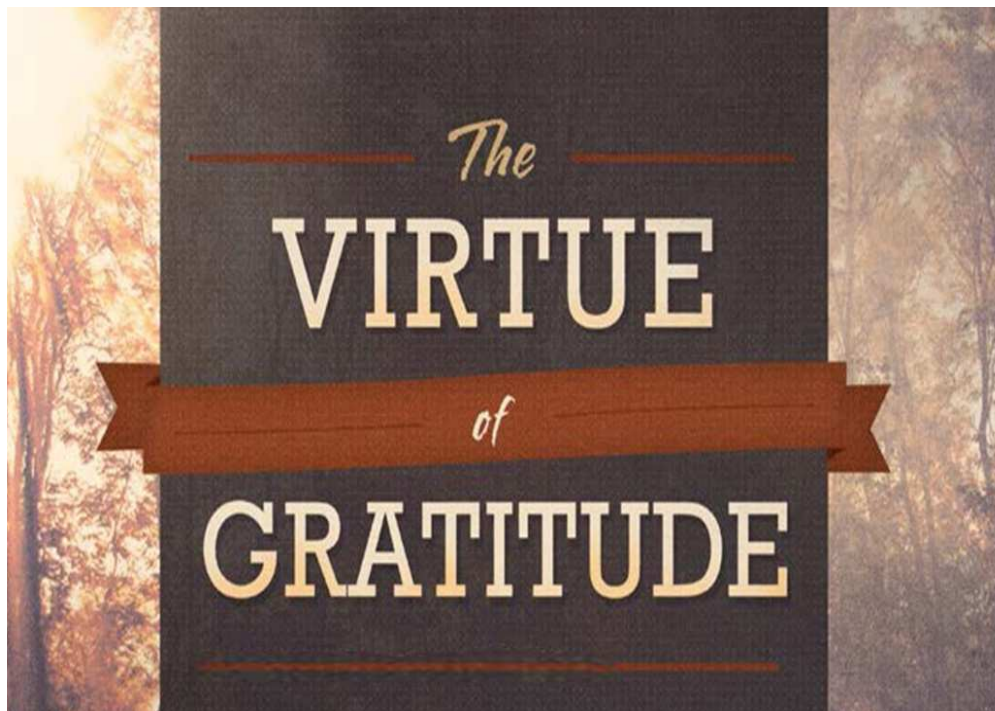


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I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness, and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High. — [Psalm 7:17](#)

Let me ask you this: What if you wake up tomorrow with only the things you thanked God for today? When I first stumbled across that question, it stopped me in my tracks. *Would I wake up with anything?* It's a humbling and provocative idea.

I don't ask this question to make you feel guilty or to coerce you to painstakingly list every single blessing every single day. It's simply a good reminder to keep gratitude at the forefront of our minds — to intentionally thank the Lord for all the gifts He gives us.

While this is an extreme example, writer Barbara Ann Kipfer published a book called *14,000 Things to Be Happy About*. The book lists delights from "rabbit tracks in the snow" to "20 minutes all to yourself" and "strawberry ice-cream shortcake" as reasons for joy. The author started the list when she was younger, and it turned into quite the popular compilation — over one million copies in print.

Again, if you wake up tomorrow with only what you've said "Thank You" for today, what would you have? Let's challenge ourselves to spend a few minutes every day thanking the Lord for His countless blessings.

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 Gratitude

The words thanks and thanksgiving appear 98 times in the Bible. Related words such as bless, praise, or glorify multiply the number into the hundreds. Over and over again, the believer is commanded to be thankful and to show their gratitude to God.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Ephesians 5:20 says, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Philippians 4:6 says, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

These commandments of God toward us, are for our benefit. Showing gratitude is a tremendous virtue that influences other actions with its effect on the attitude. Cicero, the Roman orator, once said, "A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all other virtues."

Thankfulness was so important that Christ modeled it in His earthly ministry as an example to his disciples. He gave thanks before the feeding of the 5,000 (Mark 8:6). He thanked the Heavenly Father for answering His prayers (John 11:41). He gave thanks when He instituted the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:19). His practice of thanksgiving must have been distinctive because it was the means by which the disciples on the road to Emmaus recognized Him after His resurrection (Luke 24:30-31).

The word "thankfulness" literally means "thankfulness" in the old Anglo-Saxon language. According to one of the African languages, to be thankful means to sit down before God. Both of these ideas suggest how we might develop thanksgiving as a practice.

We must be quiet before God and think. Think of all He has done for us in saving our souls and providing for all our needs. Think of all our privileges, opportunities, and responsibilities. In the words of Psalm 46:10, we need to "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

Should we not pause daily, sit before God and simply thank Him. When we deliberately take time to think about God, His redemption in Jesus Christ, all His benefits, and all our blessings, there can be only one result... a heart overflowing with gratitude to our God!

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

June 22, 2021

Budget \$3067.00

Associational Missions \$100.00

Cash in Cash out—Sonshine Kids \$100.00

Cash in Cash out—Lackey Free Clinic \$100.00

Pure Water Pure Love In Honor of Jean Parker's Birthday \$50.00

Food Closet \$50.00

Total Deposit \$3597.00

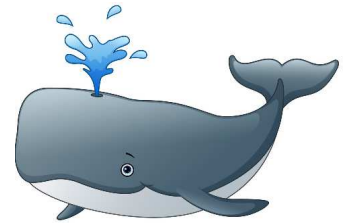


Another Way to Give

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.



We will be starting up our Community Dinners on Friday,

June 25th from 5:30– 6:30pm.

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!

Free Community Dinner



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

[Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226](https://www.stcpeninsula.com)

[Serve The City](#)

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

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

[WMU Focus](#)

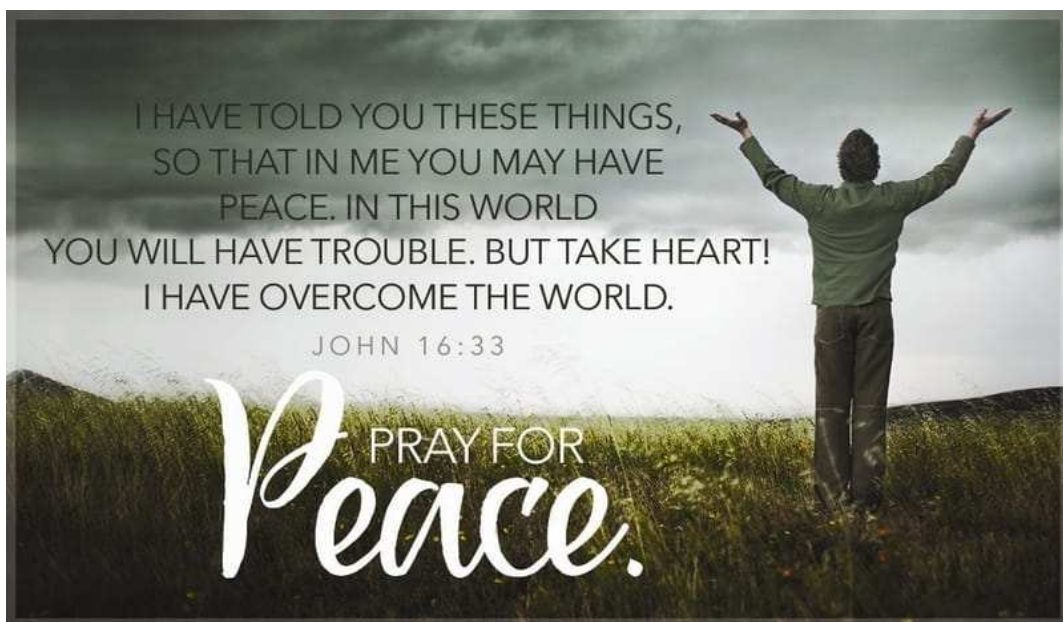
WMU Missions Focus for June— Lackey Free Clinic. Services provided there are Primary and Specialty Medical Care, Dental Care, Free and Low Cost Medicines, Behavioral Health Counseling, Spiritual Care, Better Vision Eye Care.

[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](#)

Lindsay Miles (American People) LL (Central Asian People) DJ, Dena Odom (European People) JS (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) MM (Sub– Saharan African People) Eric Groce (IL) Randall Waller (IN) Carlos Oacheo– Collado (NJ)



Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!

Calendar

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.

Tuesday, June 29th

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, June 30th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, July 1st

There will be no food Distribution

Sunday, July 4th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

***The Church office will be closed on Monday, July 5th for the July 4th Holiday.

Karen Simpson has a new phone number, please make a note of it.

757-915-3562

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.



Happy Birthday for the next two weeks

6/22 Jean Parker

6/23 Bill Duke

6/24 Ronnie Greene

6/27 Doug Miller

6/27 Pat Simmons





We Can't See What Is Before Us

As we walk by faith into the future God has planned for us, consider the analogy of everything before us being just over the top of a hill. We can't see it, or what's over there, but we still believe that all the answers to all of our questions can be found there.

In a Peanuts comic strip, Lucy is speaking with Linus at the base of a hill. She says, "Someday I'm going over that hill and find the answer to my dreams... Someday I'm going over that hill and find hope and fulfillment. I think, for me, all the answers to life lie beyond these clouds and over the grassy slopes of that hill!"

Linus removes his thumb from his mouth, points toward the hill, and responds, "Perhaps there's another little kid on the other side of that hill who is looking this way and thinking that all the answers to life lie on this side of the hill." Lucy looks at Linus, then turns toward the hill and yells, "Forget it, kid!"

It seems that man is never satisfied; he is always looking for something else – he is looking for the answers to life in all the wrong places. Answers to life are always over the hill, just out of reach for many.

We must realize that the answers to life are found in the word of God – not over some hill. Peter declared, "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires." (2 Peter 1:3-4). Remember, ALL that pertains to life and godliness are found in the word of God. Thus, "*devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching*" (1 Timothy 4:13), and you will find the answers to life.

“Do It Again Dad!”

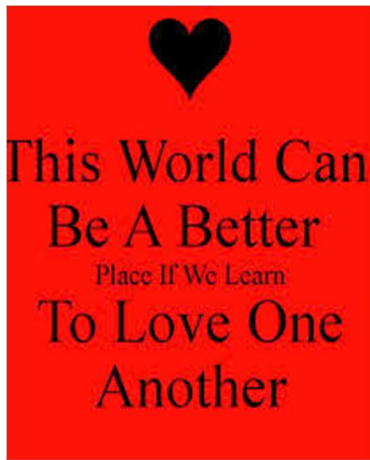
After tucking their three-year-old child Sammy in for bed one night, his parents heard sobbing coming from his room.

Rushing back in, they found him crying hysterically. He managed to tell them that he had swallowed a penny and he was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking was helping.

His father, in an attempt to calm him down, palmed a penny from his pocket and pretended to pull it from Sammy's ear. Sammy was delighted.

In a flash, he snatched it from his father's hand, swallowed, and then cheerfully demanded, "Do it again, Dad!"





How We Learn To Love Better

The best way to learn anything is to learn by a model. As individuals, each of us should have spiritual mentors we can follow and learn from. As churches, the same principle applies.

When we see another group of believers reaching the lost and doing a better job of making disciples than we are, then we should at the very least be willing to consider, “Oh, that’s how you do it! I’ve got that!” We always learn faster, quicker and deeper when somebody gives us an example.

Who is the best example for love? It’s Jesus Christ. Jesus was the only person with perfect love, with perfect understanding of relationships.

In John 13 Jesus said, *“I’m giving you a new commandment; love each other in the same way that I have loved you.”* Circle “in the same way.”

Jesus says the way that I have modeled, the way that I have loved you, I want you to pass that on to other people. I’m the model and the way that I love you is the way I want you to love other people. *John 13:15 “I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.”*

You can’t fully understand how to love other people until first you understand how much God loves you. You cannot offer to other people what you don’t possess yourself. You can’t be gracious to others if you haven’t felt God’s grace. You can’t be merciful to others if you haven’t felt God’s mercy. You can’t be loving to others unless you understand how much God loves you.

When you get that, when you feel it, when you understand the incredible, audacious, indescribable love that God has for you and you feel it in your life, then you’re going to be a whole lot more loving of other people. It’s going to be a whole lot easier for you to love other people.

I know without a doubt you’ve had wounds in your life. You’ve been hurt, no doubt. They’re wounds from rejection by peers and parents and other people. God cares. I care. Your brothers and sisters in the HBC Family care. You need to make Jesus Christ the most important person in your life and start filling your mind with what He says.

That is the starting point for love. You can’t love others until you know how much God loves you. *Ephesians 3:18 “May you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep God’s love really is.”*



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!

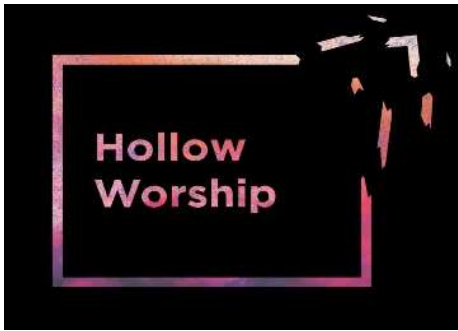
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JUST A FEW QUICK MODIFICATIONS AND THAT OL' CLAPPING HAT BECAME A PERFECT PRAISE HAT



When Our Worship Becomes Hollow

Ever wonder how many people go to church and worship each week but then leave the church and live just as they did in the time before they became believers?

It happens more times that any Christian would care to admit. Professing believers living a counterfeit faith life, only going to church to put on a show and go through the motions. I refer to this as hollow worship because there is no real internal dedication or devotion to the Lord, only an artificial outward shell.

When we look at the words of the prophet Amos we, find the problem of hollow worship is not just a modern day issue; it happened back in Old Testament times as well with the Israelites. Look at this passage:

“Go to Bethel and sin; go to Gilgal and sin yet more. Bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three years. Burn leavened bread as a thank offering and brag about your freewill offerings—boast about them, you Israelites, for this is what you love to do,” declares the Sovereign Lord. Amos 4:4-5

God’s word tells us that the Israelites were going through their worship obligations. They were bringing their sacrifices and tithes, bragging about their spiritual goodwill toward God. The scriptures tell us they loved to boast about all they were giving to God but something important was missing. You see, God didn’t covet their material sacrifices as much as He did their internal ones. He wanted them to give Him their hearts.

Friends, God doesn’t want us to just put on a show when it comes to worship. He wants us to give Him our all just as He gives His all to us. He just doesn’t want some of our devotion He wants all of it. And He doesn’t just want a portion of our commitment, He wants us to be all in when it comes to serving Him.

In the end translation, God doesn’t want us to act like we are set apart from sin when we aren’t. He can see through any front we try and put up so why do we even try in the first place. We may fool others but we will never fool the Lord. Ever.

Today and every day, let us all make sure we fully give all our honor, glory, and praise to the only One who can lead us to righteousness, the only One who can lead us away from the sin, the only One who can redeem and save us.

Let us worship our Lord with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, every second of every minute or every hour or every day. Let’s fill the gathering places of worship with uplifted hands, shouts of praise and hearts full of gratitude for the Lord that we worship and love!



The Importance Of Living A Godly Life

Charles Spurgeon said that if we are not seeking the Lord, the Devil is seeking us. And he gets us when we lower our guard and become complacent. If you're serious about living a godly life, read on.

Live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. The old sinful nature loves to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Holy Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires.

These two forces are constantly fighting each other, and your choices are never free from this conflict. When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, your lives will produce these evil results.

But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to His cross and crucified them there. If we are living now by the Holy Spirit, let us follow the Holy Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. (Galatians 5:16–25 NLT)

When you get serious about living a godly life, God will help you.!

The Last Impression...

“The Smartest Man In The World”



A doctor, a lawyer, a little boy and a minister were out for a Sunday afternoon flight on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed engine trouble. In spite of the best efforts of the pilot, the plane started to go down. Finally, the pilot grabbed a parachute, yelled to the passengers that they had better jump, and then he bailed out.

Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining. The doctor grabbed one and said "I'm a doctor, I save lives, so I must live," and jumped out. The lawyer then said, "I'm a lawyer and lawyers are the smartest people in the world. I deserve to live." He also grabbed a parachute and jumped. The minister looked at the little boy and said, "My son, I've lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. You take the last parachute and God bless you!"

The little boy handed the parachute back to the minister and said, "Not to worry, Reverend. The 'smartest man in the world' just jumped out with my back pack!"

Our Hiding Place

“You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.” Psalm 32:7



The Judean wilderness extends approximately 60 miles along the Dead Sea. It is an area characterized by rugged mountains, and an absence of vegetation. Very little rain falls in most of this area. The whole region is relatively inaccessible with many steep cliffs and inhospitable ravines. Some descents provide treacherous declines of nearly a mile.

Throughout history, this relatively uninhabited wilderness has provided the ideal hiding place for political refugees, bandits, and others. Some discovered incredible caves, whose obscure entrances lead to elaborate tunnel structures extending deep into the ground.

Recent excavation work has revealed that some caves have narrow passages leading to complexes of rooms. In one cave, passages lead into a hall 165 feet high. Pools of water provide sustenance.

It was to this area that David fled when he was being pursued by King Saul (1 Samuel 24). In this wilderness he found caves that provided perfect hiding places. Each place he hid provided protection, safety, food and water and a place where he could find rest.

David was able to draw on these experiences when he thought about God. He was his “hiding place.” He provided security and safety. When he experienced fear, he could find safety in His presence. He could find peace and rest. He would be reassured and find direction.

That is what God offers to all of us. An escape from dangers and the chaos of life. A place of refuge where we can find peace. Where we can feel secure. Where we can pray and get God’s direction and perspective. Where we can be renewed by His Spirit.

Do you feel discouraged? Overwhelmed? Plagued by problems? Weak and weary? Unsure what to do? These are opportunities to turn to God. To get alone with Him and seek Him in prayer. To lay everything else aside and focus on His Word. To wait in His presence. To rest in Him.

Make Him your hiding place.

“Father, thank You that I can hide in You. Thank You for protecting me. Thank You that I can rest and find my perfect peace in You. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Two Inconvenient Truths Of Lukewarm Christianity



First is the truth that your relationship with Christ is your responsibility; it is your journey.

Our Lord appointed the Holy Spirit as a helper in this journey, and He also gave some other human helpers, but you gravely misunderstand this faith if you believe it is a helper's job to spoon-feed you the depth of revelation and intimacy needed. The true element of communion is never a rose or a light airy white wine. It is always crimson and rich in color to remind us of the truth in the blood it represents.

Second is that living according to a truth-driven lifestyle is a necessity for anyone hoping to change the lukewarm temperature in their spiritual life.

Nobody can sustain intimacy with the Father, authority before man, and relevance in this age devoid of a daily choice to not be swayed off of the rock of truth. It doesn't just "simply happen," rather, it is a worthy experience which must be fought for and pursued. We must teach ourselves to believe that lifestyles and experiences outlined to us by the Bible are not polite suggestions. They are requirements of the faith.



The Last Laugh...

There was once a handyman who had a dog named Mace. Mace was a great dog except he had one weird habit: he liked to eat grass - not just a little bit, but in quantities that would make a lawnmower blush. And nothing, it seemed, could cure him of it.

One day, the handyman lost his wrench in the tall grass while he was working outside. He looked and looked, but it was nowhere to be found.

As it was getting dark, he gave up for the night and decided to look the next morning. When he awoke, he went outside and saw that his dog had eaten all the grass in the area, around where he had been working, and his wrench now lay in plain sight, glinting in the sun.

Going out to get his wrench, he called the dog over to him and said...

Are you ready for this?.....

"A grazing Mace, how sweet the hound, that saved a wrench for me."