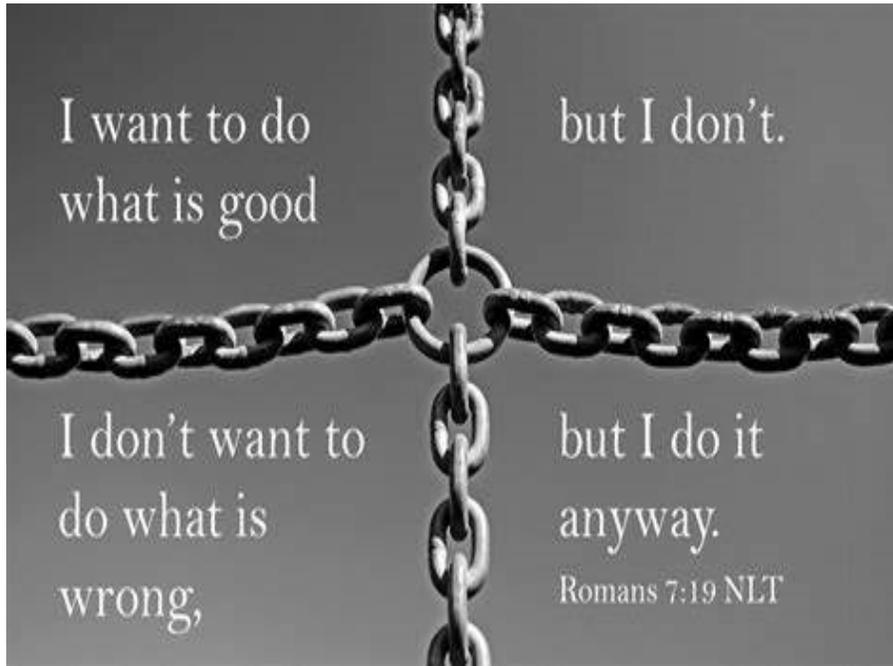


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***Join us live at HBC, 10:00 am for this exciting series...  
"Ever Wonder Why?" – Or tune into Facebook Live at  
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## ***Why Can't I Stop?***

People are struggling in isolation and loneliness with hidden sin they can't stop doing. Everything they try doesn't work, and they ask themselves, "Why can't I stop?" The spiral even further by convincing themselves they are the only ones struggling.

Let me assure you that we all struggle with sin, and we are not doing the things we should be doing. There is hope if we look in the right place.

*"For I do not understand what I am doing, because I do not practice what I want to do, but I do what I hate." Romans 7:15*

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The Apostle Paul can relate to everyone who feels this way. He was confused because he did the things he didn't want to do and didn't do the things he knew he should be doing. It is a struggle all of us go through.

Why is it so difficult to break old habits? Why can't we become the new person we want to be? There isn't one answer, but there are some reasons we need to understand. First, sin and temptation are real. They appeal to us every day and are often subtle in their approach. Don't discount these two powerful forces. We have to battle them with heavenly weapons.

Second, there is a battle of the flesh and the spirit going on inside of us daily. The flesh wants to fulfill every desire without consideration of the consequences. The Spirit seeks to glorify God and grow in our faith. Which one are you feeding?

Why can't I stop sinning? Bottom line is because we are sinful beings. We were born into sin and are only plucked out of a life of sin and eventual death by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.

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*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

January 25, 2022

1/23/2022

Budget \$1375.00

Designated Budget– Initial Offering \$5.00

Cash in Cash out– Rent COP \$900.00

Cash in Cash out– RR– Doors \$90.00

Total Deposit \$2370.00

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

## **Senior Activities from PBA**

\* The first Senior Adult Revival will take place at Memorial Baptist Church from January 30th –February 2nd, from 2:30pm– 4:00pm each day. Everyone is invited.

\* Senior Adult Choir rehearsal will be on Wednesday, February 2nd at Memorial Baptist Church at 1:45pm. They are also looking for two handbell ringers. If you have any questions contact Bob Crute 57-771-4044.

Memorial Baptist Church –317 Lee Street, Hampton, VA 23669

## **Calendar**

### **Tuesday, January 25th**

1pm–2pm Food Distribution

6:30pm Vision Team Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 26th**

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

### **Thursday, January 27th**

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

### **Friday, January 28th**

5:30-6:30 Community Dinner

### **Sunday, January 30th**

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

### **Tuesday, February 1st**

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

### **Wednesday, February 2nd**

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

### **Thursday, February 3rd**

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, February 6th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

**Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226**

**WMU Focus** The WMU Focus project for the month of January is Faith Recovery (Formerly Youth Challenge) We are collecting bathroom necessities, cleaning supplies, breakfast items and socks. These can be put in the Mission Outreach area.

**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.

**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!

**Pray for our Missionaries** Heddy Kim, Lisa Taylor (American People) BE, KH, DS (Central Asian People) JH, DM (East Asian People) Mick Stowell, Glenn Watson, Shannon Worthy (European People) LB (Global Strategic Advance) CP, SS (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) DH (South Asian People) Douglas Derbyshire, Kelli Johnson (Southeast Asian People) Rene Osorio— Santiago (CA) Elaine Newcomb (FL) Edwin Pino (GA) Ben Harris (ID) Stacey Burton (KY) Russell Irvin (NV) Michael Carter (OH) Linda Easter (TX)

**PORT Volunteers Needed— February 9-22, 2022** Help is still needed for PORT. We have two morning shifts and two evening shifts that need to be covered. Also we are looking for people who will be able to work in the clothes closet or showers. Just mark the days you are available to work and we will let you know when to come. We are accepting donations for the Clothes Closet. Coats, sweaters, jeans, sweat suits, new under clothing, thermals, gloves, and shoes. (Please no dress shoes or summer clothes)

**Community Dinner** Can you help with the Community Dinner on Friday, January 28th? We can use you. If you can help please contact Dreama or Pam. We want to have enough people to help serve, visit with our guests and help clean up. Come be a part of a great night of fellowship!

**Serve The City** There are many ways you can serve. Go to the website [STCpeninsula.com](http://STCpeninsula.com) to see how you can serve. You don't have to build anything, there are so many ways to serve. Check it out!

**Hope Boxes for Appalachia** Hope Boxes are filled by individuals to be given to the children in Appalachia (Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky and West Virginia) in the spring of the year. . All you do is fill shoe boxes and bring them to HBC by February 27th. . There is a list on the Mission Outreach Table of the things that you can put in the boxes. The boxes will be delivered to a church in central Virginia so no postage is necessary.

Call Sue Monfalcone if you have any questions. 757-599-4327



**Lock up/ Hall Monitor**

1/30 Don Moore  
2/6 Stan Langdon

**Counter**

2/1 Joe Wircenski  
2/7 Margaret Upole

**Kids Church Helper**

1/30 Youth  
2/6 Kathy Caskie

**Happy Birthday in January**

1/23 Barbara Michie  
1/23 Estelle Westfall  
1/30 Carolyn Schaubach



**Happy Birthday in February**

2/1 Betty Powell  
2/2 Tammy Ortery  
2/2 Sandy Vaughn  
2/4 Bob Spiers  
2/6 Ann Nickols  
2/10 Margaret Upole  
2/11 James Harvey  
2/14 Curtis Whiting  
2/17 Debbie Marfa  
2/26 Tom Venable  
2/26 Betty Young



Pray for PORT at HBC  
February 9th– 23rd.

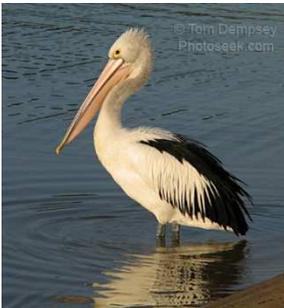
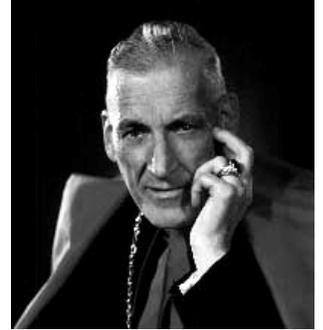
If you are able to serve,  
please contact Pam Cooke  
or the church office.

## *The Need for Courage in the Church*

A few years ago Richard Cardinal Cushing wrote about the church's need for courage.

He said:

“If all the sleeping folks will wake up,  
And all the lukewarm folks will fire up,  
And all the disgruntled folks will sweeten up, And all the discouraged folks will cheer up,  
And all the depressed folks will look up,  
And all the estranged folks will make up,  
And all the gossiping folks will shut up,  
And all the dry bones will shake up,  
And all the true soldiers will stand up,  
And all the church members will pray up,  
And if the Savior of all will be lifted up . . .  
Then we can have the greatest renewal this world has ever known!”



### *Pelicans Caught Unprepared*

I recently read an article about some pelicans in California. If you've ever seen pelicans in action, you know they're great fishermen, or fisher-birds, I guess. These pelicans were hanging out near a fleet of fishing boats. The fishermen on the boats would pull into the little harbor, and clean the fish right on the spot, throwing the heads and the rest into the water. The pelicans picked up on this, and began eating the leftovers without having to go out fishing. And if you're a pelican, that's good eating. So for weeks, they just sat by the harbor and waited for the fishing boats to come in.

After a while, the fishermen found out they could sell the fish waste, and so they stopped chucking it into the water. The pelicans were caught unprepared. They continued to sit and wait for the fishing boats to come in and throw free food in the water. And they grew thinner and thinner and seemed able to do nothing about their situation.

Wildlife officials came to check out what was going on, and concluded that the pelicans had forgotten how to fish. So what they did was to bring pelicans in from another area to join the flock and teach the starving birds how to fish again.

May we as individuals, and as the church, always remain prepared!



## *Like A Hypocrite*

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

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

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

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

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

## *"New Confessional" Last Laugh...*

Patrick, a Catholic, goes into the confessional box after a long lapse from going to church. Inside he finds a fully equipped bar, Guinness on tap and a row of decanters with fine Irish whiskey. On the wall is a dazzling array of cigars.



Then the priest comes in.

"Father, forgive me, for it's been a long time since I've been to confession, but I must admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be.

The priest replies: "Get out, you moron, you're on my side".



## *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](#)).

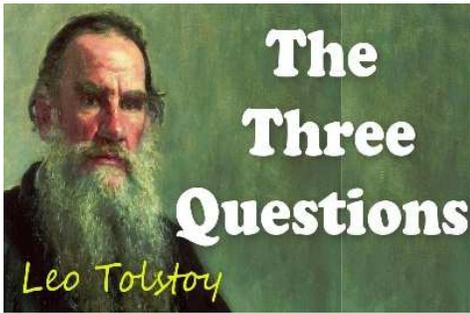
Having been made in His image, we humans long for moral justice to prevail upon the earth and are outraged when we see injustice happening around us. Why do we seek justice for crimes? It’s in our DNA.

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](#)).

And, 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!”



## ***The Three Questions***

Recently I re-read a short story by Leo Tolstoy called *The Three Questions*. It's a story about a king who wanted to find the secret to better leading his country. He searched the kingdom looking for the answers to these three questions:

1. When is the most important time?
2. Who are the most important people?
3. What is the most important thing to do?

(Spoiler alert--the king discovered the answers!)

And they are:

1. It is this very moment.
2. It is the person you are with.
3. Do good for the person you are with.

I love that because it inspires and instructs me that the most important time is now, the most important people are those that are with me now, and the most important thing I can do is to do good for them.

During this Coronavirus time, my prayer is that you might realize how much God loves spending time with you, that you know you are important to Him, and trust that He is doing good for you. I'm also praying that you would treat the people you come across in the same way, be fully present with them because they are important to you, and do them good.

*"For I know the plans I have for you"—this is the Lord's declaration— "plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11*

## ***The Last Laugh!***

One night a lady came home from her weekly prayer meeting, found she was being robbed, and she shouted out, "Acts 2:38: 'Repent & be baptized & your sins will be forgiven.'"

The robber quickly gave up & the lady rang the police.

While handcuffing the criminal, a policeman said, "Gee mate, you gave up pretty easily. How come you gave up so quickly?"

The robber said, "She said she had an axe and two 38's!"



## *Faith Over Fear!*

*Jesus was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid?*

*Have you still no faith?” Mark 4:35-41*



This story holds a profound lesson challenging our response to fear. It is important to recognize that the fear in this story was real and justified. This is not a story about irrational anxiety. Notice the language in the text describing “a great windstorm,” “the waves beat[ing] the boat” and “that the boat was already being swamped.” This was real. The disciples were lifelong fishermen who knew the sea and could recognize genuine danger, and they were convinced they’d die.

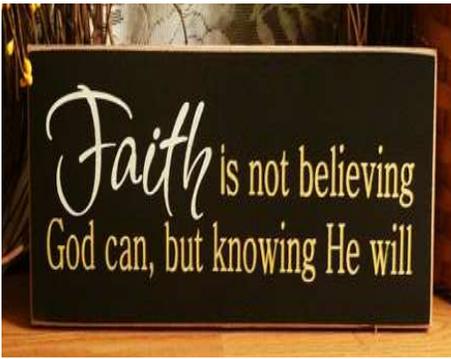
This makes the contrast with Jesus all the more remarkable. Look at how Jesus acted: “He was in the stern, asleep on a cushion.” Mark paints a picture of serenity, but one surrounded by chaos. I wonder how the disciples viewed Jesus at this moment. He was one of the few in the boat who was not a trained fisherman. Perhaps they viewed his nonchalant attitude as a symptom of ignorance rather than an enduring sign of faith. They faced real danger, one they expertly understood, while their teacher seemed oblivious and out of touch.

It was at that moment Jesus awoke. I like to picture Him slowly sitting up, maybe stretching for a moment and then stepping out to command the waves to “be still!” Instantly, the wind died and seas calmed. Then to his disciples, He asked the question we must answer, “Why are you afraid?”

Fear can be a symptom of a lack of faith. It is human to imagine a worst-case scenario occurring in the future—whether a pandemic, economic collapse or something else entirely. But, do we remember that God will be with us in that future? Do we see only waves or is our attention fixed on Jesus who still rests in the boat? Fear is a form of thinking in which when we imagine a future in which God will not be present. Even in a “worst-case scenario,” Jesus has a funny habit of showing up and transforming into something else entirely.

No matter what occurs in this life, Jesus—the very Word of God—is still with us. He still has authority over the storm, and He has conquered death itself. We may go through trials, but we live in hope.

Like the disciples, we follow Jesus during everyday life, but what happens when a storm appears out of nowhere and threatens to swamp us? How do we view Jesus? As a man who doesn’t understand the danger of the situation? Or as a God who reigns over all the earth? Our perspective changes everything.



## ***Knowing God's Faithfulness***

I can remember, since I was the smallest little boy, singing the hymn, “Great is Thy Faithfulness.” It was one of the first hymns I learned. It seems like I’ve always known the idea of God’s faithfulness. It was a basic fact of faith I accepted.

But it’s one thing to have the information; it’s another thing to have the experience. And now as I proclaim God’s faithfulness, it’s not just about understanding the concept; it’s also about having specific situations come to mind. There are trials I’ve been through, blessings I’ve experienced, places I’ve been where man, if God didn’t come through it wasn’t going anywhere good! I’ve *seen* God be faithful! I know that I know that I know that God is faithful.

I have known for many years that God is faithful, but it’s only been more recently in my own life that I’ve also come to better understand how deeply God loves *me*! Know that God loves me? I mean, that’s for kids, right? Like the little song, “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.”

I realize that when you hear the pastor say, “God loves you,” many of you might think to yourself, “Well yeah, God loves me. I mean God loves everybody, and I’m part of everybody, and so here I am in this big room and...”

Listen, God doesn’t love you like a football stadium full of people! He knows where you’re sitting and He never forgets your name. God knows you better than you know yourself and He loves *you*! That’s the love you need to know.



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