For some that will produce sudden fear, for others it will provide comfort, for most, it won't change anything.

The question is that if God was to write something on your wall what would it be? Would it be “Well done thou good and faithful servant?”

Or, would it be “Depart from me, I never knew you?” Maybe it would be “I've given you so much, I wish you would do more for me.”

One day the writing will be on the wall, we will give an account of the life we lived. What will the handwriting of your life today say?

Without Criticism

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men liberally and without criticism, and it will be given to him.” –

James 1:5



The Bible makes the remarkable statement that God desires to give us wisdom – discernment to understand situations and people and insight to make the right decisions. In fact, He can give us this wisdom in abundance, “liberally.”

But there are conditions. First, we must ask Him for the wisdom we need. Many people count on their own experiences or focus on the world's experts. We need to remember that God promises a generous outpouring of wisdom when we ask Him.

Second, we need to be patient. This is so essential that the Bible tells us we should “count it all joy when you fall into various trials” because the “testing of your faith produces patience” (v. 2-3 NKJV). We need this patience, so we can take our time to study His Word, pray, and listen carefully.

We need to ask in faith, believing Him when we ask. We need to be single-minded, asking “without wavering” (v. 6). We cannot expect to receive an abundance of wisdom if we are “double-minded” (v. 8). We must be resolute and focused.

He also promises to give us this wisdom “without criticism.” In short, *“He will not rebuke you for asking” (NLT). We are to “ask and keep on asking... Seek and keep on seeking... Knock and keep on knocking” Matthew 7:7.*

Cry out to God for the wisdom you need. Focus on Him. Don't allow doubt to creep into your heart and mind.



Eve Got Suspicious...

Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands. When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. “You're running around with other women,” she charged.

“You're being unreasonable,” Adam responded. “You're the only woman on earth.” The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest.

It was Eve. “What do you think you're doing?” Adam demanded. “Counting your ribs,” said Eve

Your Influence Has Power!

“Don’t destroy him! Who can lay a hand on the Lord’s anointed and be guiltless? . . .The Lord forbid that I should lay a hand on the Lord’s anointed.” 1 Samuel 26:9-11



Saul and his army had been pursuing David and his men, but David and his general, Abishai, were able to sneak into Saul’s camp where they found him asleep. Obviously, David had intended to harm Saul in some way. (Why else would he have risked their lives to enter such a dangerous area?)

Yet, when faced with the opportunity, David just could not take action against Saul. Instead, he entrusted him into God’s hands. What influenced David to make this decision? It can be argued that he was influenced by the example of a woman named “Abigail,” whom he had only recently met.

Just prior to this incident (recorded in 1 Samuel 25), David was prepared to strike down Abigail’s husband, Nabal. But Abigail courageously confronted David and convinced him to forgive Nabal and release him into God’s hands. Ten days after this encounter, Nabal was dead. David was impressed with this wise woman and wanted her to be his wife.

When David confronted Saul in the camp, he was reminded by Abigail’s example that he could trust God to avenge his enemies. If God could deal with Nabal, surely God could deal with Saul.

So David entrusted Saul’s fate to God: “Who can lay a hand on the Lord’s anointed and be guiltless?” David had learned his lesson. Here a woman of no apparent importance became an example to a military leader who would become king. And David would take this lesson and apply it throughout his life.

In another Old Testament story we read how God called a young prophet to challenge the ways of an evil king. An older prophet influenced the young prophet to disobey God’s instructions. After his disobedience, the young prophet was killed by a lion. The old prophet mourned, but he couldn’t change the results of using his influence to destroy a life.

The old prophet made a tragic mistake. His influence caused a young man to disobey God, and to lose his life.

What are we doing with our influence? The old prophet influenced in a negative way. But as we choose to walk closely with God and keep His Word in our hearts, we become powerful influencers for good.

The way you choose to live your life can impact the lives of other for eternity...



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When God Seems Late...

We all want good things to happen in our lives, but too often we want it now...not later. When it doesn't happen that way, we are tempted to ask, "When, God, when?"

Most of us need to grow in the area of trusting God instead of focusing on the "when" question.

If you're missing joy and peace, or if your mind feels worn out all the time, the key may be in learning how to trust God is a better way.

Trusting God often requires not knowing how God is going to accomplish what needs to be done and not knowing when He will do it. We often say God is never late, but generally He isn't early either. Why? Because He uses times of waiting to stretch our faith in Him and to bring about change and growth in our lives.

We spend a lot of time in our lives waiting because change is a process. Many people want change, but they don't want to go through the waiting process. But the truth is, waiting is a given—we are going to wait. The question is, are we going to wait the wrong or right way?

If we wait the wrong way, we'll be miserable; but if we decide to wait God's way, we can learn and grow through the wait. As we allow God to help us in each situation, we develop patience. As we develop patience, the Bible says we will learn to feel completely satisfied—lacking nothing. Even our relationship with God will undergo progressive changes.

My relationship with God is so much different now than it was in the early days of my Christian experience. It is sometimes not as emotionally exciting...and yet it is better. Every change I've gone through has made me more mature, solid and well-grounded. I have learned, and continue to learn, to trust God by going through many experiences that require trust.

By seeing God's faithfulness over and over, we let go of trusting ourselves, and gradually we place our trust in Him. Looking at it like this, it is easy to see how timing plays an important part in learning to trust God. If He did everything we asked for immediately, we would never grow and develop. Timing and the development of our trust work side by side.

I believe God always answers our prayers, but not always when and how we anticipated He would. God gives us hopes and dreams for certain things to happen in our lives, but He doesn't always allow us to see the exact timing of His plan. Yet when we accept His timing, we can learn to live in hope and enjoy our lives while He is working on our problems.

God Closed The Door

"After they came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them...they came down to Troas. A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'"

- Acts 16:6-9

Paul had a passion for the Gospel. He had been called to spread this Good News, particularly to the Gentiles. Setting out on his second missionary journey, his thoughts must have turned toward Europe, where the needs were great, where millions of Souls needed Christ.

As he and his companions traveled throughout what today is Turkey, God seemed to close door after door. Eventually, they approached Bithynia, on the Bosphorus, the most convenient place to cross from Asia to Europe.

But "the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them." They could not go there—the time was not right, and this was not the place. And so the Spirit of God said, "No!"

The team then traveled to Troas, a seaport on the Aegean Sea, about 200 miles to the west. There Paul received a vision and a call to go to Europe. This was God's time and place! Paul was learning the importance of living according to God's plans and moving according to His timetable.

Bible stories like this help each of us understand the same principles. How important for us acknowledge and learn from the lessons of those who have gone before us.

Just like Paul, we need to remember that God is sovereign and that He has a plan—for the world and for our lives as individuals. Too often we set off in our own direction and make our own plans and then ask God to bless them. How much better it is when we wait to see the direction in which God is moving and then choose to follow and join Him along the way.

Today, submit your life anew to God. Ask Him to help you to be more sensitive to His Spirit. Seek to move in accordance with His will, and align your life with His plans.

Seek to be diligent and ready to act, faithfully, in both following God's direction and His timing.

Remember: *"There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1).*





It's How You Finish

I look around at my group of friends that I have started and run the race of faith with. Through the years, how much smaller the group has become!

Have we forgotten the most basic truth of our Christian experience? We must run with perseverance that race that is ours to run. Will we finish the race? Will we have a strong finish? Christianity is not so concerned with how we start as much as it is concerned with how we finish.

It's not how you start out; it's how you finish up. Abraham started out as a liar, but he ended up as the father of the faithful. It's not how you start out; it's how you finish up. Sarah started out as barren, but she ended up as the only senior citizen in the maternity ward.

It's not how you start out; it's how you finish up. Rahab started out as a prostitute, but she ended up in the family tree of the Prince of Peace. Mary Magdalene started out consumed by evil spirits, but she ended up as one of the first witnesses to the resurrection. It's not how you start out; it's how you finish up. Paul started out as a violent persecutor, but he ended up as a gospel globetrotter. It's not how you start out; it's how you finish up.

I started out as a sinner, but now by grace, I am a son of the living God. And through that grace, while I may not come in leading the pack, at least I can say I am still running and I am on my way to the finish line. How about you? How is your race going?

Two Inconvenient Truths Of Lukewarm Christianity

First is the truth that your relationship with Christ is your responsibility; it is your journey. Our Lord appointed the Holy Spirit as a helper in this journey, and He also gave some other human helpers, but you gravely misunderstand this faith if you believe it is a helper's job to spoon-feed you the depth of revelation and intimacy needed. The true element of communion is never a rose or a light airy white wine. It is always crimson and rich in color to remind us of the truth in the blood it represents.

Second is that living according to a truth-driven lifestyle is a necessity for anyone hoping to change the lukewarm temperature in their spiritual life. Nobody can sustain intimacy with the Father, authority before man, and relevance in this age devoid of a daily choice to not be swayed off of the rock of truth. It doesn't just "simply happen," rather, it is a worthy experience which must be fought for and pursued. We must teach ourselves to believe that lifestyles and experiences outlined to us by the Bible are not polite suggestions. They are requirements of the faith.

Who Do You See in the Mirror?

Do you know some people who take themselves too seriously? And how it can make everyone around them uncomfortable?

Few have had a healthier ability to laugh at themselves than Abraham Lincoln. Not the most handsome man on the planet, he had a charming ability to turn his features to his advantage. Once, in a political debate, his opponent accused him of being two-faced. Lincoln responded, "I couldn't be two-faced. If I had two faces, I wouldn't wear this one." His ability to laugh at himself was one of Lincoln's most attractive qualities.



The way we feel about ourselves has many contributing factors. But, what if you don't value your history? What if you feel that your background leaves you unqualified for success?

That was the case with Gideon. He became one of Israel's noted leaders, but not because he had a positive view of himself. God found him threshing wheat in a winepress. Of course, that's not where wheat was to be threshed. He was there because he was timidly hiding wheat from the Midianites. God called to him with the unexplainable title, "*Mighty warrior*" (Judges 6:12). When Gideon began to raise protests, listing his reasons and disqualifications, God concluded the conversation by rejecting Gideon's small view of himself and who he was.

That is so typical of how we see ourselves. We know our weaknesses better than anyone does and we are too ready to identify ourselves by them. We know how small we are in the scheme of things and quickly disqualify ourselves by appealing to our poor images of ourselves.

That's not how God sees us. He called Gideon a "mighty warrior." Where did that come from? Certainly, not from what Gideon was doing in the winepress. What would have been visible to any observer was Gideon, the timid, fearful farmer. That's what he thought of himself and that's what any of us would have thought of him. God saw something else. He saw a "*mighty warrior*."

Underlying the wonder of this story about Gideon there is a point not to be missed. God said to Gideon, "*I will be with you*." That is **the secret to our success**. It is a reminder that who we are isn't nearly as important as who He is.

Our victory is guaranteed because God uses those of us who don't even believe in ourselves. Our victory is guaranteed because God isn't convinced by all our disclaimers and our long list of disqualifications. He sees beyond what we are - to what we can be; and gives the added assurance of His presence. You and I are winners. How can we miss with a God like that expressing such confidence in us and accompanying us into our future?