

The HBC Weekly Forecast
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We've made it! We've made it to the Christmas season!
And wow, can we certainly use some Christmas!

It's been a year like no other, to put it mildly.

Global pandemic, economic recession, mass unemployment, political division, cultural upheaval, racial reckoning, record wildfires, extra powerful hurricanes, devastating floods. Did I miss anything?

Maybe whatever personal struggles you are facing are a result of those wide-scale events or completely unrelated. In whatever form they've come for you, the realities of life have been heavy and humbling. We have been aware of the darkness around us.

It's the ideal setting for some light. It's just the kind of backdrop for a Savior to come. It's the perfect time to rediscover Christmas.
Because no matter how troubling the times, and no matter how heavy our hearts, there is good news. The greatest news!



Rediscover Christmas... 2020!

“We are navigating uncharted waters. We have never had to deal with so many challenges coming toward us at one time.” Is this sounding familiar? Welcome to 2020, anyone?

Wow, what a year! Has there ever been a year filled with more uncertainty? At least in our lifetimes? This one has to rank in the all-time top 10 of unexpected happenings and uncertain events due to its ongoing uncertainty. You could write a sci-fi novel or movie straight out of the headlines—either that or the headlines have been straight out of a sci-fi thriller. You know what’s on the list. We’ve all been living it for almost a full year: global pandemic, economic recession, mass unemployment, political division, cultural upheaval, racial reckoning, record wildfires, complete with fire tornados, extra-powerful hurricanes, and floods. Did I miss anything?

It’s a good thing we’ve made it here—to Advent, nearly to Christmas!

Our Christmas celebration begins with the recognition that this is a season of hope. Advent is all about hope. The word Advent means “coming” or “arrival,” and the season is traditionally a time of expectation, waiting, anticipation, and longing.

Advent is not just an extension of Christmas—it is a season that links the past, present, and future. Advent offers us the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, to celebrate His birth, and to be alert for His second coming. Advent looks back in celebration at the hope fulfilled in Jesus’s coming, while at the same time looking forward in hopeful and eager anticipation to the coming of Christ’s kingdom when He returns for His people. During Advent we wait for both—it’s an active, assured, and hopeful waiting.

Far too often, our Christmases have become frenzied and overwhelmingly busy. We pack our schedules with so many seasonal happenings. Our stores start pushing Christmas decor and merchandise and fueling a gift-buying frenzy in October. Our season of peace is quickly overloaded as a season of stress.

But Advent is an opportunity to set all that aside. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and help us place our focus on a far greater story than our own—the story of God’s redeeming love for our world.

So wherever you are on your level of 2020 anxiety and uncertainty, wherever you are on your own spiritual journey, I invite you into this season of Advent. I’d like to even suggest that in the craziness and uncertainty and pandemic of this year, we’ve been given a gift. We’ve been given the opportunity to rediscover Christmas.

On the grace journey to “Rediscover Christmas”. Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

December 1, 2020

11/30/2020

Budget \$3130.00

8-107 Lottie Moon \$200.00

8-145 Cash in Cash out \$100.00 Sonshine Kids

8-145 Cash in Cash out \$20.00 in Memory of Hilda Laubach

8-145 Cash in Cashout- \$2.00 Coffee

Total Deposit \$3454.00

Tuesday, December 1st

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, December 2nd

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

4:00pm-6:00pm Drive Thru

Food Drop Off at HBC

Thursday, December 3rd

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, December 6th

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online Facebook

Sonshine Kids Church

Tuesday, December 8th

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, December 9th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, December 10th

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

Saturday, December 12th

Kids Christmas Workshop 10-2

Sunday, December 13th

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

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

Pray for our Missionaries

KD (East Asian People) Slava Marlin (European People) CR, CS, BW (Southeast Asian People) Bayani Tligato (Alberta) Carlos Meneses (AZ) Alex Barrett, Ray Sanchez (CA) Adam Mozness (IL) Brad Marvine (TX)

A Musical Christmas Celebration
At HBC, Saturday, December 19th
7:00pm

This event will be in person and also Facebook Live. Please make plans to be a part.



In loving memory of
Hilda Laubach

Please continue to remember David and Maury in your prayers during this difficult time



WMU – December Outreach Project

Money will be collected for the Chaplain's Fund

PORT– WE NEED YOU!!!!

November 4- March 24

Volunteers are needed 6:30pm- 9:30pm for each night for check in . Register online ...<https://signup.com/go/qbH0ttb>

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 26th

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!

Serve the City

Big Serve Day is December 12th. You can register at stcpeninsula.com

Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!

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

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These are different that 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>

Pray for our Missionaries

GG, SW (Central Asian People) JB (East Asian People) JM (European People)

DK, Shannon Lewis, TR (Sub-Sharan African People) Howard Burkhart, Stephen Pan (CA) Luc Boileau, Jason Byers(Ontario) Lionel Henderson (Texas)

Happy Birthday for the next two weeks

11/24 Richard Childs

11/30 Pam Cooke

11/24 Joshua Michie

12/1 Joan Allen

11/26 Carolyn Miller

12/3 Mary Linthicum

11/26 Ray Moody

12/3 Beverly Tawney

11/26 Rebecca Smith

11/27 Annabelle Stuart



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Children's Christmas Workshop

Saturday, December 12th

10- 2

I sent invites out in October for the Workshop. If you have not registered please do by Wednesday, December 9th. We will have everything very safe. Everything will be done in the sanctuary. Kids will be spaced out and we are looking forward to a great time. This is opened to kids that have been a part of our Kids Programs, grandkids of our church family and those who listen to our Kids .



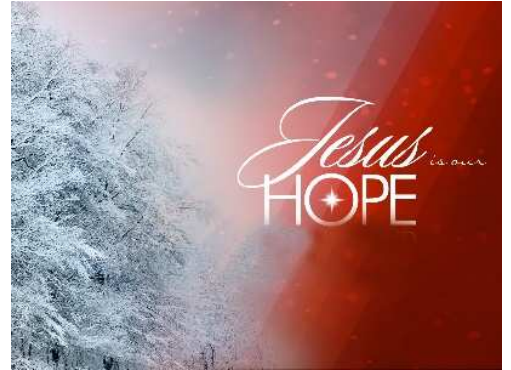
Please register today! We need to make sure we have enough workers !

Santa's coming too! And he will be wearing a mask!

Jesus... The Center Of Our Christmas Hope

For millions of people, the Christmas season means nothing more than parties, gifts, decorations, and time off work. For Christians, however, this time of year is a happy reminder of the hope we have because of Jesus Christ.

*"May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD,
even as we put our hope in you." (Psalm 33-22)*



Before Jesus came, God seemed distant, hidden in the Holy of Holies in the temple, accessible only to the high priest. Worshipers wondered whether their sacrifices were acceptable. They doubted their salvation.

Christ means hope—to the person out of work, to the struggling single mother, to the dying believer. Even if you're just slogging your way through the disappointments of life, if you have Jesus, you have hope. And he is not a false hope, a childish fairy tale that we wish will have a happy ending. When Christ rose from the dead, that ended the argument. Period. Our hope in him is solid and it is real.

Hope has to do with trust and confidence. It is the resting of the human heart on God, with full trust that he will care for us and our salvation, and will give us the happiness he has promised. It is an eager expectation and anticipation of what is sure to come—an active, faith-infused waiting for God to fulfill that which he started by the power of the Holy Spirit:

And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (Romans 8:23–25, ESV)

God wants us to live with hope and assurance that all his promises will come true for us and that our future is firmly and safely secure in his hand for our good.

Christmas is a renewal of hope. It reconfirms it for us if our vision has grown dim. It was settled long ago, so we don't have to doubt anymore. Jesus is the fulfillment of our hope, our deepest longings come true.

Jesus Our Hope - Inspirational Thought

"We have lasting hope through the salvation we have in Christ ... Hope means that even when it looks like it's all over, it's not all over yet. That's why the Bible says we can rejoice even in our tribulations. God is working in our hard times to produce proven character and hope in us."

--Dr. Tony Evans

Jesus Christ – The Hope Of David

When the angels appeared, delivering an important announcement, they were fulfilling a Messianic prophecy: *“The Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel,”* meaning *“God with us”* (Isa. 7:14).



As the gospels repeatedly point out, many aspects of the Christmas story fulfill Old Testament prophecies. How is this possible? Because we serve a God who plans and determines all of history.

“The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.” Luke 1:32

This is yet another reason for us to trust Him! That’s what Mary did when confronted with the incredible message from Gabriel: She would be the mother of the Messiah, who would also be the Son of God. She was “greatly troubled” because she was a virgin, betrothed but not yet married to Joseph (vv. 29, 34). Gabriel answered by reassuring her that God would be with her (v. 35). For Mary, that was all she needed to know, but he also graciously communicated to her another sign: her relative Elizabeth’s pregnancy (v. 36).

More than one prophecy was being fulfilled in Gabriel’s words. Mary’s child, the long-awaited Messiah (see Luke 3:15), would sit on the throne of David (both Mary and Joseph were descendants) (vv. 31–33, 35).

“His kingdom will never end” fulfills 2 Samuel 7:16 from God’s covenant with David. Perhaps unexpectedly, the child would also be the *“Son of the Most High”* and the *“Son of God,”* that is, the Second Person of the Trinity (v. 35). Jesus, conceived in Mary by the Holy Spirit, would be fully man and fully God! Mary responded in faith, understanding that “no word from God will ever fail,” or as another translation says, *“nothing will be impossible with God”* (vv. 37–38).

COVID-19
guidelines

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**

Wednesday nights 7:00 pm on Facebook Live Midweek

Bible Study” with Pastor Lynwood & Special Guests!

A Tree for Christmas

Admiring the Christmas trees displayed in his neighbor's windows, Nathan, who was a Jewish little boy) asks his father, 'Daddy, can we have a Hanukkah Tree?'

'What? No, of course not.' says his father.

'Why not?' asks Nathan again.

Bewildered, his father replies, 'Well, Nathan, because the last time we had dealings with a lighted bush we spent 40 years in the wilderness.'

Happy Hanukkah



Christmas Pardon

In 1864, during the intense days of the U.S. Civil War, Andrew Johnson, a Democrat from Tennessee, was chosen to be the Republican Vice Presidential candidate. He was selected in the hope that he might broaden the appeal of President Abraham Lincoln, a Republican. When Lincoln was assassinated after the election, Johnson became President. He faced many stormy issues, complicated because he was not very popular.

As the Civil War ended, many in the North urged revenge on the South. But Johnson sought reconciliation instead. In May 1865, he proclaimed amnesty for any Confederate who would swear allegiance to the Union. And as Christmas approached that year, he felt it was appropriate to do something more. He realized that the Constitution gave him the power to pardon. So, on Christmas Day 1865, he issued a "Christmas pardon," pardoning all who had served the Confederacy (except high-ranking military and civil officials).

Although many Northerners were outraged, Johnson, who had been raised in a Christian home, felt it was the right thing to do. He commented, "It seems to me that the day on which Jesus Christ was born is just the right time to put a stop to the cry for blood."

This began a tradition of Christmas pardons. In fact, the U.S. Justice Department still has an Office of the Pardon Attorney, issuing pardons each year. Johnson's action reminds us that Jesus was born that all of us might be forgiven unconditionally, no matter what we have done, and that none of us deserves God's mercy.

Make sure that you have been forgiven, and accepted the finished work of Jesus. Be grateful that He came as a baby and died for your sins. Remember that His mercies are new today and every morning!

I'm Not A Perfect Christmas Tree



"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

how perfect the tree appeared; especially since I knew it was a live one. I commented on the fact of how beautiful it was (and it didn't hurt matters that she was too!)

That's when she let me in on a little secret. That tree got lots of help. In fact, to make sure it looked perfect and even from all sides, existing branches had been cut off, extra ones were collected, and each branch was cut and trimmed. Then, holes were drilled in the tree trunk and extra branches were placed in just the right spots. The tree was made to look flawless because the mall thought that dressing up the tree would make it more attractive to shoppers who came to see it.

When I think about that holiday season and the message of Christ, I'm convinced that the mall had it all wrong. I think God looks at us more like Charlie Brown's Christmas tree. You know the one I mean. A tree that is far from perfect: skimpy, left behind and unwanted. A tree that has lots of gaps in the branches and need extra help getting decorated.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that demonstrated His incredible power by working through him even in the midst of His weaknesses. It is also these weaknesses that reminded Paul to rely on the Lord, for he knew he could not succeed without the power of God in his life.

It is tempting to rely on our own strength or think we can do everything on our own based on the talents, energy and effort we give to something. However, God wants us to realize instead that we need to rely on Him to be our strength. When we rely on Him, we will not only find ourselves stronger, but we will also continue to grow and move to deeper Christian character when we allow God's strength to work in us.

So when you face situations that are difficult and challenging, be encouraged. God will make His power perfect in you... just as you are, with flaws and all.



Managing Priorities at Christmas

“Be sure to do what you should, for then you will enjoy the personal satisfaction of having done your work well.... For we are each responsible for our own conduct.” Gal. 6:4-5

Are you feeling the pressure of the holiday season about now? At Christmas time, we often feel like we have to get it all done, and then we crash and burn when we can't do it all. If you want to simplify this season, you need to understand that it's all about making choices – and then sticking to those choices, no matter how tempting it is to add more to your holiday “to do” list.

It's easy to forget or try to avoid this fact, but it's true: You're the only one who must assume responsibility for your time, and you're the only one who can clarify what's really important to you. The choices you make control your calendar and, as a result, your lifestyle. Your choices are far more powerful than your circumstances, and you have the power to simplify your life by making purpose-full choices.

Like it or not, the Bible teaches, “We are each responsible for our own conduct.” (Galatians 6:4-5 NLT) That's why it's so important to seek a life that puts God first on your priority list. Discovering what God wants you to focus on allows all other matters to fall into their proper place.

So think seriously about how you will spend your time and energy this Christmas. What and how you give of yourself to others says it all. In the long run, the donation of your life will count far more than the duration. It's not how long you live – or even how much you cram into the length of your life – it's about how you live, according to God's plan for your life.

Let's honor Christ first this season by allowing His purpose guide what we do this Christmas season. Serve where you know God intends for you to serve. Don't just volunteer for anything or everything. Pray about it. You may even sense God is prompting you to start a “not to do” list.

Ask yourself, “How much time do I really have this Christmas?” The answer is you have just enough time to do God's will this season. When you try to do more than God planned for you to do, it's only natural that you'll stress over your schedule.

Finally, does your Christmas list include rest? God doesn't want you to burn out; in fact, he may want you to specifically add “rest” to your to-do list because he knows you're trying to overdo it.

Pause by the manger, stare into the stillness of the stars. Contemplate the wonder of God coming into your world with His awesome love today.

The Only One of Something

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Having the only one of something is a unique experience. It can be a simple pleasure, like a pair of shoes custom made for your hard-to-fit feet. Or it can be a not-so-healthy, prideful pleasure like a custom-built car, far too expensive to risk damaging by actually driving it. Or it might be a special stone you found in a creek bed on a day God spoke to you about a new direction for your life.

Having a one-and-only object is a pleasure but giving it up could prove to be a painful sacrifice. If it's taken from you, the pain of deciding is removed. But if you are faced with the choice of giving or keeping, it becomes a test of your willingness to let go for a higher purpose. God the Father had only one Son – His only begotten Son – for whom His love must have been indescribable in human terms. But the Father chose to give up His Son for thirty-three human years – to watch Him suffer and die – all for the sake of we who were trapped in sin with no way out. God so loved the world that He gave His one-and-only Son.

The next time you are faced with the choice of giving or keeping a one-and-only thing, remember the choice God made 2,000 Christmases ago.

The Last Impression



Three buildings in town were overrun by squirrels – the town hall, the hardware store, and the church. The town hall brought in some cats. But after they tore up all the files, the mayor got rid of the predators, and soon the squirrels were back.

The hardware store humanely trapped the squirrels and set them free outside town. But three days later, the squirrels climbed back in.

Only the church came up with an effective solution. They baptized the squirrels and made them members. Now they see them only on Christmas and Easter.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00pm

There is no more beautiful and special time than Christmas Eve in HBC Family when together as family as friends we share Holy Communion for our brokenness and light candle to drive out the darkness. Plan now to join us!





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Online donations to HBC may be made at any time from the comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online donations are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year (except when made anonymously), and each user can change his or her preferences or desired donation amounts at any time. You can make a one-time gift of recurring donation.

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