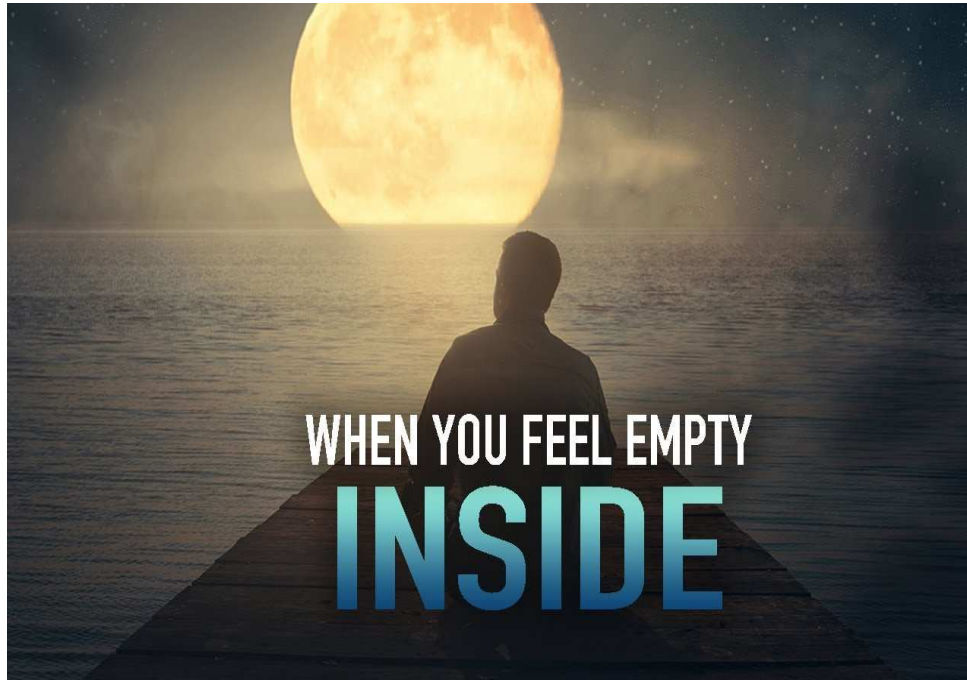


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You look at life and you think why I am here? Life has no meaning. It has no purpose. So many lives are empty because they are walking after emptiness. Jer. 2:5 says, *“Thus says the Lord, ‘What injustice did your fathers find in Me, that they went far from Me and walked after emptiness and became empty.’”*

There are empty places in our lives that only God can fill and yet we turn away from Him and try to fill those empty places with things of this world; with idols. An idol is defined as anything that gets between you and God. Jeremiah 1:16 tells us that the people had deserted God, they had worshiped idols and they had worshiped the works of their own hands therefore, they were left empty.

We can get so busy running here, doing this and doing that that we wear ourselves out and we neglect God. We create a void in our lives because we have walked after emptiness. But when we make God our praise, when we keep our eyes on Him and think about those things that are true, noble just, pure, lovely, of good report . . . (Phil. 4:8-10) then God’s peace will be with us and we will no longer walk after emptiness. Instead, we can be filled with the Holy Spirit. We’ll talk about it this Sunday!

**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!**



“When You Feel Empty”

I don't know about you, but the quarantine has left me feeling sort of empty, and I've had a difficult time filling back up. I believe the Bible, holds a story of a woman who felt the same way!

Elijah was a prophet who gave some bad news to a king named Ahab: “... *As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word*” (1 Kings 17:1.). After delivering the prophecy, Elijah fled to the Kerith Ravine, where he drank from the brook and ate food God provided.

Eventually, the brook dried up. So, God sent Elijah to Zarephath, to a Gentile widow who would provide for him. When he got there, he didn't find a woman with plenty, but a woman in need. “Excuse me,” Elijah called, “could you please bring me a cup of water?” As she turned to fetch the traveler a cup to quench his thirst, he continued. “Oh, and can you bring me a piece of bread?”

The widow replied “... I don't have any bread — only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug,” she said. “Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: “The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land” (vv. 13-14).

She went home and did as Elijah asked. Can't you just see this woman taking the last bit of flour and oil to make Elijah a meal? *What does it matter? I'm going to die anyway. So what if it's one day earlier?* She emptied her flour bowl and oil jar, took a little cake to Elijah, and returned home. As she went to wash the dirty dishes, she picked up the jar and the jug, and to her surprise, the “*flour was not used up*” and the “*oil did not run dry*” (1 Kings 17:16)!

I call this the Bucket Principle. I believe each of us is given a bucket of encouragement. As we dip out of our bucket and pour onto others, God miraculously fills it back up. Jesus said, “*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.*” (Luke 6:38).

Many times, we place a lid on our bucket of encouragement by withholding life-giving words. However, when we give, even in our emotional emptiness, the same God who miraculously filled up the widow's flour and oil jars fills us back up. If you feel empty today, think of one small way you can pour into someone else's emotional, spiritual or physical bucket. Then watch God fill you back up!

On the grace journey together with you, Pastor Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

August 10, 2021

Deposit 8/9/2021

Budget \$2972.00



Designated Budget \$45.00 Community Dinner

Another Way to Give

Designated Budget \$75.00 In Memory of Bill Henley

Cash in Cash out- \$435.00 Journey Church Rent

Cash in Cash out- \$600.00 For repair work to columns in Front of Church

Cash in Cash out- \$10.00 Crayons

Food Closet - \$10.00

Total Deposit \$4147.00

July Recap

Budget Deposits \$18,113.04 Budget Expenses \$24,810.88

Designated Deposits \$2018.00 Designated Expenses \$3236.13

Money Market \$155,404.07

Building Fund \$49,306.00

Savings \$95,430.687

Outreach \$10,667.39

PDF/ RR Account \$14,175.65

PDF \$5188.09

RR \$8611.15

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Designated Account \$73,264.62

Calendar

Monday, August 9th

6:00pm VBS

Tuesday, August 10th

1:00pm– 2pm Food Distribution

6:00pm VBS

Wednesday, August 11th

6:00pm VBS

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, August 12th

1:00pm– 2:00pm Food Distribution

6:00pm VBS

Friday, August 13th

6:00pm VBS

Sunday, August 15th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Tuesday, August 17th

1:00pm–2:00pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, August 18th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, August 19th

1:00pm– 2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, August 22nd

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

Lock up/ Greeter

8/15 Paul Thorne

8/22 Stan Langdon

Counter

8/17 Kathy Caskie

8/23 Sue Monfalcone

Happy Birthday in August

8/19 Barry Surber

8/10 Moses Sabb

8/30 Janice Harvey

8/12 Patsy Hardman

8/30 Mark St. Ours

8/31 Pat Schell

Masks Update

Unvaccinated Guests– Per CDC Guidelines, we request that all unvaccinated guests wear a mask when entering the building.

Vaccinated Guests– Mask are not mandatory but are suggested as the COVID case count is growing in the Hampton Roads area.

Kids- Kids will wear a mask at the discretion of their parents.

Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!

Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226

WMU Focus

WMU Missions Focus for August— 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

Christopher Armstrong, Clifford Case (American People) JH (Central Asian People) Kesiah Morris, MQ (East Asian People) Rebecca McNeil (European People) RL, ER, JS (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) Jeremy McClaim (District of Columbia) Stephen Ventura (HI) Eliezer Maros, James Steele, Christian White (NC) Robin Wasti (Ontario) Richard Gay (TN) Juan Otero (UT) Rich Shipe (VA) Yu Sun (WA)

Crayola Crayons Drive

Thanks to everyone that gave Crayons! We collected 401 boxes.
You guys rock! Thanks for donating to
Sedgefield Elementary School.

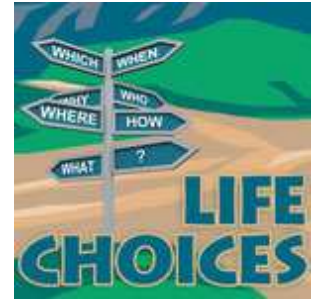
Aluminum Cans

Recycle your cans at HBC and help Support missions! Bring them to HBC and place them in Prior Hall or the Church office.



What We Think

There is much we cannot control that takes place around us. We surely cannot control the weather, and we cannot control the things others may do or say. But, we do have the power to control ourselves! Every moment of every day, each of us makes decisions – choices – about how we will proceed in life.



Much of our life's direction is determined by the sum total of these daily decisions!

In all of our choices, the area that is perhaps most difficult to control, but at the same time is the most important, is the choice of what we think! There is a saying that goes like this –

Watch your thoughts, for they become words.

Watch your words, for they become actions.

Watch your actions, for they become habits.

Watch your habits, for they become your character.

Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.

What we think, we become. Through the years, this phrase has been attributed to many individuals. Regardless of who originally penned these words, they are so true. In fact, they are biblical! Proverbs 4:23 tells us to *"be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts."*



Harvest What You Plant

Pretend you've come to visit me. I'm working in my greenhouse. (Neither my house nor my thumb is green, but let's pretend.) It's the perfect spot for flowers and fruit. You've always thought I was a bit crazy, but what I do next removes all doubt. I strip seeds off weeds – crab grass, grass burrs. You can't believe what you've just seen.

"I thought you wanted a greenhouse full of flowers and fruit!" you say.

"I do," I answer.

You ask, "Then don't you think you ought to plant flower seeds and fruit seeds?"

My foolish response, "Do you have any idea how much those seeds cost? No thanks, I'm taking the cheap and easy route."

Think for a moment of your heart as a greenhouse. Consider your thoughts as seed. Some become flowers. Others weeds. Sow seeds of hope and enjoy optimism. Sow seeds of doubt and expect insecurity. Galatians 6:7 says, *"People harvest only what they plant."*



When God “Shows” It To You

One day Jesus touched the eyes of a blind man and he exclaimed, “I see men as trees, walking.” (Mark 8:24) So Jesus touched him again, cleared his perceptions, removing his limitations and setting him free to become the man God made him to be. Without a God-given vision you’ll stumble through life, blind to who God is and what He can do; blind to who you are and what He can accomplish through you.

Thomas Edison “saw” incandescent light before the first electric bulb ever glowed. It’s what sustained him through thousands of failed experiments. Bill Gates “saw” a PC in every office and home, while the so-called experts were busy announcing, “It’ll never happen in our lifetime.” Forty years before Israel set foot in the Promised Land, Moses “saw” it (Hebrews 11:27).

God can be doing all sorts of things, yet you don’t see them because you’re spiritually blind. Remember the two disciples on the Emmaus Road? It was only after Jesus had walked with them for several miles and explained the Scriptures to them that we read, “...*Their eyes were opened and they recognized Him...*” (Luke 24:31)

When you begin to see God at work in your situation, your fear is diminished and your faith is strengthened. How does He reveal Himself? At church? Sometimes. But mostly He opens His Word and understanding and we start to see Him in a way we never have before. So today pray, “Open my eyes that I may see...” (Psalm 119:18)

The Last Impression...

A pastor was doing his children’s sermon with all the youngsters down front to hear the lesson. He was discussing the story of Jonah. He quoted the scriptures from Jonah 1 and 2: “*And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying ‘I called to the Lord our of my distress and He answered me.’ ... and the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land*” (Jonah 1:17; 2:2, 10).



When the pastor finished the quotation, he started trying to solicit input from the youngsters to help him complete his mini-sermon. He asked thoughtfully, “What does the fish vomiting Jonah out on dry land indicate to us today?” One of the youngsters spoke with great enthusiasm for the entire congregation to hear, “It proves that even a fish can’t stomach a bad preacher!”

Should I Go to Church?

I was confident that nowhere in the Bible did it say I should go to church. But then I read Ephesians 4:11-13:

"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Then I wondered: If Christ gave pastors and teachers to prepare me for works of service, shouldn't I use them?



Then I read Hebrews 10:24-25: *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* And I realized that being together with other Christians is how God intends to encourage me to do what is right.

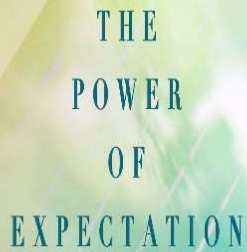
Then I read Romans 10:13b-17: *"... 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?' Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ."* And I knew that Jesus sent these pastors and teachers to build my faith.

Then I read Matthew 16:18: *"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."* And I discovered that Jesus built the church, owns it, and protects it.

Then I read Matthew 18:20: *"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."* And I found that when His followers gather to worship Him, He joins them.

Then I read Luke 4:16a: *"He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom."* And I discovered that Jesus himself was in the habit of attending church.

The last reason was perhaps the best reason of all. If Jesus thought it was important, why shouldn't I? I wonder why some other believers in our church don't feel the same?



THE
POWER
OF
EXPECTATION

Praying With Expectation...

*"But when you ask [God], be sure that you really **expect** Him to answer, for a doubtful mind is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. People like that should not expect to receive anything from the Lord." - James 1:6-7*

Do you ever struggle in your prayer life and believing God is going to answer you? I know that I feel this way sometimes. James here reveals an essential ingredient for our answered prayers. The key word here is "expect." James says that if we pray, but don't really expect God to answer us, we shouldn't be surprised if He doesn't.

The dictionary defines "expect" as: "To look forward to, anticipate, watch or look for, wait for, count upon, hope for; believe, trust."

Many psalms begin with the psalmist crying out to God in desperation and despair. A good example of this is in Psalm 42. Verses 9-10 (TLB) say: "'O God my Rock,' I cry, 'why have you forsaken me?'" But the next, and final, verse says: "But O my soul, don't be discouraged. Don't be upset. Expect God to act! For I know that I shall again have plenty of reason to praise Him for all that He will do. He is my help! He is my God!"

Jesus said, "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." (Mark 11:24) The Master is telling us here that if we want God to answer our prayers, we must begin from the very start of our praying to expect an answer from Him.

We know that God called David a man after His own heart. David's verses throughout the Bible are filled with expectation. He writes, "In the morning I lay my requests before You and wait in expectation." (Psalm 5:3) And in Psalm 27:14 (AMP), David urges us: "Wait and hope for and expect the Lord." Expecting God to act on our behalf shows the Lord that we truly believe in Him and His Word. Psalm 130:5 says, "I wait expectantly, trusting God to help, for He has promised."

I won't pretend or promise that if you expect an answer each time you pray, you'll always get what you asked for. But I can tell you this--if you pray with a lively expectation, your percentage of answered prayer will increase dramatically. I have seen it in my own life, as well as in the lives of others. And having an attitude of expectancy will produce a peace and joy in our hearts that we would not have otherwise.

If you're waiting on God right now for something, wait expectantly, for May this declaration of faith by the psalmist be yours and mine today: "I will keep expecting You to help me. I praise You more and more"! (Psalm 71:14 TLB)



JESUS LOVES* YOU

**Conditions do not apply*

For The Love Of Jesus...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Don't Go Until You Get It

The Bible says:

"David inquired again of God; and God said... 'When you hear a sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees... go out to battle: for God has gone out before you' ...David therefore did as God commanded him: and they drove back the Philistines... (1 Chronicles 14-16)



Take note of three things in this story:

1. David refused make move until he first talked it over with the Lord. Notice the words, "David inquired again of God." It wasn't just something he did occasionally or in times of crisis, it was something he did on a regular basis.
2. David waited until he heard a certain sound.
"A sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees." Do you know God well enough to recognize the sound of His voice? With time and testing you can. *"You have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things."* (1 John 2:20) Not only will you know what God wants you to do, He will actually create within you the desire to do it. *"It is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."* (Philippians 2:13)
3. David went, knowing God had gone before him to deal with every obstacle that stood in his way.
The Bible says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally..." (James 1:5) Wisdom is "the ability to use knowledge so as to successfully meet the challenges of life."

You may acquire knowledge from books and schools, but this wisdom is a gift from God. Don't go until you get it!



With God On The Mountain Top

"Why is it important that you are with God and God alone on the mountain top? It's important because it's the place in which you can listen to the voice of the One who calls you the beloved. To pray is to listen to the One who calls you "my beloved daughter," "my beloved son," my beloved child." To pray is to let that voice speak to the center of your being, to your guts, and let that voice resound in your whole being." --Henri Nouwen



Your Giving Is Appreciated!

So the children of Israel gave to the Levites from their inheritance, at the commandment of the Lord, these cities and their common-lands..." – Joshua 21:1-3

The Levites were the spiritual leaders of the community, established by God as the ones through whom the people would present their acts of worship. As such, they "belonged" to God and would live on God's provision. But then, as now, that provision wasn't a direct act of God. He blessed the people who would use what they had to bless the Levites.

So cities were given within a tribe's inheritance for the sake of the Levites. The people were to contribute to the needs of the Levites as a demonstration of their own faith in God, and their desire for continued provision.

The Church works on a similar principle as our tithes and offerings are presented to the local church and those who serve there are cared for from those acts of worship. What an amazing and sacred relationship. God connects the people's desire to care for His purposes to the care for those He has called to serve Him.

That's what tithing is about – so much more than the hope of personal blessing. My giving acknowledges the spiritual leadership God has placed in my life, and when I give, I affirm that God has provided these servants in order to help me better fulfill His plans for my life.

***Thank you for
your faithful prayers and
generous giving to HBC...***

***As we continue to obey God,
listen to His voice, and work
together we will accomplish
great things for His kingdom!***



Thanks to Pam Winn

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