

***The HBC Weekly Forecast***  
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God doesn't call his people to insignificant tasks. When God calls us to serve, it's a significant assignment that might even disrupt our lives. A call to better serve is always a call to further surrender

The Bible includes many examples of people God called to serve in major roles for his people, but even if they didn't become a leader or prophet (like Moses or David or Elijah), every task that God gave was important, and every servant was called to be faithful.

When God calls us to a task, our natural response might be apprehension, and maybe even fear. It is not easy to be a witness for Christ in a world that is opposed to his lordship. When we take a stand for Christ today, we could be put in a position of being mocked and ostracized—and perhaps persecuted and even killed. We might wonder if the risk is worthwhile.

God does not delight in putting us in difficult situations. But he may call us to difficult tasks to advance his kingdom in this world. That might require us to step out of our comfort zones. The calling may be challenging and difficult, but God's plans are always worthwhile!

Our prayer becomes... *“Father, grant us wisdom to discern where your calling is leading us, and courage to follow when our fears and apprehensions might urge us to walk away. Amen.”*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

September 15, 2020

## September 10, 2020

Budget \$4151.00

Designated Offerings \$11.00

8-106 Alma Hunt Offering \$100.00

8-300 PDF \$50.00

8-403 Food Closet \$175.00

8-412 Pure Water Pure Love

Total Deposit \$4537.00



## Sonshine Kids Church is Back!

A few Kids joined us back on Sunday! We have a stay place and know that more kids will be joining us! Come have fun and learn about Jesus!



## **Address and Phone Numbers**

There are many of you that have changed your phone numbers or address. Could you please contact the church office with the updated information. I have tried to call a few people recently and the phone numbers are not correct.

Thanks for your help in this matter!

Dreama

**The Alma Hunt Offering** for Virginia Missions is a joint venture of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV).

In 2020, this annual state missions offering will be distributed as follows:  
70% of funds to WMUV-directed projects and 30% of funds to BGAV-directed projects. All projects have a direct correlation to COVID-19 relief efforts. Funds will be distributed monthly and will begin in Summer 2020 in order to respond more quickly to immediate needs.

## **Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes**

If you would like to fill a shoebox, there are labels for them on the Mission Outreach Table. Thanks to all who help to make a kids Christmas special in another country.



## **Pray for our Missionaries:**

RE (Central Asian People) CB (East Asian People) HF (European People) BD, DS (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) MC (South Asian People) OB, LB, Angela Dawson (Southeast Asian People) Mont Patton (AZ) Raul Gomez (CA) Chris Talleri (CO) Thaddaeus Walton (ID) Bryan Coble (IL) Steven Christiansen (IA) Bryan Shippey, Darrell Sullivan (MA) Benoit Marcoux (Quebec)



**“Serving our community with the love of Jesus”**

**Happy Birthday for  
the next two weeks**

Marva Jean Flowers 9/14

Jim Egnot 9/15

Jennifer Jones 9/18

Nadine Stephenson 9/22

Stacy Vassar 9/23

Chuck Green 9/27

Jason Moriah 9/27

Betty Jean Allen 9/29

Kathy Devol 9/29



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

**Monday, September 14th**

1:30pm– 6:00pm American Red  
Cross Blood Drive

**Tuesday, September 15th**

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

**Wednesday, September 16th**

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

**Thursday, September 17th**

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

**Sunday, September 20th**

10am Worship at HBC and  
Facebook Live

10am Sunshine Kids

**Tuesday, September 22nd**

1:00– 2:00pm Food Distribution

**Wednesday, September 23rd**

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

**Thursday, September 24th**

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

**Sunday, September 27th**

10am Worship at HBC and  
Facebook Live

10am Sunshine Kids



## ***Every Believer Is Called Of God!***

*“I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:14*

“He received the call to the ministry at age 16.” “She was called to work with disabled children in Africa.” For most of us, the Call of God is associated with ministers and missionaries. Not the sort of thing that touches the life of the “ordinary” believer.

Wrong... The call of God on the life of every believer should be understood as absolutely necessary. The Apostle Paul wrote in the New Testament book of Thessalonians, *“He called you to salvation when we told you the Good News; now you can share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2Thessalonians 2:14 NLT)*. And, in Romans we read: “for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable” (Romans 11 :29). John said: “He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out” (John 10:3 NLT).

Each person should seek to hear the call of God and when it happens, it isn’t something that you’re likely to miss or overlook. There are three things to notice about the call of God. One, the call comes in power. Often it humbles, breaks, disturbs, convicts and shakes us! It has the power to determine who I am and who I will become. It is the very essence of my vision of the future and I am in a “spiritual death sleep” without the Call.

Secondly, God’s call is an act of grace. I am not called because I am qualified, but I am qualified because the Call has come! A human call can’t give the requisite qualifications, but God’s Call does. What He calls me to, I will be equipped to do. *“Each man must remain in that condition in which he was called,”* explains I Corinthians 7:20. God knows exactly the state we are in, our gifts, our weaknesses and He will provide all that is needed to answer the call because his call is transformational!

Thirdly, God’s call is radical and its purpose is to bless others. “At the heart of the Call of God is the surrender of our will. When God called Abraham, He said, *“Get out of your country, leave your people and your family and go to the land that I will show you.” And Abraham “went out, not knowing where he was going” (Hebrews 11:8)* so that all the peoples of the earth would be blessed (See Genesis 12:1-3). Am I willing to venture out of my comfort zone, give up my plans and my ideas of what will be good for my life? Answering requires faith-infused obedience but if we will surrender to his call, the impact of our obedience extends beyond ourselves, enabling us to bring His Kingdom in the here and now.

The call of God on a life comes with power to transform, to equip and to radically bless others. *“Therefore, my brothers and sisters,” 2 Peter 1:10-11 exhorts, “make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”*

## **Honest Questions**

*"Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, 'Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!'" – John 1:47*



Some people responded positively to Jesus, following without question. But Nathanael was different. After hearing Philip's enthusiastic endorsement, we might expect him just to believe. Instead, Nathanael responded with a question because Jesus was from Nazareth (v. 46).

Jesus was not displeased. But, in fact, He praised him. No doubt, others felt this way about Nazareth, but only Nathanael was willing to speak up.

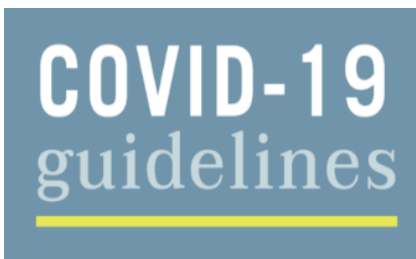
Jesus praised Nathanael for having no "deceit." There was nothing deceptive, crafty, or sneaky about him. He didn't just go along with the crowd but was willing to express his true feelings and ask meaningful questions. He was honest, sincere, and interested in the facts. In this spirit, Jesus had a personal encounter with Nathanael. In it, Nathanael was convinced. His reservations were clarified.

This demonstrates the importance God places on honesty. Some people disguise their true feelings, masking their concerns. But God values people who are honest like Nathanael.

Jesus expressed the same attitude when He told John He would rather that we be cold or hot than lukewarm (Revelation 3:15-16). He would rather have us express our concerns honestly than hide them. Don't be afraid to ask Him questions rather than just going along with the crowd or harboring secret doubts.

Be bold enough to be honest with God. Reject hypocrisy and deceit. Care enough to investigate. Be sure what you believe; don't just go along with the crowd.

*"Father, help me be honest with You. For every question I have, I thank you for your answers. In Jesus' name, Amen!"*



**Attend in-person this Sunday –**

**Arrive by 9:45 for seating**

**Watch "Facebook Live!" 10:00 AM**

***We are striving to be..."HBC Safe!"***

**"Facebook Live" devotionals with Pastor Lynwood in  
"Messages From Mill Point!" 9:00 AM Mon. – Fri. 15-minute daily**

**Also... Join us Wednesday nights 7:00 pm on Facebook Live for  
for "Wednesday Night Bible Study" with Pastor Lynwood & Special Guests!**

## ***Faith Like a Mustard Seed***

*"For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it shall move; and nothing shall be impossible to you."*

Matthew 17:20



If we want to exercise the kind of faith that God desires, it's important to understand what faith is...and what it's not. Faith isn't the ability to predict the outcome of future circumstances. At the same time, faith is not the complete absence of any doubt.

God isn't concerned about the quantity of our faith. Jesus Himself observed that even faith the size of a mustard seed – one of the smallest seeds in the vegetable world – can produce great results.

The kind of faith that God desires from us doesn't require us to rid ourselves of all uncertainty before we obey Him. All we need is just enough faith to act, and then we'll enjoy the benefits of God's promises.

Faith believes that God will do what He has promised... and then act accordingly!

## ***Better Than a Zap***



God puts good things into us when we're not even paying attention.

He just does. And that's part of what's so amazing about the apostle Paul, the Christ-hater who became the number one spokesman for Christianity.

After Paul's incredible conversion, the Lord could have made it easy on Himself and just zapped Paul with a long list of great abilities – whatever he needed for doing what God had in mind. But instead, God reached back into a part of Paul's background that was pretty much formed before he became a Christian – and He found some very useful things there.

These were good things exactly as we defined good... those things that are helpful, beneficial, that keep you moving forward in life. They gave Paul a real jump start when God finally began to use him to set forth the Christian faith. And, just as may be the case with you, these qualities in Paul weren't all spiritual things. They were also academic, cultural, and biological.

What are some of the similar things that could be found in your life?



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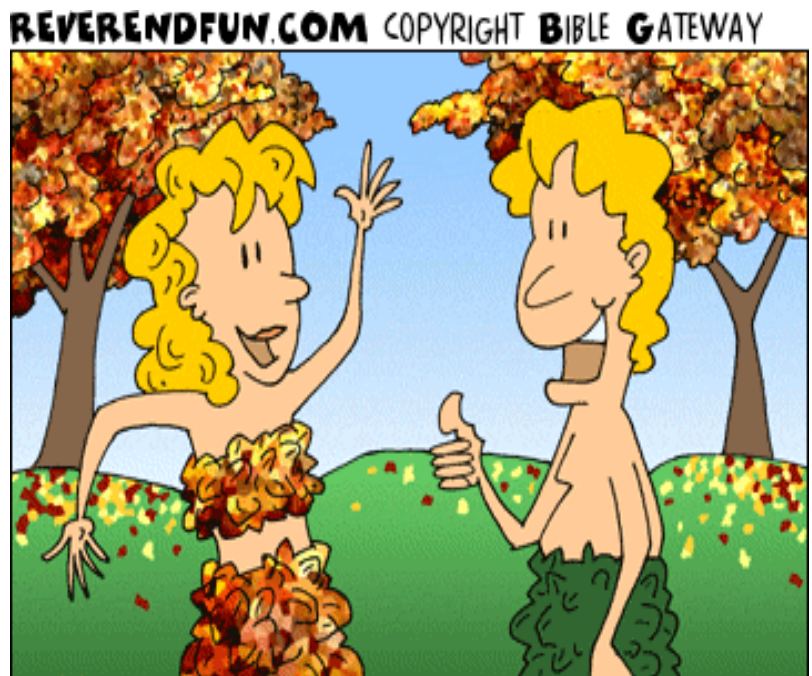
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Thanks to Pam Winn

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**EVE DISPLAYS THE NEW FALL LINE**



## *One For You, One For Me....*

On the outskirts of town, there was a big old pecan tree by the cemetery fence.

One day two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts. "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me," said one boy. Several were dropped and rolled down toward the fence.



Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me." He just knew what it was. "Oh my," he shuddered, "it's Satan and St. Peter dividing the souls at the cemetery.

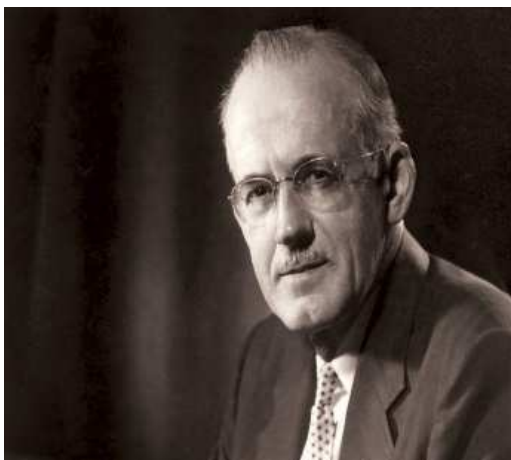
The boy jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along. "Come here quick," said the boy, "you won't believe what I heard. Satan and St. Peter are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls."

The man said, "Beat it, kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk." When the boy insisted, though, the man hobbled to the cemetery.

Standing by the fence they heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me..." The old man whispered, "Boy, you've been tellin' the truth. Let's see if we can see the devil himself."

Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of Satan.

At last they heard, "One for you, one for me. And one last one for you. That's all. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence, and we'll be done!"



*"The faith of Christ offers no buttons to push for quick service. The new order must wait the Lord's own time, and that is too much for the man in a hurry. He just gives up and becomes interested in something else".*

*A.W. Tozer*

## ***Pancakes And Love***

Six-year-old Brandon decided one Saturday morning to fix his parents pancakes. He found a big bowl and spoon, pulled a chair to the counter, opened the cupboard and pulled out the heavy flour canister, spilling it on the floor. He scooped some of the flour into the bowl with his hands, mixed in most of a cup of milk and added some sugar, leaving a floury trail. Brandon was covered with flour and getting frustrated. He wanted this to be something very good for Mom and Dad, but it was getting very bad. He didn't know what to do next, whether to put it all into the oven or on the stove, and he didn't know how the stove worked!



Suddenly he saw his kitten licking from the bowl of mix and reached to push her away, knocking the egg carton to the floor. Frantically he tried to clean up this monumental mess but slipped on the eggs, getting his pajamas white and sticky. And just then he saw Dad standing at the door.

Big crocodile tears welled up in Brandon's eyes. All he'd wanted to do was make them proud. He was sure a scolding was coming, maybe even a spanking. But his father just watched him. Then, walking through the mess, he picked up his crying son, hugged him and loved him, getting his own pajamas white and sticky in the process.

That's how God deals with us. We try to do something good in life, but it turns into a mess. Our marriage gets all sticky or we insult a friend or we can't stand our job or our health goes sour. Sometimes we just stand there in tears because we can't think of anything else to do. That's when God picks us up and loves us and forgives us, even though some of our mess gets all over Him. But, just because we might mess up, we can't stop trying to "make pancakes," for God or for others. Sooner or later we'll get it right, and then they'll be glad we tried...

## ***An Ugly Picture in a Gilded Frame***



The truth is that at one time or another, we all resemble an old painting in an ornate frame. The painting is our nature that has been beaten up, bruised, and blurred by years of disappointment, hurts, and self-centeredness. The ornate frame represents the external features of our lives, which we rely on to try to appear more important and valuable. But hidden beneath it all are our souls, hopelessly trapped by self-centeredness and our sin nature. We would be lost but for one thing. Standing nearby is God Himself. His vision for you and me is not limited by outward appearance, lack of the trappings of success, or our inborn self-centeredness. God

said, *"For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart"* (1 Samuel 16:7, NKJV).

## *Struggles Give Us The Strength To Fly*



A man found a cocoon of an emperor moth. He took it home so that he could watch the moth come out of the cocoon.

On the day a small opening appeared, he sat and watched the moth for several hours as the moth 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 farther. It just seemed to be stuck.

The man, in his kindness, decided to help the moth, so he took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The moth then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the moth 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 little moth 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 the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the moth to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the moth into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon. Freedom and flight would only come after the struggle. By depriving the moth of a struggle, he deprived the moth of health.

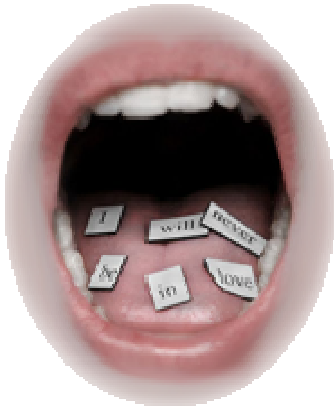
Sometimes, struggles are exactly what we need in our life. If God allowed us to go through our life without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been.

How true this is! How many times have we wanted to take the quick way out of struggles and difficulties, to take those scissors and snip off the remaining bits in an attempt to be free. We need to remember that our loving Father will never give us more than we can bear and through our trials and struggles we are strengthened as gold is refined in the fire.

May we never let the things we can't have, or don't have, or shouldn't have, spoil our enjoyment of the things we do have. Don't focus on the things you DON'T have, enjoy each moment of every day God has given you. This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

So let's take today, even with its struggles and make it a good day. Our loving Father God has given this day to me to use as best as I can. The struggles of life won't go away, but remember that God is allowing us to go through it for a reason.

## ***Watch What You Say***



Most of us have no idea how much other people's emotions, self-esteem and hopes are influenced by what we say.

Paul spoke to the church about some of his special friends in a vers that is easy to overlook. He wrote: "*Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus... have been a wonderful encouragement to me.*" (1 Corinthians 16:17-18) If you've never heard of them, it's because most encouragers hate being the center of attention. They're happy to work in a supporting role. But without them very little would get done.

The opposite of giving encouragement is the critical complainer, whose chief aim and practice in life seems to be spreading discouragement and negativity, in hopes that others will become as miserable and unhappy as they appear to be. Paul says, "*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up... that it may benefit those who listen.*" (Ephesians 4:29) Jesus said, "*...You'll give account... by your words you will be justified, and... condemned.*" (Matthew 12:36-37)

What you say can never be taken back, and it'll be used as evidence for or against you one day. Dr. Thomas Blackaby points out, "Words... can leave scars for a lifetime, and many people will never forget some of the things you've said to them, both good things, such as words of encouragement, and bad things, such as criticism and rebuke... Make the best possible use of words so they bring blessings on others."

So, are your words encouraging? Can it be said that *there's "...nothing crooked or perverse... in them"*? (Proverbs 8:8) Ask God to "*Set a guard... over your mouth...*" (Psalm 141:3) so whatever you say glorifies Him and lifts others up.

## ***The Last Laugh***

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note: "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job."



'Lead us not into temptation.'"