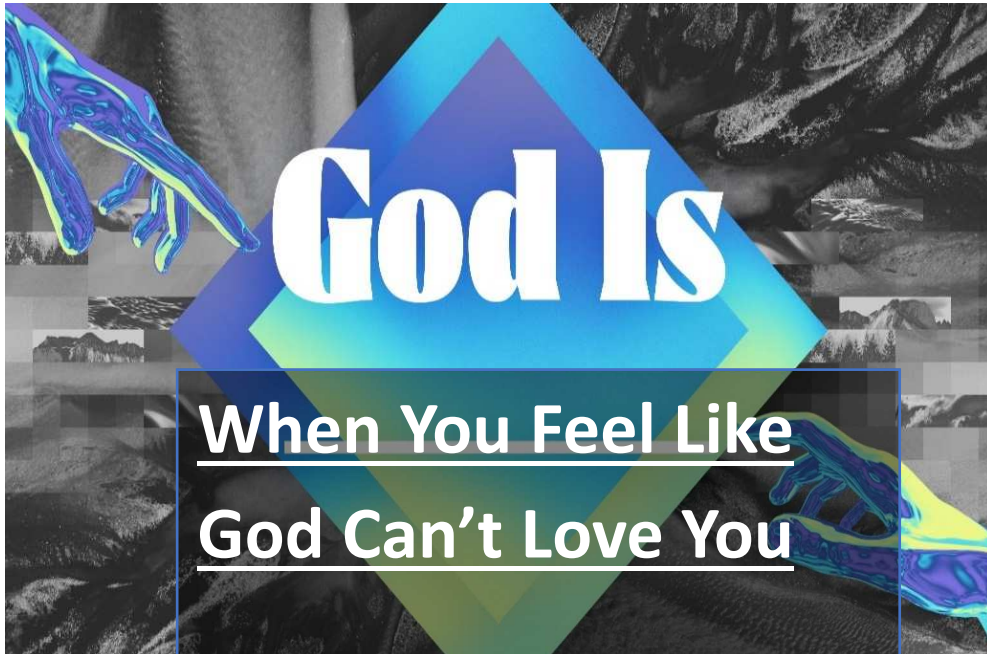


***The HBC Weekly Forecast***  
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*“See what great love the father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!” ... 1 John 3:1*

This verse is so interesting to me because it causes some issues. There are two different types of people who read this in very different ways.

The SHOUTERS - Yea! That’s who I am.  
I’m a child of God and God loves me.

&

The DOUBTERS- if God is a loving father, why would he love me?

The truth is, if we keep it real and honest, even the SHOUTERS at times become DOUBTERS. Even those who have really strong faith at times can doubt how much God loves them. Regardless of how you grew up, we need to acknowledge that:  
Our experiences with our earthly relationships can shape our view  
of our heavenly father.

This Sunday, I will be talking to anyone who has ever wondered or doubted if God loved you. If you’ve desperately searched for approval, affirmation, or acceptance, or perhaps you just need to know that someone actually loves you,  
this message is for you!

**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!***



## ***Never Doubt God's Extravagant Love For You...***

*“God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love . . . he sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.” - 1 John 4:9–10*

Everything in life changes—relationships, jobs, fame. One minute you feel like a hero; the next minute you feel like a zero. But there's one thing in the universe that will never change: God's love.

Knowing that God still loves you no matter what happens — your failures, your brokenness, your sin — provides a rock solid foundation in your life.

Consider the small word “so” that goes before “love” in the Bible's most famous verse, John 3:16. The verse says, “God so loved the world . . . ” (NIV).

God loves you with an extravagant, lavish love that can never be taken away. It's beyond comprehension. He loves you on your good days and your bad days. He loves you when it's raining and when the sun is shining.

God says he doesn't want you to just recognize this lavish love intellectually. He wants you to recognize it emotionally. Love is God's nature. God created the universe and everything in it for no other reason than so he could love it. And God created you so he could love you.

In fact, in Jesus, God shows us what real love, his love, looks like. *“God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love . . . he sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins” (1 John 4:9–10).*

Many people say they love you. God showed you how much he loves you. He loved you so much it hurt. He sacrificed his Son. When Jesus died for you, he was saying he loved you so much he'd rather die than live without you.

And the Bible says that's what real love, the kind of love that you can build your life upon, looks like. Real love makes sacrifices. Real love endures to the end. Real love gives all.

So if you have ever doubted God's love for you, focus on the extravagance what He has done for you. That's the kind of love only God has for you. And he's waiting with open arms to show you.

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

April 5, 2022

*Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!*

3/31/2022

Budget \$4250.00

4/3/2022

Budget \$4247.00

Budget Designated \$25.00 in Memory of Carolyn Miller

Annie Armstrong \$510.00

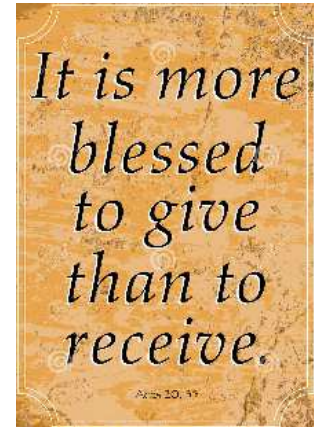
Cash in Cash out—Sonshine kids \$25.00

Cash in Cash out— Peninsula Rescue Mission \$25.00

Food Pantry in Memory of Vince Figuenick \$500.00

Food Pantry \$225.00

Total Deposit \$5557.00



***Annie Armstrong***

***Easter Offering***

Total to date \$1250.00



**Good Friday Service April 15 7pm**

**Easter Celebration April 17 10am**

Plan on attending and bringing a friend!

We have so much to celebrate! Jesus is Alive!

**Kids Easter Party & Egg Hunt**



**Sonshine Kids Easter**

**Egg Hunt and Party**

**Saturday, April 9th 11am– 2pm**

**REGISTER YOUR KIDS TODAY!**

Can you help with the Easter Celebration....Please call Dreama at the office!

**Lock up/ Hall Monitor**

4/10 Joe Wircenski

4/17 Pam Cook

**Counter**

4/11 Joe Wircenski

4/18 Margaret Upole

**Kids Church Helper**

4/10 Shannon (JC) and Youth

4/17 Tracy Venable

**A Special Thanks**

Dear HBC Family and Friends,

Thank you all for the kindness love and prayers during Vince’s passing. The phone calls and visits meant so much. His Homegoing was so sudden and unexpected and having your love and support was a great comfort.

Much love, Diane Figuenick

**Happy Birthday in April**

Charles Vassar 4/3

Lillian Clopton 4/26

Denise Vassar 4/8

Wayne Tawney 4/29

Carole Turner 4/9

Ellen Lupton 4/12

Tara Borton 4/13

Susan Hudson 4/14

Layla Hudgins 4/17

Pat Painter 4/17

Reagan Fries 4/20

Nicholas Gibson 4/20

Dot Cook 4/22



**Calendar**

**Tuesday, April 5th**

1pm—2pm Food Distribution

**Wednesday, April 6th**

7pm Facebook Bible Study

**Thursday, April 7th**

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

**Saturday, April 9th**

11am-2pm Kids Easter Celebration

**Sunday, April 10th**

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sunshine Kids

PALM SUNDAY

**Tuesday, April 12th**

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

6:30pm Vision Team Meeting

**Wednesday, April 13th**

7pm Facebook Bible Study

**Thursday, April 14th**

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

**Sunday, April 17th**

**Happy Easter**

**Join us to Celebrate Jesus!**

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sunshine Kids

Sedgefield Canned goods are due today.

God did not lead you into this present suffering, but he *has* promised he'll stay with you there.

*He's promised to mend every broken thing.*

This is the hope of resurrection.

## ***For Those Are Suffering***

One of the most comforting truths of our faith is this: that God does not abandon us in our suffering.

And one of the biggest lies of our enemy and our own human misconceptions is this: That God *caused* the suffering and brought evil upon you.

Yes, we all suffer. Some of the most faithful Christians I know have endured great pain and

suffering. And yes, I know that because God is Redeemer, He can bring great good out of great suffering. But the God I know did not *give* you cancer, harm your kid, tempt the gunman, or send the hurricane to your city.

If that were the case, imagine how this would feel: the God you really needed to comfort you during your time of trial ... has been identified as the one who brought this hell upon you. It simply doesn't ring true.

If you are in emotional or physical pain today, know that God is not the source of your suffering. He is the source of your comfort, strength and your redemption!

## ***Think They're The Only Ones Here!***

One day, 3 men died and went to heaven. "Religion?" God's secretary asked the first man.

"Jewish," the man replied. "Okay, go to room 23, but be very quiet when you go past room 8," the secretary said.

"Religion?" he asked the second man. "Catholic." "Go to room 10, but be very quiet when you go past room 8."

"Religion?" he asked the third man. "Lutheran" "Go to room 71, but be very quiet when you go past room 8."

"Why must I be quiet when I go past room 8?" the man asked.

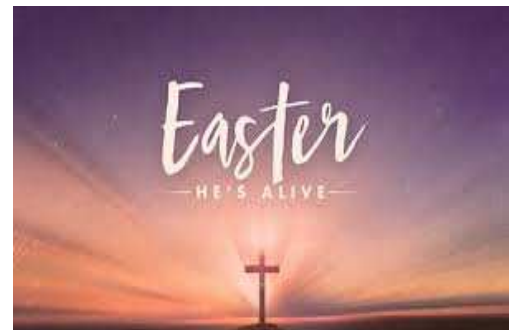
The secretary replied, "Oh, the Baptists are in room 8, and they think that they are the only ones here."





### ***What Is Easter & Why Do Christians Celebrate It?***

*“Jesus replied, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.’” John 12:23-25*



Christians celebrate Easter in remembrance of Jesus’ resurrection from death, three days after being hung on a cross. “Luke tells us, having done all of his historical research,” that for forty days, Jesus gave many infallible proofs, “and Paul himself,” John Piper explains, “*said that five hundred people had seen him alive, and some of those are still alive, if you want to go talk to them (1 Corinthians 15:6).*” The substitutionary sacrifice of Christ paid the price for the sins of humanity, once for all. Another scholar explains why Jesus’ resurrection is so important: “*It literally changed everything. And that is not only why we celebrate Easter, but it is why we gather every Sunday morning, because every Sunday morning is resurrection Sunday.*”

The Holy Spirit lives in every believer, because of the events we celebrate at Easter. No longer are we slaves to sin but free through the blood of Jesus. “*For God so love the world,*” the Apostle John wrote, “*that He gave His one and only Son.*”

Forgiveness was always God’s plan. “Easter is the ultimate rescue story,” writes Melissa Kruger. And though death has been defeated, Jesus will return. Easter celebrates what has been done, and what is still yet to come!



## “God’s House vs. Our House”

“Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?” — [Haggai 1:3-4](#)

After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, they began to prosper. They started rebuilding the temple which had been ruined by the Babylonians. But the people of other religions who lived in the land sent letters to Babylon and complained that the Jews were preparing to revolt. For that and other reasons, the rebuilding of the temple stopped.

It seems that the Jews began with a will to rebuild the temple, but when opposition arose, they faltered and lost focus. They transferred their energy to building and beautifying their own houses. It took the searing words of Haggai to call them back to the priority of rebuilding God’s temple.

In the world today, we must not be discouraged by the struggle it takes to build Christ’s church. The forces of the devil will try to overcome it, but Jesus will prevail ([Matthew 16:18](#)). Remember what Jesus said: “Seek first [God’s] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” ([Matthew 6:33](#)).

It’s not that God necessarily wants us to live in a bleak apartment without beautiful paneling. But if that’s what it takes to build God’s kingdom, we must be willing to sacrifice. Our treasures are in heaven!

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

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



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INTO BREAD? ... IF YOU'RE GOING TO TEMPT IN THIS DAY AND AGE YOU CAN'T GO ALL CARB ON PEOPLE FYI



## ***Don't Give Up When Times Get Tough!***

*“That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever” (2 Cor.) 4:16-18 NLT).*

I seem to recall that it was in the Springtime of 1984 that I first heard these inspirational words, *“Tough Times Never Last But Tough People Do!”* It was during my first visit to the magnificent Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove California, and the speaker was Robert Schuller.

Everyone at one time or another in their lives have faced tough times and asked these probing questions. Why do bad things happen to good people? Why do we have to suffer? Why is life so difficult sometimes? And as difficult as it may be to hear and to understand, God will often allow and use your pain for his purpose. Don't be surprised if he is using tough times in your life to both strengthen and test your faithfulness.

Faithful people keep on keeping on when other people choose to give up. Faithful people are diligent and determined. They are persistent. They change their perspective and focus on God's promises in his Word.

In 2 Corinthians 4, Paul says you need to get the right perspective when you're going through a problem. If you want to persist, don't look at the temporary problem. Look at the long-term reward. Don't look at the temporary pain; look at the long-term gain. Don't look at it with the short-term view, “What's happening to me right now?” Instead, look deeper at the character that you are building because you haven't given up. That “toughness” of your spirit will become the anchor of your soul when the storms of life are raging all around you.

During just such times as these you discover a secret about the true nature of your relationship with God... God is more interested in what you are becoming than what you accomplish.

If you are facing difficult times right now, I challenge you to write this verse on a 3×5 card and memorize it: *“So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up”* (Galatians 6:9 NLT).

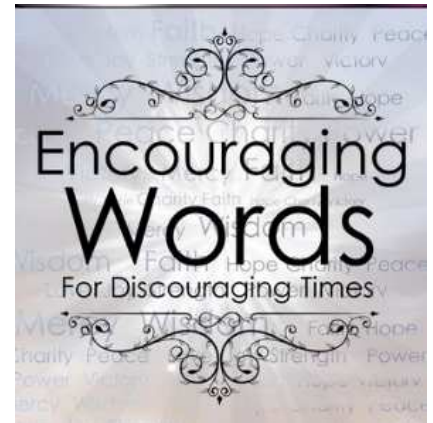
I pray these thoughts and words will encourage you to keep going. God is working in you and for you, at just the right time and in just the right ways. You will be rewarded for your faithfulness!



## ***Words Of Encouragement!***

Words of encouragement often come through the experiences of another person's life. Sometime those experiences are painful. Other times they are the fruit of successful endeavors.

As you read and reflect upon the truths expressed here, allow them to saturate your soul. They may challenge you. They may heal you. Either way...I pray they will bless you!



*“Everyone has inside them a piece of good news. The good news is you don’t know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is.” – Anne Frank*

*"The world breaks everyone, then some become strong at the broken places." - Ernest Hemingway*

*“Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength.” - Arnold Schwarzenegger*

*“Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, “I will try again tomorrow.” – Mary Anne Radmacher*

*"You must do the thing you think you cannot do." - Eleanor Roosevelt*

*“Difficulties are meant to rouse, not discourage. The human spirit is to grow strong by conflict.” - William Ellery Channing*

*"Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its troubles. It empties today of its strength." - Corrie ten Boom*

*“In the end, some of your greatest pains become your greatest strengths.” - Drew Barrymore*

*“It is time for us all to stand and cheer for the doer, the achiever – the one who recognizes the challenges and does something about it.” – Vince Lombardi*

*“Nothing is more beautiful than the smile that has struggled through the tears.” - Demi Lovato*

*“We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope.” – Martin Luther King*

*“Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise!”  
Victor Hugo – The final chorus of the musical “Les Miserables”*



## ***The Strength to Start Over***

*"And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God." Acts 9:20*

In the beginning of Saul's early adult life, the scriptures reveals how he wanted to imprison, or murder any disciple of the Lord he could find. But what Saul would soon discover, is that the Lord of the disciples would find him first. For there was a day, when Saul was walking on the road to Damascus, and it would be on this day, that he would be forever changed.

The first thing that the Lord did when it came to Saul, is to change his name. For he would now be known from that day forward, as Paul. And more importantly, he was no longer zealous for the "ceremonial law" for he was now instead, a minister that was devoted, to the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now one can't help but to wonder, where did Paul find the strength to start over; to abandon a path that he knew, for a path, that he had no clue on where it would take him? How could he become apart of the very thing, he was trying to put an end too? How could he now call himself a follower of Christ, after spending so much of his early life, trying to destroy the very same people, who themselves were followers?

I mean after all, the Pharisees knew him as "Saul of Taurus: the defender of the law of Moses." But now he's saying to his fellow Pharisees, that all that they'd known, all that they'd lived for, could be no more, for they had to change.

Understand that the strength to start over, comes from having the knowledge of God's Word. It also comes from one, who constantly press themselves, when it comes to having a constant, developing, good relationship with the Lord. For I like to think, that this is why, it's also crucial for us to pray, and feed from the Word of the God daily.

Know that the more time you spend alone with God, the more willing you will be, to learn how to have the Spirit of the Lord teaching and guiding you in your everyday life. Keep in mind, that walking with God, will challenge you to reach beyond the natural things you have grown familiar with from within your life.

Later in his life when he looked upon his transformative experience, he would sum it all up like this...

*"For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am..."*  
*1 Corinthians 15:9,10*



## ***Discouragement***

*“I am weary with my sighing; every night I make my bed swim, I dissolve my couch with my tears. My eye has wasted away with grief; it has become old because of all my adversaries.” Psalm 6:6-7*

Robert E. Lee was revered throughout the Confederate army during the U.S. Civil War and respected by many even among his adversaries in the Union army. In addition to being a brilliant soldier, he was known as a man of character and integrity.

But on this day in 1863, Lee wrote a letter to Confederate President Jefferson Davis that was filled with discouragement. The Gettysburg campaign had ended a month earlier. Many in the South expected a victory, but the battle resulted in a boost for the North. Lee felt like a failure and was ready to give up.

Lee wrote that he had “seen and heard of expression of discontent” about the campaign. He suspected that officers were “too kind to report” this discontent. But he felt that the only acceptable solution was for him to be removed as head of the army of Northern Virginia.

He wrote that “no one is more aware than myself of my inability for the duties of my position. I cannot even accomplish what I myself desire. How can I fulfill the expectations of others?” But Davis rejected Lee’s request, and he continued in leadership until the end of the war.

The Bible tells us that anyone can be discouraged. Even a man like King David. The Bible records his confession at a time when he was weary and spent his nights crying. But he realized that God “heard my supplication” and “receives my prayer.”

Do you feel discouraged? Feel like giving up? Call on God. Trust in Him. Allow Him to renew and strengthen you that you might accomplish the assignments He prepared for you. Remember: You are special in His sight. And He hears your prayers.

## ***The Very Last Laugh...***

An enthusiastic believer had volunteered and just begun teaching the children’s Sunday school class at church.

The topic for the day: Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Christ.

“What did Jesus do on this day?” she asked. There was no response, so she gave her students a hint:  
“It starts with the letter R.”

One little boy excitedly blurted out... “Recycle!”

