

*The Forecast*  
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Prayer is an urgent task, but it doesn't always come easy. It doesn't for me. I still have difficulty staying focused through longer, sustained periods of prayer. I think perhaps, I always will. Luckily, prayer doesn't have to happen in any one way. It just needs to happen.

Prayer is something we do because we are convinced that we need God's direction and involvement in our lives. It is something we do because we recognize that discerning where the Spirit is leading is critical to living faithfully. It is something we do to avoid working in our own strength.

Prayer is not simply what we do because we need God. We do it because He is present. In prayer we acknowledge God's presence. We demonstrate that we don't serve a God who is aloof and uninvolved. Rather, in prayer we recognize that God is involved in the world. The urgent task of prayer allows us to participate in what God is doing in the world as we wait for Him to make all things new.

Whether in times of trouble or times of peace, especially when your faith is challenged... *"Don't Give Up On Prayer – There is 'A Better Way!'"*

***Join Us This Sunday 10:00 am, as we continue 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!***



## *Let's Press On With Prayer...*

Perhaps there have been times when you've prayed about something and it seemed like God didn't answer your request. Or maybe He gave you an answer you didn't like or intervened in a way that was different than what you asked for. Perhaps you have even felt, at your worst moments, like giving up on prayer itself.

Only in your greatest struggles is where the surrender and yielding to God that Jesus modeled in the Garden of Gethsemane comes into play. We can be free to pray according to our heart's desires (Rom. 10:1), but we must release our wills, dreams, hopes, ambitions, plans, and even our desires to the all-wise, sovereign God. We can trust that His ways and plans for us are always best.

I have had many prayer requests that have required me to persist in prayer. I have and will continue to pray for the salvation of family members and other loved ones. I also continue to pray for the requests of others that have not yet been answered, like friends to heal, spouses to get saved, marriages to be restored, prodigals to come home, financial problems to be resolved, and addictions to be broken.

Is there a relationship or circumstance where you're tempted to lose heart in praying? It's no coincidence that you are reading this post today. God wants you to persevere in your praying . . . and so do I! While you continue steadfastly in prayer, know I'm right there with you in my own prayer life, persisting, asking, seeking, and knocking before the throne of grace.

My prayer for you today is that you would not lose your passion, motivation, or enthusiasm in prayer. Since we always harvest what we plant, let's continue to sow seeds of prayer in our own lives and on behalf of those around us, because we know we will reap a harvest if we do not give up (Gal. 6:7-9). May we always be a people who "run with endurance" in our prayer lives (Heb. 12:1).

Let's continue to ask God for His help, allow His Spirit to empower us, and pray with and for each other. So, we can resist any temptations from the enemy to ever give up. I'm recommitting to persist in my longstanding prayer requests today.

Will you consider joining me?

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

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

June 7, 2022

*Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!*

Dreama is out of town, the giving report will be in next weeks Forecast.

## Calendar

### Monday, June 6th

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, June 7th

Church Office Closed

No Food Distribution

### Wednesday, June 8th

Church office closed

No Wednesday Night Bible Study

### Thursday, June 9th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

### Sunday, June 12th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids

### 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 Sonshine Kids

Happy Fathers Day!

### Lock up/ Hall Monitor

6/12 Pam Cooke

6/19 Joe Caskie

### Counter

6/13 Myrna Powell

6/20 Joe Wircenski

### Kids Church Helper

6/12 Youth

6/19 Kathy Caskie

### 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



## **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.

We are already signing people up to help. Please see Tim Humphreys or contact the church office for information.

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!



## **Vacation Bible School is coming!**

**August 8th– 12th**

**6:00pm – 8:30pm**

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

## **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.

## **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.



**DOING  
THE MOST  
GOOD<sup>SM</sup>**

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!

**Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226**

**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**

SB (Central Asian People) BB, DC (Global Strategic Advance) Stephen Hagen (Southeast Asian People) SM (Sub-Saharan African People) Josiah Espinoza (CA) Medhan Williams (FL) Christopher Thomas (HI) Cory Wilson (OH) Alfred Biplob Biswas (OK) Issa Safadi (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**

Next Community Dinner is Friday, June 24th 5:30pm– 6:30pm. If you would like to help see Pam Cooke



**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 clothes. 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.

## ***How Much Can God Trust You With?***



We never really own anything – it's just a loan. It was God's property before we arrived, and He'll lend it to somebody else after we're gone. Our selfish culture says, "If I don't own it, why should I take care of it?" Those who understand God's will live by a higher standard. They say, "Because God owns it, I'll take even better care of it!" In God's Kingdom, *"...those who are trusted with something valuable must show they are worthy of that trust."* (1 Cor. 4:2)

To illustrate this, Jesus told the story of a businessman who entrusted his wealth to his servants while he was away. When he returned, he evaluated and rewarded them accordingly: *"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"* (Matt. 25:21)

When you make the most of what God has given to you He promises three rewards. First, you'll be given commendation: *"Well done, good and faithful servant!"* Next, you'll receive promotion: "I will put you in charge of many things." Finally, you'll be honored with a celebration: "Come and share your master's happiness."

For many of us, money is the greatest test of all. Jesus addresses this: *"If you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of Heaven?"* (Luke 16:11) There's a direct correlation between how you use your money, and the quality of your life. So the question is, could the way you're handling your money be preventing God from blessing you with more?



### ***The Last Impression***

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row please," she answered.

"You really don't want to do that," the usher said. "The pastor is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired. "No," he said.

"I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly. "Do you know who I am?" he asked. "No," she said.

"Good," he answered, "Let me show you the front pew."



## ***Be Heir to the King!***

There is an Irish legend about a king, who had no children to succeed him on the throne. So, he had his messengers post signs in every town and village of his kingdom inviting qualified young men to apply for an interview with the king. This way the king hoped to be able to choose a successor before he died. Two qualifications, especially, were stressed. The person must have a deep love for God and a deep love for his neighbor.

A young man saw one of the signs. He indeed had a deep love for God and neighbor. He felt a kind of inner voice telling him to apply for an interview. But the young man was so poor that he didn't have decent clothes to wear to an interview. He also didn't have any money to buy provisions for the long journey to the king's castle. So the young man prayed over the matter. He finally decided to beg for the clothes and the provisions he needed. When everything was ready, he set out. After a month of travel, one day the young man caught sight of the king's castle. It sat high on a hill in the distance.

At about the same time, he also caught sight of a poor old beggar sitting by the side of the road. The beggar held out his hands and pleaded for help. "I'm hungry and cold," he said in a weak voice. "Could you give me something warm to wear and something nourishing to eat?"

The sight of the beggar moved the young man. He stripped off his warm outer clothes and exchanged them for the tattered old coat of the beggar. He also gave the beggar most of the provisions he had been carrying in his backpack for the return journey. Then, somewhat uncertainly, he walked on to the castle in tattered clothes and without enough food for his return trip.

When the young man arrived at the castle, guards met him at the gate. They took him to a visitors' area, and after a long wait, he led into see the king. He bowed low before the throne. When he straightened up, the young man could hardly believe his eyes. He said to the king. "You were the beggar beside the road." "That's right," said the king.

"Why did you do this to me?" asked the young man. The king said, "I had to find out if you really did love God and neighbor." And then the king told him he had proved himself and was the new heir. What a surprise!

*"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,*

*I needed clothes and you clothed me..." Matt. 25:34,35*

## *It Happens to the Best of Us!*

A pastor was building a fence while the neighbor's 12-year-old son watched. The pastor smiled and said, "Are you interested in carpentry?" "No," the boy replied. "I just want to hear what a preacher says when he hits his thumb with a hammer!"



You are the only Bible some people will ever read, and they're watching to see how your life lines up with what you profess. Some are hoping for confirmation of the life-changing power of Jesus; others for a chance to say, "See, Christians are all hypocrites!" We want to set a good example, but sometimes we fall short. God uses those failures to "...make it clear that our...power is from Him, not...ourselves." (2 Corinthians 4:7 NLT)

God doesn't gloss over the shortcomings of even the most notable saints. They're "examples... written down as warnings for us..." (1 Corinthians 10:11) Abraham, the "friend of God," lied about Sarah being his wife (Genesis 12:10-20). Moses, the mighty leader, got angry and disobeyed God. David, a man after God's heart, committed adultery and then tried to cover his tracks with murder (2 Samuel 11:15). Peter, head of the church, denied Jesus not once but three times (Luke 22:54-62), and John Mark gave up and went home during a missionary trip (Acts 15:38).

So don't get discouraged when you stumble. Get up, admit your mistake, apologize to the people involved, ask God for forgiveness, forgive yourself, learn from what happened, and move on.



### **THINK**

Alan Redpath once formed a "mutual encouragement" fellowship at a time of stress in one of his pastorates. The members subscribed to a simple formula applied before speaking of any person or subject that was perhaps controversial.

**T** – Is it true?

**H** – Is it helpful?

**I** – Is it inspiring?

**N** – Is it necessary?

**K** – Is it kind?

Paul wrote, "*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.*" (Philippians 4:8)



***It's Not What You Would Do...***

***It's What You Can Do!***

Calling. It's a vague word and it looks different for all of us - but we all want it. What is God's purpose for us? What does He want us to do with the time we've been given?

Our calling is not some distant future dream we'll chase and champion when our situation allows it. It's not what we *would do...* it's what we *can do!*

Let me ask you, "What good would you do if you had perfect circumstances at this point in your life?"

*"I would if I could... But I can't so I won't..."* That is the preset response of most people when God calls them to do something, or a need arises in the world that they are individually called to meet. *"I would if I could... But I can't so I won't..."*

Let me suggest if you cannot do the good that you would, then you should do the good that you can! Realize that your calling is active, not passive. Usually the people that God calls and uses are not the people who have the best of everything. They are more often the people who have the least, or the smallest. The difference is that they make the most of what they do have.

A lot of people think of their calling in terms in terms of what they will do "someday". But the world is not changed by what you will do one day if it is not connected to something you are doing right now. Don't put your calling on consignment. Don't defer your destiny. Don't put out there some idealistic situation where when it happens, only then you will accomplish the will of God with your life.

It's not what you do with what you could, it's what you do with what you have. When you offer God what you have, He can turn a little bit into a lot. But He can't multiply nothing, because nothing multiplied is still nothing!

The good news, actually the best news we can know is that right now where we are, with who we are and what we have – It is more than enough when we surrender and give ourselves completely to God.

Right now, this moment, when we get ourselves into God's will for our lives we discover the secret to true abundance is to begin living in the now moment with God – It's not what you would... It's what you can!

*"I can do ALL things through Christ who loves me and gave Himself for me!"*  
Philippians 4:13. Receive and live in the word today!



## ***Passionate About God's Will***

*"So we continued the work... from the first light of dawn till the stars came out." Nehemiah 4:21*



In the face of overwhelming odds, Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem in just 52 days.

How? Because he had a single-minded passion to do so! Facing the greatness of his need, Nehemiah looked beyond his present situation and focused on the greatness of his God

Some of us are afraid to pray, "Lord, I'll do what you want me to do." We fear that he might send us somewhere we don't want to go or asks us to do something we don't feel ready or qualified to do.

That when we discover that we've got it all wrong!

The Bible says God's will is *"good, and acceptable, and perfect"* (Romans 12:2). What is there to be afraid of in that formula?

Now, while God's will for us is "good," it's not necessarily easy! But, He gives us a passion for it. Jeremiah said that when he tried to stop speaking about the Lord, God's Word became *"like a burning fire shut up in my bones."* (Jeremiah 20:9) You can't contain a fire that God lights. When He sets your heart ablaze, you begin to see things you never saw before and get excited about them.

Not only does God enable our present and future. He redeems our past. He can even take your chapters of regret and write a story of grace, if you are willing to surrender them to Him.

But it's not likely you'll experience much of a passion for anything if you're just sitting on the sidelines waiting for something to happen. James says *"Don't just be a hearer of God's word, be a doer."* (James 1:22)

Remember there is very little difference between a deep rut and a grave, and when you are caught only spinning your wheels you often find yourself simply digging your hole deeper!

One of the greatest secrets of true discipleship is discovering that you'll get a passion for God's will once you begin doing it! You'll think, "this is what I was made for."

Then when you discover that you have a compelling reason for doing something, and you know that God is watching and smiling on you, it makes all the difference!



## *Unfolding the Rosebud and Discovering God's Will For Our Lives*

A young, new preacher was walking with an older, more seasoned preacher in the garden one day and feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was inquiring of the older preacher. The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the WILL OF GOD for his life and for his ministry. Because of his high respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to TRY to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact. It wasn't long before he realized how it was impossible to do so.

Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud while keeping it intact, the older preacher began to tell the following poem...

### *Unfolding The Rosebud*

It is only a tiny rosebud,  
A flower of God's design;  
But I cannot unfold the petals  
With these clumsy hands of mine.

The secret of unfolding flowers  
Is not known to such as I.  
God opens this flower so sweetly,  
When in my hands they fade and die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud,  
This flower of God's design,  
Then how can I think I have wisdom  
To unfold this life of mine?

So I'll trust in Him for His leading  
Each moment of every day.  
I will look to Him for His guidance  
Each step of the pilgrim way.

The pathway that lies before me,  
Only my heavenly Father knows.  
I'll trust Him to unfold the moments,  
Just as He unfolds the rose.



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