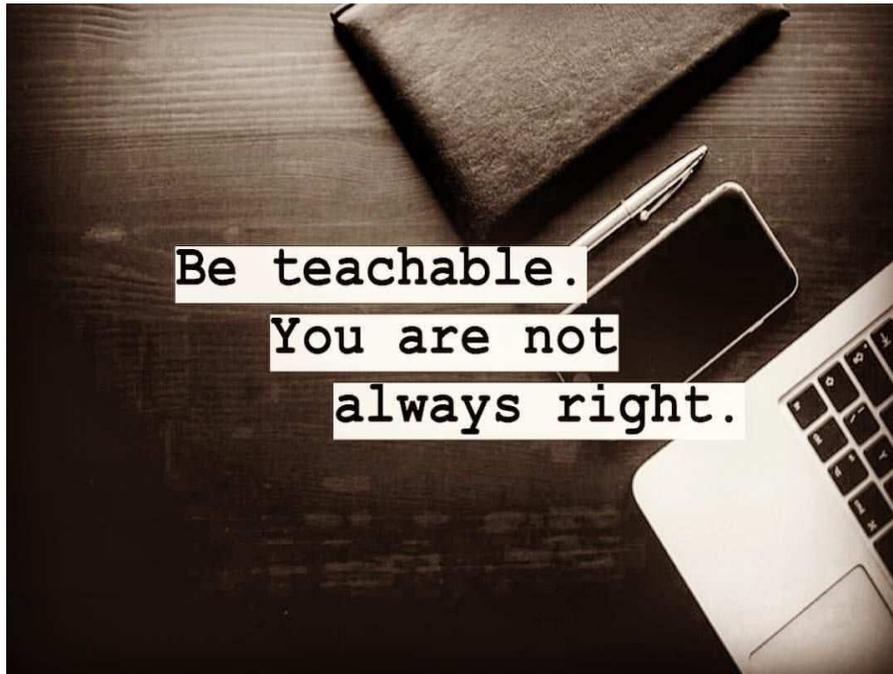


***The HBC Weekly Forecast***  
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There are Christians who have very strong opinions on just about everything: how to vote, how to raise children, how to date, how to stay married, and how to interpret Scripture. Often, Christians back up their opinions with Scripture. But how many of those subjects are truly addressed in the Bible? We might be surprised to find that some of the values we hold most dearly are often a result of our cultural and childhood upbringing and have very little to do with what the Bible actually says.

The Bible says nothing about voting, for instance. In fact, most of the political advice in the Old and New Testaments is about how to deal with a corrupt government. As to raising children, there only a few random passages that are mentioned amid addressing other topics, such as Deuteronomy 6:1–9, Proverbs 13:24, or Ephesians 6:1. Plus, there’s nothing in the Bible about dating and very little about marriage. As to how to interpret Scripture, the Bible seems to be deliberately vague and confusing. Even Jesus cloaked truth in mystery.

You wouldn’t know that from the way these subjects are taught, though. Most who instruct on these topics do it with absolute certainty and ridicule those who disagree or waver. But if that’s the case, what can we be certain about? And how can we—ministers in the church—ensure that we’re teaching others accurately about these topics?

We’ll discuss Sunday... *News Flash: #YouAreNotAlwaysRight!*

***Join us live at HBC, 10:00 am to share a sanitized  
and safe “in person” worship experience –  
Or tune to Facebook Live at 10:00 am and join us there!***



## ***When You Are Not Always Right...***

*Humble yourselves before the Lord,  
and he will exalt you.” James 4:10*

I like to be right. Who doesn't?

But I'd also like to think I'm able to admit when I'm wrong. It's pretty simple to admit the little mistakes, apologize and ask forgiveness. For instance, in general conversation and on minor topics, I can admit being wrong then.

But what about the times when I'm really, really right?

The *beyond the shadow of a doubt* kind of right. The “*How in the world can you not see my point?*” kind of right. The kind of right where you want to go and rally everyone you know and get them to confirm just how right you are, so your righteousness is validated. What about those times?

When I'm absolutely, positively sure I'm right, it's my job to dig in my heels and stand my ground. *Right?*

There's a particular situation I've been walking through (and praying about daily) for quite some time. It's one of those situations where a fellow believer and I happen to disagree, and yet, *I just know* I'm right. I was praying about this specific situation just recently. I found myself asking for clarity. Asking for resolution. But then I did something I don't always do. I sat silently and listened for that still small voice.

The verse that resonated in my head in those quiet moments was not the verse I had expected. It was the words of James 4:10, which says: “*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.*” This was not necessarily the advice I had prepared myself to hear. But it made sense.

So much time had been spent digging in my heels and rallying my troops that I'd been *anything* but humble. I let the words sink in, reading them in context. It comforted me to understand James writes from a place of everyday life with Jesus, to people dealing with everyday conflicts and interpersonal struggles. I had been prideful. And puffed-up pride has no place in a true resolution.

I'm still dealing with this particular situation. I'm still wrapping my mind around the application of this verse in the context of my struggle, but in humbling myself before God, I know He will work out all things for good in due time (Romans 8:28). That's what I last heard the Holy Spirit speak into my heart and that's what I now expect to take place!

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

October 12, 2021

Budget \$5103.00

World Hunger \$135.00

Cash in Cash out– Paul Thorne \$598.00

Cash in Cash out– Trunk or Treat \$10.00

Cash in Cash out–Sonshine Kids \$20.00

Food Closet \$10.00

Total Deposit \$5876.00

Another Way to Give



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

### [WMU Focus](#)

The WMU Focus project for the month of October is the **Food Pantry**. You can donate to this ministry by marking your check or envelope or you can bring your canned food donation to the church. Thank you so much!

### [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](#)

SG (Central Asian People) BR, JZ (East Asian People) Daniel Block, David Frierson, CH (European People) JC (Global Strategic Advance) Mikayala Carruth (Southeast Asian People) Selvin Jermiddoss (Sub-Saharan African People) Denise Panter (AL) Francio Aular, Maher Said (Alberta) Hang Je Cho (GA) McKeel Bowden (IN) Kevin Cartwright (KS) Shahid Kamal (Ontario) Jason Thomas (WV)

### [Aluminum Cans](#)

Recycle your cans at HBC and help Support missions! Bring them to HBC and place them in the gym (TAKE NOTE: we have moved the location) or the Church office. All money collected goes to missions!

**Lock up/ Greeter**

10/17 Stan Langdon

10/24 Joe Wircenske

**Counter**

10/18 Not counting

10/25 Margaret Upole

**Happy Birthday in October**

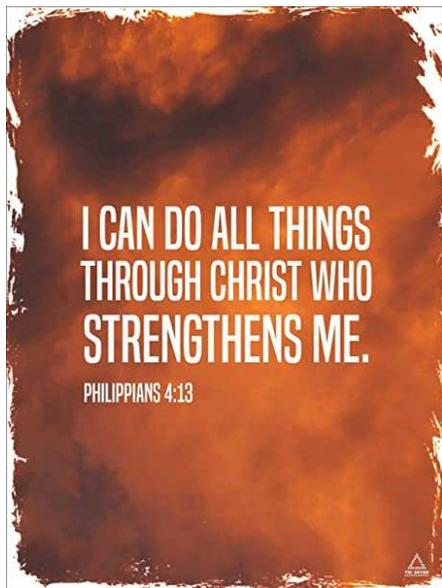
10/11 Deloris Morgan

10/17 Marilyn Hargrove

10/25 David Jackson

10/26 Tim Humphries

10/30 Don Krause



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**Calendar**

**Tuesday, October 12th**

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

6:30pm Vision Team

**Wednesday, October 13th**

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

**Thursday, October 14th**

1:00pm— 2:00pm Food Distribution

**Sunday, October 17th**

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

**Tuesday, October 19th**

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

6:30pm Vision Team

**Wednesday, October 20th**

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

**Thursday, October 21st**

1:00pm— 2:00pm Food Distribution

**Sunday, October 24th**

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids



## Trunk or Treat



Trunk or Treat is a go at this time. If you can participate...we would love to have you. The event starts at 5:30pm so please be at the church by **5:00pm or before to set up**. We will need to close off the parking lot. Dress up if you want to, decorate your car and be ready for at least 400 kids.

If you can not come and would still like to be a help, we are accepting donation of candy. Just drop the candy off in the Mission/ Outreach corner or in the church office!



## Christmas Workshop

Can you believe it we are already planning for the Kids Christmas Workshop which will be held on Saturday, December 11th from 10am until 2pm.



We need workers ! Please join us and have a great time! See Dreama if you can work.

You can also register your children or grandchildren now! Just call the church office.

## ***Demons Are Real***



*“When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him... My name is Legion, for we are many...” - Mark 5*

Though not everyone acknowledges this today, demons are real. And while we do not make them a focus of our attention, we need to be aware of their reality and power.

As we learn from the Bible, Jesus dealt with Satan and evil spirits at various times throughout His earthly ministry. But Satan is real and so is his rule of a demonic kingdom that wages war against God the saints that follow him.

In Mark 5, we see a horrible picture of what demons can do to people. A wild and dangerous man controlled by demons came toward Jesus. Jesus asked the man, *“What is your name?”* Using the man's own voice, the demons answered, *“My name is Legion ... for we are many.”*

*“Come out of this man,”* Jesus commanded, giving the demons permission to go into a herd of pigs nearby. And when the demons did that, they destroyed the whole herd by drowning them.

Where did demons come from? Demons began as angels, created by God to be and do good. But they rebelled and became God's enemies. Since their fall, their sole aim has been to war against God and aim to spoil everything and everyone that glorifies God.

As followers and believers in Jesus Christ, we find ourselves thrust into the midst of this battle between light and darkness and the powers good and evil. The Apostle Paul reminds us that , *“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”*

While it's important to know about demons and their destructive power, it can be dangerous to dwell on them, especially to the point of becoming fearful or anxious about them. Since the devil's main goal is to distract us from God and try to destroy us, the devil is happy if we're focusing more on demons than on God.

Above all, we need to remember that Jesus is Lord. He has been given sovereign power over demons. They cannot stand against him, and he promises to protect us from them.

## ***Priming the Pump***

Many years ago, I heard Oral Roberts tell the story of a letter found inside an old tin can. It was wired to the handle of an old pump that offered the only hope of drinking water on a very long and seldom-used trail across the Amargosa Desert:



The note read as follows:

*“This pump is all right as of June 1932. I put a new sucker washer into it and it ought to last five years. But the washer dries out and the pump has got to be primed. Under the white rock I buried a bottle of water, out of the sun and cork end up.*

*There’s enough water in it to prime the pump, but not if you drink some first. Pour about one fourth and let her soak to wet the leather. Then pour in the rest medium fast and pump like crazy.*

*You’ll git water. The well has never run dry. Have faith. When you git watered up, fill the bottle and put it back like you found it for the next feller.”*

*Signed, Desert Pete*

*P.S. Don’t go drinking up the water first. Prime the pump with it and you’ll get all you can hold.”*

If you were a lonely traveler shuffling down that parched desert trail with your canteen bone dry, would you trust this guy, “Desert Pete”?

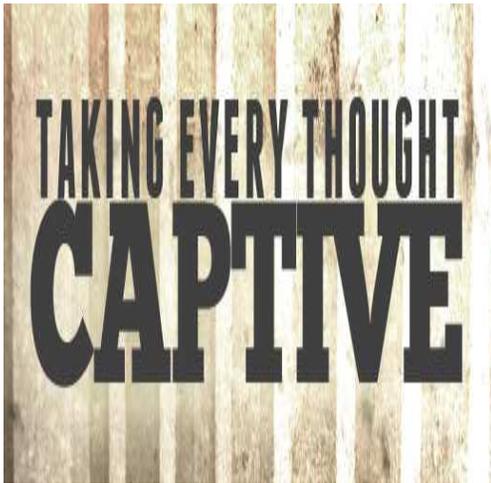
For all you know, he is a lunatic. What if it’s a mad hoax? There are no guarantees to what he claims is true. And what would motivate you to prime the pump with the water in the bottle – perhaps the only water available! But, you understand the fact that old pumps have to be primed.

It’s a gamble. A risk. An adventure. What do you do?

This story illustrates an important principle: the principle of **before**. The lonely traveler had to prime the pump before all the water flowed. The before principle manifests itself in everyday life.

There are battles before victory. There are struggles before celebration. There are steps before arrivals. There is practice before perfection. There is preparation before completion.

We want victory in our life. What you do now – **before** the battle – will determine the victory you have in the battle! Find what you can do to “prime the pump” and you’ll have all the water that you need!



Most of the struggles that we face in life are really inner ones. The outward battles are normally a result of deep inner conflicts that have been built over a lifetime.

If we are to truly experience victory over habits and wrong patterns of actions, then we must learn to undergo a transformation of our inner thoughts and feelings.

The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 10:5, *“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”*

Paul was speaking of the spiritual battle that every Christian faces. He understood that the greatest conflicts of life are spiritual ones, and that the battleground is always the mind of the believer.

Before a person comes to know Christ in a deeply personal way, the Bible says that he is a captive or slave to sin. In other words, our entire outlook and view of life is built upon attitudes and thought patterns that are contrary to God’s plan for us. We build those patterns of thoughts over months and years.

When we come to know Christ, that doesn’t mean that we no longer have to deal with wrong thought patterns. It simply means that we are no longer slaves to those patterns. But we must learn to “take every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

God has given you weapons of spiritual warfare to overcome Satan’s stronghold on your life. Begin today to bring every thought captive unto the obedience of Christ because you can do it if you want to.

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

A couple was arranging for their wedding, and asked the bakery to inscribe the wedding cake with “1 John 4:18” which reads *“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.”*

The bakery evidently lost, smudged or otherwise misread the noted reference, and beautifully inscribed on the cake “John 4:18”...

*“...for you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband.”... (oops!)*



## *Beware Of The Traveler*



King David had sinned. God sent Nathan to tell David a story and to deal with his sin.

Nathan told David a parable about a rich man who had thousands and thousands of sheep and a poor man who lived nearby. The poor man had only one ewe lamb, and she was like one of his own children to him. The lamb slept in the poor man's arms and ate from the poor man's table. He loved her.

One day a traveler came to the rich man's house. The rich man was too stingy to kill one of his sheep for the traveler, so he stole the poor man's beloved lamb, killed it, and cooked it to feed the traveler.

Beware of the traveler. When the traveler arrived, trouble began.

The traveler in the story represents our thought life, and the traveler is coming through whether you like it or not. Thoughts are going to knock on your door. Temptations are coming to present themselves. But you don't have to let them in and you don't have to feed them.

The Bible says to *"take your thoughts captive"* (2 Cor. 10:5). We must not let the enemy fill our minds with filth and trash. We must take authority over our thoughts. Evil desire begins with evil thoughts, and ends in sin and destruction.

The challenge, friends, is to love God not just with our heart and soul but also with our minds. Do we love Him with our thoughts? The biggest battle we face is not out in the world but between our own two ears. It's our thoughts that determine victory or defeat in our lives. It's our thoughts that determine whether we're pure or impure.

The apostle Paul emphasizes this again in Romans 8:6 (NLT): *"So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace."* "Will we let our sinful nature control our thoughts? Or will we guard our thoughts and allow the Spirit to control our minds? It's our choice—death, or life and peace.

When a negative, unholy, damaging thought is in our minds, it must be taken captive to Christ. This means it must be replaced with another thought, one that honors God and builds our spirit rather than our flesh.

God can purify and sanctify our thought lives. He can replace our selfish, negative, tempting thoughts with the mind of Christ. Thank God we don't have to be a slave to our desires, following a path that leads to sin and destruction. Instead, we can give our thoughts over to the Holy Spirit, and walk on the path to love, peace, and eternal life.

## ***What We Have To Fear***

It was the first camping experience for Jed. As soon as he had pitched his tent, he went for a hike in the woods. In about fifteen minutes he rushed back into camp, bleeding and disheveled. He was approached by a friend.

"What happened?" asked a fellow camper. "I was chased by a black snake!" cried the frightened Jed.



The camper laughed and retorted, "A black snake isn't deadly."

"Listen," groaned Jed, "If he can make you jump off a fifty-foot cliff, he is!"

There are any number of things in this world that may frighten us. For some of you, it may be snakes, or spiders or rats. For others, it may be great heights or the thought of flying in an airplane. For others, there is a fear of losing your health or losing your job. For most, there is a fear of death.

It was Franklin D. Roosevelt who once said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." I understand him to mean that the way we react to fear is often more dangerous than the thing we fear. Fear can cause us to make rash decisions. At other times, fear can paralyze us so that we do nothing at all.

It is significant to me that the command Jesus gave his disciples more than any other was "Fear not" or "Do not be afraid." The storm is raging. "Fear not!" There are those who seek to do us harm. "Fear not!" The girl has died. "Fear not!" We would regard all of those situations as legitimate reasons to fear. But Jesus made it clear that when He is present, fear is inappropriate. He is capable of handling anything we face, including death!

So what is it that causes you to live in fear? What is it that produces such anxiety that you have trouble going to sleep at night? Turn it over to the One who has promised to watch over you. "Fear not!" Trust Him.

The Psalmist David said, *"I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears."* (Psalm 34:4)

As Rick Warren often points out, there are 365 specific places in the Bible where we were told by Go, "Fear Not" – one for each day of the year!



## ***How to Get Over Your Past***

All of us have chapters we wish we could rewrite. To get over your past you must first start looking at it differently. Reframe it. Ask, "How did it make me stronger? What do I know now that I didn't know then?" Don't focus on what you lost, but on what you gained.

Second, understand the difference between guilt and shame. Guilt is feeling bad about what you've done – it's healthy; shame is feeling bad about whom you are – it's toxic and debilitating. All of us have things we'd like to change about ourselves, but when God created us He said, "...it was very good..." (Gen 1:31), so start seeing yourself as He sees you.

Third, stop punishing yourself with the "if only's." After stumbling badly and having God pick him up, David wrote, "Happy is the person whose sins are forgiven... whom the Lord does not consider guilty..." (Ps 32:1-2) Forgive yourself; God has. Because He sees you through the Cross, you are "accepted" (Eph 1:6).

Finally, move from pain to gain. Healing takes time, so expect some anger, fear and sadness. Don't disown them; they're part of the process. But don't adopt them either; know when it's time to move on. You can't walk backwards into the future, and the future God has in mind contains more happiness than any past you can remember.

## ***Sitting on the Fence***

There was an incredibly large group of people assembled. On one side of the group stood a man, Jesus. On the other side of the group stood another man, Satan. Separating them, running through the group was a fence. The scene set, both Jesus and Satan began calling to the people in the group and, one by one, each having made up his or her mind, each went to either Jesus or Satan.



This kept going, and eventually Jesus had gathered around him a group of people from the larger crowds, as did Satan. But one man joined neither group. He climbed the fence that was there and just sat down on it. Then Jesus and his people left. So too did Satan and his people.

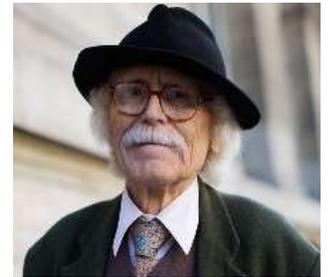
And the man on the fence sat alone. As this man sat there, Satan came back, and appeared to be looking for something that he'd lost. The man said, "Have you lost something?" Satan looked straight at him and replied, "No, there you are. Come with me." "But," said the man, "I sat on the fence. I chose neither you nor Him.

"That's okay," said Satan. "I own the fence."



## *The Last Impression*

Henry, who was very elderly, was unhappy because he had lost his favorite hat. Instead of buying a new one, he decided he would go to church and steal one out of the entrance porch when the worshippers were busy praying.



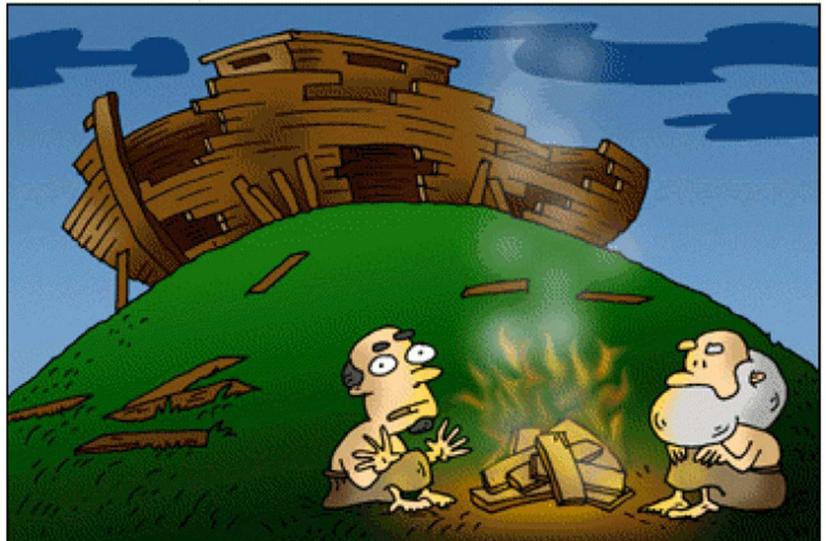
When Henry arrived at the church an usher intercepted him at the door and took him to a pew where he had to sit and listen to the entire sermon on 'The Ten Commandments.' After the service, Henry met the pastor in the vestibule doorway, shook his hand vigorously, and told him, 'I want to thank you pastor for saving my soul today. I came to church to steal a hat and after hearing your sermon on the 10 Commandments, I decided against it.'

The pastor answered, 'You mean the commandment 'Thou shall not steal' changed your mind?' 'No,' retorted Henry, 'the one about adultery did. As soon as you said that, I remembered where I had left my old hat!'

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