

The HBC Weekly Forecast
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This week we celebrate...

**PASTOR LYNWOOD'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY
WITH HILTON BAPTIST CHURCH!**

Join us this Sunday as we celebrate our Pastor and his dedication,
having faithfully served HBC through both the good and
challenging times of these last 20 years!

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



Reasons Why I Love Being Your Pastor...

People often ask me if being a pastor is tough. They assume that it is. And while there are times when the crises in people's lives, the pressures of ministry leadership and my own inadequacies, and feeling I don't measure up, seem overwhelming, I can tell you that I truly love being your pastor. at HBC!

Here's just 4 of the reasons why...

1. *I Often Have Front Row Admission:* It's amazing. God is at work in many people's lives, but much of it goes on behind the scenes, known only to close friends. Everyday, people make decisions to trust God that are breath-taking—renewing their commitments, reaching out in mission, following Jesus into crazy, faith-stretching places, digging into the Bible and finding truth for the first time, loving and forgiving when there has been so much hurt. And I often get a front row seat as God's work in his people unfolds. I get to hear the stories and walk with people as God is overhauling their lives. Such a privilege and an honour!

2. *Communicating Transforming Truth:* I know that when God's Word gets planted and growing in people, everything changes. As a pastor, I get to study the Bible and then communicate and share God's life-changing truth to people every week! The true message of Jesus is that it has the transforming power to change lives not only for a moment, but, in truth, for all of eternity. This is a huge responsibility, but I also count it an awesome joy and privilege.

3. *The Gift-Work Match:* Being your pastor seems to match best that for which I was created, I do not take this lightly, because I've got friends who have similar gifts and callings to mine, but they don't have the opportunities I have to share any giftedness I may have, day-in and day-out, in the service of others. Only after many years am I now comfortable in accepting that pastoring perfectly matches my gifts, calling and vocation. It is terrific synergy, and I love it!

4. *Helping People Find and Follow The Authentic Jesus:* When it comes right down to it, this one probably excites me the most. As a pastor, I get to meet with people who are seeking spiritual answers and I get to point them to Jesus. Not to a church, not to a denomination, and certainly not simply a religious practice of do's and don'ts. But rather as a leader, I am influencing our church to become a community who loves people far from God and are committed to helping people find and follow Jesus into his great grace and the excitement of living a kingdom life.

And that's why I love being your pastor at HBC!

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

May 18, 2021

Budget \$1465.00

Designated Budget—Telephone Refund \$400.15

PBA Offering \$100.00

Cash in Cash out- \$1.00 Coffee Fund

Cash in Cash Out- \$435.00 Journey Church Rent

Food Closet \$10.00

Total Deposit \$2411.15



Another Way to Give



**Vacation Bible School August 9th– 13th
6:00pm– 8:30pm**

Table Captains are needed.

Please contact Dreama to let her know if you can help.



ConnectUs

[Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226](#)

Serve The City

Visit [STC peninsula.com](http://STCpeninsula.com) to signup for opportunities to serve.

Elmerton Cemetery Maintenance 5/23/21 2pm-4pm

WMU Focus

WMU Missions Focus for May– Peninsula Carenet Pregnancy

Accepting baby items such as diapers, Diaper Bags, lotions, wipes,

Blanket's etc. All Items are de at the church **by May 23rd** so they can be taken to Carenet Pregnancy. Anyone that has a bottle left from before, you can also turn that it and we will take it with the items.

Food Pantry at HBC

HBC gives food away on Tuesdays and Thursday. See Sue Monfalcone to volunteer and for more information on how you can help.

Restock the pantry– Sunday, May 30th

Pray for Our Missionaries

AR(central Asian People) Ryan Fuller (European People) JG (Northern African And Middle Eastern People) KM (South Asian People) AH (Southeast Asian People) David Clark (CA) Larry Snyder (FL) John Lui (IL) Noe Tapia (IN) Jeremy Gedoen (NVo Benjamin York (OH)

Sedgefield Elementary

We will be blessing the teachers of Sedgefield Elementary School one final time before the end of the School year. Please bring your individually wrapped snacks to the church by Sunday, June 6th. Also we encourage everyone to write a note of appreciation for their work and put it in the mission outreach corner. You can drop off your items and notes through the week (Mon-Thurs) when the office is open if you do not attend on Sundays.

Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!

Calendar

Tuesday, May 18th

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, May 19th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, May 20th

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, May 23rd

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Celebration of Lynwood Wells

20 years anniversary

Tuesday, May 25th

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

6:30pm Vision Team Meeting

Wednesday, May 26th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, May 27th

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, May 30th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

Reminder! Sunday, May 23rd— We will be honoring Pastor Lynwood in the morning worship service for 20 years of service at HBC. Please plan to attend this special service

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Happy Birthday for the next two weeks

5/17 Tommie Peake

5/19 Donald Moore

5/20 Joe Wircenske

5/27 Debra jones

5/30 Dave Gibson



JESUS LOVES* YOU

**Conditions do not apply*

For The Love Of Jesus...

God's love for you is literally everywhere. And the most important thing is God's love for you is unconditional.

That's different than human love. Human love wears out. Human love doesn't always work out. We know that. We try to put fractured families back together. There are a lot of broken relationships around us, because human love wears out. But God's love never wears out.

There is no condition where God will ever stop loving you. That's called unconditional love.

"Nothing in all creation is able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus." Nothing can separate you from God's love. You can't make God stop loving you. You can try. But you will fail. Because God's love isn't based on who you are. It's based on who He is.

It's also not based on what you do. It's not based on your performance. God isn't waiting for you to be nice and act right for Him to love you because love is based on who He is. He loves you on your bad days; He loves you on your good days. He loves you when you feel it; He loves you when you don't feel it.

In fact, long before God even created the universe, God wanted to say this to you: *"You matter to me. I love you. I have always loved you. I loved you before you were born. I thought you up. I created you. I saw you take your first breath. I saw you formed in your mother's womb. I've seen the good, the bad and the ugly in your life and I've never stopped loving you because my love for you is unconditional."*

Another great thing about God's love is that, if you tap into it, it's sufficient to handle any problem in your life. It's multi-dimensional. The Bible says *"May you be able to feel and understand how long, how wide, how deep and how high God's love really is and experience this love for yourselves."*

Notice God says I don't want you to just know that I love you. I want you to experience it. If you go "Oh yeah, I know God loves me, big deal, so what?," then you've never experienced it. Because when you experience the unconditional, eternal, lavish outrageous love of God it changes your life. You may have head knowledge but you don't have heart knowledge of it. He says I want you to experience the love of God.

That is my prayer for you. I want you to know how wide and long and high and deep is God's love. Long enough to last forever. Wide enough to be everywhere you're going to be. Deep enough to handle any problem.

The Word, The Wind The Waves



As we go about our daily routine, there are many things that seem to be constantly crying for our attention. To successfully navigate our daily routine, we must pay attention to these things, and give them the proper attention they deserve. If we are not careful in this way, then even things that have been working in our favor can quickly turn and be used to our harm!

Such is the case in Matthew 8:23-27, where we find the disciples in their boat, out in the middle of the Sea of Galilee. Fishermen by trade, they would be very familiar with the environs of the sea, and in fact were out in their own fishing boat. This was a sailboat, so they would have been used to using the wind in their favor, to power their boat. However, quite quickly the wind, which was being harnessed for their good, became an element of potential destruction.

As the disciples sailed on the water, what had been calm glassy seas were quickly churned up into wild waves, crashing over the top of their once-safe vessel. The water changed from being the method of their transportation into the means of potential destruction. In each of our lives there is "wind" and there is "water." But, like the disciples, we must learn to tune out the sounds of the wind and the water, and begin to listen to a third ever-present sound – His Word.



A Modern Parable On Stewardship

The treasurer of a congregation resigned. The church asked another to take his position, a man who managed the local grain elevator. He agreed under two conditions:

1. That no report from the Treasurer for one whole year be given
2. That no one ask him any questions during this one year period.

The church gulped, but finally agreed, since he was a trusted man in the community, and well known, because most of them did business with him as manager of the local elevator. At the end of the year he gave this report: The indebtedness of \$250,000 on the church was paid. The minister's salary was increased. Missions giving had doubled. There were no outstanding bills, and there was a cash balance of \$12,000.

Immediately a shocked congregation asked, "How?" Quietly he answered, "Most of you bring your grain to my elevator. As you did business with me I simply withheld ten percent on your behalf and gave it to the church in your name. You never missed it."

Do you see what we could do for the Lord if we were willing to give the first tithe to God, who really owns it?"



“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](#)

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!

Giving to and receiving back from God is not a gimmick or magic formula – It is a lifestyle wherein you open your life fully to God’s blessing. The Bible promises:

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” Malachi 3:10

Through your giving and receiving you position yourself to be in the focus of God’s outpoured blessing in your life!

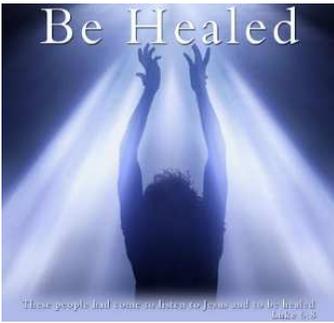
God is doing some exciting new and powerful things through the faithful people of God at HBC...

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



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A Pattern for Healing

I believe that God heals today. We know He has miraculously built into the human body a natural process in which it heals over time. But I believe God can quicken the healing process. I also believe that He can do a miracle when we have been told there is no hope. I have seen so many of these miracles myself. God promises His healing touch and tells us that by His stripes we are healed. So we should ask God to heal us when we are facing sickness.

In James 5, we are given the scriptural pattern for healing: *“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.”*

The early church didn’t follow signs and wonders; signs and wonders followed them. This is an important distinction. We can go to God and ask Him to heal. I thank God that healing is available to us today. But we make a mistake when we focus on phenomena. Instead, we should focus on the proclamation of God’s Word and leave the miracles, healings, and the rest up to God to do as He sovereignly chooses.

A Faith Self-Exam

“Dear woman,’ Jesus said to her, ‘your faith is great. Your request is granted.’ And her daughter was instantly healed.”- Matt 15:28

Great faith. Instant healing. A Gentile woman humbly and persistently pleading with Jesus to heal her child.

Do I have such faith? Am I willing to fall to my knees, putting all thoughts of myself and what people think of me aside, begging God to hear my prayers? I think the bigger question is, “Do I really believe that God will answer my prayers?”

Perhaps you are going through a time where you can’t even see two steps in front of you--you can’t even begin to see the future God has in store for you.

Will you start putting faith in yourself and start working harder, or will you run to God, fall into his arms, rest in his presence, and allow him to guide your life? Will you be as shamelessly persistent as that woman on the dusty road? Have faith--God has a purpose for your life.

He will answer your prayers!





Faithful In Giving

Miss Oseola McCarty was born March 7, 1908, and she died September 26, 1999. (91 years old)

Miss McCarty dropped out of school at 12 to take care of her sick aunt. She never went back to school but began a lifelong career of washing and ironing clothes — preferring a washboard to modern washing machines.

She retired at age 86. Through all her adult life she worked, paid her bills, made monthly payments on her insurance and burial plot and she faithfully tithed to her church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Everything left over went into the bank.

"The Lord portioned out the good things in life to me just fine," she said. "Who needs any more?"

Miss McCarty proved Soren Kierkegaard correct: "It is more blessed to give than to receive, but then it is also more blessed to be able to do without than to have to have."

About five years before her death, Oseola McCarty became a national celebrity by giving \$150,000 — sixth-tenths of her life savings — to found a scholarship for poor children wanting to attend the University of Southern Mississippi.

Right & Wrong Ways To Give

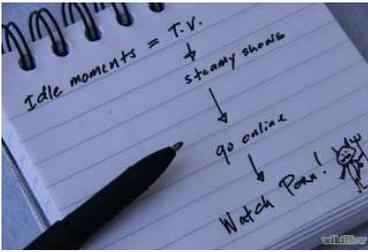
There's a story told about a couple of guys who were discussing their approaches to giving.

One man said, "Here's how I decide how much to give. I cash my paycheck in small bills, then I go home and draw a circle on the floor. I throw the money into the air and whatever falls into the circle is God's."

The other guy said, "I think my way is even better. On payday, I cash my check in small bills. When I get home, I toss the money in the air, and whatever God catches he can keep."



Stewardship is not leaving a tip on God's tablecloth; it is the confession of an unpayable debt at God's Calvary.



Examine Your Habits

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. 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 (Rom. 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.

Your daily habits are carving out an irreversible future. If you want to know where you're headed – examine them!

The Last Impression

The phone rang. It was a salesman from a mortgage refinance company. He asked, "Do you have a second mortgage on your home?" "No," she replied.

Continuing his pitch, he asked, "Would you like to consolidate all your debts?" "I really don't have any," she said. Undaunted, he asked once more, "How about freeing up cash for home improvements?"



She quickly said, "I don't need any. I just recently had some done and paid cash."

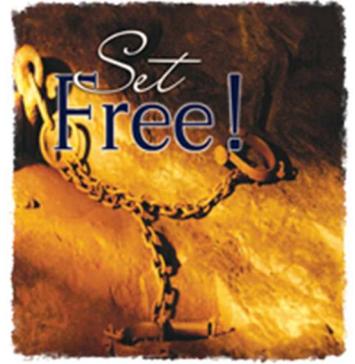
There was a brief silence, and then he asked, "Are you looking for a husband?"

What Real Freedom Means

When Jesus comes into your life He changes you.

Maybe you have a problem with drugs or alcohol. Maybe you struggle with lust, fear, doubt, or self-pity. Maybe you're a slave to public opinion or perfectionism.

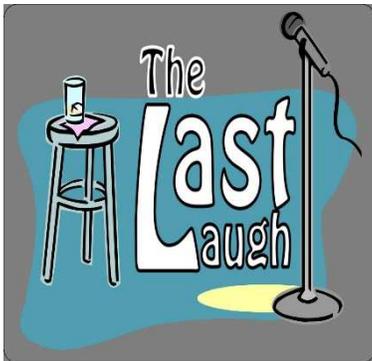
But, I want to tell you that the Jesus Christ who set me free is the Jesus Christ who will set you free!



However, our freedom in Jesus Christ isn't the privilege to do what we want. Instead, it is the glorious, abundant, supernatural power to do what we ought.

It is saving grace that sets us free. It is sustaining grace that keeps us free. Romans 6:22 says, *"that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life."*

It is completely a gift and power of God's great grace. Bow before the Lord and thank Him for the freedom you've been given through the great love He showed at Calvary!



Did You Hear The Story...

I heard the other day about a man who was a stranger wandering in an upscale neighborhood.

The man approaches one of the houses and knocks on the door and when the owner of the house answers, the man explains that he is homeless and asks him for a meal.

The owner replies that he would be happy to feed the man in exchange for some honest labor. He tells the homeless man to go into the garage, get a can of paint from the shelf, and put a fresh coat of it on his porch.

Fifteen minutes later, the wealthy man hears a knock at his door again.

When he opens the door, he is greeted again by the homeless man who says, "Hey I'm all finished up with that paint job, but you should know that's a BMW in there, not a Porsche."