

The Forecast
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Have you ever been let down or disappointed by someone? I'm sure you have. It is inevitable that people will let you down. It's an unfortunate part of the human experience. Human beings are by nature selfish; we are easily inclined to consider our feelings above others. The people you expect to be considerate, such as your friends and family may at times disappoint you.

They may say or do things that hurt your feelings. Many people around you, even other Christians, might not understand what you're going through. This lack of understanding may result in you feeling disappointed, alone and you may think "How could they do this?"

Feeling of disappointment is normal, but we must learn to manage our feelings before they spiral into hurtful actions. We must understand that we are all human and we all make mistakes. Not everyone is out to attack you and the world doesn't revolve around you. Sometimes it's just a matter of people being people and life taking a wrong turn.

This Sunday we are going to talk about what to do and how to respond...
"When Christians Let You Down."

Join Us This Sunday As We Continue Our Series On, "Dealing With Your Doubt" – Join the excitement as more people continue to return and new people are joining us for a life-changing and Sunday worship experience!



When Other Christians Let You Down

How many of you have ever been let down by a person? Of course. It goes with being a person. Somewhere along the way, in the process of getting to know another person, you learn something about that person or see something that disappoints you. The longer you know them, the more disappointing things you know.

Friendship is when you begin to learn those things but still hang around with someone. Still, those let-downs can be tough to deal with when you're under pressure. Jesus had dealt with disappointments in His closest followers for some 3 years up to this point. But in the garden, He would be faced with the greatest of let-downs.

It started with the disciples not being able to stay awake. Jesus urges them to “keep watch.” It’s a word that means just the opposite of sleep – keep awake, be vigilant, be on guard. But after He’s been struggling alone in prayer, He returns to find them all asleep, 3 times. The pressures of the past several days, and now this late night, have taken their toll.

Finally, He wakes them and tells them it’s time. Sure enough, a mob has come to arrest Him. Judas approaches to identify Jesus. He isn’t greeting Him and giving Him a greeting kiss because He loves him. You can hear the disappointment as Jesus says, “You’re going to betray me with a kiss?” As soon as they advance to grab Jesus, Peter whips out a sword to take them all on. He tries to kill one of them, and Jesus has to tell Him to put the sword away. It’s not the way His Kingdom is going to conquer.

Imagine the disappointment that Jesus felt as Peter just didn’t get it. Then, when they see that Jesus isn’t going to resist, “Then all the disciples deserted Him and fled.” (Matthew 26:56b) Jesus had known this ahead of time. He had told them earlier, Matthew 26: 31-34.

Imagine the sense of abandonment Jesus felt as He watched His closest friends running away into the night. We’ve all been disappointed by people. It’s a problem we’ll face sooner or later unless you’re a hermit – and if you are a hermit, it’s probably because you’ve been disappointed by people!

Isn’t it interesting, for all of the times they disappointed Him, for all of the frustration Jesus must have felt as He worked to prepare the men who would become His Apostles when it came down to the end, what did Jesus do? He surrounded Himself with His closest friends – those men.

We need the fellowship of believers, and we especially need it when we face troubling times. Rejoice with those who rejoice. Weep with those who weep. God has given us each other as a help. But remember that at times, we all fail to be what we should be and do what we should do. Remember to look beyond your disappointment and keep your eyes on Jesus!

On the grace journey together with you, Pastor Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

May 10, 2022

Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!

Budget \$6247.45

Annie Armstrong \$25.00

PBA Offering \$100.00

Cash in Cash out– Carenet \$45.00

Cash in Cash out– Sunshine Kids \$25.00

Food Pantry \$25.00

Total Deposit \$6467.45



Vacation Bible School is coming!

August 8th– 12th

6:00– 8:30pm

Workers are needed in all areas. Please contact the office if you can volunteer.

We will be having a meeting In July to go over everything. We are looking forward to a great VBS!



Happy Birthday in May

5/11 Beverly Hudson

5/12 Jonathan Michie

5/14 Pastor Lynwood

5/15 Mary Ann Schell

5/17 Tommie Peake

5/19 Donald Moore

5/20 Joe Wircenske

5/27 Debra Jones

5/30 David Gibson

Lock up/ Hall Monitor

5/15 Robbie Ayscue

5/22 Don Moore

Counter

5/16 Joe Wircenske

5/23 Margaret Upole

Kids Church Helper

5/15 Tracy Venable

5/22 Nadine Stephenson

Calendar

Monday May 9th

Church office closed

WHS Testing

Tuesday, May 10th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

WHS Testing

6:30pm Vision Team Meeting

Wednesday, May 11th

WHS Testing

7pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, May 12th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

WHS Testing

Sunday, May 15th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids

Monday, May 16th

WHS Testing

Tuesday, May 17th

1pm—2pm Food Distribution

WHS Testing

Wednesday, May 18th

7pm Facebook Bible Study

WHS Testing

Thursday, May 19th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

WHS Testing

Friday, May 20th

WHS Testing

Sunday, May 22nd

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids

Friends, Thank you so much for your contributions to support the response to the massive humanitarian crisis surrounding the events in Ukraine. The gifts from your church will be gathered with others and used to provide direct assistance to those in need as they are being cared for by our Eastern Baptist sister congregations.

We trust that you will keep all those in harm's way as well as those who are providing assistant your regular prayers.

Thank you! Dean Miller BGAV



Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226

WMU May Focus Project

Our May Focus for WMU is Carenet Peninsula. Care Net Peninsula is a non-profit on a mission to bring practical help and hope in Jesus to women facing pregnancy decisions. They are collecting these items— pacifiers, teething rings and toys, Bottles, Burp cloths, bibs, baby wipes, books small toys, bath tubs and diapers. They prefer those items be new. They also are collecting Baby blankets, Boys outfits and footed PJs (NB– 12m) , these items can gently used. You can also give a monetary donation. All this will be collected through the month of May and taken to Carenet the first of June.

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

Joe Busching (American People) BC, RO (East Asian People) LL, JM, Melinda Williams (European People) SB, MK (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) MM, LP (Sub-Saharan African People) Darold Fleming (NC) Brandon Long (OH) Sahra Chea (WA)

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.

Community Dinner

We can use your help in May. If all goes well we will be having a fire pit and having hotdogs and smores. If you can help, please let Pam or Dreama know. Thanks again for your help!



"Who Do You Say I Am?"

"A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher...You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any nonsense about his being a great human teacher." –

C. S. Lewis

Jesus is with His disciples in a place called Caesarea, Philippi. He turns to His disciples and asks them, *"Who do people say that I am?"* *"John the Baptist", "Elijah", "Jeremiah", "one of the prophets."* The answers pop forth like kernels of popcorn heating over a stove. Then Jesus makes the question personal, *"Who do you say that I am?"* It is no longer about what other people think; now it is personal. Every man must decide for himself.

Every man, not only present then with Jesus, but everyman who has ever lived on earth must also decide for himself. In fact, THIS IS the most important question anyone will ever face: "who do you think Jesus is?"

Peter's response to Jesus' personal inquiry was quick and unhesitating (v.16): *"You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God!"* "Christ" as used in those days was the Greek form of the Hebrew word, "Messiah." "Son of the living God" implies a nature superior to that of human; it implies deity, God. Peter throws in an interesting adjective when he says, living God. Jesus is not a dead god like idols worshiped in Caesarea, Philippi; rather Peter states that Jesus is the living God, the real God, the God Who Is.

How does Jesus respond? Note that Jesus does not rebuke Peter and say, "I am not God; I am merely a prophet." Rather, Jesus receives Peter's statement and even blesses him for his proclamation. At the end of His earthly ministry, the Jewish high priest asks Jesus point blank, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Living God?" Again, Jesus does not flinch; rather, He boldly affirms His own status as Messiah, His own title as Son of God, His own deity, even though it will result in His crucifixion.

In today's terms, we need to "man-up" to the truth! Jesus was so much more than just a good teacher or a religious prophet. Jesus IS God in a human body, the 2nd person of the Godhead.

As C.S. Lewis framed it, Jesus is either, 'Lord, a liar or a lunatic.' Personally, I believe He proved Himself as Lord by rising from the dead. We must either accept Jesus on His terms as God or we must reject Jesus completely. One option leads to the forgiveness of sins, friendship with God and eternal life; the other option leads to eternal separation from God.

Who do YOU say Jesus is?

What If Going To Church Was Not So Much About “Me?”

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." - Philippians 2:4



What if when we went to church...

...Instead of going to be encouraged...

We went to encourage others...

...Instead of hoping to sing my favorite song...

We hoped to sing “their” favorite song...

...Instead of looking to be served...

We intentionally served others...

...Instead of waiting to be welcomed...

We welcomed others first...

...Instead of asking to be prayed for...

If we sought to pray for others...

...Instead of going to receive a blessing...

We went to be a blessing...

What difference would it make in our church experience?

Of course, church is ultimately not about
either of us... it’s about Jesus!

But, church is also where people who want to make much of Jesus
gather to grow, fellowship and worship Jesus...

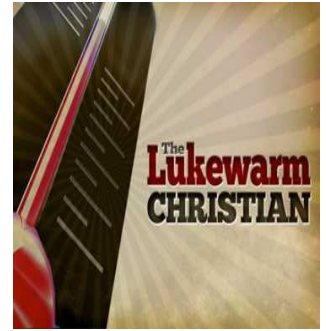
So, I wonder how our church experience would be made different,
if we approached it considering the interest of others...

I challenge you to think of and add to the list above

What if... Instead of... When we went to church....

Just wondering...

Two Inconvenient Truths Of Lukewarm Christianity



First is the truth that your relationship with Christ is your responsibility; it is your journey.

Our Lord appointed the Holy Spirit as a helper in this journey, and He also gave some other human helpers, but you gravely misunderstand this faith if you believe it is a helper's job to spoon-feed you the depth of revelation and intimacy needed. The true element of communion is never a rose or a light airy white wine. It is always crimson and rich in color to remind us of the truth in the blood it represents.

Second is that living according to a truth-driven lifestyle is a necessity for anyone hoping to change the lukewarm temperature in their spiritual life.

Nobody can sustain intimacy with the Father, authority before man, and relevance in this age devoid of a daily choice to not be swayed off of the rock of truth. It doesn't just "simply happen," rather, it is a worthy experience which must be fought for and pursued. We must teach ourselves to believe that lifestyles and experiences outlined to us by the Bible are not polite suggestions. They are requirements of the faith.



The Last Impression...

There was once a handyman who had a dog named Mace. Mace was a great dog except he had one weird habit: he liked to eat grass - not just a little bit, but in quantities that would make a lawnmower blush. And nothing, it seemed, could cure him of it.

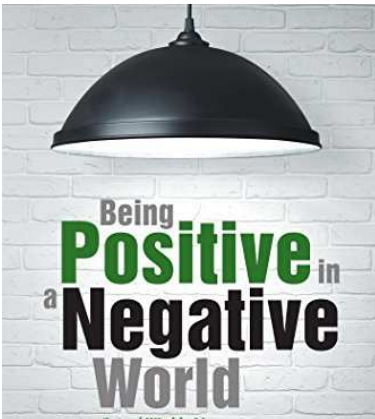
One day, the handyman lost his wrench in the tall grass while he was working outside. He looked and looked, but it was nowhere to be found.

As it was getting dark, he gave up for the night and decided to look the next morning. When he awoke, he went outside and saw that his dog had eaten all the grass in the area, around where he had been working, and his wrench now lay in plain sight, glinting in the sun.

Going out to get his wrench, he called the dog over to him and said...

Are you ready for this?.....

"A grazing Mace, how sweet the hound, that saved a wrench for me."



Staying Positive In A Negative World!

If you haven't noticed that we live in a negative world, you just haven't been paying attention. These negative influences will only increase as we enter the election season. Each party will spend millions painting a picture of the worst possible scenarios for Americans if their opponent is elected. Not nearly as much will be spent expressing hope.

In Matthew 24:12, Jesus said this: *“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.”* He said this would be a characteristic of the end times. Jesus was saying that the negative things going on around us—not necessarily in us—would cause the love of many to grow cold.

The word “waxed” used in that scripture is really significant. It goes back to the way candles are made. A wick is dipped into hot wax and then taken out and allowed to cool for a few seconds, leaving a thin layer of wax. The process is repeated many times until the wick is buried deep in the wax.

The same is true with the heart. If we take our eyes off Jesus and focus on the evil of this world and our circumstances, then, little by little, the layers of negativity harden around our hearts, and the love for God and others waxes cold. Peter is a good example of what happens when we take our eyes off Jesus and His Word.

In Matthew 14:28-30 we read that as soon as Peter got his eyes off Jesus and looked at the stormy sea, he began to sink. Think about that—he couldn't have walked on the water if the sea had been perfectly calm. All that really happened was his focus changed. Instead of focusing on the promise of Jesus—His command to come—Peter focused on the circumstances, and that is why he began to sink.

If you can maintain your focus on Jesus and His Word in the midst of a storm, you can walk on the water of circumstance. When the doctor says you have cancer, your boss tells you you're being laid off, or your spouse says they're leaving, you can still stay positive. It will take a deliberate effort, but it is absolutely crucial.

You need to recognize that Satan is using the evil and negative things of this world to discourage you, even if they are not your personal problems. You can get discouraged watching politics, reading the newspaper, and listening to the news. If you don't resist this, it will cause you to be discouraged and dismayed, and worst of all, your love for God to grow cold.

The Lord spoke to Joshua, *“Be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”* Joshua 1:9. I want to be a part of encouraging you and helping you to be strong and of good courage. Stay positive in a negative world today. If there was ever a time that encouragement was needed, it's now!

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood



“Everything!”

“If I ... tell them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ they will ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what should I tell them? God replied to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’”

Exodus 3:13-14

How often we think in terms of specific situations. The needs of the moment. Problems and challenges that stand before us. These are practical concerns. But this focus actually can point us in the wrong direction. We can start thinking about what God can do for us. Just the help He can provide, right now!

In many ways we need a different focus. Instead of thinking about what God can do, we need to think about God Himself. The fact is that He is the answer to every question.

In His presence, we have maximum security. There, we are safe and blessed. There, we grow in confidence of His sovereignty. There, He teaches us and provides His wisdom. There, every enemy is defeated and every need met. There, we have His peace and fullness of joy (Psalm 16:11).

David realized this when he described the Lord as his rock, fortress, shield, *“the power that saves me,”* his *“place of safety”* (Psalm 18:2). God’s message to the children of Israel was that He was *“I AM.”* He was everything! All they needed.

The Bible is filled with promises for those who focus on God. *“All who seek the Lord will praise him, their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy”* (Psalm 22:26). David realized that his highest priority should be seeking the Lord. The one thing he desired? The one thing he sought? *“That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple”* (Psalm 27:4, NKJV).

Today, concentrate on God. Lay aside immediate concerns and worries, and spend time with Him. Remember. He is the great I Am.

“Prize Donkey”... One Last Laugh!

Sid was travelling down a country road in his native Yorkshire, England when he saw a crowd of people gathering outside a farmhouse. It was a cold November afternoon, so he stopped and asked Farmer Ellis why such a large crowd of men was gathered there.



The farmer replied, 'Jo's donkey kicked his mother-in-law and she died. 'Well, 'replied the man, 'She must have had a lot of friends.'

'Nope, 'said Farmer Ellis.' We all just want to buy **his** donkey!'



Never Alone

Imagine – the greatest leader that you’ve ever known has just died. This was the leader who was responsible for the liberation of your nation – a moment for the history books. He was also your spiritual and professional mentor, a man of influence, and great respect. Now that he’s gone, everyone is looking to you. Can you feel the weight of this new responsibility, the intense pressure weighing heavy on your shoulders?

After Moses died, all eyes turned towards Joshua. Even though Joshua had been groomed for this very moment – this is an intimidating promotion. This is the moment when God spoke directly to the heart of Joshua’s insecurities: **“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”**

Isn’t it amazing that when God nudges Joshua outside his comfort zone, He doesn’t send him alone. God knows that Joshua is feeling overwhelmed, doubting himself, and probably questioning if he’s the right guy for the job. So, God reminds him of a promise: No matter where he goes, God is right there. No matter what happens, God is right there.

We’ve all experienced fear, insecurity, and doubt. Think back to the first day of a new job. What about before the launch of a new product campaign? We’ve even over analyzed, second-guessed, and picked apart a relationship a time or two because of our own self-doubts.

What does it look like in your life? Whenever these emotions tempt you to second guess where God is leading – silence them with the same promise God gave to Joshua. You are not alone. God will never leave you. He will never give up on you. You can trust Him as you follow where He leads.

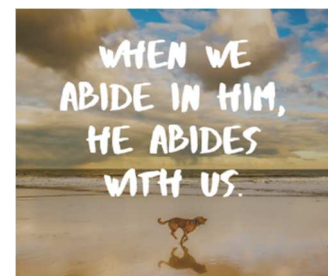
The same promise that God offered to Joshua is offered to every follower of Jesus. If you’ve never experienced the peace and confidence that comes from knowing you’re not alone, then you can today. This promise is available to everyone – you need only to ask!

“Never Alone” – Hillsong Music

That my word may fall in faith, You alone are sovereign still
Come stand in my trust, On the Earth Your kingdom bring
All creation brings You praise.

Jesus You are Life ,Your name lifted high

Oh You reign in my soul, Oh You reign in my soul
I will never be alone, I will never be alone!





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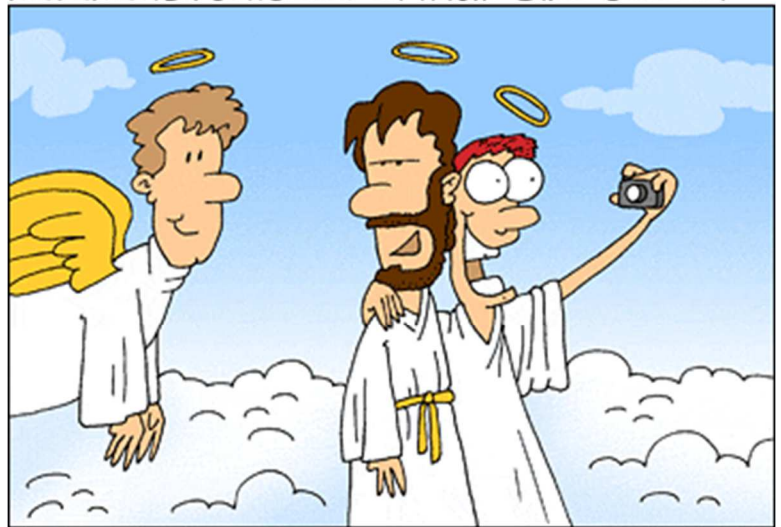
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I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE WITH ME FOREVER, BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT