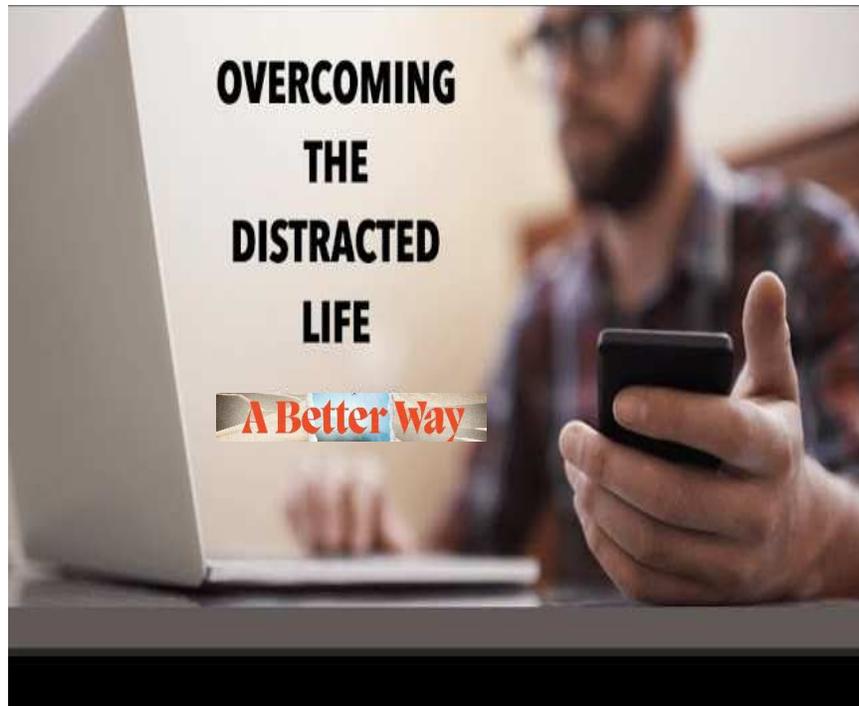


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“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.” Hebrews 12:1,2

Jesus pursued His mission uncluttered by staying focused on what mattered most. He endured the cross by staying focused on the joy set before Him ... What was that joy? That joy was you, and me, and the Church, and the hope of resurrection, and the renewal of all creation ...

What are your eyes fixed on? Maybe your eyes are fixed on getting that promotion at work, maybe they're fixed on the politics of our nation, or maybe for you, your eyes are fixed on getting something else from God. The way to life-changing and lasting victory in life is learning the secret of “*Overcoming The Distracted Life– There is ‘A Better Way!’*”

Join Us This Sunday 10:00 am, as we conclude our life-changing message series, “A Better Way.” –

Join the excitement as more people continue to return and new people are joining HBC each week for a life-changing encounter with God!



Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus....

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Hebrews 12:1-2(a)*

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, the writer of Hebrews says. It does not simply say that people who have died and gone on to heaven are looking down on us from above. It means that these people are saying something to us, they are testifying to us, they are witnesses in that sense. Their lives are saying that we ought to lay aside every weight, i.e., whatever hinders faith. You never say, “Yes” to Christ without saying, “No” to something else!

And what is the sin that so easily entangles us? That is unbelief. That is the failure to take revelation seriously. Then, what? Run with perseverance, with persistence, keeping on no matter what happens. How? By fixing our eyes on Jesus, that is the answer. Other heroes of the faith we read of can inspire us, challenge us, and some of the men and women of faith who have lived since these days can do the same. We are encouraged by their lives and testimonies to mobilize our resources, clench our fists, set our jaws and determine that we shall be men and women of faith. But if that is our only motivation, we shall find that we soon run out of gas. It all begins to fade and after a few weeks we are right back in the same old rut.

The secret of persistence is in this phrase, fixing our eyes on Jesus. Look at these men and women of faith, yes, but then look on Jesus. Why? Because he is the author and finisher of our faith. He can begin it and he can end it, complete it. He is the pioneer. He has gone on ahead. He is also the perfecter of faith. He himself ran the race. He laid aside every weight, every tie of family and friends. Every restraining hand he brushed aside that he might resolutely walk with God. He set his face against the popular sin of unbelief and walked on in patient perseverance, trusting the Father to work everything out for him. He set the example.

But there is more than example in this phrase; there is empowerment. We are to fix our eyes on Jesus because he can do what these others cannot do. They can inspire us, but he empowers us. Moment by moment, day by day, week by week, year by year, if we learn to look to Him we find strength imparted to us, because His Holy Spirit indwells us! That is the secret.

You also discover strength to continue. He is not up there somewhere. He is within us, by faith. If we have received Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit dwells within us. He has entered our inner man, into the place where we need strength, and is available every moment for me. Therefore, in Christ, I have all that it takes to meet life’s every challenge with victory!

On the grace journey together with you, Pastor Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

June 14, 2022

Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!

6/5/2022

Budget Offerings \$4995.00

PBA Offering \$125.00

Cash in Cash out—Sonshine Kids \$25.00

Cash in Cash out— Community Dinner \$5.00

Cash in Cash out— Coffee Fund \$3.00

Cash in Cash out— Journey Rent \$435.00

Cash in Cashout— Ukraine \$25.00

Cash in Cash out— Lackey \$25.00

Food Closet \$125.00

Total Deposit \$5763.00

6/13/2022

Budget \$2500.00

PBA Offering \$50.00

Food Closet \$20.00

Total Deposit \$2570.00

May Recap

Budget Deposits \$16,269.52 Budget Expenses \$21,829.93

Designated Deposits \$2709.67 Budget Expenses \$2900.35

Money Market \$174,124.57

Building Fund \$38,464.70

Savings Account \$124,992.48

Outreach \$10,667.39

PDF/ RR \$14,808.83

PDF \$5188.09

RR \$9244.23

Deacons \$376.41

Designated Account \$60,529.03

Donations for PORT

We will take donations of clothes for PORT through the summer months. Please do not bring any summer clothes, we can not use those. We will take any gently used winter clothes and shoes

We really need new thermals and under clothes. If you have any thing you would like to give you can place them on a table in the gym. Thank you for your donations.



Bazaar Information



We will be having our annual bazaar this year. September 24th 9am-3pm. We are taking application for Vendors. If you know someone that would like to participate have them contact the church office.

Quilt Tickets are available for everyone to take and sell. See Tracy to get your Quilt tickets. The quilt is displayed in the sanctuary. We are looking forward to a great show!

We really need help to make the day successful. There is a sign up sheet in the Connection Center with areas that we need help with. Please take a look at the list and sign up. If you have any questions see Tim Humphreys or contact the church office.

Salvation Army Summer Camp Donations

How can you help the children on the peninsula this summer? By helping us host 25 children each day, Monday through Friday in the Summer Day Camp Program. You can assist by providing some of the items listed below.



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Bring them to the church and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army.

Please remember it is nut free facility

Apple sauce (cups only) Popcorn Canned fruit (mixture)
Pretzels (bite size) Cereal Pudding (small cups) Cookies Raisins (small boxes)
Crackers Ravioli's Fruit cups Slim Jim's Fruit juice box spaghetti Noodles
Gatorade- Small bottles Spaghetti Sauce (can) Jell-O-cups Spaghetti O's
Nutri- Grains Bars Veggie Chips/ Straws Pop Tarts Welch's Fruit Snacks

See Pam Cooke for more information!

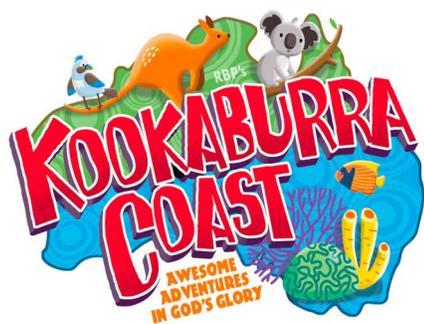
Vacation Bible School is coming!

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

Come and join us for Vacation Bible School

August 8th– 12th

6:00pm–8:30pm



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Fliers are available in the Connection Center to hand out!

Children's Worker and VBS Worker Meeting

All children's volunteer workers and VBS workers please mark your calendars now for **Tuesday, July 19th at 6:30pm**. This will be our annual meeting to go through all the policies of our children's programs. At that time, we will also go over the schedule and information for VBS. Please let Dreama know now if you can not attend.

We will have another meeting for those who can not be here on the date listed.





MISSIONS & OUTREACH

WMU June Focus Project

Our June Focus for WMU is Lackey Free Clinic . Lackey Clinic is a faith-based, free and charitable healthcare center — providing high-quality healthcare services for uninsured adults in Virginia. We will be taking monetary offerings through the month 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

JM (American People) TG (Central Asian People) Kathryn Murks (European People) AM (North American and Middle Eastern People) DS (South Asian People) Jody Fox (Sub-Saharan African People) Milton Thomas, Binyam Girma Legeese (Alberta) Mark Williams (AZ) Joshua Roulhac (DC) Duane Walz (OH)

Serve The City BIG Serve Week

July 12th—16th Check-in 8:30am until 12:00. Projects include minor home repair, yard work, and a daily family friendly project that even little kids can participate. There are “behind the scenes” jobs also to help make the week a success. Lunch is provided everyday. You can register online or contact Pam Cooke for all the information!

Community Dinner

Next Community Dinner is Friday, June 24th 5:30pm– 6:30pm. This is a great time to come out and visit with the community. Our attendance has been growing and we would love for you to be a part. If you would like to help see Pam Cooke.

Happy Birthday in June

6/11 Dave Gwaltney

6/14 Scott Kuhlne

6/18 Lloyd Ware

6/22 Jean Parker

6/23 William Duke

6/27 Doug Miller

6/27 Patricia Simmons



Lock up/ Hall Monitor

6/19 Joe Caskie

6/26 Roger Cooke

Counter

6/20 Joe Wircenski

6/27 Margaret Upole

Kids Church Helper

6/19 Kathy Caskie

6/26 Nadine Stephenson

Calendar

Tuesday, June 14th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, June 15th

7pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, June 16th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, June 19th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sunshine Kids

Happy Fathers Day!

Tuesday, June 21st

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, June 22nd

7pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, June 23rd

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Friday, June 24th

5:30-6:30pm Community Dinner

Sunday, 26th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sunshine Kids

Plan Ahead...Higher Ground Big Band Jazz Concert

At our community dinner on July 29, 2022 we will be having the Higher Ground Big Band Jazz Concert. This group is a community outreach group that seeks to uplift and inspire with swing, Latin and Jazz standards as well as modern big band arrangements.



Come out and join us for a great dinner, fellowship with our community and a great time of music. The music will begin at 7pm. Plan now to come and be with us!



Do People Recognize That “You Have Been With Jesus?”

So here we are, trying to figure out this thing called church. You may have your own understanding of what church means and it might look and sound a lot like what many people understand it to be, Sunday after Sunday, attending a worship service. But it truly is so much more!

As I was reading through Acts once again, I discovered a profound nugget of truth in Act 4:13. *“Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John, and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were marveling, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.”*

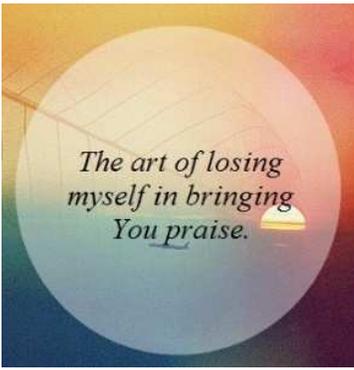
Notice the focus of this passage. This has everything to do with Christ and nothing to do with us. A life yielded to Christ is one that is recognized only by spending time with Christ. So, the notion that Peter and John did anything apart from that has no merit.

Imagine these disciples, these uneducated men derived their being and everything they had as witnesses of the gospel of Christ from Christ Himself, through the gift of His indwelling Spirit. The truth they spoke was not a truth of their own imaginations but rather truth as shared with them first by Christ Himself and then, after Pentecost, by the gift of the Holy Spirit (John 14:25-26).

We too, by spending time with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in His Word, in fellow-shiping with other believers of His church and by prayer, become the witnesses recognized by those of the world as having spent time with Jesus. Spending time with Jesus is the only way that leads to being in a position to be the kinds of witness this world needs, as in the case with Peter and John. It can't be done any other way. If you don't spend time with Jesus, you can't know Him, and if you don't know Him, how can you testify of Him?

As you read the passage for yourself, you will see that there is more to it than I am able to share with you here. There is a larger context of what Peter and John did on their way to the temple and their subsequent preaching as a result of the miracle the Lord worked through them. They performed their first miracle in the healing a crippled man, as if it was the most natural thing possible – *“as men who had been with Jesus.”*

Boldness is not the goal, knowing Jesus is the goal. Boldness is always a byproduct of knowing Jesus and declaring what not only what He “did” but what He “does” - that the world might recognize through our witness the one simple truth – *“That we have been with Jesus!”*



Lose Yourself Though Worship

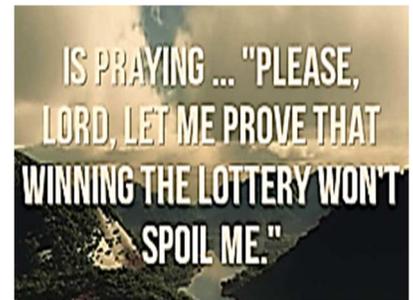
Never lose your sense of wonder, or you'll lose your motivation for worship. Unless you believe God is all-powerful, ever-present and approachable, you'll live in a state of anxiety believing that everything depends on you. You'll fail to be generous because the source of your security is in yourself. You'll avoid confronting those who need it, because without the certainty of God's acceptance you yourself will become a slave to people's opinions.

There's one thing that's guaranteed to restore your understanding of how big and wonderful God is – worship. God created us so that when we experience something awe-inspiring we need to praise it, to wrap words around it. We don't worship God because He needs it, but because we do.

Without worship our perception of Him is incomplete; we forget how great He is; we overlook our calling and become self-involved. We lose our sense of wonder and gratitude by plodding through life with blinkers on, and we become self-reliant, stubborn and proud. So, each day let us pause and say, "*Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool...*" (Psalm 99:5)

The Last Impression

A woman named Edna finds herself in dire trouble. Her business has gone bust and she's in serious financial trouble. She's so desperate that she decides to ask God for help. She begins to pray... 'God, please help me. I've lost my business and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto.



Lotto night comes and somebody else wins it.

Edna again prays.... 'God, please let me win the lotto! I've lost my business, my house and I'm going to lose my car as well.'

Lotto night comes and Edna still has no luck.

Once again, she prays, 'My God, why have you forsaken me?? I've lost my business, my house, and my car. My children are starving. I don't often ask you for help and I have always been a good servant to you. PLEASE, just let me win the lotto this one time so I can get my life back in order.

Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open and Edna is confronted by the voice of what sounds like God Himself:

“Edna, how about you meet Me halfway on this... *Buy a ticket!*”



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"The Benefits To You & HBC!"

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

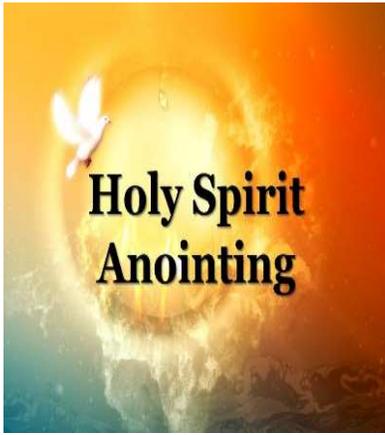
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The Anointing of the Holy Spirit...

“When the Holy Spirit has come upon you.” - Acts 1:8

The Book of Acts teaches four things about our experience of the Spirit—what the Spirit is doing when He comes upon us in the anointing.

First, the Holy Spirit creates unity among us without producing uniformity. When the Spirit of God enters us, we do not become clones. In fact, the Scriptures say that the Spirit places great variety in the Body of Christ—varieties of ministry, personality, ministerial office—all flowing out of the one Spirit. The Spirit ministers to us the life of Jesus, which is the source of our unity, but He also brings us to Christlikeness preserving our uniqueness without making us “cookies” cut in the exact same shape.

Second, the Spirit taps the potential in our life that no one or nothing else can reach. No one’s life is ever the same after having encountered the Holy Spirit. No person in the New Testament would have ever realized the potential in his life unless the Holy Spirit had been upon him. No matter what our talents and personalities are, and no matter how much energy we bring to any particular assignment or task, only the Holy Spirit can touch the depths of potential in our lives and draw it forth for the Kingdom of God.

Third, the Spirit is always leading us in two dimensions simultaneously. He’s always leading us deeper into God and He’s always leading us out into the world. The Spirit’s desire is to make us more spiritual, more Godly, more like Jesus. He wants to lead us deeper into God. At the same time, the Spirit leads us out into the world, because God loves the world. The Father gave His Son to save the world. Jesus told us to go into the world, but He said we cannot go unless the Spirit comes upon us. He told the disciples to wait for the Spirit.

Fourth, the Holy Spirit is indeed a Person and as such, you can resist Him, ignore Him or welcome Him. He waits to be received; He waits to be invited. Jesus said to ask the Father and He will give you the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will not storm down the door of your life. He seeks an invitation.

2000 years ago, the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out and given as a gift of God to His church. Though the church has often neglected or overlooked His power, that gift has never been rescinded or taken away. To experience the power of the early church, we must ask, seek and welcome the anointing and presence of the mighty Holy Spirit of God!

IT'S NOT WHAT

YOU SAY THAT

MATTERS, IT'S

WHAT YOU DO.

Do... and Follow Through!

Have you experienced dissatisfaction with a situation, and found yourself criticizing rather than contributing to a solution?

Former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill exemplified integrity and respect in the face of opposition. During his last year in office, he attended an official ceremony. Several rows behind him two gentlemen began whispering. "That's Winston Churchill... they say he is getting senile... they say he should step aside and leave the running of the nation to more dynamic and capable men."

When the ceremony was over, Churchill turned to the men and said, "Gentlemen, they also say he is deaf!"

The human race is divided into two classes – those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit still and inquire, "Why wasn't it done the other way?" How many times have we left a job, a project, a church, an important relationship because we just didn't find it good enough? Some of us make a lifestyle of it!

But God wants us to be the kind of remarkable people who don't criticize, complain and go out looking for something better all the time. He wants us to be a people who determine to make a difference in the lives of the people and situations He allows us to face!

In James 1:22-25 we read, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."

Is your job boring and you want a change? Ask the Lord how you might grow in your giftings there. Ask Him to help you come up with a creative solution and maybe even improve your workplace altogether.

Are you dissatisfied with your church because it is lacking in some ministry area you consider vital? Perhaps the Lord is calling you to help start one up! Let's be doers! Let's be people of vision!

There's much too much to be done for the Lord to be sitting around criticizing. Let's determine to stop being complainers and go forth and do great things for Him!

“Little By Little...”

Little by little,
one travels far.

- J.R.R. Tolkien

The Lord your God will drive those nations out ahead of you little by little. You will not clear them away all at once Deuteronomy 7:22

Although God could instantly transform us, he has chosen to develop us slowly. Jesus is deliberate in developing his disciples.

Just as God allowed the Israelites to take over the Promised Land "little by little," so they wouldn't be overwhelmed, he prefers to work in incremental steps in our lives.

"There is no growth without change there is no change without fear or loss; and there is no loss without pain."

Why does it take so long to change and grow up? There are several reasons.

We are slow learners. - We often have to relearn a lesson forty or fifty times to really get it. The problems keep recurring, and we think, "Not again! I've already learned that!"—but God knows better. The history of Israel illustrates how quickly we forget the lessons God teaches us and how soon we revert to our old patterns of behavior. We need repeated exposure.

We have a lot to unlearn. - Many people go to a counselor with a personal or relational problem that took years to develop and say, "I need you to fix me. I've got an hour." They naïvely expect a quick solution to a long-standing, deep-rooted difficulty. Since most of our problems—and all of our bad habits—didn't develop overnight, it's unrealistic to expect them go away immediately.

Our spiritual growth is directly proportionate to crucifying of our old nature, habits and selfishness of the life we lived before we knew Christ.

There is no pill, prayer, or principle that will instantly undo the damage of many years. It requires the hard work of removal and replacement. The Bible calls it "taking off the old self" and "putting on the new self." (Romans 13:12; Ephesians 4:22-25; Colossians 3:7-10, 14.)

Growth is often painful and scary. There is no growth without change; there is no change without fear or loss; and there is no loss without pain. We fear these losses, even if our old ways were self-defeating, because, like a worn out pair of shoes, they were at least comfortable and familiar.

Every change involves a loss of some kind: You must let go of old ways in order to experience the new. By God's grace – you can!



"Seeing" People's Needs

Sometimes you can tell by the look on someone's face what they are going through. Genesis 40:6 says that "*Joseph... looked at them, and saw that they were sad.*" Even though he himself was unjustly imprisoned, he found fulfillment in helping two other prisoners. Would it have been easier just to focus on his own problems? Yes, but it's self-defeating.

Henry Drummond wrote, "As you look back on your life, the moments that stand out are always the ones when you did things for others." Joseph realized he wasn't the only one hurting, so he did what Jesus always did – treated those around him with compassion.

How about you? Do you take time to try to understand what people are going through? Are you self-absorbed, or concerned about others who are hurting, especially when you've nothing to gain by it? Encouragement is like a shot of adrenaline – it can lift a person and put them back on their feet again. Writer Ren Bazin says, "A remedy for the evils of our time... is the gift of yourself to those who've fallen so low that even hope fails them."

Will those you give to, always give back? No, but God will. When the royal butler was released from prison he forgot the promise he made to speak to Pharaoh on Joseph's behalf. But God didn't forget! Joseph's best days were ahead. Think of his rise in Egypt, his service to a nation, his impact as a leader, and the joy of reconciling with his family. He underlines it: "...God turned into good what [others] meant for evil..." (Genesis 50:20 TLB) So, start "seeing" the needs of those around you.

The Last Impression

A college professor had the habit of removing a tennis ball from his jacket pocket as he walked into the lecture hall each morning. He would set it on the corner of the podium. After giving the lecture for the day, he would once again pick up the tennis ball, place it into his jacket pocket, and leave the room.

No one ever understood why he did this, until one day... A student fell asleep during the lecture. The professor didn't miss a word of his lecture while he walked over to the podium, picked up the tennis ball, and threw it, hitting the sleeping student squarely on the top of the head.

The next day, the professor walked into the room, reached into his jacket, removed a baseball... No one ever fell asleep in his class the rest of the semester! (And then there is the story of the pastor who set a tennis ball on his pulpit... but that's a different story!)

