

***The HBC Weekly Forecast***  
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## **“THAT THING”**

In Mark 9, Jesus came down from a mountain with three of His disciples. The transfiguration had happened on the mountaintop, where Jesus shone with brilliant radiance as God spoke over Him, “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!” After coming down from the mountain, He entered straight into a messy situation. There was a dispute in the crowd because a father with a son possessed by spirit had brought his son to be healed, and the disciples had failed to heal him.

There was a mess in the valley while Jesus was on the mountain. But we see that our God not intimidated by messy situations. Whenever we’re dealing with something in the valley, we can lift our eyes to Jesus who is above us, knowing that He is full of power and mercy, and will come down to heal us.

Just like the father longed for his son’s healing, we all have “that thing” in our lives that is a constant struggle and hardship. Pastor Steven remarked that it’s possible we think we’ve brought something to Jesus when we’ve really only brought it to church. Or we think we’ve prayed about something, but we’ve only thought about it a lot. Whatever “that thing” is for us, we need to bring it to Jesus. Not to religion. Not to others. To Jesus!

The spirit in the boy would seize him, throw him to the ground, and rob him of speech. Jesus taught that the enemy steals, kills, and destroys in our lives. We need to ask ourselves what it is that seizes us, debilitates us, and robs us. That doubt. That memory. That bitterness. That fear. That pride. *“That thing...”*



***Welcome To  
Honor  
Sunday!***

**Honor  
God by  
Honoring  
Others**  
—Matthew 7:12



## ***What Is Honor Sunday?***

*“Love one another with brotherly affection.  
Outdo one another in showing honor.” Romans 12:10*

We rarely hear or use the word *honor* today. Honor, however, is prominent in Scripture. The Bible commands us to “honor” certain people.

What is honor? The biblical words often translated as “honor” can have a number of shades of meaning. *To honor* means to esteem and treat another with respect because of who they are or what they have done. Honor has the sense of value, price, or quality. That which is valued and esteemed is “honored.” The biblical use sometimes also means to seek to enhance the reputation of someone. The biblical emphasis on honoring others has everything to do with the biblical command to honor God.

Honor in the Bible typically has a communal, even public, meaning. In other words, honor is something that is recognized or bestowed by the community. Gamaliel, for instance, was “held in honor by all the people” ([Acts 5:34](#)). In the Old Testament book of Esther, the honor shown to Mordecai was very public, much to Haman’s disgrace ([Est. 6](#)). Proverbs tells us that the wise and the righteous will receive honor ([Prov. 3:35; 11:16](#)) but that honor is not fitting for a fool (26:1).

Biblical teaching on honor transcends any particular time and culture. Furthermore, biblical commands to honor others do regularly go beyond cultural norms. Paul tells Timothy to “honor widows” in a culture that typically did not (1 Tim. 5:3).

In fact, the Bible commands Christians to “honor everyone” (1 Peter 2:17) and to “outdo one another in showing honor” ([Rom. 12:10](#)). All human beings are made in God’s image and are worthy of honor. As the psalmist writes, God has crowned humanity “with glory and honor” ([Ps. 8:5](#)). Significantly, Peter exhorts us, “Honor the emperor” (1 Peter 2:17), at a time when believers were being persecuted for the faith. Honor is not tied to our feelings for someone.

The biblical emphasis on honoring others has everything to do with the biblical command to honor God. God fashioned human beings in His image. When we honor others, no matter who they are, we honor God. As we honor God, we increase His esteem in the world and attest to His ultimate value.

Sunday, we honor those who have consistently shown their faithfulness, support and service both to Jesus Christ and the HBC Family... We are honored to honor you!

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

November 9, 2021

Budget \$6950.00

Designated Budget– Community Dinner \$5.00

Drink Machine \$4.00

World Hunger \$10.00

Cash in Cash out– COP Rent \$1800.00

Cash in Cash out– Coffee Fund \$2.00

Cash in Cash out– Journey Church Rent \$435.00

Cash in Cash out– Angel Tree \$50.00

Cash in Cash out– Fruit for Hilton Plaza \$10.00

Cash in Cash out– Love offering for Paul \$100.00

Cash in Cash out– Sonshine Kids \$600.00

Food Pantry \$185.00

Pure Water Pure Love \$100.00

Pure Water Pure Love in Honor of Mary Hall's Birthday \$50.00

Total Deposit \$10,301.00



**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!

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

## Calendar

### Tuesday, November 9th

1:00pm-2:00pm Food Distribution

### Wednesday, November 10th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

### Thursday, November 11th

1:00pm– 2:00pm Food Distribution

### Sunday, November 14th

#### HBC Honor Sunday

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

### 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

*We would like to welcome*

***Debbie Marfa and Laura Jordan***

*into the Hilton Baptist Church membership. They have already been very active in the church and we appreciate them so much.*



### Happy Birthday in November

Mary Hall 11/8

Gloria Ammons 11/10

Alex Whiting 11/11

Barry Surber 11/13

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

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

### [WMU Focus](#)

The WMU Focus project for the month of November is **Fruit for Hilton Plaza**. We are suggesting that you bring fruit that will hold freshness for at least a week. This would be something like apples, oranges or raisins. Please bring your fruit to the church bt Thursday, November 18th or you can drop off at Pat Painters House on November 19th. The fruit will be taken and prayed over and delivered to Hilton Plaza for Thanksgiving.

### [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](#)

Prinna Puakong, JT, TY (East Asian People) Glenn Ansley, Daniel Upchurch (European People) AR, KS (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) LA, CS, ZV (South Asian People) Mark Moses (Southeast Asian People) Matthew Bond (British Columbia) Hwan Kim (CA) Coale Jordan, Ryan Sidhom (LA) Joshua Turansky (MD) Judi Page (OK) Alexander Hanevich (YN)

### [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!

### [Salvation Army Angel Tree](#)

Please come visit the Mission– Outreach table this Sunday! We are supporting the Salvation Army by buying toys for children from the Angel Tree.

We want to encourage you to join a friend or two for each Angel. This way more of us can participate and its easier on everyone’s pocketbook/collect :-)

Specific directions are on the Mission–Outreach Table. Unwrapped gifts are due back to church by December 5th. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Cooke

### [November Community Dinner](#)

We will be having our Community Dinner the last Friday of the month. Please see Pam Cooke if you will be able to help!



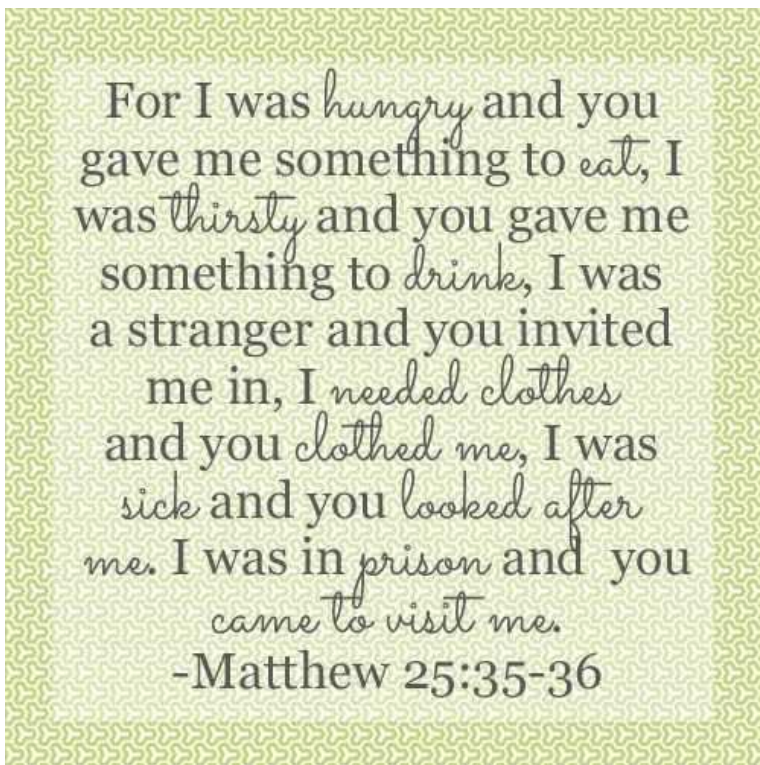
## **Thanks HBC Family**

Thanks to you we were able to donate 25 coats (men, women and children) to the Afghan Refugees! How awesome that we have helped several people to stay warm this winter.

Thanks to all who donated candy for Trunk or Treat. We had a great time. We had 13 cars and over 500 kids come through our parking lot. Everything was so well organized and everyone was so nice and friendly. It was a great night. We could not have done it without those who gave Candy and those who came out with their cars. Thanks for sharing the love of Jesus. You guys ROCK!

The Fruit Drive for the Hilton Plaza is coming along very well. You can still bring your fruit to the church by Thursday, November 18th or drop it at Pat Painters house on November 19th.

World Hunger Offering to Date \$340.00



### **Lock up/ Greeter**

11/14 Roger Cooke

11/21 Charles Vassar

### **Counter**

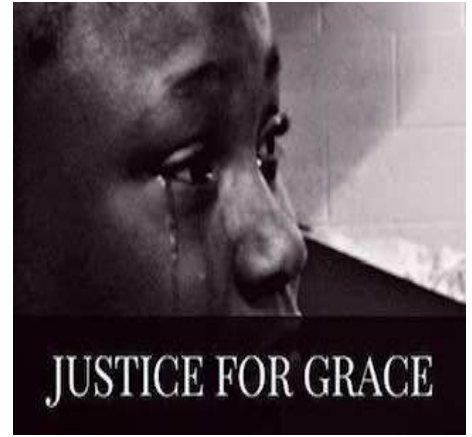
11/15 Myrna Powell

11/22 Joe Wircenske

Please note– If you see activity in the Parking lot on Friday night and Saturday afternoon, it will be the Girls Scouts. We allow Girl Scout Troup 1430 use a room in the church every other Wednesday Night for their troop meeting. They will be going on a camping trip this weekend and will be meeting in the church parking for drop off and pick up. God has blessed us to be able to help an area Girl Scout Troop...God is good!

## *The God Of Both Justice And Grace*

Justice is a term used for what is right or “as it should be.” Justice is one of God’s attributes and flows out of His holiness. Justice and righteousness are often used synonymously in the Bible. Since righteousness is the quality or character of being right or just, it is another attribute of God and incorporates both His justice and holiness.



We cannot begin to understand God’s justice unless we first understand sin. Sin is lawlessness and iniquity. It embodies everything contrary to God’s holy nature and is offensive to Him. Thus, sin is a crime against God and justice demands a penalty of death and separation from Him for it. But God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to earth to pay that penalty for us and made salvation available to all who believe in His name.

God’s own righteousness is provided as a gift to sinners who accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and is based upon His grace and mercy in response to our faith. His mercy and grace are not in spite of His justice, but because of it. He loved us so much that despite the fact that our sin demands our death, He sent His Son to be our substitute upon the cross, thus demonstrating that His justice was not violated, but instead satisfied ([1 Thessalonians 1:10](#); [5:9](#)).

Having been made in His image, we humans long for moral justice to prevail upon the earth and are outraged when we see injustice happening around us. Why do we seek justice for crimes? It’s in our DNA.

King David’s outrage when the poor man’s lamb was taken away by the rich man resonates within us ([2 Samuel 12:1-14](#)). That is why Nathan told the story to David in the first place because it revealed David’s own injustice in taking Uriah’s wife from him. David’s immediate repentant prayer was effective because by admitting his sin against God, he acknowledged the righteousness of God. The Lord told David through the prophet Nathan that even though his sin was forgiven, the child resulting from the adulterous affair would die, demonstrating the fact that his sin still had to be judged.

As for the future, the book of Revelation reveals the justice of God in all its glory during the end times. When the saints watch the destruction of the earth, their song will be of God’s righteous judgment upon the inhabitants for their ultimate sin of rejecting Him ([Revelation 11:16-18](#); [15:3-4](#); [16:7](#); [19:1-4](#)).

As [2 Peter 3:13](#) says, we are promised that someday, when Christ physically reigns on earth, God’s righteous justice will finally be on full display, and we will sing, “Glory to the Lamb!”



## ***Allow The Holy Spirit To Live Through You***

You can work, work, work at being more Christ-like every day. But you will fail. You cannot do it. God did not design you in that way, and nor can you develop that capacity.

It is the Holy Spirit's job to produce Christ-like character in you. In a mystical mirror image, He is the invisible and powerful transforming image of everything Christ is.

No one knows Jesus better than the Father and the Holy Spirit. The Father reserved His place to rule and reign the universe from Heaven. When Jesus completed His earthly ministry, He ascended back to the Father to sit in the throne room and to make intercession on our behalf for every prayer and supplication we make to God.

But as the Father was delighted to send the Holy Spirit to anoint Jesus for His earthly ministry, He now delights in sending Him upon us. He directs us according to Father's perfect plan and purposes. He empowers us to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. He delights when we allow His divinity to flow through and outshine our carnal fleshly natural man.

You and I cannot reproduce the character of Jesus on our own strength. Resolutions, willpower, and best intentions are not enough. Only the Holy Spirit has the power to make the changes God wants to make in our lives.

The Bible says, *"God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him"* (Philippians 2:13 NLT).

Mention *"the power of the Holy Spirit,"* and many people think of miraculous demonstrations and intense emotions. But, most of the time, the Holy Spirit's power is released in your life in quiet, unassuming ways that you aren't even aware of or feel. Remember the Holy Spirit is a divine person of the trinity. He more than merely an invisible power.

In other words, Christ-likeness is not produced by imitation but by inhabitation. We allow the Holy Spirit to live and produce the life of Christ through us.

How does this happen? Through the choices we make.

We surrender access to our lives and wills by choosing to follow Jesus in all situations and then trust God's Spirit to give us his power, love, faith, and wisdom to do it. Since God's Spirit lives inside of us, these things are always available for the asking.

Why not allow Him to live through your life more completely today?



## ***Five Marks of a Healthy Church***

A healthy church is a growing church. Not simply in numbers and attendance but also in the quality of an authentic encounter with the Holy Spirit.

But what does that really mean? And by what criteria can it be measured.

Certain basic standards of authentic church growth include the following goals:

- Churches grow warmer through fellowship.
- Churches grow deeper through discipleship.
- Churches grow stronger through worship.
- Churches grow broader through ministry.
- Churches grow larger through evangelism.

Church growth is the natural result of church health. But church health can only occur when our message is biblical and our mission is balanced. Each of the five New Testament purposes of the church must be in equilibrium with the others for health to occur.

Now this is important: Because we are imperfect beings, balance in a church does not occur naturally. In fact, we must continually correct imbalance! It's human nature to overemphasize the aspect or purpose of the church we feel most passionate about.

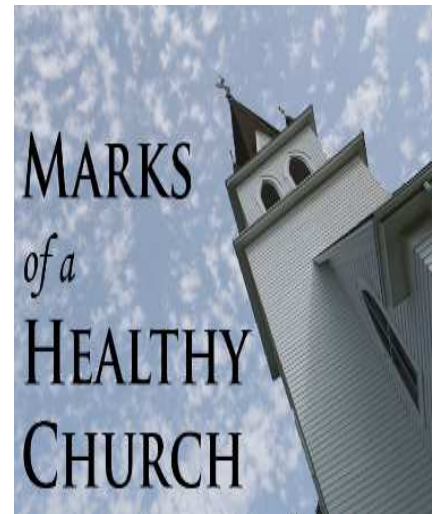
Most evangelical churches today already do the five purposes of the church – sort of.

But they don't do them all equally well. One church may be strong in fellowship, yet weak in evangelism. Another may be strong in worship, yet weak in discipleship. Still another may be strong in evangelism, yet weak in ministry.

Why is this? It's the natural tendency of leaders to emphasize what they feel strongly about. The challenge is to maintain a balance in vision along with things they might feel less passionate about. This requires a careful, honest consideration of scriptural direction over deeply entrenched man-made traditions.

We must be free and responsible to follow and be led to the call and direction of the Holy Spirit.

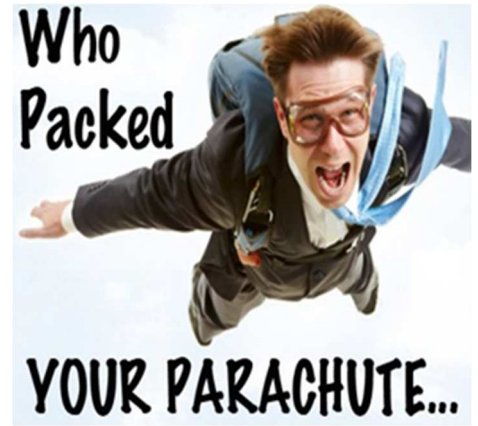
Healthy churches are built on purpose! By focusing equally on all five of the New Testament purposes of the church, HBC will develop the healthy balance that makes lasting growth possible.



## ***Have You Ever Wondered...***

*“This is why I write these things when I am absent, that when I come I may not have to be harsh in my use of authority--the authority the Lord gave me for building you up, not for tearing you down.” –*

**[2 Corinthians 13:10](#)**



Charles Plumb was a US Navy fighter pilot in Vietnam. On his 75th combat mission his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Charles ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and he now gives motivational talks of lessons learned from that experience!

One day, when Charles and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" asked Charles.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Charles assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Charles couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Charles says, "I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat; a bib in the back; and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning, how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor."

Charles thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Charles asks his audiences, "Who's packing your parachute?"

*“When God calls a man to be a prophet, an apostle, an evangelist, or a pastor, he is pleased to give that man gifts, ability and certain authority. This power is not for the destruction, oppression, nor discomfort of the flock, but for their edification, to promote their faith, holiness, comfort and eternal salvation.” – Henry T. Mahan*

Just think about your life today, and the lives of those around you. Are you packing the parachute, or does your life depend upon how well someone else does it? Each are equally important in the grander scheme of life!

## ***You Are Called To Belong, Not Just Believe – by Rick Warren***



*“God’s family is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.” (1 Timothy 3:15b GW)*

You are called to belong, not just believe.

Even in the perfect, sinless environment of Eden, God said, *“It is not good for the man to be alone”* (Genesis 2:18a NIV). We are created for community, fashioned for fellowship, and formed for a family, and none of us can fulfill God’s purposes by ourselves. The Bible knows nothing of solitary saints or spiritual hermits isolated from other believers and deprived of fellowship.

The Bible says we are put together, joined together, built together, members together, heirs together, fitted together, and held together and will be caught up together (1 Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 2:21-22, 3:6, 4:16; Colossians 2:19; 1 Thessalonians 4:17).

You’re not on your own anymore!

While your relationship to Christ is personal, God never intends it to be private. In God’s family you are connected to every other believer, and we will belong to each other for eternity. The Bible says, *“In Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others”* (Romans 12:5).

**Following Christ includes belonging, not just believing.** We are members of his Body — the Church. C. S. Lewis noted that the word “membership” is of Christian origin, but the world has emptied it of its original meaning. Stores offer discounts to “members,” and advertisers use member names to create mailing lists. In churches, membership is often reduced to simply adding your name to a roll, with no requirements or expectations.

To Paul, being a “member” of the church meant being a vital organ of a living body, an indispensable, interconnected part of the Body of Christ. We need to recover and practice the biblical meaning of membership. The church is a body, not a building; an organism, not an organization (Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 6:15, 12:12-27).

God’s purposes for his church are identical to his five purposes for you. *Worship* helps you focus on God; *fellowship* helps you face life’s problems; *discipleship* helps fortify your faith; *ministry* helps find your talents; power helps fulfill your *mission*.

There is nothing else on Earth like the church!



## ***Out in the Desert***

*“a voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’” – Mk 1:3 & Is 40:3*

The gospel of Mark begins with a prophecy from the Old Testament prophet Isaiah. Some 700+ years before Christ’s birth, the prophet Isaiah said that John the Baptist would be ordained to prepare the way for Christ’s coming. John’s job would be to challenge people to turn from their sinful ways and instead, look to God. He would bring the good news (the gospel) to the people of Jerusalem. That good news could be summed up as: “Here is your God” (Isaiah 40:9).

John the Baptist was to prepare a path out of the wilderness of a lost world and lead people to Jesus. Jesus commands all Christians to do the same. We are called to share the good news... to be a voice in the desert preparing the way to the Lord. Today’s desert may not be the same as the desert John the Baptist preached in, but any life filled with sin is a wasteland.

Who do you know that needs to know the way to the Lord? Who do you know that is struggling for a new direction, searching for meaning, for protection, for peace, and for truth? Can you remember how desperate things were for you before you knew the good news? ...when you were stuck in the desert?

You don’t need to know all the answers. Christ is the answer! You just have to make a path for them to Christ. Reach out, tell them how following Christ has changed your life. Cry out to them “Behold your God!”

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## ***When My Mind Wanders...***

Just some questions I have always wondered about...



Is there another word for synonym?

Where do forest rangers go to “get away”?

What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?

- Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
- If a turtle doesn’t have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
- Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
- If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
- Why do they put Braille on the drive-through bank machines?

How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?





## ***You Want To Be In God's Will... Is He In Yours?***

God Word commands us, *“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust does corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust does corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”* (Matt. 6:19-21).

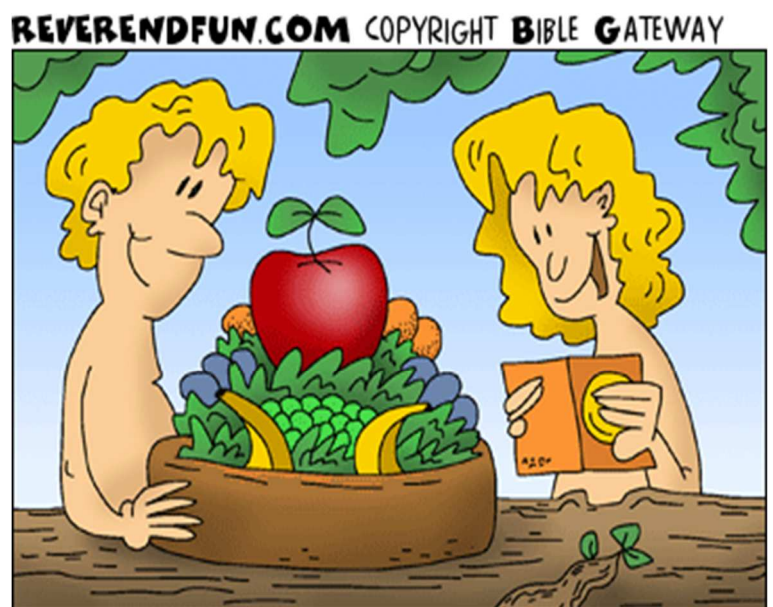
By planning ahead in writing your will and choosing to leave part of your estate to the ongoing work of God's Church, you can continue to fulfill God's purpose even after your death. Sometimes I like to ask, *“You want to be in God's will... Shouldn't He be in yours?”*

Your Last Will and Testament can stand as a final act of good stewardship. Oftentimes a designation of the tithe, or simply one-tenth of your estate will far exceed beyond many tithes and offerings given at their present value. When we specify a portion of our inheritance to God first, we honor not only Him but our family and friends as well.

God Himself has told us that everything belongs to Him: *“The earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein”* (Psa. 24:1). As good stewards, we must seek God's will in deciding what we do with His gifts. We know that God accomplishes His purpose through those who seek to do His will, and that He has *“has put in [our] hearts to fulfill His will”* even after we are gone! (Rev. 17:17).

***God is doing some exciting new and powerful things through the faithful people of God at HBC...***

***Please remember your commitments and giving and be part of the miracle!***



(See Genesis 3)

12-08-2014

**IT'S FROM THE SERPENT ... HOW NICE OF HIM TO THINK OF US**