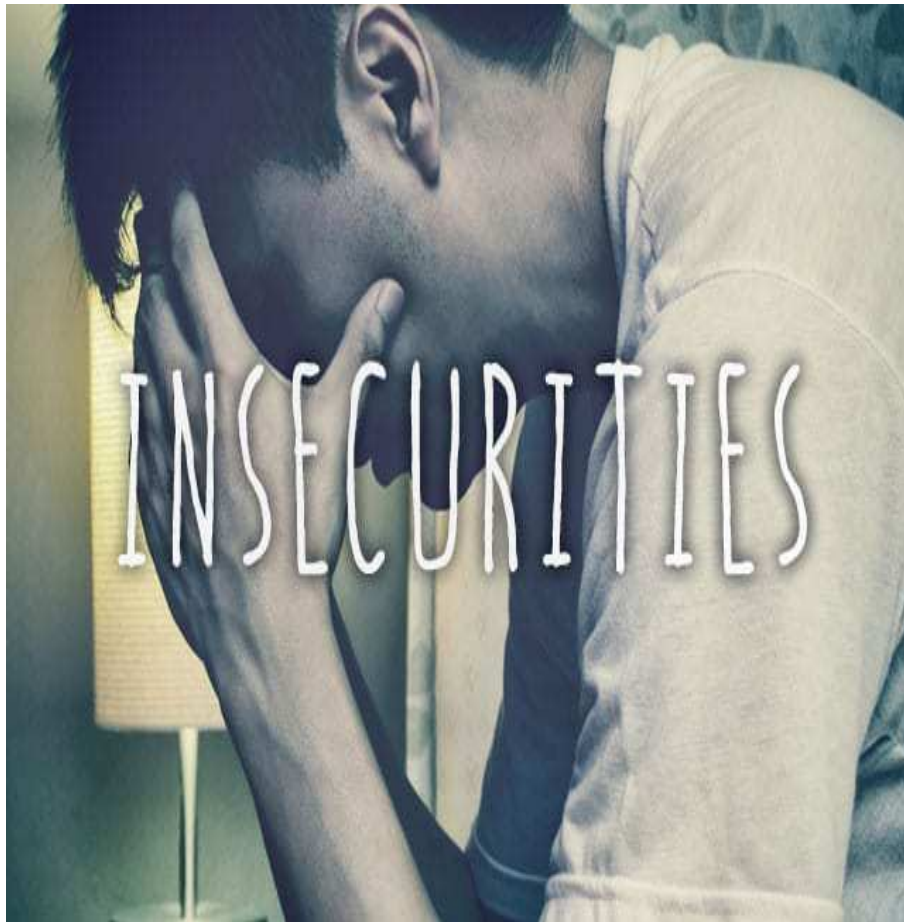


**The Forecast**  
**Hilton Baptist Church. [www.HiltonBaptistChurch.org](http://www.HiltonBaptistChurch.org)**  
**101 Main Street, Newport News, VA 23601**



Do you face hidden insecurities that are tearing you up on the inside? Have you sought a solution of peace and a resolve to the conflicts you feel? Stop wasting your time and energy looking for security from your money, your health, your husband or boyfriend, your friends, your job, your beauty, or anyone or anything else that's not God Himself, who is the only true source of security.

Recognize that you won't find security by chasing it down through circumstances (such as by thinking that you'll feel better about yourself once you just lose some weight, find a boyfriend, get a better job, buy a newer car, etc.). Understand that security can only be found in the peace God offers you through Jesus.

Embrace your identity as God's chosen and beloved child and be assured that, through your relationship with Jesus, you have all the power you need to do God's will in every situation!

***Join Us This Sunday 10:00 am, 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***



## ***Facing Our Insecurities***

We have an epidemic of insecure people in our society today. Many people have an identity crisis because they don't really know who they are.

What do you think of, and how do you feel about yourself? Do you ever compare yourself with other people and feel belittled if you can't do what they can do or be like them? Have you ever said "I wish I looked like him or her" or "I wish I had what they have" or "I wish I could do what you do"?

Everyone experiences insecurity at times. I know what it's like to feel inferior to others and insecure about myself. I lost my father at an early age and grew up in an environment where I never really felt safe and secure or "normal" throughout my childhood. That's why it's very important to me to feel safe and secure in my life now.

The good news is, we don't have to live insecure lives because it's God's will for us to be very secure and not to live in fear. We were created to feel safe, secure, confident and bold; it's part of our spiritual DNA as born-again believers in Christ. But the key to living a secure life in Christ is knowing who you are in Christ, really receiving God's love for you, and basing your worth and value on who God says you are, not what you do.

One thing that really helped me get a revelation about this is Isaiah 54:17: *"But no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall show to be in the wrong. This [peace, righteousness, security, triumph over opposition] is the heritage of the servants of the Lord..."*

This scripture states that as servants and children of God, we have an inherited, blood-bought right through our relationship with Jesus Christ to be secure. We are joint heirs with Jesus and whatever He has, we get. But we have to receive it by faith, which means we believe it before we see it.

Another thing I needed revelation about was the love of God for me. 1 John 4:18 says, *"There is no fear in love...but full-grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror!"* Getting a revelation of God's unconditional love helped me understand that my worth and value are based on the fact that I'm a child of God, not on what I do. This is so important because if we believe God loves us based on what we do or how well we perform, we will never be truly secure and stable in our relationship with Him.

God is love. And He really loves you! I pray that you will experience God's love for yourself every day of your life. Then you can have the life of peace, joy and true security that He's planned for you!

*On the grace journey together with you, Pastor Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

May 3, 2022

*Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!*

4/28/2022

Budget \$2842.00

Budget Designated \$20.00 In Memory of Marva Jean Flowers \$20.00

Drink Machine \$52.00

Annie Armstrong \$500.00

Cash in Cash out– COP Rent \$900.00

Cash in Cash out– Soles for Souls Walk \$15.00

Food Pantry \$145.00

Total Deposit \$4474.00

5/1/2022

Budget Offerings \$2142.00

PBA Offering \$10.00

Cash in Cash out \$60.00 Rent of Church

Cash in Cash out \$59.67 Ukraine Offering

Food Pantry \$125.00

Total Deposit \$2396.67



**Annie Armstrong**

**Easter Offering**

Total to date \$2090.00

## 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

5/1 Madison Jordan

5/2 Bob Caffacus

5/3 Pauline Shofner

5/4 Joyce Greene

5/6 Kizzy Moriah

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

5/8 Charles Vassar

5/15 Robbie Ayscue

### Counter

5/10 Myrna Powell

5/16 Joe Wircenske

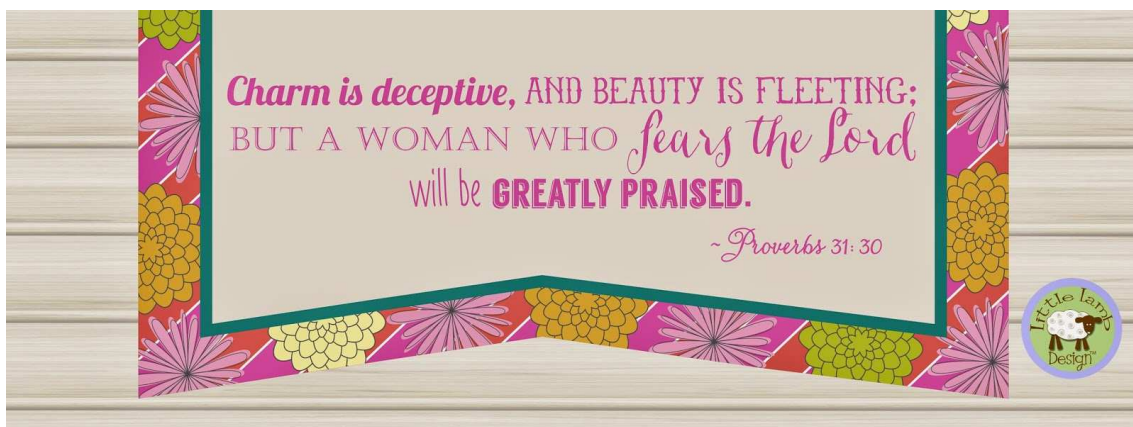
### Kids Church Helper

5/8 Dreama out of town

Pat and Roger Cooke will

Be taking Kid's Church

5/15 Tracy Venable



**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**

Alberto Munoz, Jillian Nash (American People) AC, LE, JG, CS (Central Asian People) LK (East Asian People) Erin Hiebsch, PL, RM (European People) JD, AS (Southeast Asian People) SK (Sub-Saharan African People) Pryamsa Maddila (CA) Christopher Haymes (KS) Brandon Watts (NY) Dawa Tamang(PA) Jesse Beebe (VT) Daniel D'Acquisto (WI)

**Serve The City**

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

**Community Dinner**

Thanks to all who helped with the community dinner last Friday. What a great success! 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!

## Calendar

### Tuesday, May 2nd

1pm—2pm Food Distribution

### Wednesday, May 4th

7pm Facebook Bible Study

WHS Testing

### Thursday, May 5th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

WHS Testing

### Friday, May 6th

WHS Testing

### Sunday, May 8th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids

Happy Mothers Day

### 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



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WELL TO THE  
*WAYS OF HER*  
HOUSEHOLD,  
AND EATETH  
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*IDLENESS.*

PROVERBS 31:27



## ***It's How You Finish***

I look around at my group of friends that I have started and run the race of faith with. Through the years, how much smaller the group has become!

Have we forgotten the most basic truth of our Christian experience? We must run with perseverance that race that is ours to run. Will we finish the race? Will we have a strong finish? Christianity is not so concerned with how we start as much as it is concerned with how we finish.

It's not how you start out; it's how you finish up. Abraham started out as a liar, but he ended up as the father of the faithful. It's not how you start out; it's how you finish up. Sarah started out as barren, but she ended up as the only senior citizen in the maternity ward.

It's not how you start out; it's how you finish up. Rahab started out as a prostitute, but she ended up in the family tree of the Prince of Peace. Mary Magdalene started out consumed by evil spirits, but she ended up as one of the first witnesses to the resurrection. It's not how you start out; it's how you finish up. Paul started out as a violent persecutor, but he ended up as a gospel globetrotter. It's not how you start out; it's how you finish up.

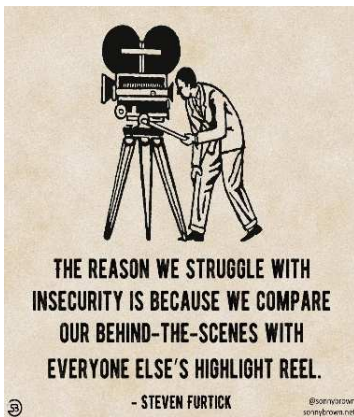
I started out as a sinner, but now by grace, I am a son of the living God. And through that grace, while I may not come in leading the pack, at least I can say I am still running and I am on my way to the finish line. How about you? How is your race going?

## ***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 Struggle Of Insecurity*

When people are insecure, they can express it in very different ways, depending on their temperament, values, and conditioned habits, all often shaped by past experiences.

In some, insecurity looks like meekness, compliance, and always assuming blame. In others, it looks like bravado, defiance, and never admitting wrong. In one person, insecurity moves them to avoid attention, if at all possible; in another, it moves them to demand as much attention as possible.

We're all familiar with insecurity, but what's making us feel this way — and how do we get free from it? Bottom line is that insecurity is a form of fear. And yet, God does mean for certain things to make us feel insecure.

If we walk out on someone's second-story deck and notice the wood is rotting, we should feel insecure. If we live or work with someone who's dishonest or abusive, we should feel insecure. If we're riding in a military convoy along a lonely Afghan road through Taliban territory, we should feel insecure. When we first come under conviction of sin and realize we're under God's wrath because we're not reconciled to him through Christ, we should feel insecure.

God designed insecurity as a warning that we are vulnerable to some kind of danger. It instructs us to take some protective action, which often means opening up. But, we hate exposure, which is why we tend to avoid rather than examine our insecurity. We fear taking a good look at our identity because we're afraid the gauge is going to confirm our worst fears about ourselves: inadequate, insignificant, failure, condemned.

We know instinctively that *“nothing good dwells in [us], that is, in [our] flesh” (Romans 7:18)*. And we know that our souls stand *“naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account” (Hebrews 4:13)*. We still carry the fall-induced instinct to cover our shame in front of God and everyone else (Genesis 3:8–21).

But, believe it or not, insecurity is not only a warning; it's also an invitation. When we feel insecure, God is inviting us to escape the danger of false beliefs about who we are, why we're here, what we should do, and what we're worth, and to find peaceful refuge in what he says about all those things.

The more we understand the gospel of Jesus Christ, the more we find it is the end of insecurity — not the perfect end in this age, but the increasing and ultimate end; abundant life in the here and now!





## ***Thermometer Or Thermostat***

Have you ever thought about the difference between a thermometer and a thermostat? A thermometer changes with circumstances – it reacts. A thermostat changes the circumstances – it regulates.

The same could be said for the way people respond to life's challenges. Some let circumstances control them and they often feel like victims. But others experience life on a more even keel. Circumstances may become difficult! But they're constantly overcoming those difficult circumstances. They weather the storms with the confidence that circumstances have no power to defeat them.

Which are you? A thermometer, constantly up and down? Or a thermostat, strong and unshakeable? Are you a victor or a victim?

I find that people who have a strong personal relationship with Jesus Christ experience great strength and inner peace no matter what their circumstances. They don't see themselves as victims, but always as victors! It's a real key to victorious Christian living. 1 John 5:5 says, "And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God."

## ***Dealing with Strongholds***

Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 10:4-5, "*Pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.*" What are you to pull down? Strongholds: areas of your life that are held in the grip of the enemy. What are you to cast down and take captive? Thoughts: thinking that doesn't line up with God's Word or submit to the rule of Christ in your life.



Recognize you are in a war. You are a new creation, yet your old nature will constantly try to reestablish control over you. Don't let it. So long as it reigns in your life, Christ's seat is taken. If it is on the throne, Christ is still on the cross. Put Christ on the throne and your past on the cross!

In the Old Testament, a priest could not come into God's presence if he had touched anything dead (see Leviticus 22:3-4). If you are going to walk with God, you must bury your old lifestyle. It also means forgiving those who hurt you, including yourself, then moving on.

The issue is not *whether* you remember, but *how* you remember. God is able to take the sting out of the memory and leave us healed and redeemed. No longer will you be handicapped or hindered by what you've been through or by what you've done; instead you'll be enriched by it!



If there's one attitude families are guilty of more than any other when it comes to mothers, it's presumption . . . taking them for granted . . . being nearly blind on occasion to the load moms carry. This was reinforced in my mind last week as I was thumbing through a row of crazy greeting cards at a local drugstore. Time and again the joke in the card drew its humor from this obvious attitude that pervades a household: Forget the housework, Mom. It's your day. Besides, you can always do double duty and catch up on Monday!

But my favorite was a great big card that looked like a third grader had printed it. On it was a little boy with a dirty face and torn pants pulling a wagonload of toys. On the front it read: "Mom, I remember the little prayer you used to say for me every day . . . " and inside, "God help you if you do that again!"

Jimmy Dean, the country-western singer, does a number that always leaves me with a big knot in my throat. It's entitled "I Owe You." In the song a man is looking through his wallet and comes across a number of long-standing "I owe you's" to his mother . . . which he names one by one.

Borrowing that idea, I suggest you who have been guilty of presumption unfold some of your own "I owe you's" that are now yellow with age. Consider the priceless value of the one woman who made your life possible—your mother. Think about her example, her support, her humor, her counsel, her humility, her hospitality, her insight, her patience, her sacrifices. Her faith. Her hope. Her love.

Moms, on Mother's Day Sunday we rise up and call you blessed. But knowing you, you'll feel uneasy in the limelight. You'll probably look for a place to hide. True servants are like that. You're probably going to be taken out to eat (which will add to our indebtedness!). But in all honesty, it won't come anywhere near expressing our gratitude.

So, live it up on Sunday. It's all yours. My advice? Shake up the family for a change. Order steak and lobster... Mother's Day should not be just one day a year.!



## ***Changing The Color-Tags***

In the war years, triage referred to the policy by which medical assistance was given. It was up to the doctors to “color-tag” the wounded, placing them in one of three categories according to their condition. One color meant hopeless – nothing we can do will save them. Another tag meant they’d make it whether they get help or not. The third color-tag indicated a doubtful prognosis – a chance to live only if medical assistance is given. Since there were severely limited medical supplies, assistance was being given only to this last group.

Lou was badly blown apart, including one leg severely wounded. The doctor who examined him made the decision that Lou was a hopeless case and tagged him as such, leaving him to die. But a nurse noticed Lou was conscious and began to talk with him. They discovered they were both from Ohio. Getting to know Lou as a person, the nurse just couldn’t let him die. She broke all the rules and changed his color-tag.

Recovery included a two-day trip in the back of a truck and months in a hospital, but Lou made it. He met a girl in the hospital whom he later married. Even minus one leg, he has led a full happy life, all because a nurse broke the rules of triage and changed a tag.

Jesus spent much of his earthly ministry changing color-tags – healing the broken-hearted, forgiving sinners and bringing hope to the hopeless. He’s still bringing hope to the hopeless – every minute of every day! Today, someone you know is feeling hopeless – they desperately need hope. Share the hope of Jesus with them. Look for every opportunity to go around changing their color-tags.

## ***If Religion Were More Like Baseball....***

Lutherans would believe they can’t win, but will trust the Scorekeeper.

The Calvinists already know the final score.

Quakers won’t swing at anything.

The Presbyterians use a “closer-by-committee” approach.

The Amish would walk a lot.

Fundamentalists won’t play because baseball’s not mentioned in the Bible.

Evangelicals would make effective pitches.

The Baptists will play, but only if they can be the umpire.

Mormons would play left field.



## ***Just Look Up!***

Life is like playing in an orchestra.

First, God gives you your instrument and some music, and you sit down to play, but you say, “God, I’ve never played this piece before! Look at all of those notes! I’ll never be able to do it!” But God gets up on the pedestal and holds His baton in His hand. He winks at you and says calmly, “Just follow me.

You say, “But God, that will be too hard... can’t we play this other song? It looks a whole lot easier and a lot more fun to play,” but God says, “No, follow MY lead.” Well, you decide that it doesn’t matter what God says, you want to play the other song. So, as He raises His baton and begins to conduct, you ignore Him and begin wailing away at the piece you wanted to play.

However, it just doesn’t quite work. The music doesn’t sound beautiful at all, because it’s not the way God wanted you to play. After a little more playing and a whole lot more frustration, you realize that it would be better just to listen to your Conductor. So, with a red face you silently search for the piece God wants you to play.

“But God, it looks so hard.” But God just smiles caringly and taps the baton on His stand. “No matter what, follow Me. Just look up at Me, and I will lead you,” He whispers. So, you begin to play. In the beginning, it seems as though you will never be able to play this piece. All you can see are those notes rushing by. Then you remember what God said... “LOOK UP”... so you look up and see God carefully counting out the beats for you, and if you listen, you can hear His Voice humming your part.

The song is the most beautiful song that you have ever heard, and you find that as long as your eyes are fixed on the Conductor, you are able to play along. All you have to do is look up! Sure, some parts are REALLY tough, but as long as you follow the Conductor and listen to His steady rhythm, you can make it through. All you have to do is LOOK UP!

## ***The Last Impression***

As with many funerals, it was a cloudy, rainy day.



The deceased was a little old lady who had devoted her entire married life to fussing at her poor husband. When the graveside service had no more than terminated, there was a tremendous burst of thunder accompanied by a distant lightning bolt.

The little ol’ man looked at the pastor and calmly said, “Well, she’s there.”



## ***Make Sure You Invite Jesus***

Years ago when Johnny Carson was the host of The Tonight Show he interviewed an eight year old boy. The young man was asked to appear because he had rescued two friends in a coalmine outside his hometown in West Virginia.

As Johnny questioned the boy, it became apparent to him and the audience that the young man was a Christian.

So Johnny asked him if he attended Sunday school. When the boy said he did Johnny inquired, "What are you learning in Sunday school?"

"Last week," came his reply, "our lesson was about when Jesus went to a wedding and turned water into wine."

The audience roared, but Johnny tried to keep a straight face. Then he said, "And what did you learn from that story?"

The boy squirmed in his chair. It was apparent he hadn't thought about this. But then he lifted up his face and said, "If you're going to have a wedding, make sure you invite Jesus!"

***Thank you for your faithful prayers and generous giving to HBC...***

***As we continue to obey God, listen to His voice, and work together – we will continue to accomplish great things for His kingdom!***

**CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH** by Thom Tapp



One of those "little known" commandments that pastors had better not neglect!