

***The HBC Weekly Forecast***  
***Hilton Baptist Church. [www.HiltonBaptistChurch.org](http://www.HiltonBaptistChurch.org)***  
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Could you handle a very honest confession today?  
I am both a long-time Christ follower and your pastor.  
Yet, there are times when I still struggle to put all my trust in God.

Several weeks have gone by since it all finally finished. The election has come and gone. Historical, yes. Life-changing? Time will tell.  
But regardless of who won or lost, I am convinced we all need to be reminded of a simple truth we see every day, yet many seem to forget. It is the phrase  
“In God We Trust.”

As believers in Christ, our hope, all our trust, all our reliance is to be in the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Doubts and fears will come. Yet, do we truly put our trust in God? This goes far beyond who’s elected to any office. It drives deep into the core of who we are.

I have felt more challenged recently with these words myself.  
Do I really trust in God in my everyday life? Do I trust Him with my work, my relationships, my time, my passions, my future? I would love to say I pass with flying colors, but that wouldn’t be completely honest. My prayer for my life and for our country is simply this:  
That we would learn to better live with our lives that which we speak with our lips:  
“In God We Trust!”

***“Please check out inside to see our modified schedule and service guidelines for these “COVID 19” challenging times!”***

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

November 17, 2020



11/16/2020

Budget \$1505.00

Cash in Cash out- \$25.00 In honor of Betty Powell for Sunshine Kids

Cash in Cash out- \$75.00 In Memory of Eleanor Stevens for Sunshine Kids

Cash in Cash out- \$25.00 In Memory of Kathy Moore for Sunshine Kids

Cash in Cash out- \$540.00 COP Rent

Cash in Cash out- \$27.00 Samaritan Purse Shoe boxes

8-403 Food Closet \$11.00

Total Deposit \$2208.00

**Happy Birthday for**  
**the next two weeks**

11/18 Theresa St. Ours

11/21 Jessica Moore

11/22 Brittany Baker

11/24 Richard Childs

11/24 Joshua Michie

11/26 Carolyn Miller

11/26 Ray Moody

11/26 Rebecca Smith

11/27 Annabelle Stuart



**Pray for our Missionaries**

LF, DY (Central Asian People) SK, TS (East Asian People) MP (European People) KM (South Asian People) CC, JG (Southeast Asian People) Danny Hester (AK)



### **HBC Food Pantry**

The last Sunday of each month is our food pantry focus Sunday. Help us restock our pantry as many of our community members are continuing to rely on us for food on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### **Hilton Homes – WMU November Outreach**

We are once again partnering with Bethany United Methodist Church to help with a project at the Hilton Homes. We are collecting Twin Sheets, Towels (which can be used or new) We are also collecting new washcloths, and new socks. All these items can be placed in the Mission Outreach Corner or through the week, can be brought to the church office.

### **WMU – November Outreach Project**

Money will be collected for the Migrant Ministry.



### **PORT**

November 4- March 24

Volunteers are needed 6:30pm- 9:30pm for each night for check in . Register online ...<https://signup.com/go/qbHOttb>

ALL Host Churches (Site A, B and C) need volunteers!

Hilton Baptist will be hosting January 6-26 and we are Site B

Anyone interest in sleeping overnight at HBC January 6th- January 26<sup>th</sup>

Or anyone with questions, please call Pam at 660-4226. Just a reminder you do not have to stay up all night. You get to sleep!



### **Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes**

Thanks to all who packed a shoebox. We have packed 12 in person, and one online. Total of 13 shoeboxes! Thanks so much to all who gave!

***Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!***



**Tuesday, November 17th**

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

**Wednesday, November 18th**

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

4:00pm-6:00pm Drive Thru

Food Drop Off at HBC

**Thursday, November 19th**

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

**Sunday, November 22nd**

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online Facebook

Sonshine Kids Church

**Tuesday, November 24th**

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

**Wednesday, November 25th**

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

**Thursday, November 26th**

Happy Thanksgiving

**Sunday, November 29th**

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship on Facebook Live

Food Collection Sunday



We will be doing “Hope Boxes for Appalachia” This project is for Kids that are in eastern Kentucky deep in the Appalachian Mountain. The downturn of the coal production has left 1/3 of the region living in poverty without hope and in great despair.

These are different than Samaritan Purse Shoe Boxes in several ways, one of which there is no shipping involved. To find out more about these boxes you can get the information from the Mission/Outreach table or call the church office and we can send the information in the mail. All boxes need to be back at the church by February 21st . These boxes will be delivered in the Spring. You can also visit their website <https://hfavateam.com>





## ***In God We Trust***

*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV*

Among my key life verses are Proverbs 3:5-6. What are “key life verses?” Simply, they are favored verses that hold a deep meaning to us.

What do these verses mean to me? They are how I want and seek to live my life. They provide guidance for my life. They are, what might be called, my default verses. When I am faced with choices, struggles, and uncertainties—I go to these verses and strive to apply them to my present situation.

We have the motto printed on all of our money: “In God We Trust.” It is a lofty and noble goal. But does it truly reflect the heart and spiritual soul of America today? Or is it a motto that has lost its significance in today’s culture and lifestyle? And what kind of trust are we to have?

The Psalmist stated we are to: *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.”* In other words, trust is not optional. Trust is vital. Trust is faith in action. Trust is the essence of faith and the essence of my walk—my relationship with God. God has built trust deep into my being, and it lies at the core of how I live my life.

*“And lean not on your own understanding.”* We need to understand that we are not going to go through life doing things our own way — not in a trusting relationship with God — we will have a divided heart if we try. That is what I have learned. It was a valuable lesson when I learned to just let go of my own way and go His way. My heavenly Father knows best.

*“In all your ways acknowledge Him.”* Believe God is who He says He is and make Him Lord of your life. See His Holiness. See His majesty and power. See every knee bowed low one day. He is God. He is in control. He is sovereign.

*“And He shall direct your paths.”* My life is in His hands. As I follow Him I am going where He is leading and this is how I know I am where I am supposed to be, and going where I am supposed to be going. Even the twists and turns are sovereignly being navigated by God as I yield my heart and life to His will.

There is power to live the Christian life in these two amazing verses. As you read these familiar verses again today, I pray they plant themselves deep in your heart and grow an unshakable and lasting trust in the Lord your God, in both word and deed!

*On the grace journey together with you, Pastor Lynwood*

## ***In Whom Or What Do You Trust?***

*“In God I trust...” Psalm 56:11*

“In God We Trust” is in our pledge of allegiance, our national anthem, and on our money. It's easy to say, easy to sing about, and easy to read. But, it's not always easy to live.



What happens when you get a grim diagnosis from your doctor or your boss says your position is being eliminated? Will you still trust God if you come home and discover your spouse has moved out, or your children have failed to come home?

King David experienced his fair share of anxiety, sorrow, and pain. Just because he loved the Lord doesn't mean his life was easy. David wrote Psalm 56 while fearing for his life, and in Psalm 56:3, he shares the key to overcoming danger and difficulty: *“When I am afraid, I put my trust in you [God].”*

Fear turns into faith when we place our trust in God. Turning to friends, family, and experts is not a bad thing, but turning to God is the best thing. Our perspective changes as we stop focusing on how big our problem is and start looking at how big our God is.

Like David, we'll find our faith grows as we remember God is for us, praise God's goodness, and recall His promises (Psalm 56:3-4, Psalm 56:9-11). Remember when you feel God is distant, you can bring back His presence through your praise because He *“inhabits the praises of his people!”*

In the face of a scary diagnosis, a job loss, or a broken marriage, we are not alone. God does not leave us or forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:16). If we'll put our trust in God, in good times and bad, we'll begin to see how deeply He cares for us and how He really can work all things together for our good and His glory (Romans 8:28).

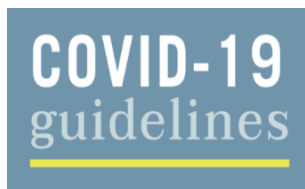
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**Attend in-person this Sunday – Arrive by 9:45 for seating**

**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.** 20-minute daily devotionals.



***Wednesday nights 7:00 pm on Facebook Live Midweek Bible Study” with Pastor Lynwood & Special Guests!***

## ***You Can Overcome Your Fears***

*“When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You.” – Psalm 56:3*



Is fear causing you to hide from somebody today? Your boss? Your husband or wife? Your strong-willed child? Your grouchy co-worker? When God asked Adam, “Where are you?” he replied, “I hid... I was afraid...” (Genesis 3:9-10) And we’ve all been hiding from things ever since! We hide behind forced smiles, agreeable words we don’t mean and social rituals we detest. Or worse, we hide behind things we do believe but don’t express because we are afraid of what people might think or say.

Short-term, it may be easier to act as if things don’t bother you, or pretend to agree when, in reality, you disagree. But long-term it doesn’t work, because peace isn’t the absence of discord. When we remain silent in order to avoid confrontation, we just end up avoiding something far more important: relationships.

So rise up and say, “When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You.” Confront your fears, come out of hiding and start living.



### ***The Last Impression...***

A guy was on the side of the road hitchhiking on a very dark night and in the middle of a storm. The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him. Suddenly he saw a car coming toward him and stop.

Without thinking about it, the guy got into the back seat, closed the door and then realized there was nobody behind the wheel! The car started slowly; the guy looked at the road and saw a curve coming his way. Scared, he started to pray begging for his life. He hadn’t come out of shock, when just before he hit the curve, a hand appeared through the window and moved the wheel. The guy, paralyzed in terror, watched how the hand appeared every time right before a curve.

Gathering his strength, the guy finally jumped out of the car and ran to the nearest town. Wet and in shock, he went to a restaurant and started telling everybody about the horrible experience he went through.

A silence enveloped everybody when they realized the guy was serious.

About half an hour later, two guys walked in the same restaurant. They looked around for a table when one said to the other, “Look John, that’s the dummy who got in the car when we were pushing it.”





# Welcome to Online Giving

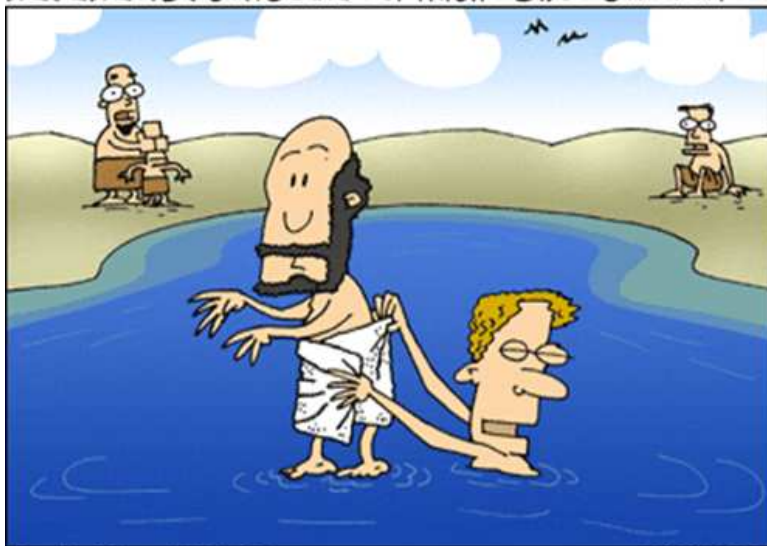
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(See Matthew 14:24-33)

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and powerful things through the  
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***Please remember  
your tithing commitments  
and giving and be part of the  
ongoing miracle!***





## ***What Has Become The “Regular Thing” In Your Life?***

*God said, “...they continue practicing the former [habits]; they do not fear the Lord, nor do they follow... the law... which the Lord...commanded...” – 2 Kings 17:34*

Understand this - any habit you feed will strengthen its grip on your life. Ask anyone recovering from addiction; we only become willing to change when we hit the bottom.

The truth of the matter is often: “Prodigals don’t come home until they’ve lost everything!”

But that doesn’t have to be your story. Your heavenly Father is waiting to welcome you back. You are a child of the Most High; captivity is unnatural for you. You’ll never be free until you despise your chains.

Whether you’re bound by a substance, a relationship or a life that’s out of order, your circumstances won’t change until your mind is released from the grip of old thought patterns and renewed by God’s Word (Romans 12:2).

So, start putting in place new habits, for what you do consistently, you become permanently. Begin the Bible-reading habit. Put it first on your “to do” list or you won’t do it faithfully. Proverbs 4:22 says, “...for [these words] bring life and radiant health to anyone who discovers their meaning...”

Set a specific time for prayer, otherwise everything else will crowd it out. In prayer God will tell you how He feels about things. Can you afford to live without His input?

Attend church regularly, support it with your finances, exercise your spiritual gifts and begin to invest time and energy into relationships that sharpen and strengthen you spiritually. God will say things to you in His house that He won’t say anywhere else.

Think about the Grand Canyon. It consist of the Colorado River, which in truth appears to be for the most part a simply glorified stream. Yet, through the ages, its continual flow, along with the winds and other effects of natural erosion have carved out a gaping hole in the earth’s crust that we call the “Grand Canyon.” The effects, though small in the moment have impact when they are repeated time and time again.

Remember, through your daily habits you are carving out an irreversible future. If you want to know where you’re headed - examine them. And avoid the mark of a Grand Canyon in your own spiritual life!

## ***Southern Baptist at the Race Track***

Did you hear about the about the Southern Baptist who was in the habit of sneaking to the race track to bet on the horses?



One day he was losing badly when he saw a priest step onto the track, walk up to line-up and bless one of the horses on the forehead.

The horse was a long shot, but the Southern Baptist thought, "With the priest's blessing, surely this horse will win."

He placed a small bet and, sure enough, the horse came in first.

At the next race, the priest stepped onto the track and blessed another horse's forehead. Even though this horse was also a long shot, the Southern Baptist was a little bolder this time and placed a larger bet on that horse. Again, it won.

A third time, the priest stepped onto the track and blessed a horse on the forehead. Like the others, this horse was also a long shot. The Southern Baptist placed an even larger bet this time and, sure enough the horse won.

This pattern continued throughout the day with the priest blessing the forehead of a long shot horse, the Southern Baptist placing larger and larger bets and the horse always winning.

At the last race of the day, the Southern Baptist thought, "I have got to go for broke here." With great anticipation, he watched as the priest stepped onto the field one more time, walked up to the line-up and blessed the forehead, eyes, ears and hooves of one of the horses.

The Southern Baptist ran to the ticket counter and bet all he had on that horse.

The horse came in dead last!

As he was walking out, he saw the priest. Walking up to him, he demanded, "What happened? All day long you blessed horses and they won, even though they were long shots.

Then at the last race you blessed a horse, I bet everything and the horse lost." "That's the problem with you Protestants," said the priest. "You can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and the Last Rites."



## ***Do You Know Why You're Living?***

Jesus knew exactly why He lived. He said in *John 18:37*, "For this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth."

That's what He thought about, prayed about, planned for, worked towards, sacrificed for, died and rose again for, and finally accomplished. By fulfilling His destiny He changed the world forever.

So, do you know your destiny? What are you doing to achieve it?

*"We are... created... to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10 NIV) Does that sound like a life of aimless wandering with no known destination? The Bible says, "A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps." (Proverbs 16:9) Plan well, but always stay open to God's direction. "...All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be." (Ps 139:16)*

God's plan for your life was set before you were a twinkle in your parents' eyes! He has destined you for greatness and blessing in every area of your life. Believe that word from the Lord for you! Don't fail to follow His path or you'll miss His best for your life.

## ***Last Laugh... "The Confused Pastor"***

Ending his sermon, a preacher announced that he would preach on Noah and the Ark on the following Sunday, and gave the scriptural reference for the congregation to read ahead of time.



A couple of boys noticed something interesting about the placement of the story in the Bible. They slipped into the church and glued two pages of the pulpit Bible together.

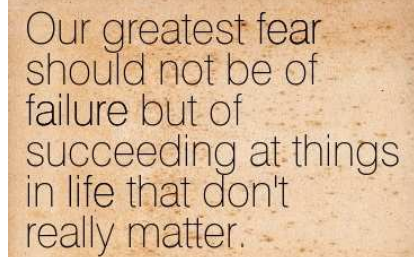
The next Sunday, the preacher got up to read his text. "Noah took unto himself a wife," he began, "and she was" – he turned the page to continue – "three hundred cubits long, fifty wide and thirty high."

He paused, scratched his head, turned the page back, read it silently, and turned the page again.

Then he looked up at his congregation and said, "I've been reading this old Bible for near fifty years, but there are some things in it that are still hard to believe."

## ***Things That Really Matter***

*Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.” Ecclesiastes 2:11*



Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter.

*Francis Chan*

It seems that time is passing so fast; birthdays come faster and even the holiday season comes sooner every year. But in reality, time is set at a fixed and constant rate and does not change. So I am not getting older faster than I used to, and holidays do not come sooner than they used to, but rather, time is passing at a constant speed.

Why does time seem to be passing too fast?

The author of the book of Ecclesiastes had come to the point in his life in which he understood just how little time we really have. In the first chapter, the author identifies himself as David's son, the king of Jerusalem. He also calls himself the Preacher and he spends twelve chapters preaching on the meaning of life—the *meaningless* of life. His main point centers on how much time we spend on things that are "vanity."

The word *vanity* means emptiness, unsatisfactory, and vapor.

Too often, the things we chase after in life are done in vain, and end in emptiness. How many of us look back on things we chased in life and see the worthlessness of the time wasted and the end result? How many of us would love the chance to go back and do certain things over again?

Instead, we should rather look to the future with optimism and faith. Let us go forward on our journey with a new mind, set on the things that matter.

Today, take time to stop, slow down and find the real meaning in your life.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was born to give the only gift that matters. A gift that is not bought, earned or labored for; it is totally free. Jesus has given the gift of everlasting life to all who believe in Him. That was true then, and it is true today!

In this gift, however, there is so much more than just what awaits us in eternity. Our gift starts today. Jesus promised that He would not leave us alone. He has given us His Holy Spirit who lives within us; and because of Him, we have love, joy and peace.

Take the time to worship and praise Him today for all that He has given you – *For in the end, that's all that really matters!*