

**The HBC Weekly Forecast**  
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***THE HIDDEN VIRTUE OF  
PERSEVERANCE***

If we were to list the personal attributes necessary to make it through the prolonged and anxious seasons of our lives, perseverance would surely be among them.

Yet perseverance is a hidden virtue. Rarely do we see what it costs others to pick themselves up after a disappointment, nor do they see what it costs us. We don't know what it takes for others to keep going in the face of physical or spiritual fatigue, nor do they know what it takes for us. In persevering, to paraphrase W. H. Auden, "We would all do what is hard as if it were easy."

Intellectually, we know that there are bound to be long stretches of costly work with little to show for it, and times of exhaustion, when more is being asked of us than we can healthfully sustain. Yet as this season takes up seemingly permanent residence in our lives, the toll on us still comes as a surprise. We didn't know it would be this hard for this long.

Perhaps you are facing one of those challenging seasons right now... Jesus knew that life is hard and that we're bound to get discouraged. Yet he assures us that as we persevere everything else worth doing, in time we will find that our heart-strength returns, stronger for the testing.

***Join us live at 10:00 am this Sunday for a sanitized and safe worship experience – Or tune into Facebook Live at 10:00 am  
And encourage others to join in with you!***



## ***The Virtue Of Perseverance***

When a chick pecks its way out of an egg, it is performing an action that is much more than a break for freedom. The process of pecking at the shell begins weeks before and will have much bearing on the chick's life outside its ovoid prison.

Over the weeks that it pecks away; the chicken grows and gets stronger. When and if, it is strong enough to survive in the outside world, it will break through. If however the egg is cracked by an outside agent, such as a hen or a farmer, the chick will be too weak to survive in the outside world and will die.

Like a chick we too are trapped in a prison, a prison of sin and suffering. The Christian life allows us to break out and to know and love God. Like the chick, perseverance is essential to this breakout.

Every day we meet difficulties, obstacles, and hindrances to our Christian journey. These barriers are both internal and external. Perseverance allows us to stay focused on the good during difficult times. It allows us to continue in the virtuous life when times are tough. When we persevere, we are strengthened by God's gifts of habitual grace.

The example of the chick is only helpful to a point. The chick can achieve liberty by his own action. For a Christian, the perfect act of perseverance is persevering in Faith, Hope and Charity until the day that we truly surrender our lives completely or die a physical death. So equal to the virtue of perseverance, we need and are given the companion fruit of the Holy Spirit, which is, "patience."

*"Patience is the queen who reigns over all virtues because she is the heart of love. She conquers and is never conquered. Her companions are courage and perseverance, and she returns home victorious!"*

St. Catherine of Siena in her "Dialogue"

In other words, how does my patience enhance my capacity to hang-in-there with others? When someone voices an opposing opinion, do I cancel them and walk away? When a loved one complains, do I start looking for greener grass? When a neighbor shares her troubles, do I seek an escape? To persevere in loving others and walking beside them through their challenges takes time and long-suffering on my part.

I am called to help lighten others' burdens just as Jesus invites me to yoke myself to Him to lighten my burdens. I cannot instantaneously drum up patience by my own will power. Patience is an actual fruit of the Holy Spirit, resulting only from an ongoing relationship with Him.

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

June 15, 2021

## Deposit 6/10/2021

Budget Offerings \$5913.00

PBA Offering \$50.00

Lottie Moon \$200.00

Cash in Cash out- COP Rent \$800.00

Cash in Cash out- Sonshine Kids \$25.00

Cash in Cash out- Coffee fund \$2.00

Cash in Cash out- Lackey Free Clinic \$25.00

Cash in Cash out- Sedgefield Teachers \$6.00

Food Closet \$137.00

Total Deposit \$7158.00



Another Way to Give

## Deposit 6/14/2021

Budget Deposit \$425.00

Total Deposit \$425.00

**May Recap-** Budget Deposits \$22,523.19 Budget Expenses \$19,648.00

Designated Deposits \$3057.00 Designated Expenses \$7320.31

Money Market- \$155,385.89 (Building Fund \$49,306.00, Savings \$95,412.50  
Outreach \$10,667.39)

RR/ PDF Account \$14,175.41 (PDF \$5188.09, RR \$8610.91, Deacons 376.41)

Designated Account \$70,174.84

**We will be starting up our Community Dinners on Friday,**

**June 25th from 5:30- 6:30pm.**

**Free Community Dinner**



We will be having our first dinner in the back parking lot! We are asking for help! We need people to come and set up, serve, visit with the guests and clean up!

Dreama will be in charge of this month's dinner so PLEASE see her if you can help!

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

**[Serve The City](#)**

June 12th– Big Volunteer Day 9am-2pm

Register online at <https://www.stcpeninsula.com>

Big Volunteer Week– July 13th– 17th. Registration is open now!

**[WMU Focus](#)**

WMU Missions Focus for June– Lackey Free Clinic. Services provided there are Primary and Specialty Medical Care, Dental Care, Free and Low Cost Medicines, Behavioral Health Counseling, Spiritual Care, Better Vision Eye Care.

**[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 the last Sunday of every month. Drive Thru Food Donation is the first Wednesday of Every month 4pm-6pm in the back parking lot.

**[‘Pray for Our Missionaries](#)**

SA, JM (Central Asian People) JD (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) KG (Southeast Asian People) Suzanne Mauritzen (Sub– Saharan African People) Corbin Hobbs (CO) Anthony Petini (MD) Antonio De La Zerda(MA) Brett Blair (MO) Derek Van Ruler (PA)

This is a letter that we received, we wanted to share it with you.....

Dear Pastor, a few days ago I came to your church to pick up groceries as I had little food left. I would like to thank all those who donated to the foodbank and who volunteered on Tuesday to hand the food out. Please thank the Girl Scouts for their thoughtful gift. I also would like to thank 2 members of your church. Being Catholic, I believe in angels, but these 2 people have done so much over the years, they have a special place in my heart. I am so blessed to have them in my life. Please thank Kathy and Joe Caskie. They are truly God’s blessings on earth. Thank you for leading such a compassionate congregation.

Sincerely, Isabelle

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

## Calendar

### Monday, June 14th

Flag Day

### Tuesday, June 15th

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

### Wednesday, June 16th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

### Thursday, June 17th

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

### Sunday, June 20th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Happy Father Day

### Monday, June 21st

Church office closed

Dreama will be off

### Tuesday, June 22nd

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

### Wednesday, June 23rd

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

### Thursday, June 24th

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

### Sunday, June 27th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

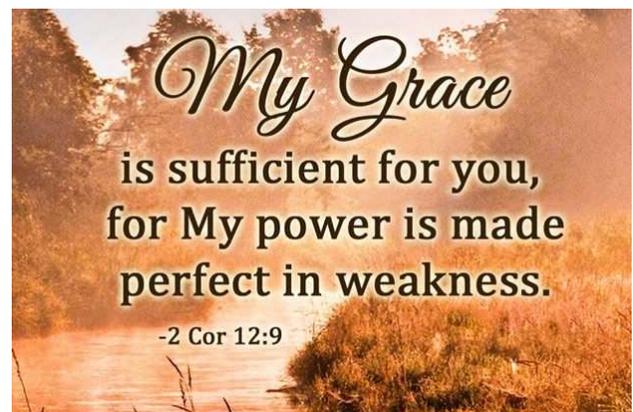
Communion will be served at the end of the service and will not be virtual, only in person.

**Notice:** Tuesday, June 2nd the SWAT Team of the NN Police Department will be using HBC for training. So if you see a lot of people and vehicles around the church, all is ok.

### Mask Wearing Update

'If you are fully vaccinated it is optional if you want to wear a mask.

The choice is up to you! Whatever you want to do to make yourself feel safe.



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### Happy Birthday for the next two weeks

6/14 Scott Kuhlne

6/15 Brooklyn McDowell

6/18 Lloyd Ware



6/22 Jean Parker

6/23 Bill Duke

6/24 Ronnie Greene



## **Congratulations Saniya!**



**Saniya has won 1st Place in the WHRO Young Story Tellers Contest for the 5th Grade.**

She is a blessing to our kids ministry and our church. If you would like to be a part of the virtual celebration you can go to the link below on Facebook and join the celebration.

**WHRO Young Storytellers Awards Ceremony  
Thursday, June 24, 6 p.m.**

**WHRO Public Media Facebook page**

[Http://www.facebook.com/whropublicmedia](http://www.facebook.com/whropublicmedia)

Congratulate her if you see her. What a great accomplishment!

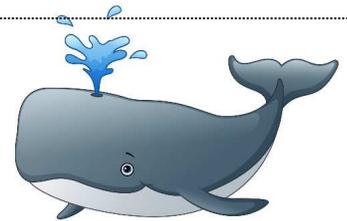
So proud of you Saniya!



**Vacation Bible School**

**August 9th– 13th**

**6:00pm– 8:30pm**



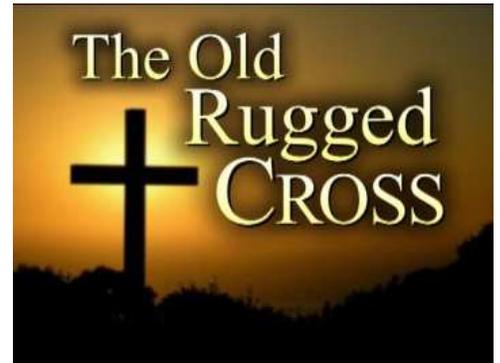
You can register your kid today! Can you be a helper?

We will be doing VBS in the Worship Center and we will have tables set up as we did for the Christmas Workshop and Easter Party. Table Captains are needed to help with the kids.

Please let Dreama know if you can help or if you want to register your kid(s) or grandkids.

## ***The Cross and the Crown***

*“But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.” - Galatians 6:14*



George Bennard was born into a miner's family in Ohio and came to Christ as a youth. He wanted to go to theological school, but family concerns kept him from the education he desired. In time, he became a traveling evangelist, diligently studying his Bible and reading all the books he could find. During one period of his ministry, he carefully studied the subject of the cross of Christ, praying for a deeper understanding of its meaning and power. As he preached from town to town, the words of a hymn began formulating in his mind. He sang portions of it at his meetings. Finally, he finished his hymn and sang the completed version to friends, asking them, “Will it do?”

It has done very well. It's “The Old Rugged Cross.”

One of the hymn's central ideas is that our trophies in this world are temporary and cannot compare to the power of the cross or to the crown to be awarded us when we stand before Jesus, “where His glory forever I'll share.”

In an age of awards & trophies, keep Your eyes on the cross and the crown!

*“So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it someday for a crown!”*



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### ***The Last Impression***

Bob had this problem of getting up late in the morning and was always late for work.

After a few weeks of this, his boss was mad and threatened to fire him if he didn't do something about it.

So Bob went to his doctor, who gave him a pill and told him to take it before he went to bed. He got a great night's sleep and actually beat the alarm in the morning. After a leisurely breakfast, he cheerfully drove to work.

“Boss,” he said, “the pill my doctor prescribed actually worked!”

“That's all fine,” said the boss, “but where were you yesterday?”

## *When You Can't Decide...*

***“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:12***

Life used to be simple. No longer. And when we are confronted with decisions and hesitate, the decision is usually made for you, by default. And often, making a decision by default is one of the worst things you can do.



An old legend tells of a farmer who had a beautiful daughter who was courted by a variety of young men, all wanting to marry her. So the farmer promised the hand of his daughter in marriage to the young man who could walk through his field of corn, never backtracking, and select the largest, most perfect ear of corn in the entire field. And did it work? No, the beautiful daughter, so goes the myth, ended up unmarried. Here's why.

The most promising suitor ended up walking through the field, looking, waiting, uncertain. As he approached the end of the field, in desperation he selected an ear of corn, having passed up many which were superior to what he ended up with. But other young men walked through the field, unable to back track, and ended up with nothing because they couldn't decide which ear of corn was the most beautiful, the most perfectly formed.

Such, however, is a picture of those of us who suffer from a paralysis of analysis, unable to make decisions, always uncertain as to what to do. You know folks like that? The problem is only made worse by the vast number of decisions that have to be made today because of the complexity of our lives and society.

**There are several wise steps I believe the Lord would have us take in making wise choices. The first is to clarify just what the problem is and realistically considering the options available along with the consequences of each one.** Being brutally honest and not looking at circumstances through rosy glasses is an important first step in good decision-making.

**Also, make certain that prayer a serious part of all your decision making.** Ask, “God, what is your will in this situation?” When you honestly can bring yourself to say, “God, may your will be done in this. Show me clearly what you want me to do,” you are well on your way to finding an answer.

Then, be sure to search Scripture to see what God has already revealed about your decision. Many people are amazed to learn that the Bible deals with literally hundreds of situations that provide clear moral guidance for us today. Once a decision has been made, keep moving forward, no matter what happens. Face your fears with your faith... God will provide!



## ***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.

***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!***

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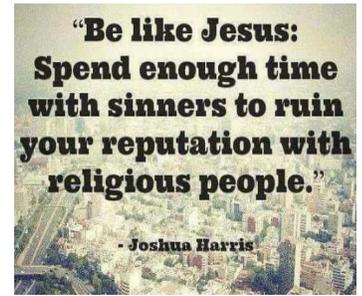
Thanks to T. Slatter (See John 8:43-45)

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YOU KNOW HOW I CAN TELL WHEN YOU ARE LYING? ... YOUR LIPS ARE MOVING

## Spending Time With Sinners ...

Soon after calling Matthew to follow Him, Jesus ate a meal with “*many publicans and sinners*” in Matthew’s house (Mark 2:15). The scribes and the Pharisees were critical of his actions and complained to his disciples.



In Jesus’ day, rabbis were the highest members of Jewish society. Everyone looked up to the Pharisees. They were strict adherents to the Law and tradition, and they avoided those whom they deemed “sinners” because they had a “clean” image to maintain. Tax collectors, infamous for embezzlement and their cooperation with the hated Romans, definitely fell into the “sinner” category.

As Jesus’ ministry grew, so did His popularity among the social outcasts of society. Spending time with the publicans and sinners was part of Jesus’ mission: “*I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners*” (Mark 2:17). If Jesus was to reach the lost, He needed contact with them. He went to where the need was *because “it is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.”* Praise the Lord, the Great Physician makes house calls!

Sitting at Matthew’s dinner table, Jesus may have broken some societal taboos, but His presence there shows that He looked beyond culture to people’s hearts. Whereas the Pharisees wrote people off simply because of their profession or their past, Jesus looked past all that and saw their need.

The fact that Jesus saw individuals, not just their labels, no doubt inspired them to know Him better. Jesus didn’t let social status or cultural norms dictate His relationships with people. As the Good Shepherd, He sought the lost sheep wherever they had strayed. When Matthew hosted the dinner party, Jesus gladly accepted the invitation. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the good news of the kingdom with those who most needed to hear (see Matthew 4:23). Yes, He would be criticized for His actions, but what prophet ever lived without criticism?

Unlike the Pharisees, Jesus didn’t require people to change *before* coming to Him. He sought them out, met them where they were, and extended grace to them in their circumstances. Change would come to those who accepted Christ, but it would be from the inside out. Jesus knew better than anyone else that it is only the goodness and kindness of God leads sinners to repentance (Romans 2:4).

Jesus showed us that we shouldn’t let cultural norms dictate whom we evangelize. The sick need a physician. Lost sheep need a shepherd. Are we praying the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the field (Luke 10:2)? Are we willing to go ourselves?

## ***Psalm 23 For The Workplace***

The Lord is my real boss, and I shall not want.

He gives me peace, when chaos is all around me.

He reminds me to pray before I speak and to do all things without murmuring and complaining.

He reminds me that He is my Source and not my job. He restores my sanity every day and guides my decisions that I might honor Him in all I do.

Even though I face absurd amounts of e-mail, system crashes, unrealistic deadlines, budget cutbacks, gossiping co-workers, discriminating supervisors, and an aging body that doesn't cooperate every morning,

I will not stop, for He is with me!

His presence, His peace and His power will see me through. He raises me up, even when they fail to promote me. He claims me as His own, even when the company threatens to let me go. His faithfulness and love are better than a bonus check.

His retirement plan beats every 401K there is! When it's all said and done, I'll be working for Him a whole lot longer; And for that... I will bless His Holy name!



### ***The Last Impression***

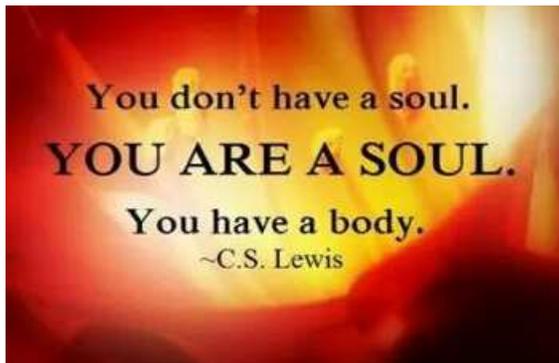
There were two men shipwrecked on this island. The minute they got on to the island one of them started screaming and yelling, "We're going to die! We're going to die! There's no food! No water! We're going to die!"

The second man was propped up against a palm tree and acting so calmly it drove the first man crazy. "Don't you understand?!? We're going to die!!"

The second man replied, "You don't understand, I make \$100,000 a week."

The first man looked at him quite dumbfounded and asked, "What difference does that make?!? We're on an island with no food and no water! We're going to DIE!!!"

The second man answered, "You just don't get it. I make \$100,000 a week and I tithe ten percent on that \$100,000 a week. My pastor will find me!"



## ***“Spiritual Beings Having A Human Experience...”***

*“We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.”*

*~ Teilhard de Chardin*

How easy it is to get confused with the perspectives and priorities of our lives – And when we do we become the most miserable of all people!

Let's face it. We are all born and we all will die. And in between we eat and sleep, work and play, dress ourselves, drive in cars, pay bills, mow our lawns, raise children, marry, divorce, fill out paperwork, earn degrees, are hired and fired, on and on...

In the midst of all the physical events our spirits are growing. Our spirits are being shaped. We learn and explore, we open up, we shut down, we experience grief, we experience healing, and hopefully through the many ups and downs of our internal experience we learn to love.

When we are children and growing up we possess an innocence that as we continue to grow up is lost piece by piece by the negative influences of this world, like fear, and competition, selfishness and greediness. This is the ultimate sin of not becoming the people God created us to be.

We find out that the money, the looks and the ego don't bring happiness to our spirit. Our true journey for inner peace only begins when we decide to follow Jesus Christ. No, I do not mean the socially accepted, substitute form of Christianity casually embraced by so many today. I am referring to the authentic, cross carrying, sacrificial experience of putting Christ first in our lives and priorities.

Every pilgrimage has a final destination. Christians who are authentic about the struggles of this life will also be hungry and authentic about the perfection of the next.

In Lewis's *The Great Divorce*, travelers from hell step off a bus onto heaven's grass. It is so razor-sharp, so real, that it cuts their tender feet: "The men were as they had always been ... it was the light, the grass, the trees that were different; made of some different substance, so much solidier than things in our country that men were ghosts by comparison."



## ***What Is Pleasing To Him***

I find it interesting that quite often, people attempt to enhance their relationship with God by trying not to do things they believe "break God's rules" for how to live. They see God as a tyrant, pointing His finger at them, and commanding in a deep, stern voice, "Thou Shalt Not!!" They spend their life trying to avoid lightning bolts of judgment from above!

The reality is, that kind of living is completely the opposite of how we should act, and how God desires us to live our lives. Rather than attempting to avoid doing things that displease God, we need to discipline ourselves to instead seek to find the best ways to please God! And, the more we succeed in doing what pleases Him, the less inclined we will be to do what displeases Him.

What a wonderful prayer we find in Hebrews 13:20-21, asking God to *"equip you with everything good for doing his will,"* and to *"work in us what is pleasing to Him!"* I am so glad that the Lord does give us everything we *"need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 4:19) With that in mind, it only makes sense that we discover and put into practice the very things that please God!

## ***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!