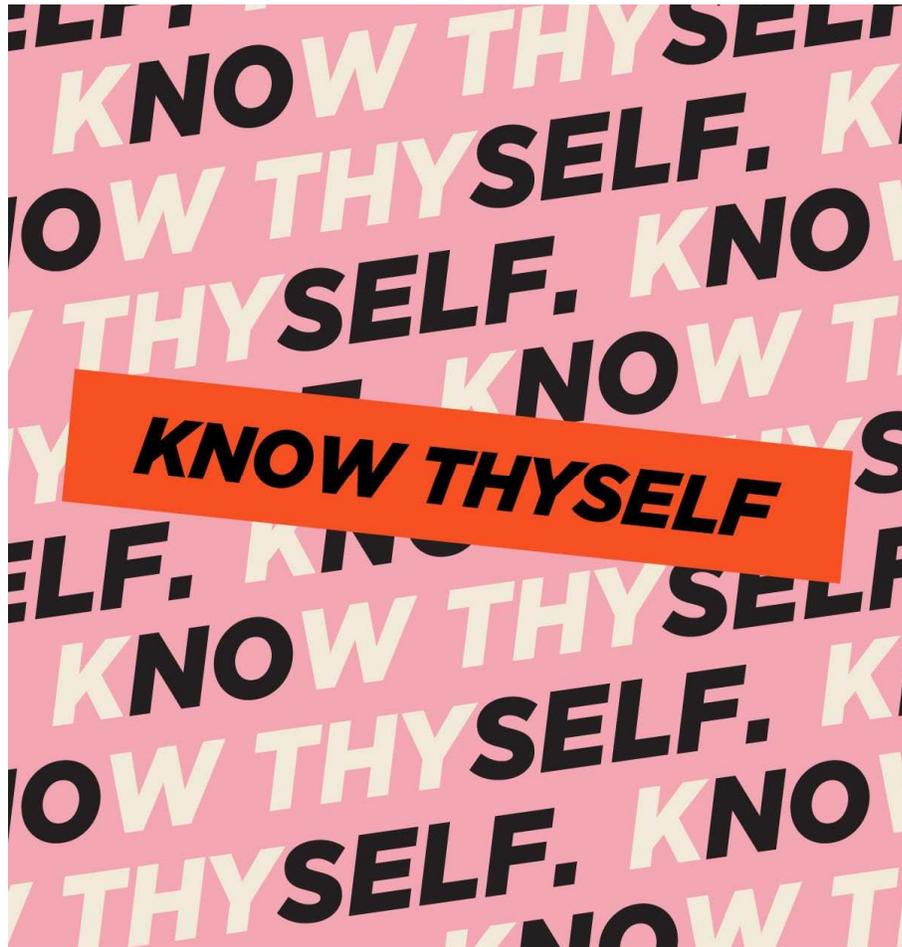


The HBC Weekly Forecast
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Have you ever asked the question, “Who am I?”

Some of the biggest questions in life are rooted in identity. Some people discover the answers easily and live out their purpose and plan, others find themselves on a difficult journey of self-discovery.

Who we are has been clearly defined by the God who created us. In this exciting new sermon series, Pastor Lynwood takes us on a journey of self-awareness that can help us experience more of the abundant life.

We discover that our identity isn’t something that needs to remain a question, because when we turn to God and the Bible we find a clear and compelling way through the Holy Spirit to “know thyself!”

Join us live at HBC 10:00 am this Sunday for wonderful and safe worship – Or tune into Facebook Live and join in with our virtual worship experience – Either way - Invite a friend!



Knowing God Helps You Know Yourself

“By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter” Hebrews 11:24

It’s true that when you don’t know who you are, you live for other people’s approval. But God offers you so much more. He wants you to live in the true identity that he’s given you.

The Bible tells a famous story of someone who chose to live in his God-given identity—the story of Moses. Moses was the greatest leader in the entire Old Testament. He led the Jews to freedom after 400 years of slavery in Egypt. He received the Ten Commandments from God. He’s credited with writing the first five books of the Bible.

But Moses started life as a slave. As an infant, he was placed in a river basket as his mother tried to save him from genocide. He was found by Pharaoh’s daughter and raised as a prince.

So what happened to Moses during those in-between years? How did he transform from slave into prince? How did he become willing to leave it all behind to lead God’s people? Well, in short, he grew up. He grew up physically, but he also grew up spiritually.

As he was growing up, Moses asked all the questions that everyone asks: Who am I? Where did I come from? What is my life all about? Eventually, he settled on the answer. He “refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter.” He grew up and refused to keep living a lie. He knew his identity and chose to live like God created him to be. That showed spiritual maturity.

So how can you know your God-given identity? By getting to know God better. I believe that the closer you get to God, the better you’re going to understand yourself. That’s because God is your Creator. The more you understand your Creator, the more you understand yourself because you are his creation.

Like Moses, you face a choice: Will you pretend to be someone you’re not for the rest of your life? Or will you choose to live as the person God created you to be?

If you choose to live as God made you, some people may not approve of you. But that won’t really matter. You’ll know who you are and where you’re going. And you’ll have the approval of God.

How can you beat that?

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

February 22, 2022

Budget \$2360.00

Budget Designated– Office Supplies \$25.00

Annie Armstrong \$50.00 In Memory of Kathy Moore

Cash in Cash Out– COP Rent \$900.00

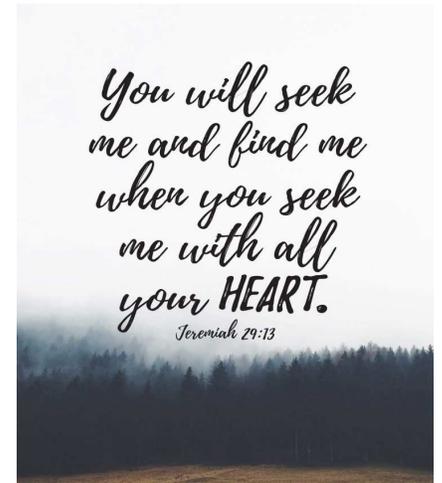
Cash in Cash Out– Sonshine Kids \$50.00

Food Pantry \$50.00

PORT \$10.00

Pure Water Pure Love \$100.00 In Memory of Carl Parker

Total Deposit \$3545.00



A great big thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came out during the last two weeks to help with our Ministry to the Homeless.

Everything was a great success. Thanks especially to Pam Cooke who puts in many, many hours to make things run smoothly.

We could not do it without the church family.....thank you for all that you have done to make these last two weeks a great success!

Lock up/ Hall Monitor

2/27 Joe Wircenski 3/6 Stan Langdon

Counter

2/28 Myrna Powell 3/7 Joe Wircenski

Kids Church Helper

2/27 Youth 3/6 Kathy Caskie

Happy Birthday in February

2/17 Debbie Marfa

2/26 Tom Venable

2/26 Betty Young

Happy Birthday In March

3/1 Priscilla Jones

3/2 Bob Caffacus

3/3 Donald Beard

3/8 Christine Douglas

3/11 Betty Howell

3/17 Christy Kuhlne

3/18 Judy France

3/24 Brian Fries

3/31 Kirk Crippen

Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226

WMU Focus

The WMU Focus project for the month of March is the Sunshine Kids.

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

EA, MV (Central Asian People) Sarah Chavez, Bob Gellerstedt (East Asian People) Wendy Meador, Sonia Pettersson Dzubuk (European People) AE (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) LV (South Asian People) CF (Southeast Asian People) June Gordy (Sub-Saharan African People) Bryan DeOliviera (Alberta) Yen Dahl (CA) Welton Bonner (DC) Uriel Agudelo, David Medina, Barbara Stark (FL) John Scoggins (MA) Alexander Rivera (NY) Lal Thang (UT) Haggai Habila (WA) Aaron Bell (WY)

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!

Hope Boxes for Appalachia

Boxes are due February 27th

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. These boxes are similar to the Samaritan Purse boxes which are collected at Christmas except all of these remain in the four states mentioned above. 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. Contact Sue Monfalcone for more information.

Community Dinner

Friday, February 25th 5:30-6:30pm We need help to serve, visit with our guests and clean up. If you can help please let Pam Cooke know or call the church office. It is one of the ways that we share the love of Jesus with our community.

Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!

Calendar

Monday, February 21st

PORT

Tuesday, February 22nd

1pm–2pm Food Distribution

PORT

Wednesday, February 23rd

10:00 PORT Clean up

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, February 24th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Friday, February 25th

530-6;30pm Community Dinner

Sunday, February 27th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Appalachia Shoeboxes are due

Food Collection Sunday

Tuesday, March 1st

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, March 2nd

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, March 3rd

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, March 6th

10:00 Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Home Missions Week of Prayer

Sonshine Kids Easter Egg Hunt and Party

Saturday, April 9th 11am– 2pm

Its not to early to think about Easter. If you want to help, please let me know as soon as possible.

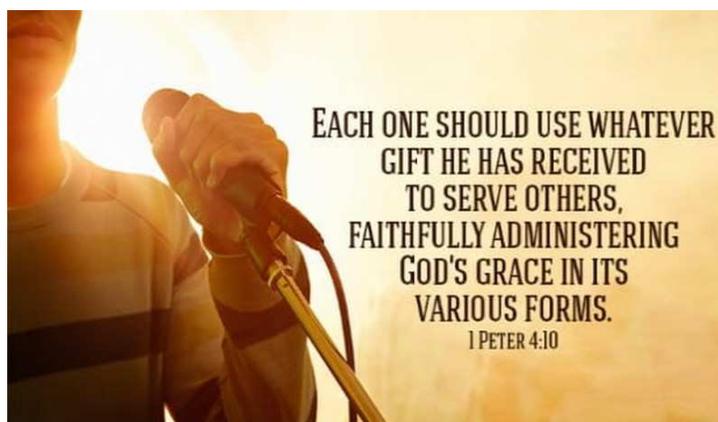
Here is what we need

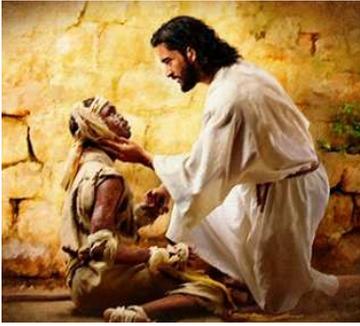
- ♦ Individually wrapped candy that will fit in plastic eggs (yes it can be chocolate) Needed by March 27, we will be having a egg stuffing party on Thursday, March 31st at 6pm.
- ♦ People to help head up a table, egg hidiers, kitchen workers, clean up and set up the sanctuary after the event, registration and greeters. If you can only help a hour, we have a place for you!
- ♦ People to spread the word about the Egg Hunt and Party

Please let me know if you want to help. There will be a meeting after morning worship March 27th for all workers. Please let me know as soon as possible so that way I know how to prepare.

HBC Kids and Journey Kids are together every Sunday. We have a great time. We are one body of kids ! Not two! Journey will be helping us with this outreach as well. God has been so good to us ! Please pray for the Kids Ministry.

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Be Made Whole!

“As He entered a village there, ten lepers stood at a distance, crying out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” He looked at them and said, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy.”

Luke 17:12-14

In Jesus' day, leprosy was a disease that led to isolation, loneliness, and severe pain. Due to its title of being an 'unclean' disease, those who had it, could not associate with anyone else. This is why the lepers could only stand at a distance and shout out to Jesus for their healing.

However, as soon as they saw Jesus, they acknowledged straight away that He was no ordinary man, hence why they called Him Master. They knew that Jesus could heal them. They knew He had the power as they cried out to Him for mercy.

So Jesus in His mercy, healed all ten of them. Yet interestingly Jesus' healing required a step of obedience and faith from the lepers too. They were required to cooperate with the healing that God had sent and was already underway in their lives.

The Old Testament law required that after you were healed from leprosy you had to present yourselves to the Pharisees, so you can be given the all clear to interact with society again. It was only the Pharisees that could say you are completely healed. They had the final word on whether a healing miracle had truly taken place.

So in asking them to go to the Pharisees, it was like Jesus had already healed them. It needed a huge step of faith though. They knew they could not associate with 'clean' people, especially those who thought they were the cleanest of all, the Pharisees.

Yet, the lepers had nothing to lose. They had to trust Jesus and follow in obedience His command. And because they were willing to make that walk of faith, even before their natural eyes had seen the healing occur, they were all healed as they walked to meet the Pharisees.

Sometimes, Jesus' healing comes in ways and forms that we don't expect.

However, what we can expect is that Jesus is a healer. He graciously and mercifully healed the lepers. Yet again Jesus showed His compassion for those who had been marginalized by society and demonstrated His grace to heal the sick.

May we too live as Jesus lived, imitating His heart for the lost and praying in His Name for healing for the sick. God is in the now and He is alive!

True Love

Did you know that the most searched phrase on Google is “what is love,” according to the company itself?

The physicist says that “love is chemistry.” The psychotherapist says that “love has many guises.” The philosopher tells us that “love is a passionate commitment,” while the romantic novelist tells us that “love drives all the great stories.”



However, if you truly want to know what love is, you need to go to the source! What is love? In 1 John 4, we read that “God is love!” Further, we know that “this is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” (1 John 4:10)

While many claim to know what “true love” is, we can find the very definition of true love from God Himself. This comes only through faithful study of His Word!



God's Perfect Love

Perfect love desires communion, the sharing of life together, and so it cannot be expressed from a distance. God so perfectly loved the world that he came up close in Christ, stepping into the brokenness of our lives (1 John 1:1-3):

Into our emptiness, Jesus brings fullness and completion (Col. 2:9-10).

Into our deficit, Jesus brings supply (Philippians 4:19).

Into our death, Jesus brings life (Ephesians 2:1, 5).

Into our separation, Jesus brings reconciliation (Romans 5:10-11).

Into our imperfect love, Jesus brings his perfect love (1 John 4:10).

When we know, and believe, that God is determined to love us perfectly, we can stop being self-absorbed and we can start being conformed to Christ (Romans 12:2). When we don't believe God is determined to love us perfectly, we end up living like our best choice is to take care of ourselves.

And then, we become so busy taking care of ourselves that we have little time for authentic, transparent, loving community with others!

A Multitude Of Sins...

“Most important of all continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.”

1 Peter 4:8



What does that mean? Love covers a multitude of sins. It has two meanings. First, it means when you love Jesus Christ and He loves you, it covers up all your sins that you've ever done.

When Jesus Christ came to earth and died on the cross, he stretched out his hands and said; this is how much I love you. I'm willing to die for you. I'm willing to take the punishment your for all the laws, the moral laws that you've broken. I'll take rap. I'll do your time. I'll serve your sentence. I'll pay your debt. Jesus says because I love you, everything you've ever done and everything you ever will be forgiven.

Is that good news? That is very good news!

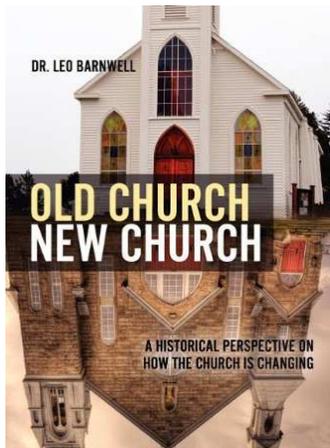
God says, I want you in heaven, but heaven's perfect and you're not, so we've got a problem. We've got to deal with all of your imperfections. Jesus says, I will come to earth, I will die for you. I'll show you how much I love you. If you accept my love, it will cover all your sins so you don't have to pay for them anymore. That's good news.

The other thing this means when it says, "Love covers a multitude of sins," is that once I've been forgiven God gives me the power to let other people off the hook. I've been forgiven and I can forgive others. He gives me the ability to let people off the hook. To cut them some slack.

We talked a little bit about this last week. You find somebody who is judgmental, they're self-righteous, always putting other people down, they're critical, they're always negative, they're always harping at perfectionist things. It means they don't really feel loved themselves. They've never truly experienced the grace of God.

When you understand how much you've been forgiven, you just start cutting a lot of other people some slack. When you understand how much you've been graced by God, you just start being more gracious with other people. You just don't get as angry as you used to. You don't get as impatient as you used to. You don't get so upset when other people blow it. Because you know how much you're been forgiven and now you are able to cover the sins of others.

Love covers a multitude of sins. When you really love somebody and they blow it, love doesn't rub it in. Love rubs it out. That's the mark of love. Love doesn't rub it in. Love rubs it out.



Will Our Church Thrive In The New Normal?

For every new challenge facing you in life you need a renewed understanding of God. To “Enter In” to the promise land God has prepared for you, you need a fresh revelation of who He is and what He has planned for you. Many Christians, despite what they say with their mouths, show by their actions that they believe the greatest days of the Church are behind them. I’m 100% convinced that the greatest days of the Church are ahead of us!

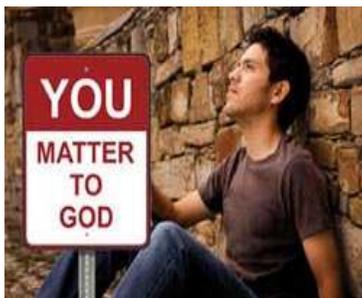
I suspect the Israelites were used to their daily manna gathering. I bet it would have been warm and cozy going to sleep each night by the pillar of fire. Now those things have been stripped away and they likely feel a strong sense of displacement. We too can feel the same, society has changed, church changes and we expect everything to look the same. But God is not the God of our traditions. What we need is a new revelation of an unfamiliar God.

It has been said, honoring your grandfather’s tradition is not wearing the same hat he did, but rather getting a new hat, just as he did many years before. We need to put on a new hat

Out of Joshua’s new revelation of this unfamiliar God, he decides to do something that has never been done before. He walks around the city walls and shouts praise until they come down. Who had ever heard of such a plan before? You need a fresh revelation in order to ENTER IN. As we walk in the 21st century, we find ourselves confronted with challenges that are new and daunting with a pace of change that is frightening for some.

We can be unsure, just as Joshua was, with how to respond and react to an unfamiliar God. But the God of the ages is coming to His church with revelation and understanding that will create innovation in the way we do church and present Him to our communities. A greater understanding of who He is to you now will lead to a greater influence and greater innovation—so fresh, you may not recognize yourself at times! You are designed to be a template, not a replica.

Joshua saw the walls of Jericho come down and the Israelites possess a city that had looked impenetrable. Sometimes we face challenges that appear too big to handle. But the problem is not the size of the challenge; it’s the size of our God. Wherever you have a challenge too big to conquer; whenever something appears impossible or an obstacle unbeatable... at that point you need a new revelation of an unfamiliar God. Don’t let your response to new things be fear or displacement. Reach out in worship, look for God. He’s right in front of you saying, “I have now come.”



God Brags About You

Do you know how special you are to God? Do you realize that He loves you more than anything else? I think people have a hard time really understanding God's love for them. So many times in the Bible He goes to great lengths to explain His love, but all too often we fail to see or live in its transformative power.

Our Father God says *we are the apple of His eye* (Deuteronomy 32: 9-10); He explains *that if we obey His Word, then we--including our children--are promised long life* (Deuteronomy 12:28); He is our *Good Shepherd who knows us* (John 10:14); He says *He will never leave us nor forsake us* (Hebrews 13:5); He shares that it is *His good pleasure to give us the kingdom because He calls us friends* (Luke 12:32); He promises *that He will give us everlasting life if we believe in Him* (John 3:16); and *He will answer our prayers*. The list is endless concerning the things that God has done for us and will continue to do for us!

I remember an older friend who had a photo album that said Grandma's Brag Book. In it were pictures of her granddaughter when she was little. Whenever she would show it to family or friends, she'd say, "Look how adorable she posed!" or "Isn't that a cute face?" That is how God's Word is -- full of Him bragging on us.

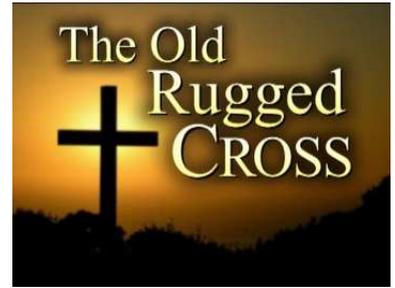
God is love Himself. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, yet He was not satisfied because He desired fellowship. He gave us this opportunity to receive Him into our hearts or to choose the world instead. And we love Him because He first loved us and gave His Only Son to die for our sins (1 John 4:10). Think about it. Jesus was blameless and sinless, yet He allowed man to crucify Him so that He might take our place. He laid down His life for us so that we would inherit eternal life. It doesn't get any better than that! Truly, that is ultimate love.

So how do we as His adopted children live out the divine love affair God initiated with mankind? When you truly love someone, you talk to that person and want to spend time with that person. Your desire will be to develop a relationship, give yourself to it, cultivate it. God is the Lover of our souls. Let us draw always nearer to Him!

For even if the mountains walk away and the hills fall to pieces, My love won't walk away from you, my covenant commitment of peace won't fall apart. The GOD who has compassion on you says so.
—Isaiah 54:10, *The Message*

Sons and daughters of God let us come into the throne room to thank Him. When we come into worship to praise His name, let us remember who we are in Him. This pleases our heavenly Father so much. Let's do it more often because He loves us and wants our love in return!

The Cross and the Crown



*“But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
Galatians 6:14*

George Bennard was born into a miner’s family in Ohio and came to Christ as a youth. He wanted to go to theological school, but family concerns kept him from the education he desired. In time, he became a traveling evangelist, diligently studying his Bible and reading all the books he could find. During one period of his ministry, he carefully studied the subject of the cross of Christ, praying for a deeper understanding of its meaning and power. As he preached from town to town, the words of a hymn began formulating in his mind. He sang portions of it at his meetings. Finally he finished his hymn and sang the completed version to friends, asking them, “Will it do?”

It has done very well. It’s “The Old Rugged Cross.”

One of the hymn’s central ideas is that our trophies in this world are temporary and cannot compare to the power of the cross or to the crown to be awarded us when we stand before Jesus, “where His glory forever I’ll share.”

In an age of awards and trophies, let’s keep our eyes on the cross and the crown!

*“So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it someday for a crown!”*

The Last Impression



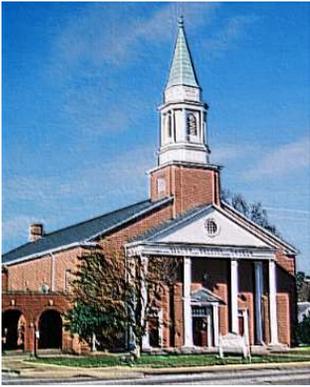
Bob had this problem of getting up late in the morning and was always late for work.

After a few weeks of this, his boss was mad and threatened to fire him if he didn’t do something about it.

So Bob went to his doctor, who gave him a pill and told him to take it before he went to bed. He got a great night’s sleep and actually beat the alarm in the morning. After a leisurely breakfast, he cheerfully drove to work.

“Boss,” he said, “the pill my doctor prescribed actually worked!”

“That’s all fine,” said the boss, “but where were you yesterday?”



HBC - Becoming The Church God Intends Us To Be!

There is no greater movement in the history of the world than the church. The church, at her best, is unstoppable! This passage describes the key components of a healthy local church.

The church is not a building we come and sit in; it is a movement we choose to be a part of. The church = people. In Acts 2, as the people met together, the church became attractive to a watching world. God added to their number every day!

The reality is that the hope of the world is the message of Jesus through the local church. *And you have a place in that!* You are invited to be a part of the greatest movement in the history of the world.

If you view church as only a place you go to once a week, than you are missing out on all that God intended for you. God desires you to belong to a small group community, a group of people you can be challenged with, share with, cry with, and laugh with. This group wants to do life with you. This fall, when groups launch back up, make a commitment to join a group. The reality is we are all better together.

Along with that, God is inviting you to use your gifts within the church. Opportunities exist for you to follow Jesus. By serving, you will experience the awe and favor of God, in the guests we greet, the kids we serve and students we invest in. No matter where you choose to serve, there will be life change in you, and in those you serve.

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