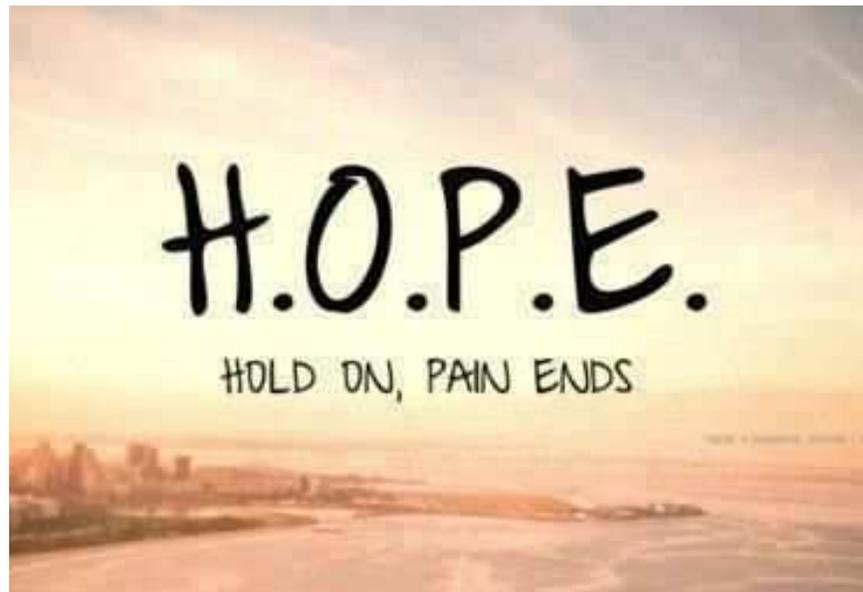


***The HBC Weekly Forecast***  
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*“May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,  
even as we put our hope in you.” Psalm 33:22*

This week I want us to think about one of the most difficult tensions you will manage in life: how to remain hopeful in a hopelessly broken world.

Every one of us will wrestle at some level with this dilemma. If you have ever had something you placed your hope in come crashing down around you, you know: marriage, career, wealth, health, engagement, academic, athletic, a family crisis or whatever else it might be...

How are we supposed to remain hopeful in a hopelessly broken world? We want to be hopeful, but when relationships sour, stock prices tumble, dreams disappear, and plans crumble, hope can be hard to come by.

In a world without guarantees, hope can be a dangerous thing. But what if the tension we feel is the result of putting our hope in the wrong things? What if God has a different plan for us—a plan built on his unfailing love? If you have ever thought, “Why even try? What’s the use? What’s the point?” This week we want to discover the answer!

*“He's Still\* Got the Whole World in His Hands!”*

***Join us live at HBC 10:00 am this Sunday for a sanitized and safe worship experience – Or tune into Facebook Live and join in with our virtual worship experience – Invite a friend!***

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

January 26, 2021

Budget \$1925.00

Budget Designated \$100.00 in Memory of Tommy Batkins

Budget Designated \$5.00 Initial Offering

Budget Designated \$25.00 Office Supplies

Cash in Cash out \$50.00  
in honor of Betty Powell's Birthday

Cash in Cash out \$3.00 Coffee Fund

Food Closet \$75.00

Total deposit \$2183.00



## Pray for our Missionaries

JC, MM, CS (Central Asian People) MM (East Asian People) Mark Gilbert ,  
Holley Sieberhagen (European People) JP ( Northern African and Middle Eastern  
People) AP South Asian People) Mary Ramsey (AR) Whitney Moon,  
David Newman (CA) Gary Moritz (MA) Roland Cadwell (MI) William Holland (NC)  
Jonathan Baker (OK)

## Drive Thru Food Drive

The first Wednesday of every month from 4-6pm. Just pull to the  
back of the church, pop your trunk and we will do the rest!  
We give out food two times a week through the United Way,  
no donation is too small!





## ***Where There Is Hope...***

*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love...  
1 Corinthians 13:13A*

Centuries before Christ, a Greek philosopher named Thales said, "*The most universal thing is hope, for hope stays with those who have nothing else.*"

In his own period of time when everything was changing, in a period of tremendous personal loss, the Apostle Paul penned the inspiring words, "*And now these things remain: faith, hope and love...*" (1 Corinthians 13:13). The second of these qualities, hope, is to life what oxygen is to breathing. Where there is hope, there is life. And when hope dies, life itself begins to ebb away.

Medical science has proved that people can endure almost limitless hardships--near starvation, physical and emotional abuse, and even long periods of sustained illness--as long as hope is alive in the heart of a person.

In listing those three virtues, it is interesting to notice how the Apostle Paul sandwiches hope between faith and love. Could it not be that Paul so put them in this order because of the relationship that hope has to faith and love? Faith precedes hope, but hope is so closely related to faith, that at times it is impossible to separate the two.

When you have faith in a person, hope is born in your soul. Faith in God produces a hope that rescues you from the despair of the most difficult circumstances.

When you trust God to answer your prayer, hope is gradually born in your soul--hope that cannot be defeated. How else can we account for the lives of those who endure extreme suffering and hardships, like that of even the Christian martyrs, who faced the persecution of heathen Rome?

The message of the Gospel is a simple one that still produces hope in a hopeless world: "God so loved the world that He gave..." In short, it tells us that you are never so far from the cross that you cannot find a lasting hope. The Scripture says that hope which comes as the result of a personal experience with Christ is an anchor to your soul. Hope links you to God as an anchor holds a ship in angry waters.

This is that spiritual substance of hope which comes from above, the hope of heaven which transcends the failures of men. It's the only way to find the true faith, hope, and love for which we are all longing!

*On the grace journey of travelling 2021 with you, Lynwood*

## **WMU – January Mission Emphasis**

Collecting money for PORT



## **Food Pantry Focus**

**Sunday, January 31** Pack the Pantry Sunday. Bring your nonperishable items when you come to church OR if you do not attend in person worship come by Wednesday

**February 3- 4:00-6:00pm** Drive Thru Back parking lot, pop your trunk and we do the rest!

## **Hope Boxes for Appalachia**

We are doing boxes for the kids that are eastern Kentucky deep in the Appalachian Mountains. Please pick up all the information in the Mission Outreach Corner. Boxes are due February 7th (PLEASE NOTICE THE DATE CHANGE OF WHEN IT IS DUE)

For additional information or if you have questions, contact Pam at 660-4226

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

## **Upcoming Kids Events**



### **February 7th– Super Bowl Sunday 10am**

Every kid wear your favorite sports shirt or jersey and come have some fun in kids church where we will learn about Jesus and lots of other activities

### **Easter Egg Hunt/Party Saturday. March 27th**

Two time slots are available. You have to sign up.

12:00-1:30pm OR 2:00pm–3:30

With COVID, only a certain number of kids can come at a time. We will be having the function at the Church. This is open to church kids and the grandkids of our church family. Call now to register.

Lots of fun, crafts, prizes , egg hunt and the Easter Bunny.

Helpers are needed for both times. (Limited helpers are needed) If you want to help, let me know. You will only need to work one time slot!

## Calendar

**Monday, January 25**– PORT

**Tuesday, January 26** - PORT

1:00pm– 2:00pm Food Distribution

**Wednesday, January 27**

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

**Thursday, January 28**

1:00pm– 2:00pm Food Distribution

**Sunday, January 31**

10am Live worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

Pack the Pantry Sunday

**Tuesday, February 2**

1:00pm–2:00pm Food Distribution

6:00pm Vision Team Meeting

**Wednesday, February 3**

4:00pm– 6:00pm

Drive Thru Food Drive

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

**Thursday, February 4**

1:00pm–2:00pm Food Distribution

**Sunday, February 7**

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

For  
the  
LORD'S GREAT  
AND  
Greatly  
TO BE  
Praised  
Psalms 96:4

**Happy Birthday for  
the next two weeks**

1/30 Carolyn Schaubach

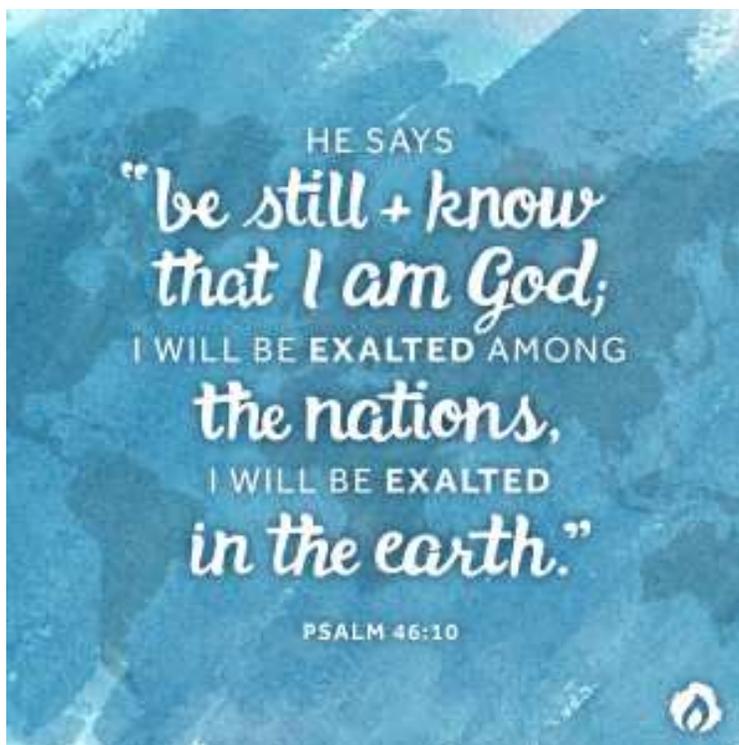
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2/6 Ann Nickols





## *A Tale of Two Farmers*

I once heard a story about two farmers facing hard times...

These two farmers—neighbors—looked out over their dry, dusty fields without much reason to hope. There'd been a drought the year before, and the money in the bank was nearly as dried up as the land in front of them.

But the coming year promised to be the worst yet. As another season of drought was predicted in the forecasts, both farmers turned their faces toward Heaven and asked God to send the rain.

Weeks passed. Still there was no rain. If asked, both of them would have said they had faith in God to answer their prayers.

Yet only one of the farmers did something. He climbed on his tractor...plowed his fields...and planted seeds.

In time, God answered the farmers' prayers and sent the rain. But only one farmer reaped a harvest. Why? Because regardless of what he saw in the natural, he believed God would bless the Seeds he planted in faith. He released the Seeds from his hand, and God released the harvest in His hand.

In difficult economic times like these, it can be a real challenge to faithfully sow our financial seeds into God's Kingdom. If we're afraid of not having enough, we can be tempted to hold on to whatever we have. And then when the devil comes stalking us like a roaring lion seeking to devour our health, finances, or relationships (1 Peter 5:8), we cry out to God in desperation.

To overcome the devil's attacks, we must maintain an uninterrupted cycle of "letting go" of our seeds by sowing bountifully into God's Kingdom. While the WORLD'S economic system tells us to hoard, GOD'S economy tells us to give. Instead of hoarding our seed, the Lord asks us to release back to Him what He has placed in our hands. Only then will we Reap His blessings in our lives and be covered by His supernatural provision and protection. He only can multiply what we Sow!

So what kind of farmer are you? God wants you to walk in a loving, obedient, faith-filled relationship with Him—and then He wants to bless your finances, health, and relationships.

So give each Uncommon Seed you Sow a Specific Assignment for what you're asking the Lord to do on your behalf. Wrap your Seeds with faith and expectancy, then wait patiently for your Harvest!

## *Setting Our Priorities*

What is it about human nature that makes us looms? So often we coast in our relationships until they skid into a crisis. We think nothing of spending thousands on a car and blindly drive it by the homeless shelter every day. We think nothing of a sixty-hour workweek but can't find time for dinner as a family.



We live lives of loneliness and sorrow because those things that could build our friendships, family, and faith get our leftover time. Then, one day it is too late, we have waited too long.

We are like the Rabbi who did not run to Jesus until the crisis hit and his daughter was “at the point of death.” The Greek word here for this moment of “final desperation.”

Take a moment to examine your life today. What is at the “eschatos” – the point of death – in your life right now? What part of your spiritual or relational life is barely breathing?

Find ways to make those areas (family, friendships and faith) a higher priority than career and income. Do something different this week – Intentionally set apart regular time with God, schedule an appointment with those in your own family. Then, after prioritizing God and your family, then set up the rest of the week.



## *The Last Impression*

One day God was walking through the Garden of Eden. After a short while, he came across Adam. Adam was in low spirits this particular day, and God asked him what was wrong. Adam told the Lord that he was lonely.

God responded that He would create Adam a companion. She would walk by his side for all eternity. She would listen to his problems. She would wash his clothes. She would keep his house clean. She would cook his meals. She would do anything to keep him happy. Most importantly, she would never complain or nag him.

To this Adam was ecstatic. His spirits lifted immediately. The Lord hated to tell him that this creature would come at a price. God told Adam that the creature would cost him an arm and a leg.

Adam responded, “What can I get for a rib?” ... And the rest is history.



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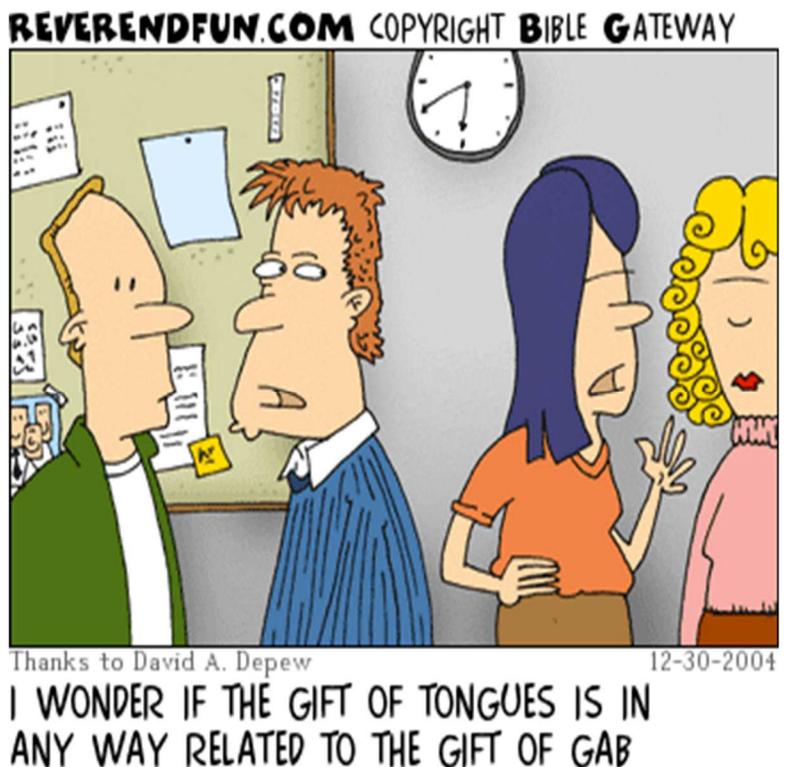
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## ***How Awesome It Is When The Holy Spirit Works Through You!***

You can work, work, work at being more Christ-like every day. But you will fail. You cannot do it. God did not design you in that way, and nor can you develop that capacity.

It is the Holy Spirit's job to produce Christ-like character in you. In a mystical mirror image, He is the invisible and powerful transforming image of everything Christ is.

No one knows Jesus better than the Father and the Holy Spirit. The Father reserved His place to rule and reign the universe from Heaven. When Jesus completed His earthly ministry, He ascended back to the Father to sit in the throne room and to make intercession on our behalf for every prayer and supplication we make to God.

But as the Father was delighted to send the Holy Spirit to anoint Jesus for His earthly ministry, He now delights in sending Him upon us. He directs us according to Father's perfect plan and purposes. He empowers us to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. He delights when we allow His divinity to flow through and outshine our carnal fleshly natural man.

You and I cannot reproduce the character of Jesus on our own strength. Resolutions, willpower, and best intentions are not enough. Only the Holy Spirit has the power to make the changes God wants to make in our lives. The Bible says, "*God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him*" (Philippians 2:13 NLT).

Mention "*the power of the Holy Spirit,*" and many people think of miraculous demonstrations and intense emotions. But, most of the time, the Holy Spirit's power is released in your life in quiet, unassuming ways that you aren't even aware of or feel.

Remember the Holy Spirit is a divine person of the trinity. He more than merely an invisible power.

In other words, Christ-likeness is not produced by imitation but by inhabitation. We allow the Holy Spirit to live and produce the life of Christ through us.

How does this happen? Through the choices we make. We surrender access to our lives and wills by choosing to follow Jesus in all situations and then trust God's Spirit to give us his power, love, faith, and wisdom to do it. Since God's Spirit lives inside of us, these things are always available for the asking.

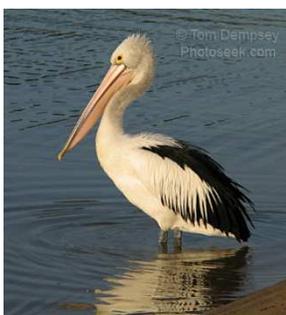
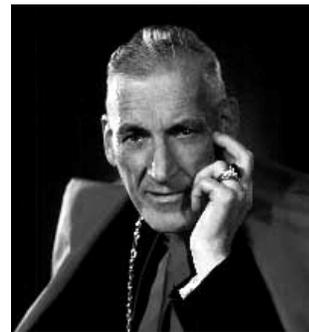
Why not allow Him to live through your life more completely today? His presence is with us and is waiting to be invited in!

## ***The Need for Courage in the Church***

A few years ago Richard Cardinal Cushing wrote about the church's need for courage.

He said:

“If all the sleeping folks will wake up,  
And all the lukewarm folks will fire up,  
And all the disgruntled folks will sweeten up, And all the discouraged folks will cheer  
up, And all the depressed folks will look up,  
And all the estranged folks will make up,  
And all the gossiping folks will shut up,  
And all the dry bones will shake up,  
And all the true soldiers will stand up,  
And all the church members will pray up,  
And if the Savior of all will be lifted up . . .  
Then we can have the greatest renewal this world has ever known!”



### ***Pelicans Caught Unprepared***

I recently read an article about some pelicans in California. If you've ever seen pelicans in action, you know they're great fishermen, or fisher-birds, I guess. These pelicans were hanging out near a fleet of fishing boats. The fishermen on the boats would pull into the little harbor, and clean the fish right on the spot, throwing the heads and the rest into the water. The pelicans picked up on this, and began eating the leftovers without having to go out fishing. And if you're a pelican, that's good eating. So for weeks, they just sat by the harbor and waited for the fishing boats to come in.

After a while, the fishermen found out they could sell the fish waste, and so they stopped chucking it into the water. The pelicans were caught unprepared. They continued to sit and wait for the fishing boats to come in and throw free food in the water. And they grew thinner and thinner and seemed able to do nothing about their situation.

Wildlife officials came to check out what was going on, and concluded that the pelicans had forgotten how to fish. So what they did was to bring pelicans in from another area to join the flock and teach the starving birds how to fish again.

May we as individuals, and as the church, always remain prepared!

## *Like A Hypocrite*

Ray Stedman told about a young man who had stopped attending the church Ray was pastoring. The young man said that when he was at work he would sometimes lose his temper and treat co-workers poorly. Then, when Sunday rolled around, he didn't want to go to church because he felt like a hypocrite.



Stedman told his young friend, "A hypocrite is someone who acts like something he isn't. When you come to church, you are acting like a Christian. You are not a hypocrite at church."

Suddenly, the young man realized where he was being a hypocrite. He recognized that the answer was not in avoiding church but in changing the way he was at work.

The term hypocrite is from a Greek word that means "play-actor." It means we pretend to be something we aren't. Sometimes we forget our true identity as believers in Jesus. We forget that we are accountable to God. When we do that, we live the way we "once walked" (Eph. 2:2) and thus are hypocrites.

Let's not let our old ways make us act like someone we're not. Instead, through God's grace, let's live in a way that shows we are "alive together with Christ" (v.5). That's a sure cure for hypocrisy.



### *One Last Laugh...*

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands.

He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.

The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."



## *The God Of Both Justice And Grace*

Justice is a term used for what is right or “as it should be.” Justice is one of God’s attributes and flows out of His holiness. Justice and righteousness are often used synonymously in the Bible. Since righteousness is the quality or character of being right or just, it is another attribute of God and incorporates both His justice and holiness.

We cannot begin to understand God’s justice unless we first understand sin. Sin is lawlessness and iniquity. It embodies everything contrary to God’s holy nature and is offensive to Him. Thus, sin is a crime against God and justice demands a penalty of death and separation from Him for it. But God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to earth to pay that penalty for us and made salvation available to all who believe in His name.

God’s own righteousness is provided as a gift to sinners who accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and is based upon His grace and mercy in response to our faith. His mercy and grace are not in spite of His justice, but because of it. He loved us so much that despite the fact that our sin demands our death, He sent His Son to be our substitute upon the cross, thus demonstrating that His justice was not violated, but instead satisfied (1 Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9).

Having been made in His image, we humans long for moral justice to prevail upon the earth and are outraged when we see injustice happening around us. Why do we seek justice for crimes? It’s in our DNA.

King David’s outrage when the poor man’s lamb was taken away by the rich man resonates within us (2 Samuel 12:1-14). That is why Nathan told the story to David in the first place because it revealed David’s own injustice in taking Uriah’s wife from him.

David’s immediate repentant prayer was effective because by admitting his sin against God, he acknowledged the righteousness of God. The Lord told David through the prophet Nathan that even though his sin was forgiven, the child resulting from the adulterous affair would die, demonstrating the fact that his sin still had to be judged.

As for the future, the book of Revelation reveals the justice of God in all its glory during the end times. When the saints watch the destruction of the earth, their song will be of God’s righteous judgment upon the inhabitants for their ultimate sin of rejecting Him (Revelation 11:16-18; 15:3-4; 16:7; 19:1-4).

And, as 2 Peter 3:13 says, we are promised that someday, when Christ physically reigns on earth, God’s righteous justice will finally be on full display, and we will sing, “Glory to the Lamb!”