

The HBC Weekly Forecast
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Through these times of the Covid virus and other difficulties, in these days now we are learning to trust God and give thanks for all the help and blessings given us each day during this challenging year of 2021.

The days in which we are living, at times seem uncertain and evermore challenging, but with God's blessing and thankful hearts, we will not lose hope, because the God in whom we trust is our source of life. We rejoice and give thanks for each day and each trial.

With every struggle and every challenge we face, we have been given just enough of God's grace to make it through. In the midst the uncharted waters we find ourselves cast upon; one thing is certain... We are one blessed church family and your pastor is grateful for you!

Prayerfully with Thanksgiving Blessings, Pastor Lynwood
(See inside for my special Thanksgiving Message for you!)



Thanksgiving 2021 - Be Thankful To God!

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all; making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” (Philippians 1:3-5)

The Thanksgiving Holiday is a time in which we give thanks to the Almighty, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies (Ephesians 1:3) and every material blessing of our lives. This year, this spirit of thankfulness is more important than ever.

2021 has been a trying year to say the least! As a church we have learned the meaning of “virtual worship” and as a society, being “socially distanced.” As a nation, we are struggling with political division, financial insecurity, and a persistent and deadly virus. Many of the voices we hear only speak fear into our hearts. We are worried about our future and growing weary in the present. How can we be thankful in a time like this?

The better question is...How can we NOT be thankful in a time like this?

Giving thanks to God is something that we see throughout the Bible, especially during tough times. Many times, Psalmists cried out in the midst of their pain to offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD (Psalms 50:14, 86:12, 116:17). The Lord Jesus Christ offered his thanks to the Father for a meager 5 loaves and 2 fish (John 6:11) before feeding the 5000. The Apostle Paul offered his thanks to God for the many faithful followers of Christ to whom he wrote while sitting in prison chains.

For what blessings are you thankful? Amid confusion and unrest, we can always be reminded of God’s faithfulness and his love toward us.

He is the God who never leaves us and never forsakes us (Hebrews 13:5). He is the God who’s “Grace is sufficient” for us (2 Corinthians 12:9). He is the God who offers us life through his Son, Jesus Christ (John 3:16). He is the God who has secured our eternal future in Christ Jesus. He is the God who gives to us all that we need to live and thrive today!

Our God is the God who has destined HBC for such a time as this! To be a source of hope for the discouraged and a beacon of light for those who are walking through in this present darkness. As your pastor I am grateful to each and every one of you for your faithfulness which has sustained us. Your loving generosity has kept our doors open and our ministry ongoing and stronger than ever!

Can we be thankful for all that God has done, is doing and will do through our Lord Jesus Christ? Yes we can choose to be thankful now and always. May the Lord be with you and bless you... This thanksgiving and forever!

On the grace journey with you now and always, Pastor Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

November 23, 2021

Budget Deposit \$880.00

Total Deposit \$880.00



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 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

Meeting after church for Children's
Christmas Workshop

Tuesday, November 30

1:00pm–2:00pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, December 1st

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, December 2nd

1:00pm– 2:00pm Food Distribution

Saturday, December 4th

Walmart Bell Ringing

Sunday, December 5th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

Budget Vote

Salvation Army Angel Tree Gifts are
due

Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226

WMU Focus

The WMU Focus project for the month of December is socks for Hilton Plaza and also money for the Chaplain's Fund.

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. Bring your non-perishable food to restock the pantry the last Sunday of every month.

'Pray for Our Missionaries/ Ministries

Rhea Cavin (American People) HL (Central Asian People) RA (Global Strategic Advance) RF,PH,HM,AR (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) LC, NH, SW (Southeast Asian People) Laura Jeremiadoss (Sub-Saharan African People) Shaun Cross (DC) Carl Christiansen (FL) Modie Phillips (LA) Antonio Wimberly (MI) Phyllis Foy (NC) Amber Hardin (TN) Aubrey Gibbs (TX) Jesse Beernick (WI)

Aluminum Cans

Recycle your cans at HBC and help Support missions! Bring them to HBC and place them in the gym or the church office. All money collected goes to missions! Our last money received was \$25.00 and we will be purchasing socks for the Hilton Home for Christmas

Salvation Army Angel Tree

All the angels have been taken off the Angel Tree! Thank you so much to everyone who teamed up with others and took a name. The kids you have chosen will be blessed so much. Unwrapped gifts are due back to church by December 5th. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Cooke.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

On December 4th, we have the opportunity to ring the bell for the Salvation Army at the Walmart at the corner of Mercury and Jefferson. You do not have to ring the whole day, just one hour and you can do it with a friend. See the Mission Outreach Corner for sign up.....Lots of times are still available.

What's Happening in Missions this past weeks ?

Last week we fed 20 people last week. We took 20 gallons and half gallons milk to the Peninsula Rescue Mission along with a lot of bread. We four nice size boxes of fruit cups and raisins along with 9 bags of fruit to the Hilton Homes.



Happy Birthday in November

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



Lock up/ Greeter

11/28 Robbie Ayscue

12/5 Don Moore

Counter

11/29 Margaret Upole

11/6 Kathy Caskie

Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!



Upcoming Events in the Church through December 31, 2021

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

We need your help with serving, visiting our guests and clean up.

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

10 am-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

Need help with wrapping those gifts?

Don't Get Stressed



The Wrapping Ministry wants to bless you with your gift-wrapping needs. This is **FREE** service offered to anyone. Allow us to come to your home or you can bring your items to ours. You can also choose to attend our event on December 18, 2021, at Hilton Baptist Church , 101 Main Street.

- *All supplies are provided at any site at no cost
- *Services are performed at location of your choice
- *Fellowship and prayer are always encouraged
- *Light snacks are offered at event

There isn't anything that can't be wrapped. We are flexible with requests. Call to schedule a personalized session or reserve a time slot at the event.

For more information or to reserve a time slot contact:

Pepper Savoy @ 757-236-3027

**This is a lady that attends Journey Church. She has done this in the past and is opening it up to anyone. She will come to the your house or you can bring your gifts to HBC on December 18th.





Declaring Thanks!

“Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy.” - Psalm 107

Every day, it can be easy to focus on our problems. We think about issues we face, trials we’re going through, difficulties in our families or jobs. The future can seem uncertain. Our challenges and obstacles can seem overwhelming. We can feel hopeless or depressed, confused or afraid.

But the Bible tells us that, in every situation, we are to be thankful! We are constantly to declare our thanks to God. We need to realize just how much we have to be thankful for. God is good, and we can trust Him. His mercy endures forever. No matter what we’ve done or what we face, He never runs out of mercy.

As we read Psalm 107, we find many reasons to give Him thanks. He delivers us from our distresses, helps us when we’re hungry and thirsty, and leads us to shelter. He satisfies us when our souls are “longing” (v. 9). He breaks our “chains in pieces” if we face “darkness and the shadow of death” (v. 14). If we’re sick, He sends His Word and heals us. He protects us. And, if we need peace, He calms the storm.

Many times, we may struggle when we focus on our problems or needs. But the Psalmist commands us to give thanks to God...at all times. In fact, he gives this order: “Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.” By declaring our thankfulness, we entrust our lives and what we face into God’s hands.

Today, reflect on your life and think about all that God has done for you. Think about His promises. Then start thanking Him, and continue to thank Him. He is worthy! And He is good!

“Father, thank You for all that You’ve done for me. I am so grateful! Thank You for Your mercy and love. Thank You that I can trust my life to You! In Jesus’ name. Amen and Amen!”

**Attend in-person this Sunday –
No Mask Necessary If Vaccinated
We are striving to be...”HBC Safe!”**



“Facebook Live” devotionals with Pastor Lynwood in **“Messages From Mill Point!”**
9:00 AM Mon. – Fri. 20-minute daily devotionals.

Wednesday nights 7:00 pm on **Facebook Live Midweek Bible Study**” with Pastor Lynwood & Special Guests!

Sacrifice of Thanksgiving

“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High ... The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!” Psalm 50:14, 23



How does it feel to be taken for granted? Many parents have this reaction when their children don't realize their effort. Many spouses know what it's like not to be appreciated. Many business owners feel taken for granted by their staff.

How can we prevent taking others for granted? One powerful way is to express thanks. These expressions show that we appreciate others, that we demonstrate we value them and are grateful for what they have done.

These principles also are true in our spiritual lives, and reasons why the Bible reminds us we should be thankful before God.

This Thursday, which commemorates “thanksgiving” in the U.S., is a day to remember this thankful spirit. Being thankful shows that we recognize how much we depend on God and what He has done for us. And it changes our hearts.

The Bible tells us to be thankful in all circumstances, even if we do not feel like it. When we give thanks to God, we honor and praise Him. This even prepares our hearts to be ready to receive more blessings.

Particularly powerful is the sacrifice of thanksgiving. These expressions cost us something. When we have options, but choose to give up something to honor God. These sacrifices show God that we value Him above everything else, and place Him first in our lives.

Today, think of all the reasons for being thankful. Allow your heart to be filled with thanks. Give Him thanks with your voice and determine to offer a sacrifice to Him. But do it joyfully and willingly. Demonstrate your thankfulness by dedicating your time, talent, and treasure to His kingdom.

The Last Impression...

Miss Jones had been giving her second-grade students a lesson on science. She had explained about magnets and showed how they would pick up nails and other bits of iron.



Now it was question time and she asked, “My name begins with the letter ‘M’ and I pick up things. What am I?”

A little boy on the front row said, “You’re my mother!”



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Thanksgiving Leftovers!

One of the great joys of Thanksgiving is leftovers. For some reason, turkey and dressing taste just as good reheated as they do fresh out of the oven, maybe better.

But I found a website that added up the calories from that delicious stuff, and the exercise necessary to burn it off. How much walking would you need to do for a turkey sandwich, some stuffing, some mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and a piece of apple pie with ice cream? Over 13 miles! Add some gravy, and you're up to nearly 15 miles! I don't know about you, but I don't have the time to walk 15 miles after a meal!

But thinking about leftovers brings me back to what I was talking about last week, because we're right in the middle of the long Thanksgiving weekend. Thanksgiving is an indication of the heart. It shows that our lives are in balance—that our communication with the Lord is not all about our wants and our needs.

There are two levels of gratitude. Let's call them the lower level and the upper level. Unfortunately—and I admit I'm in this category—we kind of dwell in the lower level. That's where we see God's work in our lives as intermittent spurts of goodness. Some big blessing comes along and we say, "Thank you, Lord!" But living on that level of gratitude only shows that we are selfish, and that we miss the total perspective of God's goodness. We thank Him for the pleasurable things, because our view of goodness is comfort, rather than becoming like Jesus.

The upper level, the higher level, is consistently thanking God, in the good and the bad, believing that all things will work out for good to those who love Him (see Romans 8:28). I admit I have a long way to go on this one! I often complain instead of saying, "You're in control and I thank You, even though I don't understand it."

Corrie ten Boom was sent to a prison camp for hiding Jews from the Nazis. There, her sister said they should thank God for everything in their barracks. Corrie refused to give thanks for the fleas that infested their bedding, but later she found out that those fleas kept the guards from entering the barracks, enabling them to have daily prayer meetings. So she said, "Thank you, Lord, for the fleas!"

So while you're thanking the God "who satisfies your mouth with good things" (Psalms 103:5), remember that He's in control and He knows best. Let's bless the Lord in *all* things, because God is good *all* the time!

On the amazing grace journey with you, Lynwood



***This Thanksgiving... Let's Be Thankful
For Hilton Baptist Church!***

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers; constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father, ..."

Paul to the Thessalonians 1:2

As your Pastor, I am thankful for Hilton Baptist church... Those who are faithful in their worship and attendance there are thankful too! God is at work in our church. He is cultivating faith, love and hope in Christ Jesus. We are a people beloved of God and chosen by God for such a time and place as this. Almost weekly, we are seeing new faces and families who are looking for a place to call their church home.

Are you thankful for your church? If not, I would recommend you pray and ask God for a change of attitude. Here are some reasons I think are important to be thankful for Hilton Baptist Church.

HBC is a place of faith - One of the primary graces of God to you and your brothers and sisters in Christ is the gift of faith. At HBC we are seeking to be a people of faith and since faith results in faithfulness, trustworthiness, and loyalty you can find people who will be faithful to you, that you can trust. Everyone needs those kinds of relationships and they are to be found in the church.

HBC is a place of love - God is love. If we love God we will love one another. There are no other options to our Christianity. According to 1 John 4:7,8, if we fail to love each other, then quite simply, we really don't know God! The church is a place of love. Everyone needs people to love them. HBC is meant to be a safe place where love is demonstrated to all.

HBC is a place of hope - God is in the business of replacing despair with hope. At HBC, no matter what the circumstances around us we we can find hope in the worship and promise of the church. God is in charge. He works all things together for good, He will never leave or forsake us.

If you have a different experience, here is my advice: start being thankful for HBC. Start small. Be consistent in thanksgiving and then look for people who need a dose of faith, hope or love and start giving it out to them. Instead of looking for others to love you, build up your faith and give you some hope, be the person who loves, offers a leg up to someone who needs a boost of faith, and find someone who is more desperate than you and inject some hope into their lives.

I guarantee it will change your experience of the gathering on Sunday that we call church. If you become a reason for someone else to be thankful, you will start to like being a part of the church too.



Hasty Pudding

Do you know what was eaten on the first Thanksgiving Dinner? Despite what you may have been taught, the Mayflower pilgrims probably didn't have ambrosia, ham, potato salad, and pumpkin pie. Almost assuredly, with their lack of resources, they had roots, berries, wild fowl and perhaps some hasty pudding. Hasty pudding is simply a cornmeal mush, so named for the short time it takes to prepare it.

A chef was preparing a Thanksgiving meal in a restaurant when a young man came running in the back door and shouted at him, "Carl, your house is on fire!" The chef immediately dropped his cookware and bolted out the door with his apron flapping in the breeze. After about fifty yards, he stopped in his tracks and said, "Wait a minute, my name isn't Carl and I don't even have a house!"

Most of us eat "hasty pudding" more often than we will admit. We go off half-cocked with incomplete information to an uncertain location. Happily, our Creator left this advice – "It is not good to have zeal without knowledge, nor to be hasty and miss the way" (Proverbs 19:2). We are to patiently wait on the Lord, for his timely and perfect course of action.

Thanksgiving Quips

- The greatest possession for which to be thankful is a thankful heart.
- True thanksgiving is a cultivated habit rather than an occasional emphasis.
- We can be thankful in a topsy-turvy world if our lives are right side up.
- No one really gives thanks unless he is willing to give more thanks.
- If you will learn to appreciate the good things you have, you won't miss the good things you don't have.
- A thankful heart doubles our blessings, causing us to enjoy them twice – when we receive them and when we remember them.
- Giving thanks means little unless you are living thanks.
- True thanksgiving is a cultivated habit rather than a yearly ritual.
- If we pause to think, we'll have cause to thank.
- Gratitude takes three forms: a feeling in the heart, an expression in words, and giving in return.
- Critical words that come from the mouth originate in an unthankful heart.
- Those that blame God for the bad times are likely to be those who do not thank Him for the good times.





The Thanksgiving Cure

Thanksgiving season ought to be a great time for curing people of a certain disease of which I have read. The disease is called amnesia. This disease is a comparatively rare affliction—fortunately so. Its main feature is forgetfulness. There are cases on record in which people have forgotten their own names, the date of their births, their family relations; in a word, cases in which memory had become a complete blank and the past was utterly blotted out.

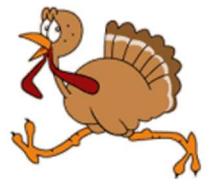
Facts have been published concerning a minister's son who disappeared from an army training camp, was hunted for as a deserter, and later turned up as an unnamed man on one of the transports sent back from a military hospital. He had found the longing to be at the front too strong to resist, had apparently re-enlisted under another name, was sent to the firing line, was wounded in the head and when consciousness was restored, he had lost all memory of the past. Such is amnesia.

Physically it is, fortunately, a rare disease, but spiritually it is not rare. Not in vain does the psalmist call upon his soul, "And forget not all His benefits." Kipling has, as the refrain of his immortal "Recessional," the words, "Lest we forget, lest we forget."

Ingratitude is nothing but a form of spiritual amnesia. It stands for a voluntary or involuntary blotting out of the memory of the past. The mind is no longer sensitive to past benefits bestowed. It is as if these things had never been. And thus ingratitude becomes a spiritual menace. God's own people are very apt to suffer from this disease and we forget past mercies in the face of present emergencies, as if they had never been.

The Last Impression

To try to create bigger profits at Thanksgiving, a poultry farmer was experimenting to breed turkeys with more legs. Following years of selective breeding of his turkeys, he succeeded!



Shortly after his success, he began to brag to his friend, "I did it! I've finally been able to breed turkeys with six legs!"

His friends got excited, and quickly asked the farmer, "That's great! But, how do these six-legged turkeys taste?"

The farmer's expression quickly changed, and he said with a long-drawn face, "Well, I'm not really sure. Since they have six legs, I haven't been able to catch one yet."