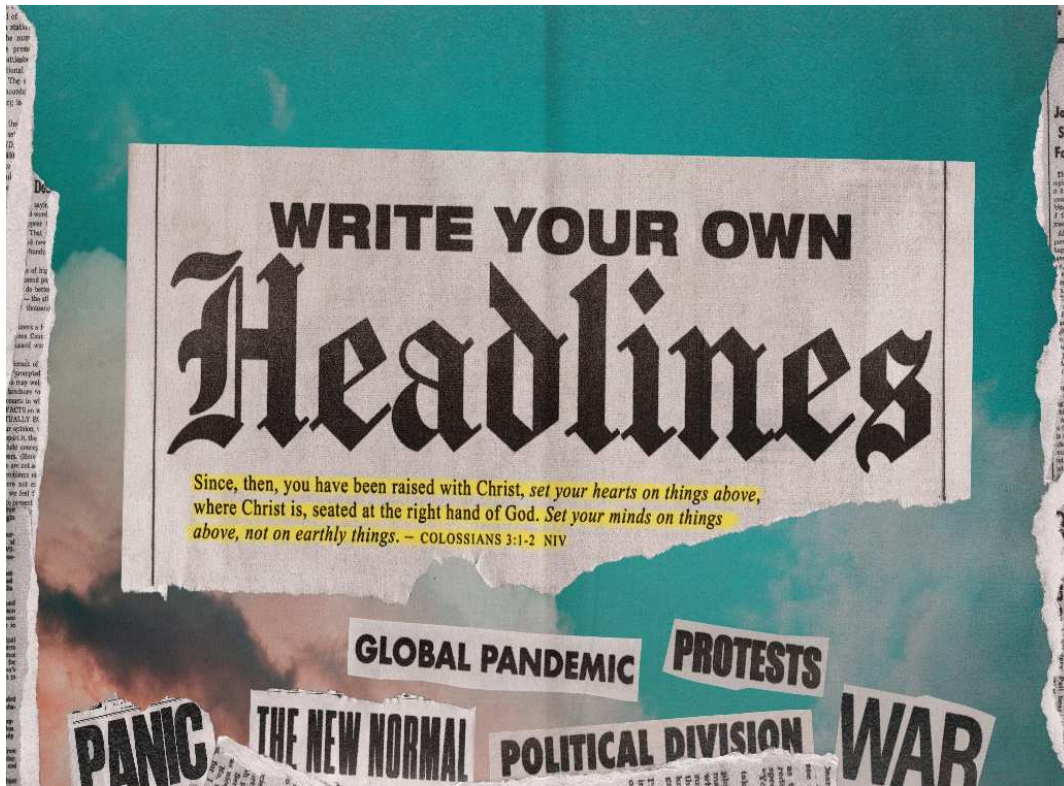


**The HBC Weekly Forecast**  
**Hilton Baptist Church. [www.HiltonBaptistChurch.org](http://www.HiltonBaptistChurch.org)**  
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Is it just me, or does it seem like there has been an exponential increase in the mostly negative news we have been hearing over the past couple of years? And does it seem that the term “information overload” has taken on an entirely new meaning?

It's hard to sift through all of the information at our fingertips. How do we filter through it in a healthy way? And amid so much negativity and so many discouraging reports, is it even possible to see anything hopeful or positive?

I believe the answer is a faith-filled yes! As believers and followers of Christ, we have both the opportunity and the responsibility to process and find the good in every set of circumstances in which we find ourselves.

Plan to join with us this Sunday for this exciting “good news” message. Even in a complicated world, I believe you can learn to shift your perspective and *Write Your Own Headlines!*

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



## ***A View From The Faith Perspective?***

*“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” Colossians 3:1–3*

A better translation of this verse would be “since you were raised.” The fact that we have been raised because, in our salvation experience of being born again, we first died with Christ. This is why we can now change the focus of our desires. We are no longer dead and tied to sin but are free and alive in Jesus Christ. Being raised up with Jesus Christ ought to make a difference in the way we live and in our feelings about God.

When Paul says “*set your mind on things above,*” it could also be translated “think on things above” or “take on the mind of heaven.” This requires living with a focus. It means your head and your heart have to be moving in the same direction or else an inner conflict will erupt. If your heart doesn’t want the same things your head does, you will have an impossible time staying focused.

How do we set our minds on things above. We must keep God’s word active in our lives. We also need to stop and do a personal inventory or treasure hunt every once in a while. Asking ourselves questions like, “Where do I spend most of my time? Where do I put my money, energy, ambition?” Our thought life, our time, and our money have a way of identifying our real treasure.

But there is a deeper faith factor when we set our minds on things above. We begin to see everything from a new perspective – a God perspective.”

We see our lives without the restraint of worldly thoughts and situations. We begin truly believing that all things are possible.

When the children of Israel had been called to possess the promise land, by God’s grace, it had already been given to them - It was theirs for the taking! Twelve spies were sent in to survey the situation. Only Joshua and Caleb were the two spies who brought back a good report and believed that God would help them succeed. As a result, they were the only men from their generation permitted to go into the Promised Land after the time of wandering.

When faced with negative opinions and lack-of-faith thinking by others, we simply kneel down, put our shoulder to the plough and push harder than we ever did before. I believe the negativity of the doubters and naysayers eventually dies in the rarified atmosphere of faith!

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

November 16, 2021

Budget- \$2085.00

Cashin Cash out- \$50.00 Sonshine Kids for Christmas Workshop

Cashin Cash out- \$70.00 Quilters R & R for Doors

Food Closet \$150.00

Total Deposit \$2355.00



## Children's Christmas Workshop

Saturday, December 11th 10am-2pm

Spread the word!

You can register now! Ages 4– 12 years old!

Helpers are still needed! Please contact Dreama

Fliers are available in the Connection Center. It is a fun time for all!

## Calendar

### Tuesday, November 16th

1:00pm–2:00pm Food Distribution

### Wednesday, November 17th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

### Thursday, November 18th

1:00pm– 2:00pm Food Distribution

### Sunday, November 19th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

### Tuesday, November 23rd

No Food Distribution

### Wednesday, November 10th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

### Thursday, November 25th

Happy Thanksgiving

### Friday, November 26th

5:30pm-6:30pm Community Dinner

### Sunday, November 28th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online, Sonshine Kids

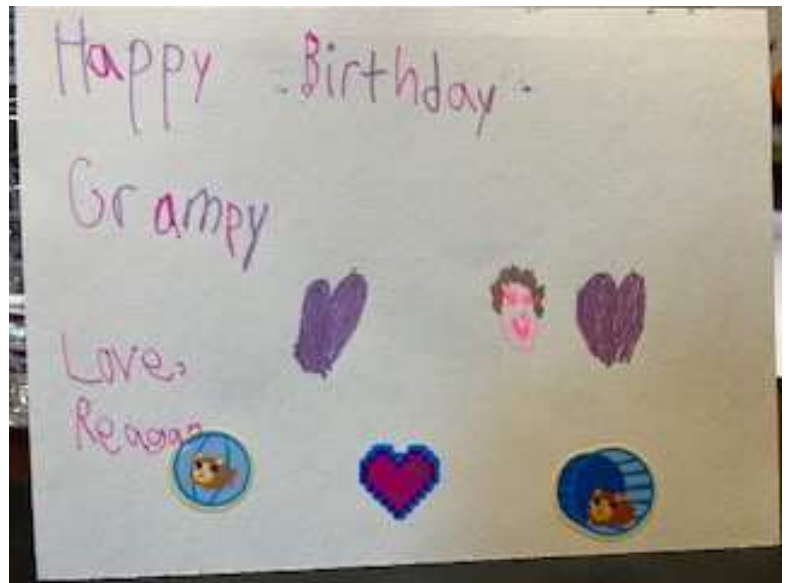
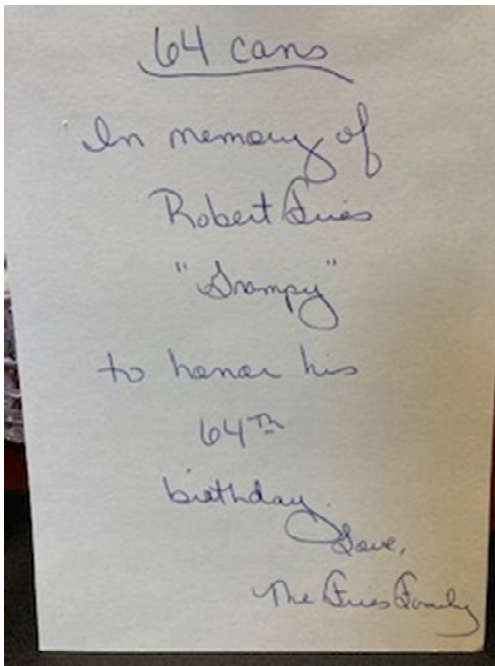
## **November Community Dinner**

**Friday, November 26th**

We need you to serve and visit our guests. Please see Pam Cooke if you will be able to help!



COMMUNITY DINNER



This week we had the beautiful card and letter brought to us along with a food pantry donation.

A Grampy Gift— 64 cans of food were given in memory of Robert Fries (Grampy) to honor his 64nd birthday, November 11th.

Regan Fries and family



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

**Lock up/ Greeter**

11/21 Charles Vassar  
11/28 Robbie Ayscue

**Counter**

11/22 Joe Wircenske  
11/29 Margaret Upole



**Happy Birthday in November**

George Savedge 11/15  
Teresa St. Ours 11/18  
Jessica Moore 11/21  
Brittany Baker 11/22  
Richard Childs 11/24  
Joshua Michie 11/24  
Carolyn Miller 11/26  
Ray Moody 11/26  
Annabelle Stuart 11/27  
Pam Cooke 11/30



**Upcoming Events in the Church through December 31, 2021**

**Friday, November 26th Community Dinner 5:30pm-6:30pm**

If you can help, please see Pam Cooke

**Sunday, November 28th– First Day of Advent**

Food Drive Sunday. Bring your Food Pantry donations.

**Sunday November 28th– Children’s Workshop Meeting**– If you plan on helping with the Children’s Workshop there will be a brief informational meeting in the sanctuary immediately following morning worship.

**Saturday, December 4th– Salvation Army Bell Ringing**– Walmart at the corner of Jefferson and Mercury. Time Slots are still available. See Pam Cooke

**Sunday, December 5th- Budget Vote, Lottie Moon Emphasis Sunday and Communion at the end of the Morning Worship**

Please remember that the gifts from the Angel Tree are due today.

**Saturday, December 11th– Children’s Christmas Workshop**

10am-2pm Kids 4– 12 years old

**Saturday, December 18th– Church Christmas Musical and Dinner**  
**6:00pm Dinner 7:30pm Musical**

We will be having a covered dish dinner for our Christmas Dinner this year. The church will be providing chicken and we are asking everyone that is attending the dinner to bring side dishes and desserts. We will be putting it all together and enjoy a wonderful church family dinner and musical.

\*\*An important update– The reason we are doing the covered dish is our stove, after 40 years has decided to quit working. We have ordered a new stove and it will be delivered sometime in December, just not in time for the Christmas Dinner. We will however be able to have it installed and working by the first of the year to be able to minister to the homeless of our community and for our monthly Community Dinners.

**Friday, December 24th**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service 5:00pm

**Sunday, December 26th– Sunday Worship 10am**

Sonshine Kids Church

**December 31st– Community Dinner 5:30-6:30pm**

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

## ***“Jesus Is Lord!”***

In the New Testament, *Lord* is the most frequently used title for Jesus [Christ](#). Although we rarely use this term in our daily lives, we are all quite familiar with another word: boss. That is basically what *Lord* means—one possessing authority, power, and control. The Word of God describes Jesus as the head of the church, the ruler over all creation, and the Lord of lords and King of kings ([Col. 1:15-18](#); [Rev. 3:14](#), 17:14).



Following the resurrection, the term “Lord,” being applied to Jesus, became more than an indication of devotion or respect. Stating, “Jesus is Lord,” became a way of recognizing Jesus’ divine standing.

References of Jesus as Lord started with Thomas’ declaration when Jesus arrived at the apostles after His resurrection: “Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’” ([John 20:28](#)). From thereafter, the message of the Apostles was that Jesus is Lord, signifying that “Jesus is God.”

Peter’s sermon on the Day of Pentecost carried that idea: “Let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah” ([Acts 2:36](#)). Peter later declared this in the house of Cornelius, stating that Jesus is “Lord of all” ([Acts 10:36](#)).

It is important to note that in [Romans 10:9](#) Jesus’ lordship is connected to His resurrection: “If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

The declaration “Jesus is Lord” indicates that Jesus is God. Jesus holds “all authority in heaven and on earth” ([Matthew 28:18](#)). He is “Lord of the Sabbath” ([Luke 6:5](#)); “our only Sovereign and Lord” ([Jude 1:4](#)); and “the Lord of lords” ([Revelation 17:14](#)).

In other words, the realm of Christ’s reign covers everything that happens in heaven and on the earth. No one—not even those who deny His existence—are free of His rule or outside His sphere of authority. Although Satan tries to convince us that liberty is found in doing what we want, true freedom is acquired only through submission to Christ’s loving lordship.

Even death cannot release anyone from the authority of God’s Son. He is Lord of both the living and the dead. All people must decide to either yield or rebel against Him, but they have the opportunity to make this choice only while they are still living. After death, they will acknowledge Christ’s lordship through accountability to Him. If we have not bowed the knee to Jesus in life, we will be forced to bend it in the judgment.

Have you submitted to Christ’s rule over your life? Have surrendered to His authority in knowing Him as the Lord of your life?

## *The Ultimate Showdown*

It all started when King Ahab turned his back on God and built a statue to Baal, the god of rain. In a moment of true irony, that's when the rain stopped. Three and a half years later the people began calling out both for rain and God. That's when Elijah showed up for the ultimate showdown: Elijah and the One True God vs 450 prophets of Baal.



Elijah and the prophets of Baal each built an altar and prepared a sacrifice. There was just one catch – no fire. It was to be a burnt offering, but both sides would pray and ask their God or god to bring down fire. The prophets of Baal went first. They prayed, they chanted, and they called out – but nothing happened. Hours passed without a response. Elijah suggested they pray louder (maybe their gods had gone to sleep), but still they had no answer. Finally, it was Elijah's turn.

Taking his time, Elijah built the altar and prepared the sacrifice, soaking the altar in water (a precious commodity after 3.5 years of drought). He did this just to make sure there would be no possible human explanation for what God would do. Then Elijah prayed. Immediately fire fell from the sky consuming not just the offering, but the stone altar and all the water. Talk about an incredible demonstration of God's power. Awesome!

Elijah trusted God even when it didn't make sense, even when it meant going against what was popular – and God showed up. What about you? When life becomes difficult or doesn't make sense, will you remain grounded in your faith or will you turn to false idols of our day?



## *The Last Impression...*

A church deacon sat visiting with one of the shut-in members when the woman seemed to go into cardiac arrest. The deacon rushed to the phone and called 9-1-1, asking that they send an ambulance to the house immediately.

The operator asked, "What's the address, sir?"

The deacon wasn't sure of the exact address, but he knew she lived in the last house on Eucalyptus Lane.

The operator asked, "Can you spell that for me, sir?"

After a long pause, the deacon asked, "Um, how about if I carry her over to Oak Street and you can pick her up there?"



## ***Become a Tither!***

It's estimated that less than one-tenth of all those who attend church give a tenth of their income to God's work, even though the Bible clearly teaches that the first tenth of all we earn belongs to God. *"A tithe of everything...is holy to the Lord."* (Lev. 27:30)

Today it is estimated that two-thirds of the church's income comes from people aged 69 or older. That's alarming! We need to teach our children the responsibility and rewards of tithing. Perhaps you think tithing only applied to those who lived under the Old Testament law, like the Pharisees. No, Jesus said, *"...unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees... you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven."*

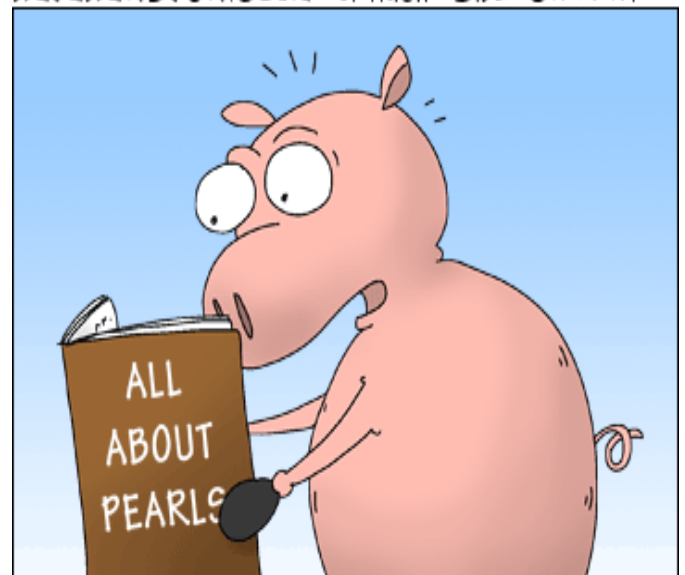
The tithe is a minimum. Your love and faith should determine the maximum. Abraham paid tithes 600 years before the law (Genesis 14:20), then Jesus endorsed it saying we "ought" to tithe (Matthew 23:23), and the writer to the Hebrews confirmed that it is still God's plan (Hebrews 7:4-5).

As believers, we are the spiritual seed of Abraham, and as such, his blessings have been promised to us (Galatians 3:14). But if you want what Abraham had, you've got to do what Abraham did – and he was the first man in Scripture to tithe! Giving God the first tenth of your income makes Him number one in your priorities. His Word says, *"Bring the whole tithe... Test Me in this...and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of Heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."* (Malachi 3:10)

***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 continue to accomplish great  
things for His Kingdom !***

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(See Matthew 7:6)

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## *Can We Outgrow Where We Live?*

*“You... enlarged me when I was in distress.” – Psalms 4:1  
(Amplified Bible)*



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. Patience and persistence are admirable, but they won't work in situations you've outgrown. Instead of hanging in and trying harder, at certain points you have to stop and ask yourself, “Is this situation good for me?”

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?

### ***Danger Of A Loose Cannon***



Victor Hugo, who is famous for his novel the Hunchback of Notre Dame, also wrote a story called “Ninety-Three.” It tells of a ship caught in a dangerous storm on the high seas. At the height of the storm, the frightened sailors heard a terrible crashing noise below the deck. They knew at once that this new noise came from a cannon, part of the ship's cargo, that had broken loose. It was moving back and forth with the swaying of the ship, crashing into the side of the ship with terrible impact. Knowing that it could cause the ship to sink, two brave sailors volunteered to make the dangerous attempt to retie the loose cannon. They knew the danger of a shipwreck from the [loose] cannon was greater than the fury of the storm.

Life's certainly like that. Not always, but more often than not, it isn't the storms without that cause us the most problems, but the storms that rage within us, such as a spirit of bitterness, jealousy, pride, and greed. Other “loose cannons” are unresolved hurt, anger, a lack of forgiveness, guilt, lust, and so on. These, if not confronted and resolved, can readily cause shipwreck of our relations, our faith, or even our life.

## *When You Can't Decide...*

***“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:12***

Life used to be simple. No longer. And when we are confronted with decisions and hesitate, the decision is usually made for you, by default. And often, making a decision by default is one of the worst things you can do.



An old legend tells of a farmer who had a beautiful daughter who was courted by a variety of young men, all wanting to marry her. So the farmer promised the hand of his daughter in marriage to the young man who could walk through his field of corn, never backtracking, and select the largest, most perfect ear of corn in the entire field. And did it work? No, the beautiful daughter, so goes the myth, ended up unmarried. Here's why.

The most promising suitor ended up walking through the field, looking, waiting, uncertain. As he approached the end of the field, in desperation he selected an ear of corn, having passed up many which were superior to what he ended up with. But other young men walked through the field, unable to back track, and ended up with nothing because they couldn't decide which ear of corn was the most beautiful, the most perfectly formed.

Such, however, is a picture of those of us who suffer from a paralysis of analysis, unable to make decisions, always uncertain as to what to do. You know folks like that? The problem is only made worse by the vast number of decisions that have to be made today because of the complexity of our lives and society.

**There are several wise steps I believe the Lord would have us take in making wise choices. The first is to clarify just what the problem is and realistically considering the options available along with the consequences of each one.** Being brutally honest and not looking at circumstances through rosy glasses is an important first step in good decision-making.

**Also, make certain that prayer a serious part of all your decision making.** Ask, "God, what is your will in this situation?" When you honestly can bring yourself to say, "God, may your will be done in this. Show me clearly what you want me to do," you are well on your way to finding an answer.

Then, be sure to search Scripture to see what God has already revealed about your decision. Many people are amazed to learn that the Bible deals with literally hundreds of situations that provide clear moral guidance for us today.

And finally, once you have made a decision, based on what you feel is God's will, don't look back. You can often destroy by doubt what God has wrought by faith. Once a decision has been made, keep moving forward, no matter what happens. Face your fears with your faith... God will provide!



## ***Breaking Strongholds***

Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 10:4-5, *“Pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”*

What are you to pull down? Strongholds: areas of your life that are held in the grip of the enemy. What are you to cast down and take captive? Thoughts: thinking that doesn't line up with God's Word or submit to the rule of Christ in your life.

Recognize you are in a war. You are a new creation, yet your old nature will constantly try to reestablish control over you. Don't let it. So long as it reigns in your life, Christ's seat is taken. If it is on the throne, Christ is still on the cross. Put Christ on the throne and your past on the cross!

In the Old Testament, a priest could not come into God's presence if he had touched anything dead (see Leviticus 22:3-4). If you are going to walk with God, you must bury your old lifestyle. It also means forgiving those who hurt you, including yourself, then moving on.

The issue is not *whether* you remember, but *how* you remember. God is able to take the sting out of the memory and leave us healed and redeemed. No longer will you be handicapped or hindered by what you've been through or by what you've done; instead you'll be enriched by it!

## ***The Lady And Her Groceries...***

An elderly lady was well-known for her faith and for her boldness in talking about it. She would stand on her front porch and shout “Praise The Lord!” Next door to her lived an atheist who would get so angry at her proclamations he would shout, “There ain't no Lord!!”



Hard times set in on the elderly lady, and she prayed for GOD to send her some help. She stood on her porch and shouted “Praise the Lord ... God I need food and I am Trusting You alone to provide!” The next morning the lady went out on her porch and noted a large bag of groceries and shouted, “Praise the Lord.” The neighbor jumped from behind a bush and said, “Aha! I told you there was no Lord. I bought those groceries, God didn't.”

The lady started jumping up and down and clapping her hands and said, “Praise the Lord... He not only sent me groceries, but He made the devil pay for them... Praise the Lord!”

# HOW WE SEE PERSPECTIVE

## *The Importance Of A Faith Perspective*

What is perspective?... Well, it's obviously related to the way we view something. The term literally suggests "looking through . . . seeing clearly."

One who views life through perspective lenses has the capacity to see things in their true relations or relative importance. They see the big picture. They're able to distinguish the incidental from the essential . . . The temporary from the eternal . . . the partial from the whole . . . the trees from the forest.

The leader without perspective is visionless, intimidated, vulnerable, and overly concerned with public opinion. Perspective, you see, adds a breath of fresh air to the otherwise suffocating demands of life. It opens new dimensions that enable us to cope with the predictable . . . it eases the tyranny of the urgent. Perspective provides needed space.

Perspective encourages the new mother: "Life is more than changing diapers, warming bottles, and rocking babies to sleep." It helps convince the young medical intern "these long months of training and sleepless nights are worth it all. Stay alert. Your whole future is at stake."

To the struggling businessman who has a tough series of weeks, perspective brings hope and the promise of a brighter day tomorrow.

And who needs perspective more than teachers? Day in and day out, the endless grind of the classroom can drain the river of determination and creativity until it becomes a mere trickle of frustration and discouragement. But let that educator catch a renewed glimpse of the impact his or her life is having upon students and the ultimate difference it will make in their future . . . and the flow of new ideas will likely return in torrents.

Many things help prompt perspective. Quietness. A walk in a forest. Time spent along the roaring surf. A view from a mountain. Poetry. Travel. A stroll through an old graveyard. An evening beside a fireplace. Camping out under the stars. A visit to historical landmarks. Protracted times of prayer. Deep, profound strains of music. Meaningful worship. Meditation upon Scriptures. A leisurely drive at sunset.

On such occasions time stands still. The chips of insignificance fall away as the broad images of truth emerge in the monuments of our minds. We begin to see more clearly as the fog lifts . . . and we are running no longer. Or confused. Or angry. Or overwhelmed. Or afraid.

Could such places of perspective be considered "shelters of the Most High"? When we are there, could we be "abiding in the shadow of the Almighty" which David mentions in Psalm 91? And, if so, isn't it about time you found a shelter of perspective in His shadow?