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How many times in your life have you said to somebody... "Keep the change!" In most cases that is in response to a financial transaction, and your money in exchange for a gift or service. You may be feeling extra generous, and likely it is money you can easily spare.

Then there are other types "change"... Especially those that take place on the inside. Those are also times when you need to decide whether you want to keep the change or give it back. For instance, it might be a change of mind and change of heart.

Depending on the circumstances, it might be a change for the better or perhaps a change for the worse.

I've heard it said that life is ten percent what happens to you and ninety percent your response to it. You can choose to resist and fight change or respond to it positively, embracing it. I am still learning to live each day to its fullest with no regrets and no fears, seizing each opportunity to respond to change in a positive way.

In order to embrace something, you need to release whatever else is in your hands. I love what Corrie Ten Boom said: "Hold everything in your hands lightly, otherwise it hurts when God pries your fingers open."

But, truth be told, we have a hard time letting go, don't we? We cling to the past, the comfortable, and the familiar. However, if we strive to hold onto the past, we run the risk of trapping ourselves in what was. Rather, we should seek to live in the moment, freely embracing the opportunities that God wants us to experience.

Maybe it is time we challenge ourselves to... "*Keep the change!*"

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

February 9, 2021

Budget \$8215.00

Designated Budget– Initial Offering \$32.00

Cash in Cash out– Special love offering \$1040.00

Cash in Cash out- Journey Church Rent \$435.00

Cash In Cash out– Sonshine Kids \$135.00

Cash in Cash out– Youth Challenge \$30.00

Food Pantry- \$235.00

PORT \$50.00

Total Deposit \$10,172.00

January Recap

Budget Deposits \$18,574.98

Budget Expenses \$23,705.70

Designated Deposits \$2553.00

Designated Expenses \$761.69



Money Market Balance \$98,540.30

Savings \$87,869.16 Outreach \$10,667.39

PDF/RR Balance \$14,174.91

PDF \$5,188.09 RR \$8610.41 Deacons\$376.41

Designated Account \$66,609.33

*With deepest
Sympathy*

We would like to express our Deepest Sympathy to
Jason, Kizzy Moriah and family
On the recent loss of Jason's Grandfather.

Please keep this family in your prayers during this difficult time



“Keep The Change...”

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow last Tuesday morning and, as legend holds, that means six additional weeks of winter.

Phil was awakened at 7:25 a.m. and made his prediction in front of about 16 members of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club at Gobbler's Knob. *“Now, when I turn to see, there's a perfect shadow cast of me. Six more weeks of winter there will be,” one of Phil's handlers announced on his behalf at the ceremony.”*

While elsewhere on the East Coast, and especially the Northeast they have faced a particularly brutal winter, here we have had what I think was a pretty mild one.

The seasons always change. I look forward to them every year. Thinking back and remembering all the leaves of autumn, the beautiful flowers in spring and summer. I am so glad that I live in a place where we have the seasons change and we are able to enjoy God's amazing work. And no matter which season we like best, we can never stop the change of seasons. Only God can do that.

There is one thing that I am so grateful never changes and that is God's love. No matter what, God loves us! Our seasons change - people marry and become someone's spouse, we have children and become someone's parent, we lose a parent, we lose a spouse and become a widow, we move and become "the new kid on the block", we become ill and become dependent on others, we change careers, we go off to college and become independent of parents.

There are so many changes (seasons) in our lives. But through all of these changes, God's love for us is the one constant. No matter what happens in our lives, He is always there to guide us, to love us, to carry us when we think we can't go on, to share the joyous times in our lives. He is always there. All of these changes are part of human life and we should always remember that God is there to guide us and love us through them all.

While God himself remains constant and unhangnging in His nature, He clothes himself and becomes the seasons themselves. At various times in our lives it might be said we have seen and experienced the God of the springtime where all things are new and teaming with the freshness of life. Likewise we have basked in the bright summer sunshine of His love and favor and we have seen the colors of the seasons change most dramatically as we entered into the stillness of a quieter, chilly winter.

With each season we see the face and experience the nature of God differently. As we embrace it's reality... *“Let's keep the change!”*

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

WMU – February Mission Emphasis

Collecting money for Youth Challenge



Hope Boxes for Appalachia

We are happy to say that HBC is sending 26 boxes to the Appalachia for needy children. Thanks to all who helped and packed a box. You have made a difference in the life of a child.

Serve the City Big Serve Day

Saturday, February 13th Register at

<https://www.stcpenninsula.com/events/february-big-volunteer-day/>

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

Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!

Upcoming Kids Events

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!

Jesus loves you

Jamie Bays has returned home.

Please continue to pray for her and she is still not well and needs our prayers

Calendar

Tuesday, February 9th

1:00pm-2:00pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, February 10th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, February 11th

1:00pm-2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, February 14th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

Happy Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 16th

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

6:00pm Vision Team Meeting

Wednesday, February 17th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, February 18th

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, February 21st

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

***Serving our Community with
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**Happy Birthday for
the next two weeks**

2/10 Margaret Upole

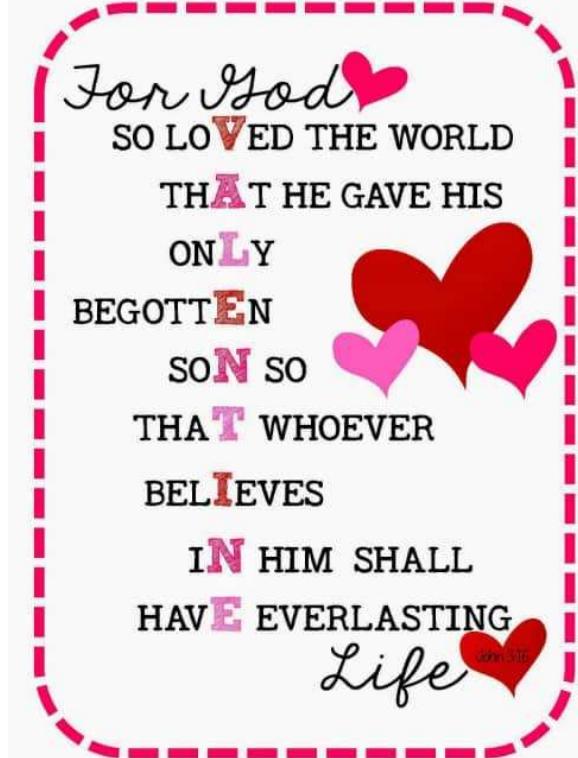
2/11 James Harvey

2/14 Curtis Whiting



Pray for our Missionaries

SE, CP, CR (Central Asian People)
FH, EP (East Asian People) Sarah
Waller (European People) JM
(Southeast Asian People) NF, SG
(South Asian People) ME
(Southwest Asian People) Gail
Davis Sub-Saharan African People)
Charles Scheffe (AZ) Carin
Cochran, Bradley Simmons (KS)
Samnas Alemu (MD) Raymond
White (NC)



WMU Missions Updates

WMUV in Partnership with Mully Children's Family in Ndalani, Kenya



Charles Mulli was a six year old boy in Kenya and was abandoned by his family and was left to raise himself on the streets of Nairobi. Mully is no ordinary rags to riches tale. He rose in wealth and power which had him questioning his own existence and searching for his meaning in life. Against the better judgement of family and community, Mulli followed God's direction to enrich the fate of orphaned children across Kenya. Jeopardizing his own life and security of his family, Charles Milli risked everything and set in motion a series of events that to date has rescued over 15,0000 orphaned or impoverished children.

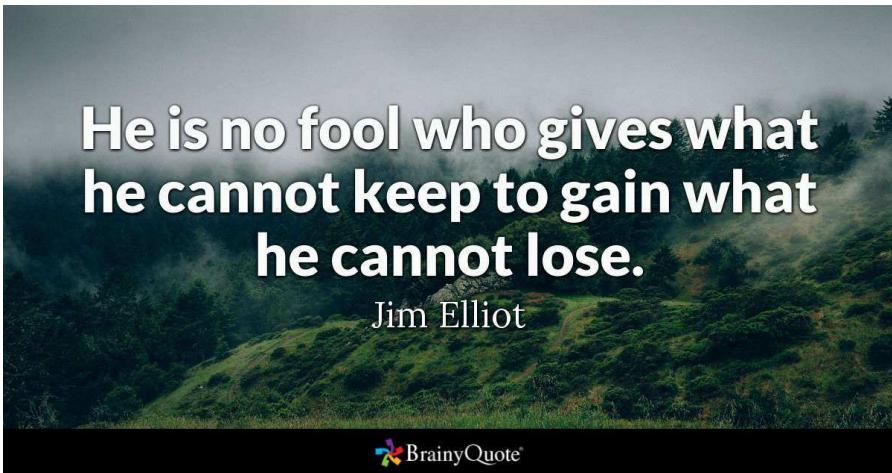
Finding out that medical was the greatest need for the Mully Children's Home, In March 2020 WMUV sent medical personnel, students, teachers, chaplains and lay persons to Kenya. COVID-19 was hitting the US and Europe much more severely at this time. Questions came up about canceling but plans went forward knowing God was in control.

While there with people from other states also, care was provided to over 2200 persons in the 5 days they held medical clinics. Most people traveled by foot, some even traveling over 20 miles to get their physical needs met. Medical, gynecological , dental, eye and would care were provided. There were also Pharmacists and others who helped prepare and distribute medicine. The Dental Team did 146 Extractions, the eye team provided both distance glasses, reading glasses and sun glasses. The gynecological team provided pap smears and treatment to many who had never had this treatment. The medial team diagnosed and treated typhoid, pneumonia and intestinal parasites and much more. There were a total of 4470 diagnoses made and 4453 prescriptions distributed. During the time the people were waiting to be seen by the medical staff, counseling was provided as were as sermons were preached to tell them the Good News of Jesus.

The team that went came back on March 15th the last day that international flights were let back into the US due to the travel ban put into place because of COVID. This was providential, there is no other way to explain it.

There will be other trips planned back to the Mully Children's Family in the future when the pandemic has subsided.





Focus on the Eastern Shore Marisa Sanchez Missionary to Eastern Shore

Marisa Sanchez Community Missionary on the Eastern Shore of Virginia requested prayer support for the many families who had suffered losses due to the spread of the pandemic among migrant and poultry workers. WMUV made a commitment to support Marisa as she was on the frontlines ministering to these families to include distributing food, conducting memorial services, and providing masks for the many unmasked faces in the community. Marisa did eventually suffer from the virus but is now well.

HBC was able to send \$205.00 to help in this ministry. Please continue to pray for Marisa and this important ministry.



The Glory Of Heaven!"

"Heaven"—a word that fills the pages of history. It's a word used by poets and songwriters, politicians and pagans. In some contexts, Heaven simply means the sky above or a wonderful experience. It symbolizes ideas with important meaning, even for atheists.



For some, Heaven is a code word for their vision of God or concepts like fate or the future. George Washington, for example, issued an order in September 1776, declaring that the country could be saved only with "the blessing of Heaven." Benjamin Franklin told the American Constitutional Convention in June 1787 to implore "the assistance of Heaven."

Heaven is central to many civilizations. When he arrived in China in the 13th century, Marco Polo was impressed by "the City of Heaven," which he called the greatest city in the world.

But Believers should remember that Heaven is not an idea or concept. It's real, and it's our eternal destination. The Bible tells us that:

Heaven is God's "holy dwelling place" where He is enthroned and worshiped, (Deuteronomy 26:15),

There we will spend eternity with Him (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

There, Jesus has prepared a place for us (John 14:1).

There, we should store our treasure (Matthew 6:20).

There, we'll receive our rewards (Matthew 5:12).

In fact, Heaven is where we have our real citizenship – already! (Philippians 3:20).

Some, like the Apostle John, actually have caught a glimpse of Heaven. John describes it in Revelation 21:

"And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.¹² It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel... The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass."
Revelation 21:10-12,18

The reality is that nothing in this life can prepare us for the glories of Heaven. Paul said that God has prepared something so wonderful, it's beyond our comprehension! Today, don't allow the problems of today blind you to the blessing of what God has promised to those who trust and believe in Him. Think about Heaven and all that God has prepared for you!



The Last Impression

Ol' Fred had been a faithful Christian and was in the hospital, near death. The family called their preacher to stand with them.

As the preacher stood next to the bed, Ol' Fred's condition appeared to deteriorate and he motioned frantically for something to write on. The pastor lovingly handed him a pen and a piece of paper, and Ol' Fred used his last bit of energy to scribble a note, then suddenly died. The preacher thought it best not to look at the note at that time, so he placed it in his jacket pocket.

At the funeral, as he was finishing the message, he realized that he was wearing the same jacket that he wore when Ol' Fred died. He said, "You know, Ol' Fred handed me a note just before he died. I haven't looked at it, but knowing Fred, I'm sure there's a word of inspiration there for us all."

He opened the note and read, "Please step to your left – you're standing on my oxygen tube!"

"I Thought He Was Talking To You..."

At the height of a political corruption trial, the prosecuting attorney attacked a witness. "Isn't it true," he bellowed, "that you accepted five thousand dollars to compromise this case?" The witness stared out the window, as though he hadn't heard the question.



"Isn't it true that you accepted five thousand dollars to compromise this case?" the lawyer repeated. The witness still did not respond.

Finally, the judge leaned over and said, "Sir, please answer the question."

"Oh," the startled witness said, "I thought he was talking to you."

I seem to have the same trouble when I'm preaching. Everybody thinks I'm talking to everyone else! :-) It's easy to listen to a sermon thinking, "Boy, I sure hope brother so-and-so is listening to this one!" (I know, I've done it myself). It is crucial, though, that we listen to all messages that come from the word of God with the thought, "What does this have to say to me?" because only when I make personal application can I learn and grow.

"Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." (Matt.7:3-5)



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TROUBLE IN CAT CHURCH



The Blessing Of The Busted Nest

“Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions.” — Deuteronomy 32:11

Baby eagles spend the first three months of their lives in the comfortable nest their parents have prepared. But the eaglets get a big surprise when they are about 12 weeks old. Their mother suddenly begins to throw all of their toys out of the nest out of the nest.

Next, she begins to pull out all of the comfortable material in the nest—the feathers and the animal fur—and leaves the babies sitting on thorns and sticks. This is what the Bible means when it mentions that the mother eagle “stirs up her nest.” The reason she stirs the nest is that she wants her babies to get out and fly.

Before long, the mother eagle begins to nudge them out of the nest. The little eaglets, who have no idea how to fly, fall through the sky, probably very frightened. Soon, though, they hear a “whooooooooosh” as the father eagle swoops up under them to catch them.

At that point, the father eagle takes the babies right back up to the nest and then the mother eagle nudges them out again. Both the father and mother eagle keep repeating the process, over and over again, until the younger eagles finally understand that they have no choice but to fly.

The mother eagle does this because she loves them and wants them to have the best lives they can possibly have. Most eaglets won’t get out of the nest without this push. Like the young eaglets, most of us will also choose comfort over challenge unless and often until we have no choice at all.

Do you feel God is working in your life the same way the mother eagle does with her young? Has He been pulling some of the padding out of your nest so you find yourself sitting on prickly branches? Is the place where you are becoming old and stale and you are feeling God is preparing you for the next step?

Is He saying to you, “Come on, it is time to fly”? If so, remember the mother and father eagle’s intentions and know that you can trust God’s good intentions for you. The first steps of learning to fly to new heights and places are often part of a terrifying process. But with time, and the steady hand of God’s guidance, soaring to the next level you will discover to be your destiny.

It all begins with the stirring of your nest. Your prayer should be... “Gracious God. help me to always embrace Your best for my life. Show me the areas where I need to “get out of the nest” so I can move on to greater things and “fly.” In Jesus’ Name, Amen!



In The Fire And Through The Storm!

"When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved. Acts 27:20

Have you ever felt yourself to be in a hopeless situation? Even when you were serving God and being obedient to Him in every way you knew how?

Paul was traveling by ship to Italy to appear before Caesar. They had been sailing for some time when a storm blew up. The weather was so bad they could not even use navigational sighting from the stars to compute their position. They had no idea how far they were or even what direction they were headed.

Would you be surprised to discover this is not an unusual situation for the people of God to face? Throughout the Old and New Testaments, storms are used to illustrate difficulties in a believer's life. There are many kinds of storms: relationship, financial, health, business, etc.

We have all faced similar situations in our own lives. The course of everything we are dealing with seems to be going well, when suddenly you notice waves all around you, increasing in size and frequency. The seas become rougher and before you know it, the waves are crashing over the bow of your ship and it seems like "*all hope [of being] saved [is] finally given up.*"

It was into this gloomy set of circumstances that Paul spoke words of life and faith: "*Take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you but only of the ship*" (Acts 27:22).

God was saying through Paul, "Don't look at the circumstances because I have a plan for you that goes beyond your current difficulties. You are not going to die here. I have further use for you." Paul told them that God had already told him that he would appear before Caesar, and that everyone else on the boat would also survive.

Now that is a word of encouragement from the throne of Grace!

God was about to be faithful to perform what He had promised in their lives, and He does the same in our lives today. Take hope this day that your anchor is held secure by the promises of God to you.

The Bible promises we will face tribulations and struggles... But God has promised that He will never leave you—and He will not!

Email That Goes Terribly Astray!

The following is allegedly based on a true story. I leave whether or not it is true up to you...

Mr Arnold, a businessman from Tulsa, Oklahoma, went on a business trip to Amarillo, Texas.



His travels happened to be in the midst of summer. Upon arrival in the southern part of Texas, He immediately sent an e-mail back home to his wife, Paula.

Unfortunately, he forgot his wife's exact e-mail address and the e-mail ended up going to a Mrs. P. Arnold in Rapid City, South Dakota, the wife of a preacher who had just died.

The preacher's wife, Penny, took one look at the e-mail and promptly fainted.

When she was finally revived by her daughter, Penny hysterically pointed to the message, which read, 'Arrived safely, but it sure is hot down here.'



Tests are Temporary

by Max Lucado

All tests are temporary, limited in duration. 1 Peter 1:6 says, "*In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.*" Some tests end on earth, but all tests will end in heaven, right?

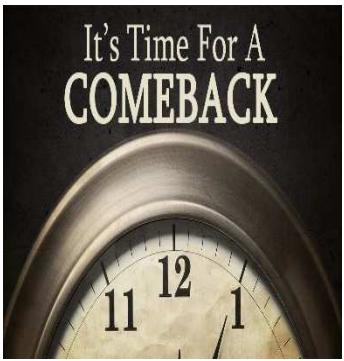
In the meantime, let God train you. He watches the way you handle the little jobs. Jesus promised in Matthew 25:21, "*If you are faithful over a few matters, I will set you over many.*"

Do you aspire to great things? Excel in the small things. Don't complain. Let others grumble. Not you. When you're given a task, take it. When you see a hurt, address it. Compassion matters to God.

This is the time for service, not self-centeredness. Cancel the pity party.

Love the people God brings to you. He will work in you what is pleasing to Himself.

And you will get through this testing time!



"It's Your Comeback Time!"

And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. — Genesis 15:13-15

Do you believe that God's word can change the atmosphere of your life? It can. It will. I believe this passage speaks to us in a significant way. I want to talk about God planning your comeback. In scripture, God gave Abraham two promises:

Promise #1 – That he would die at a ripe old age. Question: Do you ever worry about dying? Do you believe your life is fully in the hands of God?

God came to Abraham and He basically said, "Abraham, I don't want you to worry about dying. You will go to the grave at a good old age." I believe this means we ought to just expect and claim that we'll have good memories and we'll have healthy, strong bodies. I know we get older and everything changes, for sure. But I'm claiming today the good old age. I'll always have provision. I'll always be taken care of, because man is not my source. Isn't that good news? That's good news. Be free from the fear of what's coming. Good is what's coming.

Promise #2 - That his wayward children would comeback. Questions: Do you have children you worry about or who are not walking with God today? Can you have faith for a "comeback" for your child?

God warned Abraham about this, but in the covenant that He made with him, He told him that his children would come back again to where He called them to be. There will be a comeback.

This truth is for your children, but it is also for you. No matter how pessimistic, no matter how negative it looks today, you're going to come back. It's a season of comeback. It's time to get up off the mat if you've been knocked down. If you've been through something, if you've been through financial setback or some kind of terrible thing has hit you in your health or something's happened to your family, it's time for a comeback!

It's not time to quit. It's no time to give up. It's not time to moan and groan. We may be down, but we're not out, because we serve a comeback God. Sometimes in life, stuff just happens. You may feel like you've been through hell, you messed up, and you did something you shouldn't have done. It's time for a comeback. The Bible said there is a river whose streams shall make glad again. That's the river of the Holy Spirit, and if you can get a scent of that river, God can orchestrate your comeback!