

The HBC Weekly Forecast
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“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...”Romans 12:2.

There’s a control system in the soul for the body and its senses, because in the soul, you have the mind, the emotions, and the will. That’s why your mind is so important. Your mind influences your emotions and your will, and therefore your soul. And when that happens, the result will show in your senses and the actions you take.

It’s important that as a Christian you manage and take possession of your mind; renew your mind with the Word. Don’t let your mind control you. Live from your spirit. Don’t accept the wrong thoughts. Don’t dwell on the negatives of life. Consciously subdue thoughts that demean you, thoughts that are contrary to your nature and identity in Christ.

You’ve got to take control of your mind and your thoughts. Transform your life from glory to glory through the management of your mind. That’s what we read in Romans 12:2. God expects this of you because He has given you the ability. He wants you to be in charge and in control of your life by using your mind to produce excellence.

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!



Control Your Thought Life

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” Phil 4:8

It would be great if our thoughts were all good. But many of them are negative and toxic. The good news is that we have a guide to help us test our thoughts. Philippians 4:8 is a great test as to what our focus should be.

True - One of the most important things to consider about our thoughts is, “Are they true?” Too often our thoughts are just not true. We need to focus on what is authentic, real, and lines up with God’s Word.

Noble - Because we are children of God, we’re in the highest of ranks! Our thoughts should be royal and regal. Not in an arrogant way but in not allowing ourselves to think in an unkind or repulsive manner.

Right - So many people want to be right—to be the one who is never wrong. But often, we don’t allow that desire for being right to permeate our thoughts. Thinking right thoughts means allowing accuracy and appropriateness to guide us.

Pure - To be pure in heart and thought is not as difficult as it seems. It’s simply choosing to think on ethical, good, upright, and honest things.

Lovely - This is a word that isn’t used much, but it should be. To think lovely thoughts means to see the beautiful and stunning in life and allow our minds to think upon those things.

Admirable - To be admired is something most people want. But do we want admirable thoughts? Thoughts that are credible and distinguished and allow us to live in such a way that is commendable.

Excellent - The best of the best is what excellent is. When our thoughts are excellent, they are superb, exceptional, and fabulous. Excellent thoughts lead us to live excellent lives.

Worthy of praise - What thoughts are worthy of praise? Thoughts about God. His ways, His plans, and His creation, to name a few. It’s safe to say that when our thoughts are on Him, that’s a good thing.

We can test our thoughts every day. As we do this, eventually we won’t have to test many of our thoughts because we will already know if they meet up to the standards in Philippians 4:8. We will never be able to adjust every negative thought that approaches our awareness, but we can certainly try to free our minds from toxic thinking...one thought at a time.

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

March 9, 2021

Budget \$1415.00

8-104 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$625.00

8-145 Cash in Cash out– Love Offering \$3100.00

8-145 Cash in Cash out– Perfect Paw Rent \$150.00

8-145 Cash in Cash out– COP Rent \$800.00

8-403 Food Pantry \$45.00

Total Deposit \$6135.00

February Recap

Budget Deposits \$22,484.04

Budget Expenses \$20,628.70

Designated Deposits \$5,153.00

Designated Expenses \$2,014.48

Money Market \$106,047.56

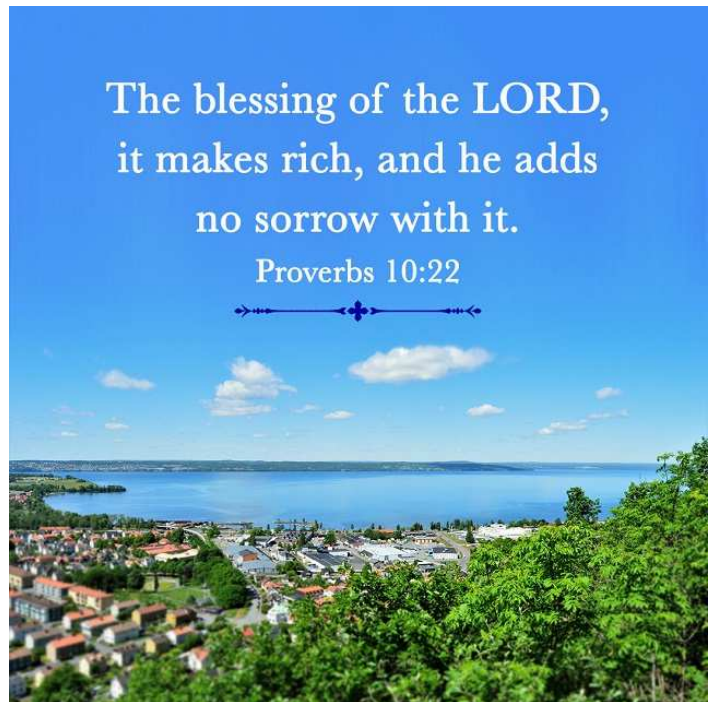
Savings \$95,380.17

Outreach \$10,667.39

R & R Account \$14,175.05

The blessing of the LORD,
it makes rich, and he adds
no sorrow with it.

Proverbs 10:22



Congratulations Dreama! We are so proud and thankful for our very own Dreama at HBC. We would like you to join us in recognizing her hard work and dedication this Sunday, March 21st during our church service. Don't miss out!

Calendar

Tuesday, March 16th

1:00pm–2:00pm Food
Distribution

Wednesday, March 17th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, March 18th

1:00pm–2:00pm Food
Distribution

Sunday, March 21st

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

Tuesday, March 23rd

1:00pm– 2:00pm Food Distribution

Wednesday– March 24th

7:00pm Facebook Live Bible Study

Thursday, March 25th

1:00pm-2:00pm Food Distribution

Saturday, March 27th

Kids Easter Party 12pm– 2pm

Sunday, March 28th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

Happy Birthday for the next two weeks

3/8 Vince Figuenick

3/10 Scott Schaubach

3/11 Betty Howell

3/13 Ruth Fries

3/17 Christy Kuhlne

3/18 Judy France



It has come to my attention that a birthday may have been left out of the list in February. This was an oversight (Because of my computer and operator error)!

Happy Belated Birthday to

Bill Henley who was 90 years old on 2/15/2020

Mr. Henley has been a member of Hilton Baptist Church for 76 years. We hope your birthday was a great one!

*If at anytime you see a birthday missing, please let me know.

We want everyone in the HBC family to have their birthday acknowledged.

Missions Outreach

Serve The City

Serve the City is offering opportunities for those on the Peninsula to serve (Focus is Newport News and Hampton) Visit [STC peninsula.com](http://STCpeninsula.com) to signup

WMU Focus

WMU Missions Focus for March-Church Pantry

You can bring your items or donate so that things can be purchased.

Sedgefield School Outreach

For the month of March we will be showing our appreciation to the faculty and staff at Sedgefield Elementary School. Please drop off individually wrapped snacks (healthy or not!) at HBC, Monday—Thursday 8:00-5:00 or during Sunday Service. We will be preparing something special for them.

For the first 3 Sundays in March you may pick up a card and a faculty name from the back table in the sanctuary. Write a note of encouragement and bring your card back to church by March 28. You may also come by the church during regular business hours to pick up these items.

We will deliver the cards and snacks to the hard workers at Sedgefield before Spring Break.

If you have any questions about Mission Outreach contact Pam Cooke 757-660-4226

Pray for our Missionaries

AR (Central Asian People) HL (East Asian People) BW (European People) JI, LI, EP (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) BO, TS (Southeast Asian People) Jason Soderstorm, Aleksandr Trbovich, Aaron Williams (CO) Charles Stargel (KY) Mussie Wodlemskel (MD) Mark Etheridge (NC) Sean Odom (VT)

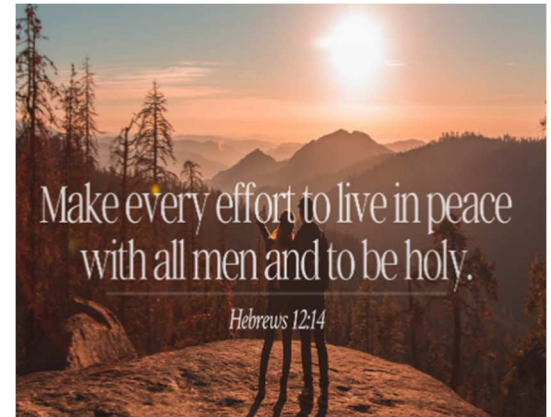


Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!

Rebuilding Relationships

Is there a relationship you need to rebuild?

Too often people are filled with regret and guilt because they failed to reach out to someone with whom they were at odds — and then death intervenes and it's too late. Don't let this happen to you.



If a broken relationship comes to mind, know that the place to begin is within yourself. Are you convinced that rebuilding this relationship is something God wants you to do?

Then let the person know that you care, and that you want your relationship to be different. Don't use words alone; back up your words with action. A small gift or an invitation to dinner can show that you mean what you say.

Most of all, seek God's forgiveness for anything you did to harm the relationship, and trust Him to help you both set aside the past. Don't argue about the past or who was at fault; that only reopens old wounds. Instead, focus on your hopes for the future. Change may take time, but with God's help it can happen.

“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” — [Romans 12:18](#)

God's will is for us to live at peace with everyone — but sometimes the door to a broken relationship seems closed forever. The marriage has died or the children are rejecting you... Your father abandoned your family or your disapproving mother has cut off all contact... A business partner has turned away in anger or a former friend wants nothing to do with you.

If someone rejects us and absolutely refuses to have anything to do with us, we can't force them to change. But we can — and should — do everything we can to keep the door open to a possible reconciliation.

We shouldn't strike back or condemn; instead, we should let them know we still care, and that we hope someday his or her attitude will change. And if we were at fault — even in small ways — we need to admit it and ask for forgiveness.

We also should pray. We can't change the person we're estranged from, but God can. Even when the door seems firmly closed, God is able to open it. Do all you can to restore that broken relationship — and trust God for the outcome.

The Last Laugh...

A trooper pulls over a pastor and immediately smells alcohol on his breath. The next thing he notices is an empty wine bottle lying on the passenger seat.

“Have you been drinking?” the officer asks.

“Just water,” says the pastor. “Then why do I smell wine?” asked the officer.

The pastor looks at the bottle and shouts, “Good Lord! He’s done it again!”



Who Are You When No One Is Looking?

David was a teenage shepherd boy when God appointed him the next king of Israel. Compared to his older brothers, David certainly didn't have the typical “look” of king.

But the amazing thing about our God is that He was watching and saw David's integrity and character when no one else was looking.

God saw David's heart:

Courage: David was incredibly brave and courageous as a young shepherd boy who defended his sheep from both lion and bear. God knew he would need both to be king.

Responsible: David was willing to sacrifice his life for the sheep entrusted to him. This loyalty and responsibility would also make David a great king.

God saw David's potential in how he lived his life when no one was looking. It was his inner character and heart that God valued most. What about you? What does God see when He looks at your heart? How do you live when no one's looking?

The truth is, no matter how hard we try, no one's heart and life are perfect. We all sin and mess up, but the good news is that God promises a new heart to those who put their trust in Him. Give your heart to God and He will transform both your heart and life to become the person He calls you to be.



“God’s House vs. Our House”

“Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?” – [Haggai 1:3-4](#)

After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, they began to prosper. They started rebuilding the temple which had been ruined by the Babylonians. But the people of other religions who lived in the land sent letters to Babylon and complained that the Jews were preparing to revolt. For that and other reasons, the rebuilding of the temple stopped.

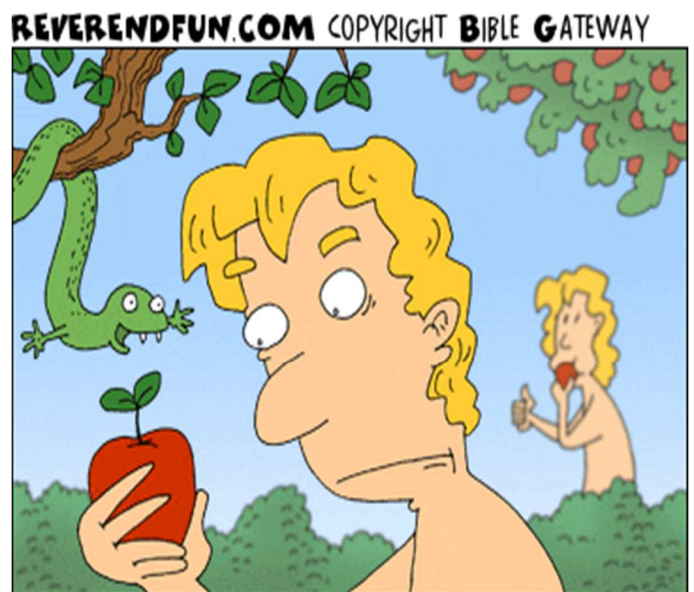
It seems that the Jews began with a will to rebuild the temple, but when opposition arose, they faltered and lost focus. They transferred their energy to building and beautifying their own houses. It took the searing words of Haggai to call them back to the priority of rebuilding God’s temple.

In the world today, we must not be discouraged by the struggle it takes to build Christ’s church. The forces of the devil will try to overcome it, but Jesus will prevail ([Matthew 16:18](#)). Remember what Jesus said: *“Seek first [God’s] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well”* ([Matthew 6:33](#)).

It’s not that God necessarily wants us to live in a bleak apartment without beautiful paneling. But if that’s what it takes to build God’s kingdom, we must be willing to sacrifice. Our treasures are in heaven!

God is doing some exciting new and powerful things through the faithful people of God at HBC!

Please remember your tithing commitments and giving and be part of the ongoing miracle!



Thanks to Jeremy (See Genesis 3) 10-13-2008
EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN THE WORLD HAS TRIED IT BUT YOU!



The Loser Who Won... Big Time

Once upon a time there was a little boy named Sparky. At least that's what his classmates called him. He was given the nickname in honor of a comic strip horse named Spark Plug. Sparky hated the name. But name-calling was the least of his worries.

School was tough for Sparky. His favorite subjects were recess and lunch. He failed every single subject in eighth grade. High school was no better. He flunked algebra, English, Latin, and physics. In fact, to this day he holds the record for the lowest physics marks in his school. Sports weren't much of an improvement. He made the school's golf team, but his poor play ended up costing his team the championship.

Sparky was a loser when it came to friendships, too. No one seemed to notice him. He was astonished if a classmate said hello. Afraid of rejection, he never asked a girl out. Instead, he devoted himself to the one thing he really enjoyed: drawing cartoons. No one thought they were any good, but that didn't stop him. He practiced on binders and scribblers, and by the time he was a senior in high school, he got up the nerve to submit some cartoons to the yearbook staff.

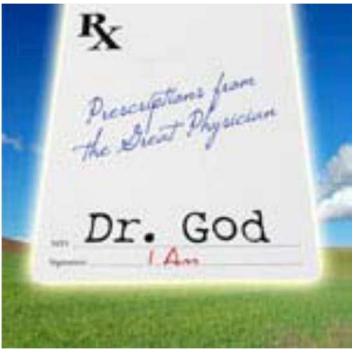
They were rejected.

After graduating from high school, Sparky wrote a letter to Walt Disney Studios inquiring about job opportunities. He received a form letter requesting samples of his artwork. The letter asked him to draw a funny cartoon of "a man repairing a clock by shoveling the springs and gears back inside it." Sparky drew the cartoon and mailed it off with his fingers crossed. He waited anxiously for a reply. Finally it came. Another form letter spelling out rejection.

Sparky was disappointed but not surprised. He had always been a loser. This was just one more loss. Looking in the mirror one day, he smiled with the realization that in a weird sort of way, his life was funny. Almost like a cartoon character. Then a thought hit him. Why not tell his own story? Why not draw cartoons of the misadventures of a little boy loser, a chronic underachiever? He had no idea where his idea would take him.

This boy who failed the eighth grade, the young artist whose work was rejected by his own yearbook, was Charles Monroe "Sparky" Schultz – creator of the Peanuts comic strip and the little boy whose kite never quite flies.

You know him as Charlie Brown.



God's Prescription for Good Health

"Keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity."

Proverbs 3:1-2

If I had a pill that promised to add years to your life, you'd probably pay a lot of money for it. But what if I told you that, as a Christian, you already have the key to a long life and that it's free?

God has given all of the principles for health management in his Word, the Bible. The Bible is the owner's manual for your body.

As David says, "You made my body, Lord; now give me sense to heed your laws" (Psalm 119:73 LB). And in Deuteronomy, it says, "These instructions are not mere words – they are your life! By obeying them you will enjoy a long life in the land..." (Deuteronomy 32:47 NLT).

God says, "If you do what I tell you to do with your health, you will enjoy a long life."

Proverbs 3:1 says, "Keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life."

What are some of those commands?

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing"

(Proverbs 3:5-10 NIV).

These verses highlight some factors that you probably don't think about but that will keep you healthy: tranquility, trust in God, integrity, humility, and generosity. These things will cause your health to be better, because your physical health is influenced by your spiritual health. The secret is to take note of them on a daily basis!

Take some time to meditate on Proverbs 3:1-10 and ask God to show you ways you can grow in tranquility, trust, integrity, humility, and generosity.

Remember... *"The power of life and death are in the tongue"*

Proverbs 18:21!



Getting Everyone in the Game

God blessed the early Church – the first community of believers we read about in Acts – like no other. They grew exponentially. The first church was a mega-church on the very first day of its existence; 3,000 people came to faith in Christ!

The early Church made a monumental difference in the world. You want to make a difference too, right? If our churches are going to have an influence similar to the early Church, we need to do what the early Church did. This means we need to mobilize every member as a minister.

On the Day of Pentecost, Peter preached: *"In the last days, God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams'"* (Acts 2:17, emphasis added). Young, old, sons, daughters – everyone had a part in the early Church.

And God has a place for everyone in his Church today, too. If you're in the family of God here at HBC, he expects you to do your part! God can use whatever talent you have for his glory.

Learn to Wait

"My times are in Your hand..." – Psalm 31:15

The Psalmist writes, "...I trust in You, O Lord; I say, You are my God. My times are in Your hand..." (Psalm 31:14-15 NKJV) As you walk with God, you'll find you spend more time waiting than you do anything else. And when you receive what you're waiting for, then you'll begin waiting for something else! So if you don't learn to wait with joy, you'll live in frustration.



Paul writes, "Let us not grow weary while doing good: for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart." (Galatians 6:9 NKJV) "Due season" is when God knows the time is right, not when you think it is. God has a set time for accomplishing things in your life, so you might as well settle down and wait, because that's when it will happen, and not before. God knows what you need, when you need it, and how to get it to you.

You ask, "And what am I supposed to do while I'm waiting?" Trust Him! One Bible teacher writes, "God has taught me to keep living the life I now have while I'm waiting for the things that are in my heart to come to pass. We become so intent on trying to give birth to the next thing that we neither enjoy nor take care of the things at hand.

Learn to enjoy where you are, while you are waiting to get to where you want to be."



Giving Back To God

The purpose of tithing is to teach us to always put God first in our lives. God doesn't need our money. He wants what it represents: our gratitude, our priorities and our faith. Look at these verses in **Proverbs 3**. Do you see where it says, *'Honor the Lord by giving him the leftovers of all your income'.. Now, you can see, that's NOT what it says at all.*

It says, *"Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest .."*. We give to God first, before anyone else, right off the top of our income. And here is the promise, *"Then your barns will be completely filled, and your vats will overflow with new wine"*.

As committed believers, we are called to give the first 10% to God. If we're going to be in debt, we will be in debt to other people, but should not be in debt to God. You and I are called to give back to God in gratitude, but also as a demonstration of our priorities. And, it is a demonstration of our faith in his promises.

In **Malachi 3:10**, God says, *"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse ..."*. That means the place where you worship. Then God says, *"Put me to the test!"* In a sense, *"Test me and see how I will bless you for your obedience"*. God says he will provide all that you need. He doesn't say he'll provide all that we greed, but all that we need.

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