

The HBC Weekly Forecast
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***“GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME...
ALL THE TIME GOD IS GOOD!”***

Have you ever doubted the truth that God is good all the time?
Have you ever secretly ever doubted the goodness of God?

I know as a Christian, we're not supposed to ever doubt. We should always have faith in the goodness of God, but I wonder if any of you, like me, have ever doubted in a moment when you're experiencing something that didn't seem fair, that didn't seem right, and you thought, "God this doesn't really feel good right now."

It might have been when you lost a job, or maybe when your parents divorced. It could have been when a spouse betrayed you and left or maybe when a loved one died. It might have been when you asked the question, "Why, God, won't you take away this sickness?" "Why am I still battling with depression?"
"God, why won't you take this temptation away from me?"

In our new, exciting series, ***“Ever Wonder Why?”***
we are going to tackle some of the toughest questions that challenge our faith. You won't want to miss a Sunday!

***Join us live at HBC, 10:00 am for this exciting new series...
“Ever Wonder Why?” – Or tune into Facebook Live at
10:00 am and encourage others to join in with you!***



When We Ask God Questions...

As we begin our exciting new message series, “Ever Wonder Why?” we need to admit up front that this can sometimes be an uncomfortable question with respect to our relation with God our Father.

At issue is not whether we should question God, but in what manner—and for what reason—we question Him. To question God is not in itself wrong. The prophet Habakkuk had questions for God concerning the timing and agency of the Lord’s plan. Habakkuk, rather than being rebuked for his questions, is patiently answered, and the prophet ends his book with a song of praise to the Lord.

Many questions are put to God in the Psalms (Psalms 10, 44, 74, 77). These are the cries of the persecuted who are desperate for God’s intervention and salvation. Although God does not always answer our questions in the way we want, we conclude from these passages that a sincere question from an earnest heart is welcomed by God.

Insincere questions, or questions from a hypocritical heart, are a different matter. *“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Hebrews 11:6).*

After King Saul had disobeyed God, his questions went unanswered (1 Samuel 28:6). It is entirely different to wonder why God allowed a certain event than it is to directly question God’s goodness. Having doubts is different from questioning God’s sovereignty and attacking His character.

In short, an honest question is not a sin, but a bitter, untrusting, or rebellious heart is. God is not intimidated by questions. God invites us to enjoy close fellowship with Him. When we *“question God,”* it should be from a humble spirit and open mind.

Think of all the times that heroes of our faith questioned God. Even Jesus, the son of God (quoting the prophetic words of the Psalmist David in Psalm 22) cried out in anguish the ultimate question... *“My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me?”*

Yes, I believe sincere hearts can always question God from time to time. We can question God, but we should not expect an answer unless we are genuinely interested in His answer. God knows our hearts and knows whether we are genuinely seeking Him to enlighten us. Our heart attitude is what determines whether it is right or wrong to question God.

God is big enough and good enough to answer your questions when you ask in faith and believe that He hears and will answer!

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

January 4, 2022

12/26/21

Budget \$12,404.00

Budget Designated in Memory of Tommy and Nadine Batkins \$600.00

Budget Designated in Memory of Carolyn Miller \$100.00

Lottie Moon \$670.00

Cash in Cashout Sonshine Kids \$2000.00

Cash in Cashout Sonshine Kids in Memory of Carolyn Miller \$50.00

Cash in Cashout Sonshine Kids in Memory of Emma Fischer \$50.00

Cash in Cashout COP Rent \$900.00

Food Pantry In Memory of Emma Fischer \$50.00

Total Deposit \$16,824.00

12/30/2021

Budget \$5100.00

Cash In Cashout Journey Rent

Food Pantry \$20.00

Cash in Cash out to Money Market—

Thelma Carter Estate \$10,000.00

Total Deposit \$ 15,555.00

12/31/2021

Budget \$2000.00

Cash in Cashout Sonshine Kids \$500.00

Food Pantry \$2000.00

Total Deposit \$4500.00

1/2/2022

Budget \$3921.00

Budget Designated Initial Offering \$5.00

Lottie Moon \$700.00

Cash in Cashout Sonshine Kids \$25.00

Food Closet In Memory of Carolyn Miller \$25.00

Food Pantry \$125.00

Total Deposit \$4801.00

Contribution Statements will be mailed out this week. If you have any questions, please contact Dreama in the office. Thank you for your continued support of the ministries at HBC.

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

Loren Dickey (American People) SF (Central Asian People) Elizabeth Welsch, KY (East Asian People) AH, RS, BW (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) JP (Sub-Saharan African People) Brian Jones (CA) Iman Bolden (FL) Michael Barnett (MA) Josh Williford (NY) Jean Sophony Charles, Emmanuel Mukendi (Ontario) Martin Bascom (VT)

Sedgefield Elementary School Outreach

A special thanks to all that gave goodies and wrote cards of encouragement for Sedgefield Elementary Teachers for their back to school encouragement basket.

You made their day!

PORT Volunteers Needed— February 9-22, 2022

The sign up sheet to help will be near the Mission Outreach Table. This is an important ministry to the homeless of our area. We are having guests for two weeks this year. We could use your help! Please sign up to help where you can. If any questions, Contact Pam Cooke

Serve The City

There are many ways you can serve. Go to the website 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!

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes 100% to International Missions. We have collected \$3640.00 for this worthy cause. Thank you to all who have given so that others may know and learn about Jesus.

Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!

Calendar

Tuesday, January 4th

1:00pm-2:00pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, January 5th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, January 6th

1:00pm-2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, January 9th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

Tuesday, January 11th

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

6:30pm Vision Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 12th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, January 13th

1:00pm– 2:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, January 16th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

Happy Birthday in January

1/8 Zachary Lowman

1/8 Lynn Petty Prillaman

1/9 Debbie Greene

1/9 Matthew Jordan

1/10 Mia Kuhlne

1/10 Heather Michie Collins

1/13 Cathy Childs

1/13 Dreama Johnson

1/18 Debbie Riesbeck

1/23 Barbara Michie

1/23 Estelle Westfall

1/30 Carolyn Schaubach



Lock up/ Hall Monitor

1/9 Roger Cooke

1/16 Charles Vassar

Counter

1/10 Kathy Caskie

1/17 Sue Monfalcone

Kids Church Helper

1/9 Youth

1/16 Tracy Venable

Jesus Never Said... "You Won't Have Bad Days!"

Let's face it... We all have bad days! One of the most difficult challenges of the Christian life is the fact that becoming Christ followers does not make us immune to life's trials and tribulations. Why would a good and loving God allow us to go through such things as the death of a child, disease and injury to ourselves and our loved ones, financial hardships, worry and fear? Surely, if He loved us, He would take all these things away from us. After all, doesn't loving us mean He wants our lives to be easy and comfortable?



Well, no, it doesn't. The Bible clearly teaches that God loves those who are His children, and He *"works all things together for good"* for us (Romans 8:28). So that must mean that the trials and tribulations He allows in our lives are part of the working together of all things for good. Therefore, for the believer, all trials and tribulations ultimately have a divine purpose.

As in all things, God's ultimate purpose for us is to grow more and more into the image of His Son (Romans 8:29). This is the goal of the Christian, and everything in life, including the trials and tribulations, is designed to enable us to reach that goal. This is explained in 1 Peter 1:6-7: *"In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which perishes, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."*

Trials develop godly character, and that enables us to *"rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us..."* (Romans 5:3-4).

However, we must be careful never to make excuses for our "trials and tribulations" if they are a result of our own wrongdoing. God forgives our sins because the eternal punishment for them has been paid by Christ's sacrifice on the cross. However, we still suffer the natural consequences in this life for our sins and bad choices. But God uses even those sufferings to mold and shape us for His purposes and our ultimate good.

Trials and tribulations come with both a purpose and a reward.

"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. . . . Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him"
(James 1:2-4,12).



Peace

There once was a King who offered a prize to the artist who would create a painting that best demonstrated peace. Many artists tried. The King looked at all the paintings, but there were only two he really liked and he had to choose between them.

One painting was of a beautiful and calm lake scene. The lake was a mirror reflecting the towering snowcapped mountains all around it. Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy white clouds. Most who saw this painting thought that it was the perfect picture of peace. The other painting had mountains too. But these were rugged and bare. Above was an angry sky from which rain fell, and lightning danced. Down the side of one mountain tumbled a turbulent waterfall.

When the King looked, he saw that behind the waterfall grew a tiny bush from a crack in the rock. Within the bush a bird had built a nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water, sat the mother bird in her nest. The King chose this picture as the one best demonstrating peace.

People grumbled at the King's choice. The king responded to the people saying that he chose the second picture because peace did not mean being in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. The King explained that true peace meant to be in the midst of all those things and yet still be calm in heart.

We live in a fast-paced world full of turmoil. Perhaps even now you are experiencing significant challenges that threaten to knock your world off balance and threaten to rob you of peace. Still, as the story points out, the absence of turmoil isn't the real meaning of peace. It can also be finding a safe and secure place in the midst of an onslaught.

Like the King in the story, Jesus, knows the meaning of peace. He hasn't chosen to take us out of this world, or remove all sources of trouble, but rather to protect us and offer us the peace that only He can give!

One Last Laugh

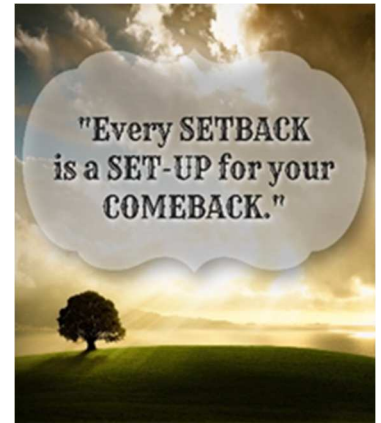
Seven-year-old Kathy usually went to children's church on Sunday mornings, but one Sunday she went with her parents to the regular adult service.

When Communion was served, she turned to her mother and whispered loudly, "The snack in children's church is much better. And we get a lot more juice."



“It’s Time For Your Comeback!”

And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. —Genesis 15:13-15



Do you believe that God’s word can change the atmosphere of your life? It can. It will. I believe this passage speaks to us in a significant way. I want to talk about God planning your comeback. In scripture, God gave Abraham two promises:

Promise #1 – That he would die at a ripe old age. Question: Do you ever worry about dying? Do you believe your life is fully in the hands of God?

God came to Abraham and He basically said, “Abraham, I don’t want you to worry about dying. You will go to the grave at a good old age.” I believe this means we ought to just expect and claim that we’ll have good memories and we’ll have healthy, strong bodies. I know we get older and everything changes, for sure. But I’m claiming today the good old age. I’ll always have provision. I’ll always be taken care of, because man is not my source. Isn’t that good news? That’s good news. Be free from the fear of what’s coming. Good is what’s coming.

Promise #2 - That his wayward children would comeback. Questions: Do you have children you worry about or who are not walking with God today? Can you have faith for a “comeback” for your child?

God warned Abraham about this, but in the covenant that He made with him, He told him that his children would come back again to where He called them to be. There will be a comeback.

This truth is for your children, but it is also for you. No matter how pessimistic, no matter how negative it looks today, you’re going to come back. It’s a season of comeback. If you’ve been through something, maybe a financial setback or some kind of terrible thing has hit you in your health or something’s happened to your family, it’s time for a comeback!

It’s not time to quit. It’s no time to give up. It’s not time to moan and groan. We may be down, but we’re not out, because we serve a comeback God. Sometimes in life, stuff just happens. You may feel like you’ve been through hell, you messed up, and you did something you shouldn’t have done. It’s time for a comeback. The Bible said there is a river whose streams shall make glad again. That’s the river of the Holy Spirit, and if you can get a scent of that river, God can orchestrate your comeback!



Active In Sharing Your Faith!

“I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.”
Philemon 4-6

What a beautiful opening prayer we discover Paul writing to his beloved friend from his restrictive prison cell, and what wise instructions he gave - wisdom we all need to heed. Paul was praying that his dear friend Philemon would be an effective witness as he shared his faith with others.

He further prayed that he would come to a deeper knowledge and understanding of the incredible riches of God's unfathomable grace that are discovered in Jesus Christ alone.

It was the Lord Jesus Himself that demonstrated to us about how to live and walk in spirit and in truth, by the leading of the Spirit of God. Jesus lived a perfect life by looking to the Father day by day, and learning obedience through the things He suffered.

It was Paul who revealed the mystery that was hidden from the ages and from the generations but has now made known to his sanctified people of God. It was a mystery kept hidden from past ages and generations but has been unveiled to us - in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We will never understand the full extent of the incredible riches of God's unfathomable grace that are discovered in Jesus Christ our Lord, but the more we know Him the more effective will be our Christian ministry and witness.

We need to pray for one another, just as Paul prayed in the book of Philemon, that the fellowship of OUR faith may become increasingly effecting as together we all grow in grace and in a knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let us never forget that all we are and all we have is ours by Christ alone. The more we come to know JESUS and the blessings that flow to us from HIM, the more we will desire to share these blessings with others, until we can pray: I must decrease so that He may increase.

Let us pray for our fellow believers that at the fellowship of our faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in us, for Christ's sake.



“Ever Wonder Why?” ***Exciting New Message Series!***

Be honest. Haven't you ever wondered things about God that you were almost afraid to discuss or ask Him about? Questions like “Why does God allow evil to exist in the world?” Or, perhaps, “Why do bad things happen to good people?”

If you have ever asked these questions, you are definitely not alone. Heroes of our faith like Moses, Abraham and even Jesus himself asked questions of God when they were hurting or they failed to understand God's plan or purposes.

“Ever Wonder Why?” – Our new message series enters its 2nd week! Plan to be here and invite your family and friends!

Facing the Unknown

“Having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia ... they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them.” – Acts 16:6-7



Paul had a clear mission: to spread the Gospel, follow God's call, and deliver His messages. Throughout his journeys, he developed confidence that God was guiding him – until he approached Troas (in modern-day Turkey). Suddenly, God blocked every move. As a result, Paul didn't know what to do or where to go. He faced a future filled with unknowns.

He could have given in to frustration and doubt. But, just in time, God spoke to him in a vision and told him to go to Macedonia. This was a new direction but clearly God's will. Looking back, Paul could see why He had blocked his path. God wanted him to do something different than he had planned. God may block our path for reasons we don't understand at times. We may not have His peace. Doors may close in ways we didn't expect. We simply may not know exactly where to go.

When this happens, we need to remember Paul's example. Start by being faithful to what God has revealed. Obey His Word and the direction we have received. Always be sensitive to His Spirit. Pray and seek Him until we have His peace and He confirms His direction.

Remember, God is with you right now. Commit your way to Him. Be confident that He will guide you. Have faith that He will supply your needs and direct your steps!

Learn to Wait

“My times are in Your hand...” – Psalm 31:15

As you walk with God, you’ll find you spend more time waiting than you do anything else. And when you receive what you’re waiting for, then you’ll begin waiting for something else! So if you don’t learn to wait with joy, you’ll live in frustration.



Paul writes, “Let us not grow weary while doing good: for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart.” (Galatians 6:9 NKJV) “Due season” is when God knows the time is right, not when you think it is. God has a set time for accomplishing things in your life, so you might as well settle down and wait, because that’s when it will happen, and not before. God knows what you need, when you need it, and how to get it to you.

You ask, “And what am I supposed to do while I’m waiting?” Trust Him! One Bible teacher writes, “God has taught me to keep living the life I now have while I’m waiting for the things that are in my heart to come to pass. We become so intent on trying to give birth to the next thing that we neither enjoy nor take care of the things at hand. I had a vision from God ten years before I began to see it fulfilled. During those years I believe I missed a lot of joy by trying to give birth outside of God’s timing. Learn to enjoy where you are, while you are waiting to get to where you want to be.”

The Last Impression...



A man bought a donkey from a preacher. The preacher told the man that this donkey had been trained in a very unique way, (being the donkey of a preacher). The only way to make the donkey go, is to say, “Hallelujah!” The only way to make the donkey stop, is to say, “Amen!”

The man was pleased with his purchase and immediately got on the animal to try out the preacher’s instructions. “Hallelujah!” shouted the man. The donkey began to trot. “Amen!” shouted the man. The donkey stopped immediately. “This is great,” said the man. With a “Hallelujah” he rode off, very proud of his new purchase. The man travelled for a long time through some mountains. Soon he was heading towards a cliff. He could not remember the word to make the donkey stop. “Stop,” said the man. “Halt!” he cried. The donkey just kept going. “Oh, no... Bible!... Church!... Please Stop!!” shouted the man. The donkey just began to trot faster. He was getting closer and closer to the cliff edge. Finally, in desperation, the man said a prayer... “Please, dear Lord. Please make this donkey stop before I go off the end of this mountain, In Jesus name, AMEN”. The donkey came to an abrupt stop just one step from the edge of the cliff.

“HALLELUJAH!” shouted the man.



***Start Off The New Year Of 2022 Right...
With A Special Gift Of Faith!***

As we are beginning a bright and hopeful New Year, we want to plant our seed early on for the blessings we hope to receive during the next 12 months. To accomplish this, let us consider sowing a special seed in our giving at the very outset of the year in an expression of our faith in His faithfulness.

As this year lies before us, we are positioned as never before to blaze a fresh, new direction in both our worship and our facilities. The vision that our Pastor and Vision Team have mapped out is a bold one and will be unfolded over the next few months.

Let us pray now and together for the wind of the Holy Spirit to stir up the flame inside each one of us for the faith we will need to accomplish the task set before us. Through His grace and through His goodness, We truly believe that HBC's best days are yet to come. Join your faith with ours to believe God for the same!

**“Give Your Best To God And
Expect His Best Back To You!”**

**God preserved us through 2021...
Let's expect miracles in 2022!**

***In 2022 Remember You Tithes
and Offerings and
Commitments...***

***And Share In The Blessing
That Is To Come!***

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