

***The HBC Weekly Forecast***  
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Friends, all of us have an ugly, dark abyss that needs deep cleaning. I'm not talking about the crack between your countertop and your stovetop. I'm referring to the shadowy recesses of our hearts where our unhealed wounds, sin, and shame reside. Those hidden places where we fear that God's grace can't, or won't, reach. But the Lord sees the exact spots on our hearts that need His thorough cleaning and healing.

No amount of outward adornment—pretty clothes, makeup, half-hearted smiles, or even well-rehearsed Bible verses—can hide our spiritual blemishes. We must be willing to ask the Lord to do a full-on deep cleaning in our hearts. Yes, this makeover is likely to hurt our pride, expose our weaknesses, and destroy our false sense of security. But, ultimately letting go of our dirt—jealousy, shame, failure, and fear—allows us to truly be clean. To be beautiful. To be free.

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23-24*

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



## ***“Deep Cleaning Our Hearts”***

*“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” Psalm 139:23-24*

Apart from Christ, our hearts resemble a dingy, spider-infested garage. Cobwebs grow out of control in back corners. They thrive in the darkness behind too-long-ignored boxes and rigid shelves. The only solution is elbow grease to clear away the clutter and then sweeping and scrubbing until the ickiness is under control. I just need to put in the effort.

Our spiritual lives, in contrast, can never be cleaned through human effort. Instead, we need God’s help. We need to experience His grace and the blood of Jesus that cleanses from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 139 reveals a prayer written by an ancient Hebrew named David after he became king of Israel. He, no doubt, felt the weight of his responsibility and knew he couldn’t handle the situation alone. He turned to the One who could make all the difference.

In 1 Samuel 13:14, the Prophet Samuel had told Saul, Israel’s first king, that he’d been rejected by God in favor of David—*“a man after God’s own heart.”* Today’s verses illustrate one reason why God saw David that way.

David invited God into his heart and mind, asking Him to shine light into the dark, cobwebby corners.

Search my heart... Know my anxious thoughts... See what sin is inside. We invite God’s searchlight of love to shine upon every part of the landscape of our lives.

Do we share David’s honesty with God? At least, for myself, I must respond, “Not always.” I confess that I’m sometimes tempted to keep the door of my heart closed and only let God into spaces that have been cleaned and made suitable for company.

But God already knows about our dirty places, and through Jesus, He offers to make us completely clean. We need only seek His help and then respond to His mercy and grace and the redeeming work they perform.

We can ask God to show us the cobweb-growing corners of our hearts and then to make them clean. He’s more than willing to handle the mess and lead us “in the way everlasting!”

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

July 20, 2021

Budget \$2220.00

Budget Designated Memorial Joe Hudson \$275.00

Cash in Cash out– Coffee Fund \$2.00

Food Closet \$240.00

Pure Water Pure Love \$20.00

Total Deposit \$2757.00

\*\*Last week there was a \$20.00 gift given for the Sunshine Kids, this gift was given in memory of Joe Hudson but was not listed in the Forecast.

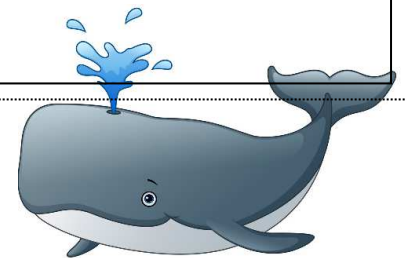


Another Way to Give

## 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 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 /Sunshine Kids

### **Tuesday, August 3rd**

1:00pm– 2pm Food Distribution

### **Wednesday, August 4th**

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

### **Thursday, August 5th**

1:00pm– 2:00pm Food Distribution

### **Sunday, August 8th**

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sunshine 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**

PL (Central Asian People) MB, SE, CV (East Asian People) RY (European People) CC, TM (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) AG, TS (Southeast Asian People) David Gamble (AK) Jose Quesada (CO) Diego Bullon (FL) Roberto Estrada (NV) Jordan Grizzard, Moise Vaval (NY) Shane Carvalho (RI) Grant Goodrich (TX) Cecil Richmond (WI)

**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.

**Aluminum Cans**

You can bring your aluminum cans to have them recycled here at HBC.

We have a box to place them down in Prior Hall.

These will be recycled and all money collected will be used for Mission Outreach here at HBC.

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

## **Senior Adult Awesome August Rally**

A time of fun and fellowship!

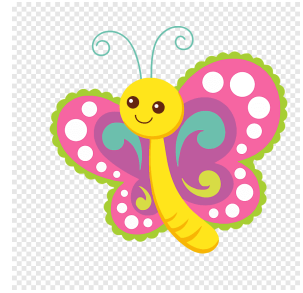
Parkview Baptist Church

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



### **Food Collection**

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

### **Lock up/ Greeter**

8/1 Charles Vassar

8/8 Robbie Ayscue

### **Counter**

8/2 Joe Wircenski



### **Happy Birthday in July**

7/27 Wayne Tawney

7/28 Herb Turner

7/31 Cindy Gibson

### **Happy Birthday in August**

8/6 Myrna Powell

8/19 Barry Surber

8/10 Moses Sabb

8/30 Janice Harvey

8/31 Pat Schell

8/12 Patsy Hardman

8/30 Mark St. Ours





## ***“It Is Well With My Soul!”***

After the great Chicago fire of 1871, Horatio Spafford (1828-1888), a Chicago lawyer, arranged an ocean voyage to Europe for this family, where he would join them later. The ship on which the happy family sailed, the *Ville du Havre*, never got farther than halfway across the Atlantic.

In the dead of the night, it was rammed by a sailing vessel and cut in two. In the confusion and disaster that followed, Mrs. Spafford saw her four daughters swept away to their deaths.

A falling mast knocked her unconscious, and a wave freakishly deposited her body on a piece of wreckage where, later, she regained consciousness. When she and a few other survivors reached Wales, she cabled two words to her husband: “Saved Alone.”

Taking the earliest next ship, he hastened to be at his wife’s side, all the ache of his heart going out to her and to his Father God. When his boat reached the approximate spot where the *Ville du Havre* had met with disaster, God gave him the inspiration and courage to write:

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say:  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.*

*My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought,  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh my Soul!*

*And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.*

When the storms of life would overwhelm us, if we look to him, God has a song in the night for each of us; a song of strength, of peace, of hope. Let us listen and catch the strains that come from the Composer of songs for the night season of our soul.



## *What Are You Afraid of?*

Typically, when people are afraid of something, it breeds inactivity. Not certain what to do, they end up doing nothing at all. The Bible speaks quite a bit about fear – more than 700 times to be exact. 2 Timothy 1:7 says, *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”*



If God has not given us a spirit of fear, then why are so many people who follow him are gripped by fear? I believe fear is one of his enemy’s primary tools used against believers to create doubt and faithlessness. Even Jesus said in Matthew 10:28, *“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”*

Fear can cause us to miss out on being a part of God’s great plans. We see this best in the story of Gideon. Gideon was afraid from the first moment God called him to save the people of Israel by defeating the Midianites. Gideon continually tested God, and in turn, God continually confronted Gideon’s fear by showing His power.

In Judges 7, as Gideon is preparing to battle the Midianites, God makes it clear He wants the Israelites to credit Him for the victory. So, God decides to wean Gideon’s army. The first cut? Any man who is afraid (Judges 7:3). With that, 22,000 men packed their bags and went home out of fear.

Leaving Gideon 10,000 soldiers, God says it must be smaller. God gave Gideon another criterion that left him with only 300 men. Sometimes God asks you to do things that are not practical or pragmatic.

In Gideon’s case, 300 men faithfully followed God’s instructions, which included no weapons but rather going into battle with only a trumpet and pitchers. Because of their faithfulness to do as God said, they won and defeated the Midianites. On the other hand, 22,000 men went home and later discovered they missed out on one of the greatest miraculous military battles in history. All because they ran from destiny and ran toward fear.

We all have fear. The enemy wants to paralyze us with it, but God wants us to walk by faith and instill courage in us to follow Him. The Bible says in Hebrews 11:6, *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”*

Today, God calls you to walk by faith, not by fear. Of course, you will face seasons of fear, but in those times you must pray for God to give you the courage to stand strong and stand in what He has told you. Never doubt in the light what God has told you in the dark. The battle is not yours anyway; Always, remember... The battle belongs to the Lord!

## ***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.

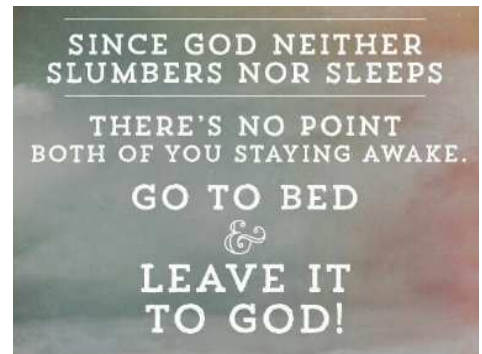
This is the time for service, not self-centeredness. Cancel the pity party. Love the people God brings to you. He will work in you what is pleasing to Himself.

And you will get through this testing time!



## ***Peaceful Sleep***

*"Answer me when I call to you ... In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety." Psalm 4:1, 8*



David lay in bed, unable to sleep. As events flooded his mind, he could find no rest. He prayed but did not sense any answers. He certainly had not experienced peace. He responded with a simple prayer, wanting to be sure that God heard when he called.

Many men and women have had similar experiences and have gone through many dark nights without rest. These are times to remember lessons learned by David. As David eventually realized, we always can be confident that God hears our prayers. Talking with Him, we can be completely honest. We need to persevere in our prayers and actions and always continue to do the right thing as we trust in Him.

David was reminded that "the Lord has set apart the faithful for Himself." His circumstances didn't change immediately, but he knew that "the Lord will hear when I call to Him" (v. 3).

During those dark nights when he was troubled, David was to reflect and be still. He could look back and realize the many ways God had blessed him: "You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their grain and new wine abound" (v. 7 NASB).

Trusting in God, he found peace – the peace God promises to all who call on Him. It might not seem that He hears us, but we can be confident in Him. He is with us. We can trust in Him.



### ***Did You Hear The Story About...***

A Jewish businessman in America decided to send his son to Israel to absorb some of the culture of the homeland. When the son returned, the father asked him to tell him about his trip. The son said, "Pop, I had a great time in Israel. By the way, I converted to Christianity."

"Oy vey," said the father. "What have I done?" He decided to go ask his friend Jacob what to do. Jacob said, "Funny you should ask. I too sent my son to Israel, and he also came back a Christian.

So they went to see the Rabbi. The Rabbi said, "What is happening to our young people? Perhaps we should go talk to God and ask him what to do." The three of them prayed and asked God what to do. Suddenly a voice came loud and clear from Heaven.

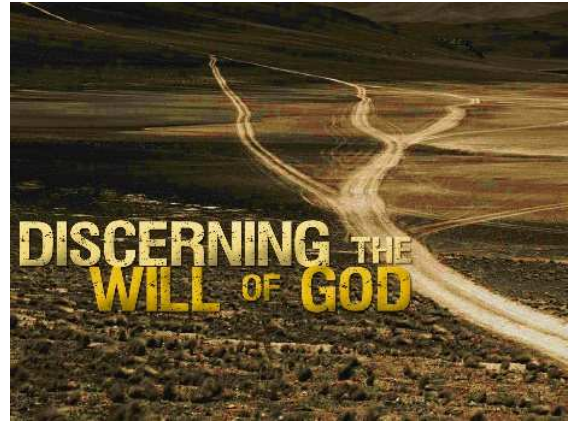
"Funny you should ask, *I also sent my Son to Israel...*"

## ***Discerning God's Will As A Way of Life***

*“How can I discover God's will for my life?”*

*“How can I be sure God's guiding my decisions?”*

*“God, what do you want me to do?”*



Practically all followers of Jesus ask questions like these. Sometimes we think these thoughts randomly, but often, we focus more when faced with important crossroads in our lives, when we're trying to sort out the best path forward.

But is that really the best view of discerning God's will: something we do at the "crisis" points in life? Truly discerning the will of God more as a process than as something we do only at crisis points. We are also wise to heed Jesus' parable of the unjust steward, realizing that if we're faithful in little, we'll be faithful with much.

Especially when struggles set in and things dry up around you, is this a necessarily sign to act and move on? That is what your natural mind will perceive to be true. Yet scripture reminds our spiritual mind of a much deeper and lasting truth.

In Genesis 26 we read that there was a severe drought and famine in the land, Isaac believed that going into another place such as Egypt would help sustain his family. But God spoke and directed his steps in a very different way. He commanded him to stay right where he was, and to sow seed.

Isaac obeyed the Lord and stayed in the land while famine was all around him. Then the Bible says that *“Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year a hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him”* (Genesis 26:12).

Imagine this remarkable picture of a man sowing amid the desolation, a stark and barren land. Sowing in the belief that God would provide a bountiful harvest in spite of the famine gripping his homeland. Most likely, his neighbors thought he was a madman to be sowing seed while the land was dry and dead.

Yet he relied on the promise of God, who said, *“I will be with thee, and I will bless thee.”* It is only for believers with faith for the miraculous that can begin to harvest such a miraculous supply. God is pouring His abundance into your hands, just as He did for Isaac. But you have to be obediently waiting in the place he has placed you to receive.

If you look at the circumstances of your situation, it might seem like a good time to store up, hold back, go somewhere else and play it safe. Don't! Obey God, plant more seed in the drought and get ready for a miracle harvest!

## ***Bulldogs and Poodles***

The story's told of a bulldog and a poodle who were arguing one day. The bulldog was making fun of the poodle, calling him a weak little runt who couldn't do anything. The bulldog said, "I challenge you to a contest. Let's see who can open the back door of their house the fastest and get inside."



The bulldog was thinking he would turn the doorknob with his powerful jaws, while the poodle was too small to even reach the knob of his back door.

So with the poodle watching, the bulldog ran to the back door of his house and jumped up to the doorknob. He got his teeth and paws around it and tried to turn it, but he couldn't get enough grip on the knob to do it, so he finally quit in exhaustion. Now it was the poodle's turn. He just did what he'd been doing every day for the last several years. He went up to the door and scratched a couple of times, then waited patiently. Within a few seconds his master not only opened the door, but picked him up in his arms, patted him on the head affectionately and carried him inside.

The difference was in the relationship. Some of us are bulldog Christians. It's all grunting, growling and trying to please God. Give it up! All God asks us to do is, "Draw near to Me and I will draw near to you."



## ***Are You Ready For Bigger Things?***

Did you know that the hermit crab looks for a shell that fits him, and then lives in it until he outgrows it? At that point he has to scurry along the ocean floor and find a bigger one; it's a process that repeats itself throughout his entire life.

Are you clinging to something that no longer fits you, just because it's easy and familiar? David said, "You... freed me when I was hemmed in and enlarged me when I was in distress." To develop and grow spiritually you must be willing to move out of your comfort zone and deal with a little 'distress.' What worked for you yesterday may not work today.

Maybe it's a job you've outgrown, a relationship you need to re-examine or a behavior you need to change. Regardless of what it is, never become so 'settled' that you can't let go and move on when you need to. When God says it's time to move on, it's because there's another shell out there that will fit you even better. But you can't take occupancy until you vacate the old one. So how about it - are you ready for bigger things?



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