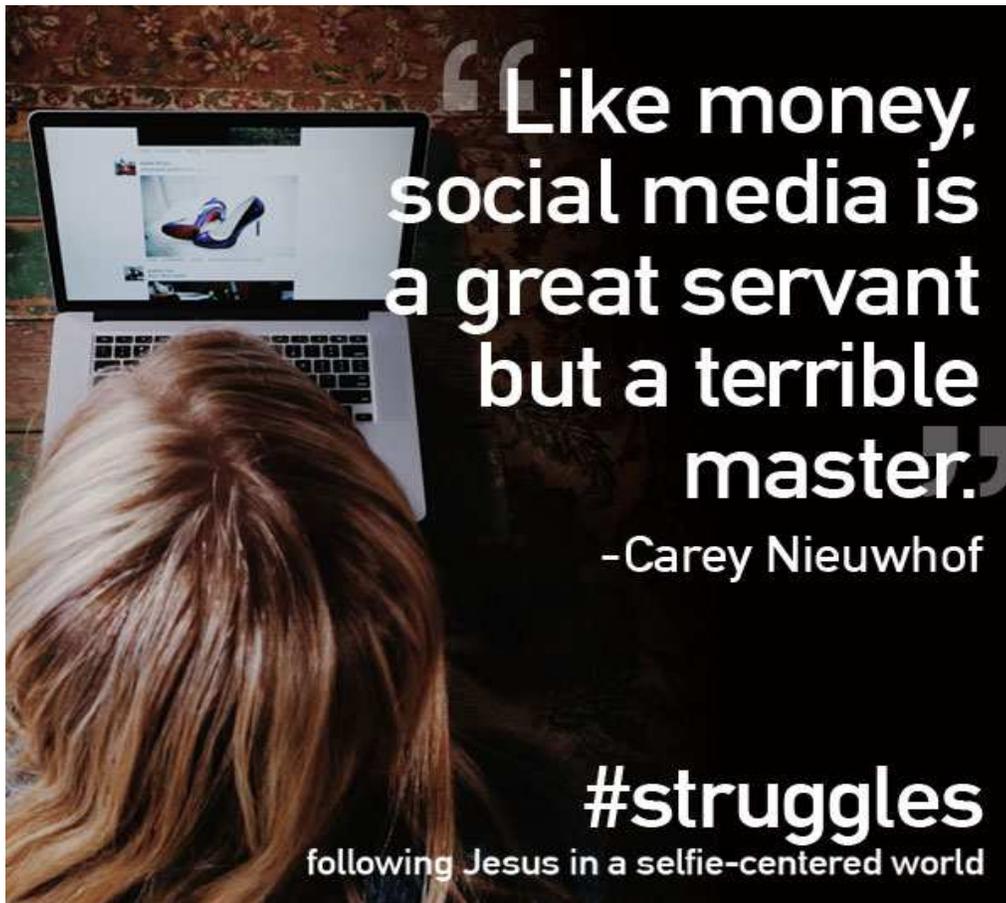


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“So there is a special rest still waiting for the people of God.” Heb 4:9

In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth and brought everything into being - time, matter, space, and life. God spoke, the Spirit moved, and in six days He not only established the world and breathed His life into Adam, but also gave him dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and every animal and creeping thing that moved on the face of the earth... and God saw it was good - very good.

On the seventh day, God rested from all His work and blessed this day. But man sinned, the world was cursed - and God began to work once again. He also has planned a future “Sabbath Day” rest, in which we will be included.

Just imagine one day... When there will be no more cell phones to answer, computers to spend hours looking at the screen and no more endless emails to read and answer... What a future God has promised!

***Join Us This Sunday 10:00 am, as we conclude our exciting message series, “#Struggles – Following Jesus in a selfie centered world.”
– You don’t want to miss it!***



A Sabbath Rest To Which We Can Look Forward!

So you have worked hard, day in and day out and finally you are promised a break. Vacations are often a source of rest for many people. They are something that we long for -after many months of hard work.

Each week we need a time of rest too. This is modeled after the pattern God established in which he rested on the seventh day when he completed the work of creation. That set a pattern for us that is worth keeping.

Day after day, with ever-increasing frequency, we answer our cell phones, respond to text messages and scan our Facebook pages for the latest post and pictures. Yet, in the midst of our busy lives each week, it is still good to take a day to rest from our work, to take time to worship and honor God, and to give to and share with others, especially people who are in need.

The author of Hebrews points out that the promise to enter God's rest still stands. So, for all of us, this remains something to strive for and long for – that final goal of a Sabbath Day rest from our labors.

Echoing the warning signs mentioned earlier, Hebrews notes that some of God's people hardened their hearts and refused to trust in God, so they did not enter his rest. Seems like they couldn't or wouldn't let go of their work just long enough to honor God.

Nevertheless, the promise of entering God's rest is still there!

The promise is for everyone who believes in the good news of Jesus Christ. Entering God's rest is something we may long for and desire. It is even something we can begin to enjoy in Christ now, and we are promised that it will be complete when Jesus comes again.

This is not a call to stop all our activity and our work. Instead, it is a call to continue believing in Christ, knowing that through him we will enter God's promised rest and live with him forever.

“Heavenly Father, thank You for the 'rest' we already have by faith in Christ Jesus and for the full and final Sabbath-Rest that will one day be ours, when Christ finally defeats every evil principality and power. Thank You that the earthly kingdom which was lost through sin, will be handed back to You, and Your redemptive plan will be completed!”

Lord God, help us to find true rest in you. Amen.

On the grace journey together with you, Pastor Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

July 19, 2022

Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!

Deposit 7/10/2022

Budget \$5331.00

Cash in Cash out– Doors \$360.00

Cash in Cash out– Kids \$510.00

Cash in Cash Out– quilt \$20.00

Food Pantry \$2510.00

Total Deposit \$8873.00



Deposit 7/17/2022

Budget \$1250.00

Cash in Cash out– Sonshine Kids \$50.00

Cash in Cash out– Craft Show\$ 40.00

Cash in Cash out– Coffee Fund \$1.41

Food Pantry \$245.00

Total Deposit 2486.41



Come and join us for Vacation Bible School

August 8th– 12th

6:00pm–8:30pm

Hilton Baptist Church 101 Main Street Newport News, Hilton Village

Ages 4-12 Years old

Snacks, Crafts, Games, Music and a lot about Jesus!

Free! Free ! Free! To register Call Dreama 757-532-1896, 757-595-3300

Walk-ins welcome also

Calendar

Tuesday, July 19th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution
6:30pm Teacher Training/
VBS Meeting

Wednesday, July 20

7pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, July 21st

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, July 24th

10am Live Worship at HBC
Virtual Worship Online
10am Sonshine Kids

Tuesday, July 26th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution
^:30pm Vision Team Meeting

Wednesday, July 27th

7pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, June 28th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Friday, June 29th

5:30-6:30 Community Dinner
With Higher Ground Jazz Band

Sunday, July 31st

10am Live Worship at HBC
Virtual Worship Online
10am Sonshine Kids

Happy Birthday in July

7/21 Tracy Venable
7/23 Sue Monfalcone
7/27 Wayne Tawney
7/28 Herb Turner
7/31 Cindy Gibson



Lock up/ Hall Monitor

7/24 Stan Langdon
7/31 Joe Wircenske

Counter

7/25 Joe Wircenski
8/1 Margaret Upole

Kids Church Helper

7/24 Nadine Stephenson
7/31 Youth

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.

Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226

WMU July Focus Project

Our July Focus for WMU is Pure Water Pure Love. PWPL has a three fold mission: to supply missionaries with water filters, to provide the people they serve with wells that offer clean water and to supply mission teams with water filters for use on short term mission trips.

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. We have given out a lot of food recently so any donations would be appreciated.

July 31st is our next food collection day!

Aluminum Cans

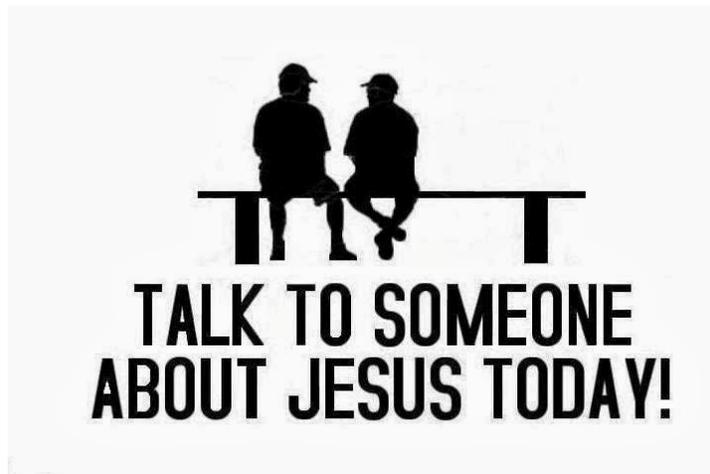
Recycle your cans at HBC and help Support missions! Bring them to HBC and place them in the gym or the church office. All money collected goes to missions!

Pray for our Missionaries

HG, MW (Central Asian People) April Baker , David Frierson (European People) JA, DM, JR (South Asian People) LP)Southeast Asian People) Olivia Chaplinski, Michael Windsor (CA) Romy Manansala (NJ) Kerri Johnson (NY) Boris Alfaro (OR) Cliff Jenkins (PA)

Community Dinner

Make sure you come out to our next community dinner on Friday, July 29th. We will be having a nice meal and then enjoy the Higher Ground Jazz Band. We need people to help us! Please See Pam if you can help out that night!



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!



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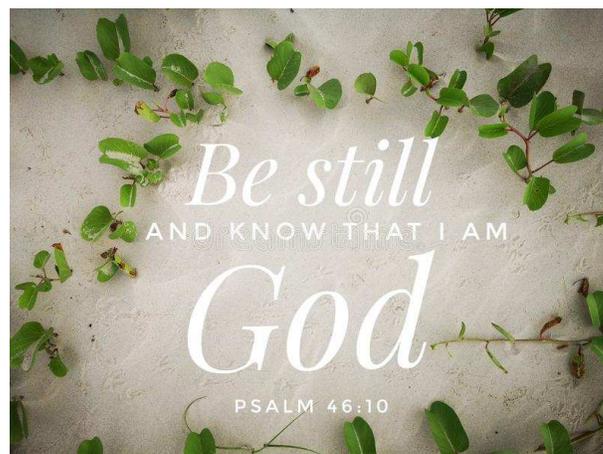
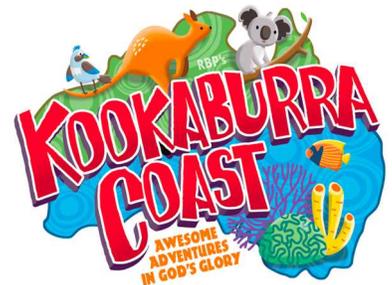
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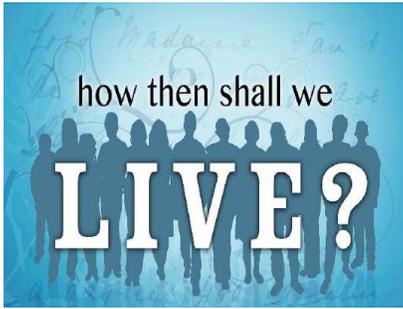
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Grace!

That special “someone” came up and embraced you. They gave you a kiss on the cheek unexpectedly. You remember how exceptional the feeling was.

You asked them why. And they simply replied..., “*Because I love you...*”

We can dress it up with theological terms, clothe it with religious dogma, explain it in foreign Greek words such as “*agape*” for love, and “*charis*” for grace, or romantic Latin phrases such as, “*Amor in perpetuum vivit dei gratia*” meaning, “*Love lives forever by the grace of God...*” (I know that last one had to impress you!)

But when all is said and done, it all boils down to, “*Because I love you...*” That’s *GRACE... pure and simple.*

And I am feeling these days that in our pursuit of deeper revelations, more meaningful experiences with God, deeper relationship connection with the divine persona above us and the human community around us , we might most fundamentally be best served by returning to step one – *GRACE!*

And we ask “*Why?*”... “*Because, I love you!*” God responds.

That is what God said to humanity when he entered our flesh though an infant presence in Bethlehem’s manger and exited through the agony of Calvary’s cruel cross. The divinity so majestically restrained in the physical body of Jesus was ravishly released in the resurrection and then poured out from heaven upon all flesh at Pentecost to splash upon the human timeline this era we call grace!

And how will respond today – in such a time as this? Perhaps resonating with the words penned by songwriter Gloria Gaither:

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven.

I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.

I know my name is clear before my Father;

I am His child and I am not afraid.

So, greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother; The law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion.

I've been so loved, that I'll risk loving too.

I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges; I'll dare to see another's point of view.

And when relationships demand commitment,

Then I'll be there to care and follow through!



Unforced Rhythms of Grace

“Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.” Matthew 11:29-30 (MSG)

The Message puts the essence of how God calls us to live when it uses the beautiful phrase: *“unforced rhythms of grace.”* Jesus calls us to a level of intimacy that can only be sustained by experiencing His presence in our lives. Authentic Christianity results in a renewed mind and transformed lifestyle, and a hunger for, and willing participation in corporate worship. Make no mistake; it's a surrendered life and pure, unadulterated grace that results in these radical changes.

“Where our priorities have been scattered and we have been loyal to many things, we focus our allegiance and become loyal to one: Jesus Christ, our Lord.”

Authentic Christianity is radical Christianity – it requires commitment, allegiance and focus. Too many in the church today seem to live out their faith experience as no more than an add-on philosophy to a life they've mapped out for themselves. Instead, we must see our relationship with Jesus like the man who finds hidden treasure in a field. He reprioritizes his whole life because nothing is as important as buying that field.

We must become like the shopkeeper who finds a rare pearl and realizes everything else he has is unimportant compared to the pearl -- and so he never looks back to the lesser things that once demanded his attention (Matthew 13:44-50). Where our priorities have been scattered and we have been loyal to many things, we focus our allegiance and become loyal to one thing: the person, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

This means faithful attendance to corporate worship is not an option, as some suggest by callous attitudes and casual commitments. This same Scripture says, *“keep company with me.”* How do we do this? We remember Jesus' words, *“Where two or three gather in My Name, that's where I'll be.”* Matthew 18:20. We recall the awesome truth that Jesus sees the church as His own Body, and His Bride. Where will you find Jesus? Where His Body and Bride have gathered together! How do you relate to Him? Through worshipping in His presence!

Jesus uses them to call you into a deeper relationship with him. *“Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.”* This is how we learn to be like Christ: *“Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.”*

Priorities

What is it about human nature that makes us looms? So often we coast in our relationships until they skid into a crisis. We think nothing of spending thousands on a car and blindly drive it by the homeless shelter everyday. We think nothing of a sixty-hour workweek but can't find time for dinner as a family.



We live lives of loneliness and sorrow because those things that could build our friendships, family, and faith get our leftover time. Then, one day it is too late, we have waited too long.

We are like the Rabbi who did not run to Jesus until the crisis hit and his daughter was “at the point of death.” The Greek word here for this moment of “final desperation.”

Take a moment to examine your life today. What is at the “eschatos” – the point of death – in your life right now? What part of your spiritual or relational life is barely breathing?

Find ways to make those areas (family, friendships and faith) a higher priority than career and income. Do something different this week – Intentionally set apart regular time with God, schedule an appointment with those in your own family. Then, after prioritizing God and your family, then set up the rest of the week.

The Last Impression



One day God was walking through the Garden of Eden. After a short while, he came across Adam. Adam was in low spirits this particular day, and God asked him what was wrong. Adam told the Lord that he was lonely.

God responded that He would create Adam a companion. She would walk by his side for all eternity. She would listen to his problems. She would wash his clothes. She would keep his house clean. She would cook his meals. She would do anything to keep him happy. Most importantly, she would never complain or nag him.

To this Adam was ecstatic. His spirits lifted immediately. The Lord hated to tell him that this creature would come at a price. God told Adam that the creature would cost him an arm and a leg.

Adam responded, “What can I get for a rib?” ... And the rest is history.



Jesus: What You See Is What You Get

Jesus left there and went to his hometown...When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed...Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son? And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor."

He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith. Mark 6:1-6

Have you ever wondered why some churches and people experience the power of God on a greater level than others? Why some people seem to be magnets for miracles and the extraordinary, while others only hear about them? I believe the above passage gives us at least one aspect of the answer. At this point in His ministry, Jesus was on a roll. Everywhere He went He was packing it out with people who came to hear and be healed by Him. You would think He'd be able to return to His own hometown and do even greater things. But that's not what happened.

Why does the Bible say Jesus couldn't do miracles? Not wouldn't, but *couldn't*? When you read the above passage, it's pretty clear. **The miracle working power of Jesus wasn't limited because His ability subsided.** It was because they did not believe. Like many Christians today, I believe their **exposure** to Jesus was great. But also like many Christians today, their **experience** of Him was limited. That's why He was amazed at their lack of faith. And that's why His power was limited.

I believe that the reason some churches see God show up in extraordinary measures and do remarkable things and other churches are dying on the vine has nothing to do with the power of God. God is powerful everywhere. He has the ability to change lives anywhere you go. The determining factor in the activity of God in our churches and in our lives isn't even who Jesus is. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.

It really comes down to this: **It's not who He is, it's how we see Him.** These people saw Him as a carpenter. That's what they got. Others had seen Him as someone capable of miracles. That's what they got. The same principle is true today.

When it comes to Jesus, what you see is what you get.

God's Glory and Grandma's Traditions by Steven Furtick

"He removed the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke into pieces the bronze snake Moses had made, for up to that time the Israelites had been burning incense to it." – 2 Kings 18:4



It wasn't supposed to be this way.

The bronze snake had at one time been an instrument of transformation. It healed people. It saved them from the consequences of their sin. But then the people turned it into an object of worship. And thereby ruined it and robbed it of its power.

This is the essence of traditionalism. It's not simply holding onto Grandma's preferences. It's when we take things. Good things. Effective things. And we end up worshipping them instead of the God who used them for a season. And it can happen to anything.

Hymns. Or modern worship.

Live preaching. Or video preaching.

One campus. Or multiple campuses.

Sunday School. Or small groups.

None of these are bad things, but they're also not the ultimate thing. And therefore we shouldn't treat them as such. Otherwise we run a dangerous risk. The very thing that you hold up as a tool for transformation today can easily become an idol of tradition tomorrow. And God has a way of smashing our idols. Or rendering them powerless.

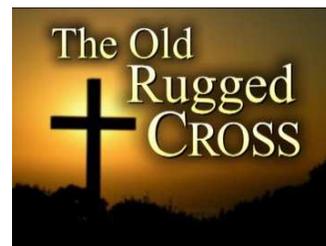
Don't get me wrong. We should never lose our appreciation or respect for the things God uses to reach people and transform their lives. But we should also never allow them to steal God's glory by becoming a greater object of our affections than God or the new ways He wants to work among us.

God's glory is greater than Grandma's traditions. And our own as well.

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The Cross and the Crown

“But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Galatians 6:14



George Bennard was born into a miner's family in Ohio and came to Christ as a youth. He wanted to go to theological school, but family concerns kept him from the education he desired. In time, he became a traveling evangelist, diligently studying his Bible and reading all the books he could find. During one period of his ministry, he carefully studied the subject of the cross of Christ, praying for a deeper understanding of its meaning and power. As he preached from town to town, the words of a hymn began formulating in his mind. He sang portions of it at his meetings. Finally he finished his hymn and sang the completed version to friends, asking them, "Will it do?"

It has done very well. It's "The Old Rugged Cross."

One of the hymn's central ideas is that our trophies in this world are temporary and cannot compare to the power of the cross or to the crown to be awarded us when we stand before Jesus, "where His glory forever I'll share."

In an age of awards and trophies, let's keep our eyes on the cross and the crown!

*“So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it someday for a crown!”*



A Final Laugh...

Bob had this problem of getting up late in the morning and was always late for work.

After a few weeks of this, his boss was mad and threatened to fire him if he didn't do something about it.

So Bob went to his doctor, who gave him a pill and told him to take it before he went to bed. He got a great night's sleep and actually beat the alarm in the morning. After a leisurely breakfast, he cheerfully drove to work.

"Boss," he said, "the pill my doctor prescribed actually worked!"

"That's all fine," said the boss, "but where were you yesterday?"



“God’s House vs. Our House”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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