

***The HBC Weekly Forecast***  
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“If at first you don’t succeed, try, try, try again!”

That old saying was written by T. H. Palmer, someone who had surely failed. Too often, we define ourselves by our failures. We look back at the dreams we had and feel empty and unsuccessful if they didn’t become reality.

We are not alone with our failures. Almost every hero in the Bible failed God in some way. What makes the men and women in the Bible heroic is that they humbled themselves, kept trusting God, and kept persevering in the faith, despite their mistakes.

The lesson of success is not to concentrate on what we failed to do, but to concentrate on the one who is giving the instructions. Even though Moses failed to turn Pharaoh’s heart many times, he got past his past. Moses returned to Pharaoh again and again. Moses trusted God and continued to do what God was leading him to do.

It’s never too late to trust the Lord. And it’s never too late to try again!

***Join us live at HBC, 10:00 am for this exciting series...  
“Getting Past Your Past!” – Or tune into Facebook Live at  
10:00 am and encourage others to join in with you!***



## ***“Getting Past Your Failures”...***

A student caught cheating on an exam, stops going to church. A mother of a child with disabilities lives in constant torment, convinced that God is punishing her child because she lived with her husband for a year before they were married and conceived her child during that time. A senior citizen—the victim of three heart attacks—sends a large check to a man who was his business partner forty years before with a terse note saying, “I had to get this off my chest before I meet my maker...”

All three face a common problem—a troubled conscience producing guilt that tears apart their hearts and lives. Many today, not understanding the nature of God’s forgiveness, live lives that are full of frustration and self-condemnation.

Those skeletons of the past on our closet keep making their lethal forays into our present, stealing our peace of mind and leaving their muddy footprints in our lives. They all result from the failure really to understand the nature of God’s forgiveness, which results in the inability to forgive yourself.

The case for God’s forgiveness is found throughout the pages of the Bible. If the Bible is true, as I believe it is, then forgiveness is based upon the nature and character of God Himself. In the pages of Scripture, God promises forgiveness to us provided we turn from to a Savior and confess our need for forgiveness. Have you settled it in your mind that God would not lie? If yes, the next question is: Did you confess your failure to God?

David, a man who knew the guilt of moral failure, wrote, *“But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.”* (Psalms 130:4). Isaiah spoke of God, saying, *“He will abundantly pardon,”* (Isaiah 55:7) The New Testament says, *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”* (1 John 1:9).

Did you confess your failure? Some of you could say, “I have asked God to forgive me hundreds of times!” Well, did He do it? He promised to. Suppose your son came to you and said, “I did wrong, Dad, and I want you to forgive me,” and you said, “It is all right, son. I forgive you.” If he came to you the next day and said the same thing, and the next day, wouldn’t you say, “Son, I told you yesterday that I forgave you. It’s settled!”

Surely God must feel the same way when we refuse to accept the fact that when He forgives us, as though we had never sinned. Forgiving yourself is tremendously important, too.

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

July 20, 2021

Budget \$1635.00

Associational Missions \$100.00

Cash in Cash Out– Sonshine Kids \$20.00

Pure Water Pure Love \$25.00

Total Deposit \$1780.00



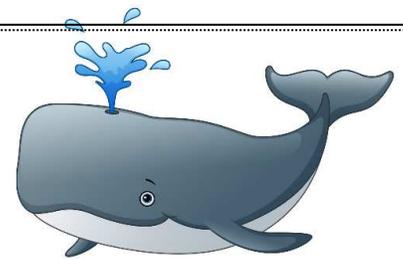
Another Way to Give



## Vacation Bible School

August 9th– 13th

6:00pm– 8:30pm



**Register your child today!!!!**

Helpers are still needed, please see Dreama!

VBS is coming lets get excited! Invite your friends. You can register today by calling the church office....we are gonna have lots of fun!

### **Tuesday, July 20th**

No Food Distribution

### **Wednesday, July 21st**

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

### **Thursday, July 22nd**

1:00pm– 2:00pm Food Distribution

### **Sunday, July 25th**

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

Food Collection Sunday

### **Calendar**

### **Tuesday, July 27th**

1:00pm–2:00pm Food Distribution

6:30pm Vision Team Meeting

### **Wednesday, July 28th**

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

### **Thursday, July 29th**

1:00pm– 2:00pm Food Distribution

### **Sunday, August 1st**

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

**Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226**

**WMU Focus**

WMU Missions Focus for July— Pure Water/ Pure Love

PWPL has three purposes : to supply missionaries with water filters, to provide the people they serve with wells that offer clean water and to supply missions teams with water filters for use on short-term missions trips.

Monetary Donation are accepted

**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**

JK, MS (Central Asian People) Rick Price (East Asian People) Jessica Armstrong, Erick Underwood (European People) CF (South Asian People) Richard Lee (Sub-Saharan African People) JoAnne Hendron (AL) Jonathan Sedgwick, Nicholas Volkening (IL) Daniel Rodas (IN) Drew Stevenson (MN) David Percival (MO) Thomas Hogsed (OH) Dave Abberger (TN) Molly Wyatt (TX) Chengyu Li (WV)

**Community Dinner**

**Friday, July 30th 5:30pm– 6:30pm**

We can use your help. Please see Pam Cooke if you can help Denise Vassar will be cooking ! We are looking for a great time! Come and enjoy our friends and a good meal.

**Crayola Crayons Drive**

We are having a drive for Crayola brand Crayons for Sedgefield Elementary School. We have a goal for 400 boxes of crayons as they have 400 students and would like to have one box for each.

If you can help, please place your crayons on the Mission Outreach table.

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

## Senior Adult Awesome August Rally

A time of fun and fellowship!

Parkview Baptist Church

Thursday, August 5th

9:30am– 1:30pm

Program Includes: Craig Waddell, Jay Russ, Rusty Beck and the  
PBA Summer Mission Team.

Lunch will be served. Cost \$5.00 Call Mike Haywood to register before August 4th  
596-4587 or 508-7557



### **Lock up/ Greeter**

7/25 Roger Cooke

8/1 Charles Vassar

### **Counter**

7/26 Sue Monfalcone

8/2 Joe Wircenski

### **Food Collection**

Sunday– July 25th You can bring it to the church anytime.

Drive thru-August 4th 4-6pm

Drive through the back parking lot and someone will take the food out of your car for you. Just pull up to the gym door

### **Happy Birthday in July**

7/21 Tracy Venable

7/23 Maury Jackson

7/23 Sue Monfalcone

7/24 Madison St. Ours

7/27 Wayne Tawney

7/28 Herb Turner



"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace."

EPHESIANS 1:7



## *You Are Someone's Somebody...*

Throughout my years as a pastor there have been people who have encouraged me along the way - not by their words, not by any particularly heroic deeds, but merely by their presence. Most of them have no idea of this, but, when the doors of the church open on Sunday morning, and they walk in to their seats, I am more than grateful. Their presence encourages my spirit, feeds my faith and helps me trust in the promises of God.

**"BE SOMEBODY  
WHO MAKES  
EVERYBODY FEEL  
LIKE SOMEBODY."**

I call such people "somebodies." A somebody to me is a person who makes an impact on my life, often without realizing it. Think about your own life - who are the people whose simply "being there" helps sustain you. It might have been a middle school teacher who always called you by name even if you hardly knew them. A person behind the counter where you stop for morning coffee. A neighbor across the street or down the hall who never misses an opportunity to smile. "Somebodies" are those people who help build trust in your community, and even build your trust in God.

I firmly believe that everyone is someone else's somebody. Every person who reads this devotion "somebodies" out there in the world, and every person who reads this IS a somebody to someone else. There are people who consider YOU special, important and helpful, whether or not you know it.

So how does this apply to you as a believer, and equally important, your relationship to your church. Simply put, this is the bottom line reason why I believe we ought to be in worship every Sunday. Simply being in attendance gives us a chance to be someone else's somebody.

You know it's funny. We often joke about people who tend to sit in the same section of the worship space week after week. I suppose it speaks to the fact that we truly are creatures of habit. Yet I believe it speaks to a deeper truth also. Other people take notice of your presence. When you are there, they are encouraged. When you aren't there, they wonder where you are. And you might never know who they are!

Faithful attendance in worship, each and every week, is a way for you to encourage your brothers and sisters in the faith - not only by what happens but by your very presence. Just being there is a gift to someone. It's no secret that the earliest Christians were strengthened by growing bonds of brotherhood. The church grew because people experienced love and community in the gathering of the faithful - that still happens today which is why it is so important that the faithful actually show up in attendance.

So, there you have it; a very good reason to be in worship every week. Not only does God command your faithfulness to Him, your life impacts others as well. Whether or not you realize it, you are "*Someone's somebody.*"



## ***More Than We Ask Or Imagine***

A 60-year-old couple was celebrating their 40th year of marriage. During the celebration, a genie appeared and said, “Because you have been such a loving couple all those years, I would like to give you each one wish.”

The wife quickly chimed in, “I want to travel around the world.” The genie waved his arms and, POOF!, she had the tickets in her hand.

Next, it was the husband’s turn. He paused for a moment, then said shyly, “Well, I’d like to have a wife 30 years younger than me.” The genie waved his arms and, POOF! ...He was suddenly 90 years old!

We seem to be fascinated by stories of magic genies granting wishes (why is it usually three wishes?). Which of us hasn’t sat and wondered at some point in time, “If a genie granted me three wishes, what would I wish for?”

God is not, as some imagine Him, a magic genie waiting at our beck and call to give us everything we ask for (see James 4:3). But there is certainly that level of power and ability at His disposal. Listen to these words of Paul:

*“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21, NIV)*

God is able to do more than I ask of Him!

That’s pretty amazing, considering that I have some pretty difficult requests. Furthermore (and this is really mind-boggling), God is able to do more than I can even imagine!

I don’t know about you, but I can imagine quite a bit. Yet, Paul assures us that God is not only able to do all that we ask or imagine -- he is able to do more, immeasurably more!

When things in life are beyond my control, I find comfort in knowing that God has such power -- not the power of an imaginary genie but the power of a living awesome Father.

Sometimes we offer to pray for others saying, “It’s the least I can do.”

How wrong we are. Considering the power of God, it’s the most we can do!

## ***God Can Turn It Around!***

When a tragic accident left Will Mitchell with disfiguring burns, he decided to focus on his possibilities, not his problems. Although he'd lost his fingers, he learned to fly an airplane solo.

Then one day while flying from Colorado to California, ice caused his plane to crash. Paralyzed from the waist down (and you think you've got problems), Mitchell was understandably depressed about being confined to a wheelchair for life. Then a friend gave him the same advice he'd earlier given to her: "It doesn't matter what happens to you. What matters is what you decide to do about it."



So Mitchell adopted the "Triple-A Formula."

1. **Accept** *what has happened.* Otherwise you live in denial, or open yourself to resentment and self-pity.

2. **Appreciate** *what you can learn from it.* Built into every painful experience is the potential to be wiser, stronger and more effective for God.

3. **Adapt** *to the new opportunities it presents.* It was darkness that drove Edison to keep searching until he discovered a source of light (and it can do that for you, too). Since then, Will Mitchell has held public office, found love, and given hundreds of talks.

He says, "Before I was paralyzed there were 10,000 things I could do, now there 9,000. Should I focus on 1,000 things I can't do? No, I'd rather concentrate on 9,000 ways in which life is still good."

So, whatever we're facing today, it's not too big for God. It can be turned around through "His power that is at work within us." (Ephesians 3:20)

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



A man went to his doctor complaining about having weird dreams. "Doc, I keep having these bad dreams. One night I'm a wigwam, the next I'm a teepee, wigwam, teepee every night. Am I going crazy?"

The doctor replied, "No, you'll be just fine. You're just "too tense!" (get it?)

## WHY DID ABRAHAM TITHE?

### ***God Gave To Abram First!***

After a God-inspired rescue of his nephew Lot, we can see God leading Abram back to his home by way of the King's Valley. The king of Sodom is coming to meet him, but Abram knows nothing of his approach, nor of the subtle offer with which he plans to put Abram in his debt. Had he known of it, he would have seen nothing wrong with it, for Abram is not different from you and me. The peril is too subtle to detect; it looks too innocent and attractive.

So God sent the mysterious Melchizedek to meet him on the way!

Melchizedek minces no words in his first ministry to Abram, and that was to remind him of the character of the God he served. Doubtless he warned Abram of the subtle trap awaiting him in the offer of Sodom's wealth, and then perhaps he said, "Abram, your God is the possessor of heaven and earth. He made it all. He owns it. He holds all its wealth in his hands. There is nothing that he cannot give you. This is the God to whom you belong." And then we are told he served him bread and wine.

We need no interpreter for this. These are the symbols of love. They speak eloquently of strength and joy flowing out from the passion of self-giving love. All this is recorded in the Old Testament, yet as we read it, we can see in this historical incident a beautiful picture of the need of our own lives.

This is a foreshadowing of The Lord's Supper which will yet be established many years in the future. Even today, there is still nothing that has such power to motivate the Christian heart as to partake, with the people of God, of these symbols of the suffering of our blessed Lord.

gave himself in the fullness of his life, poured out all that he was, and as we feast by the Spirit upon the symbols of his life, that life strengthens the inner man, lends sinew to the resolve of the soul, and makes us able to meet all that comes our way. This is the only power sufficient to make us reject the world's offer and maintain our independence as servants of Christ.

Along with the great Apostle Paul, who stated in 2 Corinthians 5:14, we declare, "*The love of Christ constrains us!*"

In the intimacy of this fellowship, under the ministry of Melchizedek, Abram worships his God. The record says he gave him a tenth of everything, not a debt paid to God -- it is rather a symbolic representation that everything belongs to him. In II Corinthians 8:5, Paul writes of the Macedonian Christians, "*but first, they gave themselves to the Lord and to us,*" (2 Corinthians 8:5b). The whole of our life is to be focused on the one aim of serving God. As Abram and the Macedonians gave -- so can we!

## ***One-Armed Boy***

A 10-year-old boy felt as though he had lost his identity when he lost his left arm in a devastating car accident. After six months of adjusting to his handicap, he decided to study judo despite the fact that he had but one arm.



The boy began lessons with an old Japanese judo master. The boy was doing well, so he couldn't understand why, after three months of training, the master had taught him only one move.

“Sensei,” the boy finally said, “Shouldn't I be learning more moves?”

“This is the only move you know, but this is the only move you'll ever need to know,” the sensei replied. Not quite understanding, but believing in his teacher, the boy kept training. Several months later, the sensei took the boy to his first tournament. Surprising himself, the boy easily won his first two matches. The third match proved to be more difficult, but after some time, his opponent became impatient and charged; the boy deftly used his one move to win the match.

Still amazed by his success, the boy was now in the finals. This time, his opponent was bigger, stronger, and more experienced. For a while, the boy appeared to be overmatched. Concerned that the boy might get hurt, the referee called a time-out. He was about to stop the match when the sensei intervened. “No,” the sensei insisted, “Let him continue.”

Soon after the match resumed, his opponent made a critical mistake: he dropped his guard. Instantly, the boy used his move to pin him. The boy won the match and the tournament. On the way home, the boy and the sensei reviewed every move in each and every match.

Then the boy summoned the courage to ask what was really on his mind: “Sensei, how did I win the tournament with only one move?”

“You won for two reasons,” the sensei answered. “First, you've mastered one of the most difficult throws in all of judo. And second, the only known defense for that move is for your opponent to grab your left arm.”

The boy's biggest weakness had become his biggest strength! Your greatest weakness is an opportunity for God to come in and give you the greatest strength you ever could imagine.

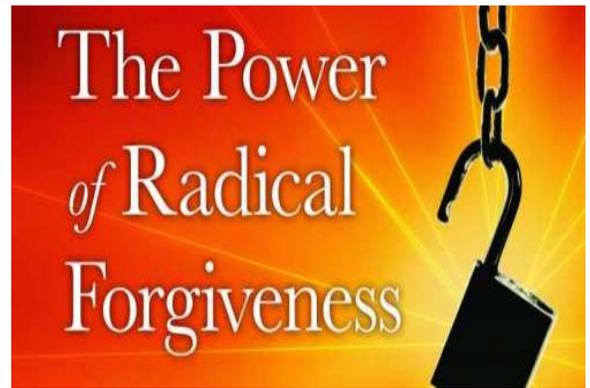
*“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”  
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's  
power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses,  
in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I  
am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)*

## ***Unilateral Forgiveness***

Famous last words... people are often remembered most for their last comments. Those final utterances can define what a person's life was really all about. Have you ever stopped to think specifically about Christ's final words, as he hung on the cross?

Among the very first words He uttered as He helplessly hung there, nailed between two thieves, for wrongs He never committed was "*Father, forgive them.*" Imagine that – while in the midst of the most excruciating form of death known, He asks His heavenly Father to forgive the very ones who nailed Him to that cross.

Thank God – because the individuals He asked the Father to forgive were you and I! The cry of pardon burst forth that day from Calvary's cross, and that same cry is still shouted loud today for all to hear.



### ***Rules or Relationship***

Have you ever watched someone walking a dog on a leash when the dog doesn't want to go where its owner is going? The owner is constantly tugging on the leash, pulling the dog from here and there, telling it to "stop that" and "come back here".

That's the way a lot of us live. We are on a "law leash." Our lives consist of "Stop that; come back here; don't do that". Only it's in terms of "Read your Bible; pray; go to church; pay your tithes; witness". Now, these are certainly the things we should be doing, but God never meant us to do them at the end of a leash. What a difference when you see a dog and its owner that have a strong relationship. The dog doesn't need a leash to go for a walk. Its owner can just speak a word and the dog responds.

Paul writes: "*Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life*" (2 Corinthians 3:5-6).

When God redeemed you, He wrote His law in your heart and mind (See Hebrews 10:16). That means He wants to relate to you from the inside. You shouldn't need an external system of rules to "*keep you in line,*" because you have internalized God's Word and you have a desire to obey and please Him from your heart!



## ***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 commitments and giving  
and be part of the  
miracle!***

### **CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH** by Thom Tapp



"Well, to be honest, from your radio sermons, I was expecting you to look a little more mature pastor..."