

*The HBC Weekly Forecast*  
**Hilton Baptist Church. [www.HiltonBaptistChurch.org](http://www.HiltonBaptistChurch.org)**  
**101 Main Street, Newport News, VA 23601**



We are blessed to have Robert Overman filling the pulpit this Sunday while Pastor Lynwood is out of town performing a wedding. Robert brings to the pulpit many years of experience with a variety of churches and their various styles and emphasis. Additionally, Robert brings the unique perspective of one who has been immersed and trained in a contemporary style church environment which is setting the bar for the church of the future.

Robert has an easygoing style of presentation. He is skilled at preparing messages with a substance which makes you think about your relationship with God from a different perspective. Whether you are totally away from God and His purposes in your life, or you are living your life and using his gifts on a regular basis, Robert's message will speak to you right where you are. It's going to be a great morning to attend and invite a friend!

**Join us live at HBC, 10:00 am for this outstanding worship experience with Robert Overman” –  
Or tune into Facebook Live at 10:00 am and join us there!**

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

September 14, 2021

Deposit 9/12/2021

Budget \$2523.00

Budget Designated Memorial– Cheryl Moore \$25.00

Budget Designated Memorial– Joe Hudson \$25.00

Annie Armstrong Home Missions- \$25.00

Alma Hunt State Missions \$160.00

Cash in Cash out– Mark Krooz \$635.00

Cashin Cash out– Can Money– Convoy of Hope \$20.00

Cashin Cash out- Coffee Fund \$1.00

Cash in Cash Out- R & R–Door Deposit \$150.00

Cash in Cash out– Sonshine Kids \$10.00

Food Closet \$15.00

PORT \$500.00

Total Deposit \$4089.00



The Lord supplies  
to the sower and  
will multiply your  
seed for sowing.

2 Corinthians 9:10

## **PBA Senior Adult Revival**

### **Parkview Baptist Church**

**Sunday, October 10th– 6pm**

Jim Ailor will be the speaker

Parkview Music Ministry leading  
music

**Tuesday, October 12th –6pm**

Larry Biermann will be the speaker

Charlie and Sheryl Harris  
leading music.

**Monday, October 11th–6pm**

Jay Lawsons will be the speaker

Bob Crute leading music.



**Happy Birthday in September**

9/14 Marva Jean Flowers  
9/15 Jim Egnot  
9/22 Nadine Stephenson  
9/24 Roger Cooke  
9/27 Chuck Greene  
9/27 Jason Moriah  
9/29 Betty Jean Allen  
9/29 Kathy Devol



**Lock up/ Greeter**

9/19 Roger Cooke  
9-26 Charles Vassar

**Counter**

9/20 Kathy Caskie  
9/27 Sue Monfalcone

**HAVE YOU  
TALKED  
TO GOD  
TODAY?**



**Calendar**

**Monday, September 13th**

2 pm Red Cross Blood Drive

**Tuesday, September 14th**

1:00pm–2:00pm Food Distribution

6:30pm Vision Team Meeting

**Wednesday, September 15th**

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

**Thursday, September 16th**

1:00pm– 2:00pm Food Distribution

**Sunday, September 19th**

10am Live Worship at HBC

Robert Overman will be ministering

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

**Tuesday, September 21st**

1:00pm– 2pm Food Distribution

**Wednesday, September 22nd**

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

**Thursday, September 23rd**

1:00pm– 2:00pm Food Distribution

**Sunday, September 26th**

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

Pack the Pantry Sunday

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

[WMU Focus](#)

The WMU Focus project for the month of September is the **Sonshine Kids**. You can donate to this ministry by marking your check or envelope. Thanks to all who have given to our Kids Ministry at HBC, it is appreciated.

[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/ Ministries](#)

Alma Hunt Ministries— Kenya Medical Missions, Crisis Care at Standing Rock, Crossroads during COVID 19, Share Pray and Act Missions and Racial Reconciliation, Lifting communities out of poverty, Church Planting bringing Christ to Neighbors across the US.

[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.

*Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!*

[PBA Annual Meeting](#)

The PBA Annual Meeting will be Monday, October 26th for one night only and it will be completely virtual because of the pandemic.

More information will be given once it is released. Mark your calendars for this meeting.



Alma Hunt Offering Sept 12– 19th

Collected to Date : \$705.00





## ***Complete Unity = “Community”***

*“I in them and you in me. May they be brought to ‘complete unity’ to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” (John 17:23).*

I love researching the sources for some of our common words. Recently I came upon the fact that our word “community” was based upon the idea of “complete unity” as it relates to the Body of Christ.

How important is this “community” in Christ? In the very last hours of his earthly life and ministry, three times Jesus passionately prays for the “complete unity” of the church. So, what is the nature of that community?

If you look back in verse 20 you will see that Jesus prays, not for them alone. He prays not only for the apostles, but also for those who are to believe in him through the apostolic witness--the great body of Christians around the world and through the centuries.

In other words, the very community of the church today is a connected and continual community with the apostles of the first century. And since the primary task of the apostles was to give us the truth about Jesus, this unity is that of shared truth--one faith delivered unto the saints, one set of beliefs about Jesus given by the apostles. Thus, the basis of unity in the body of Christ is the unity of shared truth.

Another aspect of this spiritual community is found in the words, *“I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity.”* That is the glory of a shared life. Jesus in us, the Father in Him, and thus, in the remarkable words of Peter, we may participate in the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4). Do you realize in Christ you are linked with the life of God--so much so that you cannot be known or understood apart from that life? The understanding of that is what produces a supernatural community among believers. Here is what Jesus is praying--that we may understand the sharing of truth, the sharing of power, and the sharing of life, and that we may be one.

What is the purpose of this supernatural community? Twice our Lord tells us--once in verse 21: *“so that the world may believe that you have sent me,”* and again in verse 23: *“to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”* When the church begins to demonstrate this unity of faith, the unity of shared truth, shared power, and shared life, the world is hit by an inescapable impression that Jesus is Lord, that He indeed holds the key to history and to reality, that He is indeed the revelation of the invisible God.

*“Lord, You have made me one with believers in all places in all times. May that supernatural community be reflected in all that I do!”*

*On the grace journey of community together with you, Lynwood*

## ***Love Matters Most***

If you want your life to count you have to focus it. You don't have time for everything. Everyone agree with that? You don't have time for everything. And not everything is of equal value.

Jesus said there are two things that are more valuable in life than anything else. He said its love. Loving God and loving each other.



One of the verses that we looked at last Sunday is where Jesus was asked, what is the most important command? He replied *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second most important is similar: Love your neighbor as much as you love yourself.”* Circle “most important” and “second most important.” God says these are the two things that matter most in life. Love for God and love for people. He says if you get these two things you’ve got it.

When God created you, have you ever thought why didn't he just take you to heaven? Why did he just put you on earth? You're only here for sixty, eighty, maybe at the most a hundred years and you're going to live for eternity in heaven or hell. Why didn't God just create you and take everybody to heaven?

The Bible is very clear about it. God put you here on earth to do two things: to learn to love God and to learn to love other people. Life is one giant lesson in love. Life is not about acquisition – how much I get. It's not about accomplishment – how much I do. It's not about achievement – how much I earn. It's not about all the other things we're told life's about. Because everything else you're going to leave behind.

You're not taking your career to heaven. You're not taking your car to heaven. You're not taking your china to heaven. You're not taking your house to heaven. But you are taking your character. You're taking *you*. And the measure of the evidence of God in you is whether you spent your life loving Him, and loving others.

Life is all about learning how to love. Jesus says here the two most important things in life are learn to love God with all your heart and learn to love everybody else. He says you get that, you've got life. If you don't get that, wrong answer. You just wasted your life.

How will you measure up?

## *The Prize*

There is an old story about the Greek Marathon. Muscular, conditioned runners paced nervously near the starting line for the long-distance race. The time was near. They "shook out" their muscles, inhaled deeply, and put on their "game faces."



In the midst of it all, a young stranger took his place at the starting line. His physique was awesome. Taking no notice of the other contestants, he stared straight ahead. Two prizes would be awarded the winner of the Marathon: a magnificent bouquet of flowers and the honor of standing beside the king until the conclusion of other contests.

There seemed to be no question among the runners about who would win the prize. It is alleged that the stranger was offered money not to run. Someone else attempted to bribe him with property. Refusing the offers, he toed the mark and awaited the signal to run. When the signal was given, he was the first away. At the finish line, he was the first to cross, well ahead of the rest.

When it was all done, someone asked the young man if he thought the flowers were worth as much as the money and property he had refused. He replied, "I did not enter the race for the flowers. I ran so that I could stand beside my king!"

Those of us who have chosen to follow Jesus Christ are "running the race" (1 Corinthians 9:24-25). It is a race that has a prize for those who finish (notice, not those who finish first, but all who finish). This prize, according to Paul, is an "imperishable crown." The rewards for those who enter heaven are described in scripture with a lot of terms – "many mansions", "streets of gold", "tree of life" – and the list goes on and on.

All of those things are attractive. That's why God tells us about them.

But I would be willing to give up all the streets of gold and settle for a small corner of a shack as long as I can know the reward of being able to stand beside my King. That's what I look forward to more than anything else. It is the one thing that will make heaven the wonderful reward that it will be.

"...The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him." (Revelation 22:3)

Run the race with diligence. Your King is watching and waits for you at the finish line!



## ***Drifting***

The story is told of a boy who was floating his boat on a pond when the boat drifted away. A man came by, saw the boat drifting out on the pond, and began throwing stones on the far side of the boat.

The boy asked, “What are you doing?”

But then he noticed as something very interesting happened. As the stones hit the water beyond the boat, they created ripples which pushed the boat back toward the boy. Even though the stones disturbed the smooth water, they achieved the desired result.

That’s how it is with God sometimes. When we drift away from Him, He throws the disturbing stones out beyond us in order to push us back to the shore of His love.

## ***The Sinner’s Friend***

One evening a woman was driving home when she noticed a huge truck behind her that was driving uncomfortably close. She stepped on the gas to gain some distance from the truck, but when she sped up the truck did too. The faster she drove, the faster drove the truck.



Now scared, she exited the freeway. But the truck stayed with her. The woman then turned up a main street, hoping to lose her pursuer in traffic. But the truck ran a red light and continued the chase.

Reaching the point of panic, the woman whipped her car into a service station and bolted out of her auto screaming for help. The truck driver sprang from his truck and ran toward her car. Yanking the back door open, the driver pulled out a man hidden in the backseat.

The woman was running from the wrong person. From his high vantage point, the truck driver had spotted a would-be rapist in the woman’s car. The chase was not his effort to harm her but to save her even at the cost of his own safety.

Likewise, many people run from God’s provision of atonement on the cross, fearing what He might do to them. But His plans are for good not evil – to rescue us from the hidden sins that endanger our lives.

## ***Generous And Compassionate***

*“I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’” Deuteronomy 15:11*

As His people approached the Promised Land, God repeatedly declared His desire to bless them. He assured them He would provide for their every need. He warned that they would face enemies but promised to defeat them.



When God gave His commandments, He did so for the good and benefit of His people. As long as they obeyed His principles, He would cause them to be in health and to prosper. But beyond the promise of individual blessing there was another side to these promises.

While His people could now look forward to receiving His blessings, they were also now encouraged to practice giving, and not just receive for themselves. They were to remember to be sensitive to the needs of others.

The people of the covenant were now specifically being called to be known as a people of compassion, looking for ways to help. And they were to be generous about using the resources they were given. They needed to realize that He was going to bless them specifically so that that they might be a blessing to others.

Demonstrating the same principle, Jesus continually was concerned about meeting needs. Everywhere we see Him in the gospels, we see Him being motivated by compassion. He provided for the crowds, as He taught them and healed their sick (Matthew 9:36, Matthew 15:32). He reminded His disciples that just as they had freely received; they were to freely give (Matthew 10:8).

God knows that this is contrary to our human nature. We all recognize that some people are hoarders. Others are stingy, holding on to the things they have been given, reluctant to share.

But the Bible teaches us the importance of being compassionate. Being motivated by mercy. As Moses directed Israel, they were to be people who cared, and showed kindness.

This same principle applies to us. We are to look around, always sensitive to needs. Then as God directs, we are to open our hand, and help others in whatever ways we can.

In your life, look for opportunities to be a blessing. Realize that God has blessed you that you might be a blessing to others. Be an ambassador of His love.

## *Life Is But A Dream...*

*“Row, row, row your boat, gently down the stream...  
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,  
Life is but a dream...”*

What a crazy, silly song we all learned as children!

I don't know about you, but the time I find myself the most disoriented, confused and challenged are those first, foggy, early morning moments between deep REM sleep and the sound of my alarm clock. If it's been a rare restless night of worrisome dreams, then waking up is a relief and welcomed. If it has been one of my more common fun-filled, fanciful nights of Disney-like sleep adventures, I'd rather hit the snooze button, pull the covers over my head and linger a few more minutes peacefully.



The first time I heard the song, *“Live Like You Were Dying,”* I remember being lulled restfully at how well the lyrics and melody were matched with one another. The first verse ticked like a metronome...

*“I was in my early forties...  
With a lot of life before me...  
And a moment came that stopped me on a dime...”*

It was rhythmic, predictable, as if the songwriter had secretly snuck inside of me and was listening to the inside clock of my life going “tick-tock,” “tick-tock...” But then the melody changed, the percussion paused, and something was telling me that an alarm was set and about to go off.

It was as if God giving was me a wake-up call. I found myself trying to put off the moment, ready to hit the snooze button even before the alarm sounded. I didn't want to wake up, because I felt myself thinking and experiencing the things I would only do in my dreams.

I must have been pushed out of the airplane because I would have never jumped on my own. Now I was skydiving! I was Rocky Mountain climbing! I was going for a thrilling ride of 2.7 seconds on a bull named “Fu Manchu!”

Then any fear or apprehension I might have felt naturally gave way to sheer exhilaration. In my helpless abandon, I was free falling into a love deeper than I had ever known. My words were sweet as they flowed effortlessly and graciously from my heart and not my head. Forgiveness rushed like a rocket exhaust from my soul's recesses, freeing me to fly and soar even with my fall. And as my arms flung from my side like wings on a bird, it was as if I could embrace eternity!

Ah... But I should wake up... It's just a crazy, silly song, like...*“Row, row, row your boat, Gently down the stream, Life is but a dream!...”*

*Or is it?*

## *Like A Hypocrite*

Ray Stedman told about a young man who had stopped attending the church Ray was pastoring. The young man said that when he was at work he would sometimes lose his temper and treat co-workers poorly. Then, when Sunday rolled around, he didn't want to go to church because he felt like a hypocrite.



Stedman told his young friend, "A hypocrite is someone who acts like something he isn't. When you come to church, you are acting like a Christian. You are not a hypocrite at church."

Suddenly, the young man realized where he was being a hypocrite. He recognized that the answer was not in avoiding church but in changing the way he was at work.

The term hypocrite is from a Greek word that means "play-actor." It means we pretend to be something we aren't. Sometimes we forget our true identity as believers in Jesus. We forget that we are accountable to God. When we do that, we live the way we "once walked" (Eph. 2:2) and thus are hypocrites.

Let's not let our old ways make us act like someone we're not. Instead, through God's grace, let's live in a way that shows we are "alive together with Christ" (v.5). That's a sure cure for hypocrisy.

## *One Last Laugh...*



A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands.

He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.

The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."



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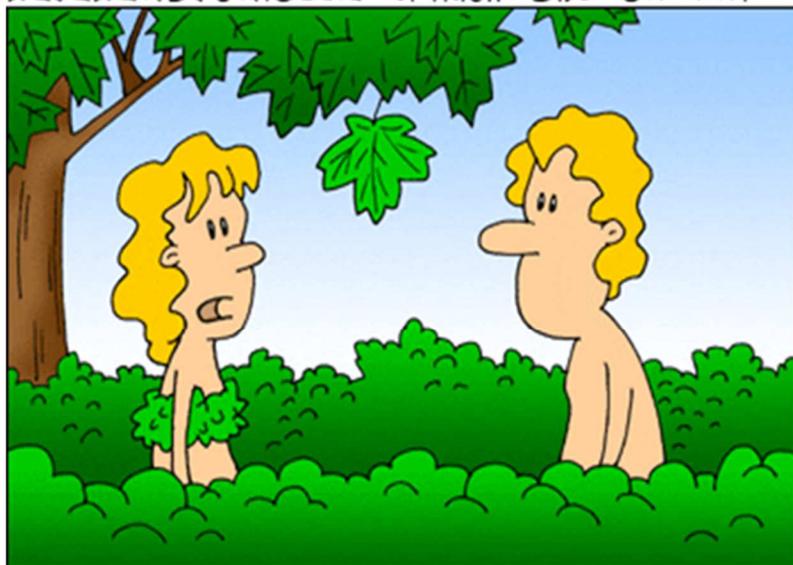
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