

The HBC Weekly Forecast
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What do you want to do with your life? It's a question that we are asked from the time we are kids. It might be easy to think of this in terms of a job, or a family. But what about living a life with meaning?

Many people would say they want to live a life of significance, but we're not sure how to do that. How do you know what God is calling you to do with your life? Where do you start? How do you stay on track? And if you lose your way, how can you find it again?

In this new 2 week message series, we'll be reclaiming the word "calling." It's not just what we're good at, or what we choose to do. Calling is a sacred word that speaks to our innermost beings.

As we go through this two-week series, we'll be reminded that calling isn't as much about "what" as it is "who." In order to discover God's true calling on our lives, we need to focus less on what we're doing and more on what we're becoming: fully devoted followers of Christ!

Join us for **"HBC Safe! - Live Worship!"** 10:00 AM – Sunday!
Or **"Facebook Live"** – Live stream at 10:00 AM

Be sure to join with us 9:00 AM Mon. – Fri. for our 15-minute daily devotionals with Pastor Lynwood in **"Messages From Mill Point!"**

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

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

September 8, 2020

9/3/2020

Budget \$1325.00

8-106 Alma Hunt \$110.00

8-110 World Hunger \$50.00

8-145 Cash in Cash out– Journey Church Rent \$400.00

8-403 Food Pantry \$175.00

Total Deposit \$2100.00

August Recap

Budget Deposits \$23,106.76 Budget Expenses \$20,556.88

Designated Deposits \$3,997.00 Designated Expenses \$2,316.65

Money Market \$96,470.41

Savings \$85,803.02

Outreach \$10,667.39

PDF/RR \$17,900.62

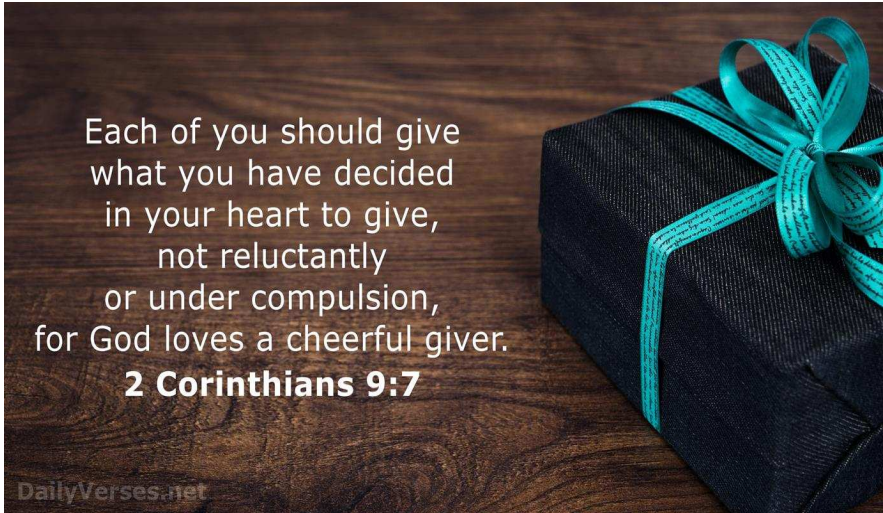
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Designated Account

\$60,936.45



Each of you should give
what you have decided
in your heart to give,
not reluctantly
or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

DailyVerses.net

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 has one Volunteer coming. If you can help please contact the office for the new information on volunteering because of COVID.



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.



Sonshine Kids Update

Starting back Sunday, September 13th

Still need helpers. Please contact Dreama so you can be added!



Save the Date!

September 12, 9:00am– 12:00pm

Volunteers needed to help with yard work at Medical Respite Home for Homeless Veterans!

You can register to work by going to STCpeninsula.com. Contact Pam Cooke for more information at 660-4226.

Happy Birthday for the next two weeks

Robert Overman 9/8

Frank Schaubach 9/12

Marva Jean Flowers 9/14

Jim Egnot 9/15

Jennifer Jones 9/18



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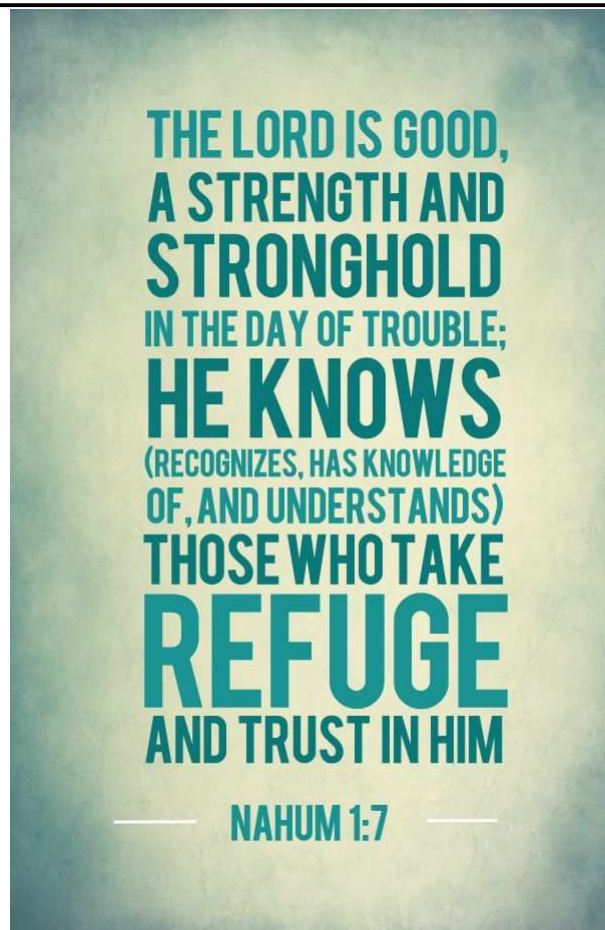
Don't forget Pastor Lynwood's Morning Devotions from Millpoint every week day at 9am.

Pray for our Missionaries:

Gary Clifton, Crystal Nelson (American People) JM (Central Asian People) VJ, BK, JW (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) DE, ML (South Asian People) Michael Blackie (PA) Corey Smallwood (VA) Adam Goodwin (WV)



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Tuesday, September 8th

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, September 9th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, September 19th

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, September 13th

10am Worship at HBC and Facebook Live

10am Sunshine Kids

Alma Hunt Sunday

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

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10am Sunshine Kids



Is God Calling Me?

Having grown up at HBC I cannot begin to recall how many times, I have looked at both the inside and outside of our church with wonder. I think of each individual worker who brought with him and her a skill, an area of expertise.

If one area had been neglected or less than standard, the entire church would have been incomplete and unacceptable. It took all the workers with their various skills working together under the general contractor to produce the structure which became known as Hilton Baptist Church.

Likewise, so often we hear the phrase, “We are called to build God’s kingdom.” Just what does this mean to you and me? To me, the “building” must begin within our spiritual and secular lives. Jesus says in Luke 17:20-21, *“Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, ‘The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is within you’”*

First, as builders, I believe we must be willing to give back to him the gifts, abilities and talents that he has so freely given to us. He will perfect them for His use. Our talents do not need to be great or spectacular, just useable. Then, as we have given to God our abilities, he will reveal to us where and how he wants us to help him “build his kingdom.” We do not always, or sometimes never, know where or when that will be.

In Exodus 25-30 God goes into great detail, telling Moses exactly how he wants Moses to build the tabernacle, a house of worship. Remember the Israelites are in the middle of the wilderness, but God wants a place to come down and dwell with his people. Then in chapter 31 God says something that fascinates me. After giving Moses the blueprints of the house of worship, God said, *“I have chosen two men to oversee the building of my house.”*

The men’s names were Bezalel and Oholiab. We must assume that these men had minimal building skills and abilities because God said to Moses, “I have chosen these men and filled them with my spirit, with skill, ability, and knowledge in all kinds of crafts.”

Imagine their surprise, when in the middle of the wilderness, they were called by God to use the skills he had given them to do his work. We, too, must be listening for the call to service. The call may come at an unexpected time, maybe even at an inconvenient time. Today, as we build the church of Jesus, we may be asked to build hope in someone, give encouragement, point the way to Christ, or maybe just pray for or with someone in need. Sometimes we are asked to just be an example, a witness of a life transformed. We must answer each call as it comes.

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

Waiting on God

"Let your mercy and loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us in proportion to our waiting and hoping for You."

Psalm 33:22

How hard it can be to wait on God! As we wait, it can seem that nothing is happening and that He never will answer us. But the Bible speaks about a "proportion" of our hope. This proportion relates to the time we have spent getting to know and trust Him.



When we trust Him and know Him intimately, we are not worried about delays or temporary problems. We know that He is with us, loves us, and watches over us. And we have the patience to wait on Him. Waiting demonstrates that we trust Him.

Those who do not have an intimate relationship with God can tend to be preoccupied and worried, filled with turmoil, anxiety, uncertainty, and doubt.

But the Bible says that if we wait on the Lord, we will find our strength is renewed. *"They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint"* (Isaiah 40:31).

God wants to have an intimate relationship with us. He wants us to have complete confidence in Him. We are not to panic but are to trust in Him. We are to remember that He loves and cares for us.

Spend time with God. Read His Word. Listen to His voice, and wait on Him. Praise and worship Him. Trust Him to renew your strength and give you His peace. Let Him deliver you from fear and worry.

"Father, I place my hope in You. Speak to me. Help me to walk in Your ways. I wait on You for answers. In Jesus' name, amen!"

Attend in-person this Sunday – Arrive by 9:45 for seating

Watch "Facebook Live!" 10:00 AM

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For things To Go Well

When God tells you to do something that seems difficult or unpleasant, He's not trying to make your life hard or put you in a straitjacket. Often He's just getting you to a place where He can bless you. "Oh, that they would keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them (Deuteronomy 5:29)



Everything God asks you to do carries this thought with it: that it might go well with you. Living in peace, instead of going to pieces, is easier when you learn to respond to God immediately. Don't hesitate. Don't negotiate. Don't rationalize. And whatever you do, don't run. The only thing that's worse than running away from God is living with the painful aftermath. Your disobedience can take you all the way to the bottom. If you doubt that, stop and read the story of Jonah.

The prophet Samuel said, *"to obey is better than sacrifice."* (1 Samuel 15:22) The truth is, sometimes you'll have to sacrifice certain things in order to obey God. But it's better to do that than to ignore His voice, live stressed out, forfeit His blessings, and end up getting nowhere.

Sometimes God will require things of you that He doesn't seem to require of others; things that He won't explain, and you can't understand; even things that when you've obeyed them, you won't immediately see the benefits of. But if you're convinced that He loves you and has a plan for your life, you'll surrender to Him in trust, knowing that in the end it will indeed go well with you.



Life Goals

Architect Frank Lloyd Wright once told of an incident that seemed insignificant at the time, but had a profound influence on the rest of his life. The winter he was nine, he went walking across a snow-covered field with his reserved, no-nonsense uncle.

As the two of them reached the far end of the field, his uncle stopped him. He pointed out his own tracks in the snow, straight and true as an arrow's flight, and then young Frank's tracks meandering all over the field.

"Notice how your tracks wander aimlessly from the fence to the cattle to the woods and back again," his uncle said. "And see how my tracks aim directly to my goal. There is an important lesson in that."

Years later, the world-famous architect liked to tell how this experience had greatly contributed to his philosophy in life. "I determined right then," he'd say with a twinkle in his eye, "not to miss most things in life, as my uncle had."



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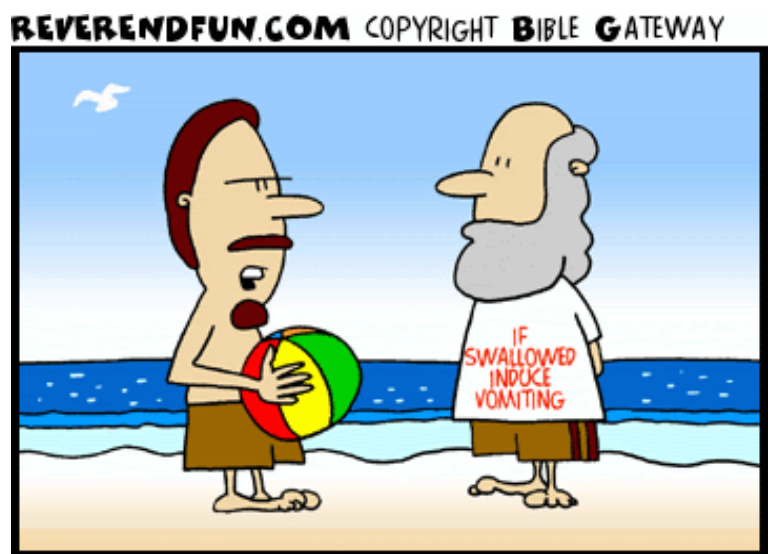
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and powerful things through the
faithful people of God at HBC!***

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your tithing commitments and
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Thanks to Lloyd Vandenberg (See Jonah 1-4) 08-25-1998

OH JONAH, PLEASE DON'T TELL ME THAT
YOU'RE GOING TO WEAR THAT
T-SHIRT ALL
DAY AT THE BEACH AGAIN



Bad Things... Good People

If I decided how my days were to go, I would never write in "crisis." I would never write, "Get sick" here or "Have my tire go flat" there, or "Have this unexpected disaster take place." I would just write in all the good stuff. I would plan for everything to go my way.

But guess what? We're not in charge of our lives. God is. I love what the prophet once admitted to the Lord: *"O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps"* (Jeremiah 10:23, NKJV). The fact is, God will allow so-called "bad things" to happen to us in the course of our days. But as time goes by, you will find that the significant things you learn in life didn't really come from the good times and the mountaintop experiences. They came from those times of crisis in which you were more dependent on God. Many of the most difficult days will, in retrospect, turn out to be unbelievably valuable, because it is through those so-called "bad times" that you will learn some of life's most important lessons.

When you put your faith in Jesus Christ, you come under His protective care. God is fully aware of everything that happens to you, and thankfully He is never asleep on the job. He pays careful attention to the smallest details of your life and is in complete control of all circumstances that surround you. He knows what's happening in your life right now – knows it better than you do. And His presence and provision will be all you need to make it through.

The Last Impression

While traveling on a mission trip to Latin America, a pastor was going to use a translator when preaching. But to identify with his audience, he wanted to begin his sermon by saying in Spanish, "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen." He arrived at the church a little early and realized he did not know the Spanish words for ladies and gentlemen. Being rather resourceful, he went to the part of the building where the restrooms were, looked at the signs on the two doors, and memorized those two words.



When the people arrived and he was introduced, he stood up and said in Spanish, "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen." The congregation was shocked. He didn't know whether he had offended them or perhaps they hadn't heard him or understood him. So he decided to repeat it. Again in Spanish he said, "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen."

One person in the congregation began to snicker. Pretty soon the entire audience was laughing. Finally, someone told him that he had said, "Good evening, bathrooms and broom closets!"

When God Seems Slow In Responding....

I have been struggling on several levels in my prayer life lately, seeking God for answers that seem so slow in coming.

As a result, I have been drawn quite a bit recently to the story of Lazarus' death in John 11. One verse that jumps out at me says that when Jesus heard that Lazarus was ill, *"He stayed two days longer in the place where He was..." (John 11:6)*



He stayed away from Mary and Martha and Lazarus... longer? Nobody does that. If you hear that someone you love is in trouble, you get over to them fast.

Three times in the surrounding verses we read how deeply Jesus loved these three friends. So why did He stay away? We can totally understand why Martha's face had a big question mark. "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

This is the hardest moment in any crisis. From our perspective, the problem is growing, the prayers are rising, but the provision is not coming. We draw a dotted line from delay to deception and conclude that God doesn't love us and then spend many dark, disappointing nights believing our own lie.

Here's an important truth gleaned from this situation. God doesn't love the way we love. What appears unloving may in fact be the greatest kindness of all.

We expect God to work our solution on our timetable. Can you imagine the complexity of the tapestry God is weaving in the universe? We're over here in our limited little corner without a clue about what's going on in the bigger picture! Faith says that what God is doing is right, even when we don't understand. I believe the whole tapestry will unfold for us someday.

But for now I have to believe in spite of what I see, that He is after my good and His glory in every situation. I must trust that what appears unloving may in fact be His greatest kindness. God is at work in your times of crisis. Whatever is challenging and stretching you right now in your family, your workplace, or in your personal walk with God, He is at work in that.

He is building your faith in every circumstance. He knows all about that thing that is breaking your heart. Will you believe He is at work?



Seeing The Invisible!

*“We fix our eyes not on what is seen,
but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary,
but what is unseen is eternal.” - 2 Corinthians 4:18*

Faith is not denying reality. It’s not pretending you don’t have a problem.

Faith is not saying, “I’m not in pain” when you are. It’s not saying, “I don’t hurt” when you do. It’s not saying, “I’m happy” when you’re really grieving inside. That’s not faith; it’s phoniness!

Faith is facing the facts without being disheartened by them because you know God is greater than the problem.

There is a brand of Christianity today that basically says, “Deny all of your problems. Just have a positive confession. Name it and claim it.” That kind of thinking did not come from Jesus.

That’s Pollyanna, and Pollyanna is not exactly a good theologian!

Faith is facing reality without being discouraged by it. You know that God can change a situation. You can build a family on faith, but you can’t build it on fantasy. You can build a business on faith, but not on fantasy. You can build a life on faith, but not on fantasy.

The key is to look beyond your circumstances: *“We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen [the problem] is temporary, but what is unseen [God’s power] is eternal” (2 Corinthians 4:18 NIV).*

If you look at the world, you’re going to be distressed. There are problems everywhere! If you look within, you’re going to be depressed, because there are a lot of things that need changing in your life. But if you look at Jesus Christ, you’ll be at rest. It all depends on where you are focused.

Circumstances are like a mattress: Get on top, and you rest easy. Get underneath, and you suffocate. When you start looking at your problem, you’re sunk.

But if you look at Jesus — if you look toward your Deliverer rather than the difficulty — you’ll make it. It is a decision you make to focus your sights on the invisible and powerful world of the Spirit.

Like the wind around us, in itself it cannot be seen. But in the rustling of the leave and the winds that gently bend the trees, its effects can always be discerned!

The Ant Philosophy

I think everybody should study ants. They have an amazing four-part philosophy.



Here is the first part: Ants never quit. That's a good philosophy. If they're headed somewhere and you try to stop them, they'll look for another way. They'll climb over, they'll climb under, they'll climb around. They keep looking for another way. What a neat philosophy, to never quite looking for a way to get where you're supposed to go.

Second, ants think winter all summer. That's an important perspective. You can't be so naïve as to think summer will last forever. So ants are gathering their winter food in the middle of summer.

The third part of the ant philosophy is that ants think summer all winter. That is so important. During the winter, ants remind themselves, "This won't last long – we'll soon be out of here." And the first warm day, the ants are out. If it turns cold again, they'll dive back down, but then they come out the first warm day. They can't wait to get out.

And here's the last part of the ant philosophy. How much will an ant gather during the summer to prepare for the winter? All he possibly can. What an incredible philosophy, the "all-you-possibly-can" philosophy. Wow, what a great philosophy to have – the ant philosophy. Never give up, look ahead, stay positive, and do all you can!



The Last Impression

At a church meeting a very wealthy man rose to tell the rest of those present about his Christian faith.

"I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I remember the turning point in my faith. I had just earned my first dollar and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that I only had a dollar bill and had to either give it all to God's work or nothing at all. So at that moment I decided to give my whole dollar to God. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today."

He finished and there was an awed silence at his testimony as he moved toward his seat. As he sat down a little old lady sitting just behind him leaned over and said to him: "I dare you to do it again."