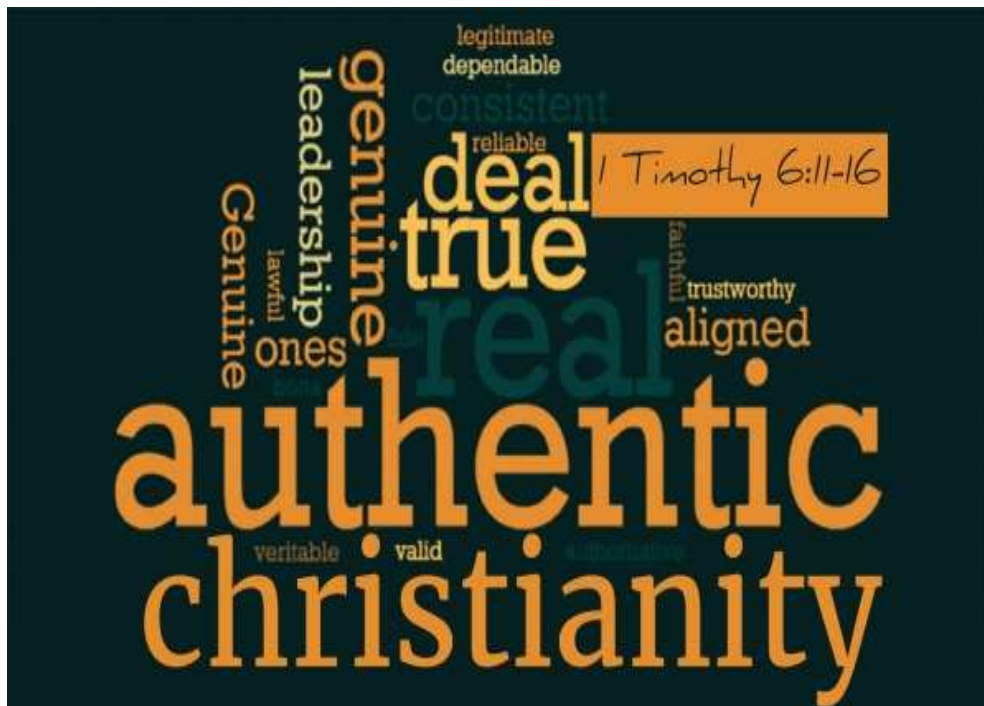


The Forecast
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Ever seen an “authentic” Chinese restaurant owned by a guy named Patrick O’Malley? The “real deal” is hard to find these days . . . and equally hard to define.

This Sunday we are going to talk about engaging in an honest process of becoming more like Jesus Christ. If you feel challenged as you read this, it’s probably a sign that you embrace authenticity.

Authentic Christians don’t pretend they are perfect. But when they mess up, they are quick to admit it and get back in step with Christ. They understand the grace of God and are also quick to give His grace to others. An authentic Christian is one who sincerely strives to be the “real deal.”

Society isn’t looking for another spiritual theory. Neither are our families and friends. They are longing for a personification of what it means to be an authentic follower of Jesus – someone who can say, “Keep in step with me as I strive to keep in step with Jesus.”

As a Christ-follower, I need to ask myself, “Am I the real deal? Am I living a life worthy of imitation?” This is going to the heart of this Sunday’s message – And it’s going to be a good one!

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



What Makes for an "Authentic Christian"?

One of the greatest challenges we face in our “*#struggles – following Jesus in a selfie-centered world*” is to find and cultivate authentic Christianity in our experience of following Jesus. So how do we define “Authentic Christianity.”

First, an authentic Christian confesses Jesus Christ as Lord (1 John 4:15). Christianity must begin with a verbal acknowledgment of Jesus Christ as the Lord of your life. The Bible says that even the demons believe and tremble (James 2:19). True Christians should be able to say that Jesus Christ is their Lord.

Second, if you are a true Christian, you will be unhappy or miserable when you're sinning (1 John 3:9). This doesn't mean you will never sin if you are a Christian (1 John 1:8). But there is a difference between recognizing that we will fail in some way, shape, or form in the future and going on a willful, continual track of sin. If you really are a child of God, you will have a sense of discomfort when you sin, because you know in your heart of hearts that what you are doing is wrong.

Third, an authentic Christian enjoys fellowship with other believers (1 John 5:1). A true Christian will want to be around other Christians. Those who isolate themselves from other believers do so at their own peril, because the Bible tells us that it is important to get together, encourage one another, and correct one another (Hebrews 10:24-25). After all, why should God go to your house if you won't go to His? A lot of us want all of the fringe benefits of Christianity without applying ourselves.

Fourth, an authentic Christian obeys the commands of Jesus Christ. If you are a true believer, then you will obey the commands of Jesus Christ (1 John 5:3). I will not deny that the Bible is filled with so-called rules, but their purpose is not to make our lives miserable. Rather, they protect us from potential harm. The person who blatantly and continually breaks the commandments of God simply does not know Him.

Finally, an authentic Christian loves and obeys the Word of God (1 John 2:5). You cannot effectively live the Christian life without a love for, and obedience to, God's Word. All true disciples of Jesus Christ will be students of Scripture and will walk according to its teaching. This is vital to authentic Christian living, because the Bible is indeed the very textbook of life (2 Timothy 3:16). Yet so many believers will not read the Bible. They don't realize that success or failure in the Christian life depends on how much of the Bible they get into their hearts and minds on a regular basis. We have to do it!

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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.

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!

Calendar

Monday, July 4th

Happy July 4th

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, July 5th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, July 6th

7pm Facebook Bible Study

6:30 Kids Activity

Wacky Wednesday at HBC

Thursday, July 7th

1pm- 2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, July 10th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids

Tuesday, July 12th

1pm- 2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, July 13th

7pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, June 14th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, July 17th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids

Happy Birthday in July

7/3 Art Halk

7/12 Emma Beard

7/21 Tracy Venable

7/23 Sue Monfalcone

7/27 Wayne Tawney

7/28 Herb Turner

7/31 Cindy Gibson



Lock up/ Hall Monitor

7/10 Robbie Ayscue

7/17 Don Moore

Counter

7/11 Sue Monfalcone

7/18 Myrna Powell

Kids Church Helper

7/10 Youth

7/17 Tracy Venable

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.

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

WC (East Asian People) AR (European People) HB (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) BG, AK, JM, NT (South Asian People) Anthony Shelton (Sub-Saharan African People) Jimmy Horsely (ID) Matthew Marrs (MO) Gustave Torres (NV) Vinod (TX) Jared Huntley (VA)

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!

Serve The City

There are so many ways that you can participate in “Serve the City”. Big Serve week is coming soon July 12– 16th and you can be a part. There are more ways of serving . Food Distribution at Berkley Village, Family Activities and much more! Check out the website www.stcpeninsula.com or see Pam and she can tell you about all the opportunities you have available.

Donations for PORT

Collecting New and gently used underclothes for men and women. (Boxer Briefs for Men, Bras, panties Undershirts) We also need thermals. Place them in the gym, Mission Outreach corner or church office



Free From The Law!

Are Christians Under the Law? A person's answer to the question posed in this chapter title will reveal the depth of legalism lodged in that person's thinking.

The vast majority of Christians at least hesitate before answering the question: Are Christians under the law. It astounds me that the Body of Christ universally believes the Old Testament Law still has jurisdiction over our lives!

The reason it is astounding is because the answer is so clear in Scripture.

Few theological questions have such direct and clear answers as this one, yet most Christians seem deeply surprised, if not shocked, at the answer. I see the wheels turning in their minds as they sort through the ramifications of their answer to the question, and always feel a sense of sadness inside that many teachers of the Word have failed so miserably in teaching the truth of the glorious union we have with Christ.

This is a kindergarten question that we miss the answer to almost universally! We should have learned this early on, and our failure to do so has hindered our progress and our ability to tell the story of what Christ has done for us.

This is a fundamental truth that we must fully understand or else forever be enslaved to a religious system that produces spiritual death. Some not only give the wrong answer to the question but will argue vehemently against the clear truth presented in Scripture as if they are defending God's honor and the sacredness of His Word.

The devil has been at work! Allow me to pose the question again. Are Christians under the law? No! No! No! It is an affront to Christ and His sacrifice of His life to believe otherwise! He died to set you free from the jurisdiction of the law and liberate you from its tyranny.

The ageless lyrics of a truly "great old hymn of the church" written circa 1875 states it well: *Free from the law—oh, happy condition!*

*Jesus hath bled, and there is remission;
Cursed by the law and bruised by the fall,
Christ hath redeemed us once for all.*

*Once for all—oh, sinner, receive it;
Once for all—oh, doubter, believe it;
Cling to the cross, the burden will fall,
Christ hath redeemed us once for all.*



Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?

If I decided how my day was to go, I would never write in "crisis." I would never write, "Get sick" here or "Have my tire go flat" there, or "Have this unexpected disaster take place." I would just write in all the good stuff. I would plan for everything to go my way. There would be no traffic on I 64. It would always be green lights and blue skies.

But guess what? We're not in charge of our lives. God is.

I love what the prophet once admitted to the Lord: *"O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps."* (Jeremiah 10:23)

The fact is, God will allow so-called "bad things" to happen to us in the course of our days.

But as time goes by, you will find that the significant things you learn in life didn't really come from the good times and the mountaintop experiences. They came from those times of crisis in which you were more dependent on God.

Many of the most difficult days will, in retrospect, turn out to be unbelievably valuable, because it is through those so-called "bad times" that you will learn some of life's most important lessons.

The things we experience are not random events that float in and out of our lives. Rather, they are specific events that have been chosen by God and are timely and purposeful. This means the good things as well as the bad things. It means the wonderful, happy times of life as well as the dark, difficult days.

When you put your faith in Jesus Christ, you come under His protective care. God is fully aware of everything that happens to you, and thankfully He is never asleep on the job. He pays careful attention to the smallest details of your life and is in complete in control of all circumstances that surround you. He knows what's happening in your life right now – knows it better than you do. And His presence and provision will be all you need to make it through.

Even when the enemy attacks you unfairly and you suffer a temporary setback, rest assured in the declaration of faith by Joseph in addressing his brothers who sold him into slavery... *"You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good..."* Genesis 20:15

Surrender your life to His victory today!



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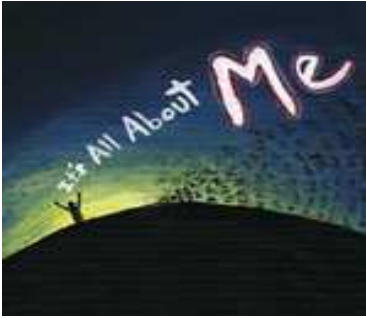
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THAT'S MY SPOT!!

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Spiritual Narcissism

The names say it all. YouTube. MySpace. And, of course, iPod, iTunes, iMac, and iPhone. If there is a theme to our day, it's that "it's all about me." The technical term is narcissism. In Greek mythology, Narcissus is the character who, upon passing his reflection in the water, becomes so enamored that he devotes the rest of his life to his reflection. From this we get our term "narcissism," the preoccupation with self.

The value of "narcissism" is the classic "I, me, mine" mentality that places personal pleasure and fulfillment at the forefront of concerns. Historian Christopher Lasch went so far as to christen ours "the culture of narcissism," calling it our new religion.

Now as Christians, this should be antithetical. We follow a Savior who said, "I did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many;" "Whoever wants to be first must become last;" "Whoever wants to be great among must become the slave of all;" and then bowed in submission to the Father and said, "Not my will, but yours." Yet a *spiritual* narcissism has invaded our thinking where the individual needs and desires of the believer become the center of attention.

Have you ever heard the way we talk? - "I want to go where I'm fed" or "I need to be ministered to" rolls off our tongues without even blushing. We walk out of a worship service and say, "I didn't get anything out of it" as if worship was about what we received rather than what we gave to God. And it's killing the church, blinding our vision, paralyzing our mission and muting our voice.

It's not really about whether you are fed, but more so whether or not you have learned to feed yourself and, best of all, feed others. Then it's not about whether you are ministered to, but whether you are, yourself, a minister to others. Then it's not about whether you got anything out of the service, but whether you gave God anything *of* service. The you re becoming part of a church that has died to itself enough to...*live*.

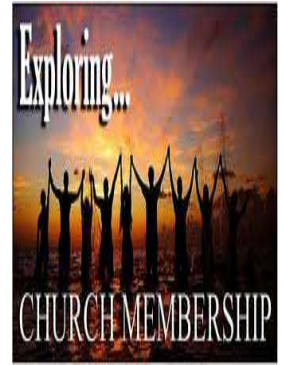
There comes a time when personal responsibility kicks in. The church exists to coalesce and enrich; to coordinate and inspire; to provide order and leadership. It exists to pull together the collective force and will of those who follow Christ in order to fulfill the Great Commission given it by Jesus Himself.

It's not about you or me. Not about what we want, what turns us on, what feeds our desires. It's about Him, and Him alone. Always has been. Always will be. Let's remember that truth and share it with others in grace and love.

New Members Classes...
WELCOME TO THE HBC FAMILY!

Here at HBC, membership is so much more than just a number; it's also much more than just consistent Sunday attendance.

We believe that becoming a member means you are committing to being a brother or sister of this house. It means you will do your part to take care of our church and welcome others home. It means you will support your HBC family. It means you understand that you are one of many irreplaceable parts of the Body of Christ. (! Cor. 12)



THE COURSE - ***“BELONG”***, is a 3-week course and will be hosted by Pastor Lynwood on Tuesday nights, beginning August 2nd. Location will be determined and TBA based upon enrollment.



Choose Something Better

An article, "Cruise Ship Care: A Proposed Alternative to Assisted Living Facilities". appeared in an issue of the Journal of American Geriatric Society. In it, the authors make a case that due to the high cost of assisted-living facilities, some seniors may actually fare better by choosing to move onto a cruise ship. There they find many similar services to assisted-living care such as room and board, medical services, and exercise equipment while enjoying visits to exotic ports of call and all quite possibly for less money.

Apparently, the idea is not too farfetched. Bea Muller, a retiree, has already opted for something she considers better than a retirement home: Cunard cruise line's Queen Elizabeth 2, where she has been a permanent resident since January, 2000. Following her husband's death, she sold her house and her possessions and booked herself on the ship where she has lived ever since. Muller said, "I've got full-time maid service, great dining rooms, doctors, a medical center (where she volunteers), a spa, beauty salon, computer center, entertainment, cultural activities and, best of all, dancing and bridge."

Opting for something better sounds like a good plan! Too often people live their lives with only this life in view: You're born, you live and you die. But, this life is not the end of the story. The Bible certainly makes it clear that there is life after death and that there is a real heaven. Much like Mrs. Muller, we have the choice to opt for that best of all accommodations: Heaven. Choices of faith – to believe in Jesus, to love Him, to follow Him – ensure that you are booked on that fantastic journey. Be sure that you choose something better! Don't miss the boat!

One Week to Live

What would you do if you knew you had only week to live? Would you go away? Would you go home? Would you do some last minute sinning, or some last minute repenting? Would you be sad? Angry? Hopeful? Afraid? How would you spend those final hours?



Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. (John 13:1)

When Jesus had one week to live, he chose to wash his disciples' feet. He did the work of a common slave, ministering to those who were closest to him. He washed their feet (John 13), he comforted them (John 14), he encouraged them (John 15-16), prayed for them (John 17), and then he died for them. He spent the last week of his life fulfilling his purpose; he spent the last week of his life being a servant.

"...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28)

You and me, we have a week to live: this week — and most probably hundreds more. I want to spend this week fulfilling my purpose, doing that which is most important in terms of eternity: serving Christ by serving others.



"Bear" Necessities

A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday and head to the hills to do some bear hunting. As he rounded the corner on a perilous twist in the trail, he and a bear collided, sending him and his rifle tumbling down the mountainside.

Before he knew it, his rifle went one way and he went the other, landing on a rock and breaking both legs.

That was the good news. The bad news was the ferocious bear was charging at him from a distance, and he couldn't move.

"Oh, Lord," the preacher prayed, "I'm so sorry for skipping services today to come out here and hunt. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish: Please make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me. Please, Lord!"

That very instant the bear skidded to a halt, fell to its knees, clasped its paws together and began to pray aloud right at the preacher's feet, "Dear God, bless this food I am about to receive...."

Simply Point The Way

As a young minister, Billy Graham arrived in an unfamiliar town to lead a revival at a local church. He had a few hours before the first service started, so he decided to run a few errands. With a letter in his hand, Graham found a young boy on the street and asked directions to the local post office. Then, ever the evangelist, he invited the boy to come to the church that night by saying, "You can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven." The child eyed him skeptically and then said, "I don't think I'll be there. You don't even know the way to the post office!"



When we share the Good News of Jesus, we're not always successful. Our job is to confess. His job is to convert. Successful witness is sharing Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, and leaving the results to God. But each time we tell someone about Christ, a seed is planted. So don't be discouraged if it doesn't bloom right away. The apostle Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." (Romans 1:16)



Be a Tither!

It's estimated that less than one-tenth of all those who attend church give a tenth of their income to God's work, even though the Bible clearly teaches that the first tenth of all we earn belongs to God. *"A tithe of everything...is holy to the Lord."* (Lev. 27:30)

Today it is estimated that two-thirds of the church's income comes from people aged 69 or older. That's alarming! We need to teach our children the responsibility and rewards of tithing. Perhaps you think tithing only applied to those who lived under the Old Testament law, like the Pharisees. No, Jesus said, *"...unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees... you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven."*

The tithe is a minimum. Your love and faith should determine the maximum. Abraham paid tithes 600 years before the law (Genesis 14:20), then Jesus endorsed it saying we "ought" to tithe (Matthew 23:23), and the writer to the Hebrews confirmed that it is still God's plan (Hebrews 7:4-5). As believers, we are the spiritual seed of Abraham, and as such, his blessings have been promised to us (Galatians 3:14). But if you want what Abraham had, you've got to do what Abraham did – and he was the first man in Scripture to tithe! Giving God the first tenth of your income makes Him number one in your priorities. His Word says, *"Bring the whole tithe... Test Me in this...and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of Heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."* (Malachi 3:10)