

**The Forecast**  
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Does today's anti-Christian rhetoric make you mad? Do you ever get so fed up that you'd like to give someone a piece of your mind?

The standards and convictions of Christianity place us at odds with our culture. So how can we maintain our Christian spirit and composure in a confrontational age? How can we function and fit into a culture which seems so distant and uninterested in our Christ?

We can learn from Jesus. He was neither weak nor rude. He spoke clearly and confidently, yet without venom or virulence. He always spoke from the foundation and in the context of love.

The apostle Peter, sometimes a loose cannon, learned that lesson well. In his first epistle, Peter instructed us to handle opposition as Jesus did. The theme of 1 Peter is to walk in His steps, to follow Christ's example when facing hostility.

***Join Us This Sunday 10:00 am, as we begin this exciting new message series, "DIFFERENT" – This world is not your home, you have an eternal destiny. Invite a friend...***



## ***Being Christ-like In Today's Culture...***

Does today's anti-Christian rhetoric make you mad? Ever get so fed up you'd like to give someone a piece of your mind? Christians have a message worth dying for. We have standards and convictions that place us at odds with our culture. But how can we be wise as serpents and as harmless as doves? How can we maintain our Christian composure in a confrontational age?

We can learn from Jesus. He was never weak, but never rude. He spoke clearly and confidently, yet without venom or virulence. The apostle Peter, sometimes a loose cannon, learned that lesson well. 1 Peter tells us to walk in His steps, to deal with opposition as Christ did.

**Speak Up – Respectfully** - That means speaking up when needed. Peter told us to “proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). But Peter also reminded us to present our defense of the faith “with meekness and fear, having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed” (3:15-16). He warned us about grumbling (4:9) and to be submissive to governing authorities (2:13-14).

**Know When to Keep Quiet** - We can also learn from Jesus the fine art of keeping quiet. By example Jesus taught us that sometimes a closed mouth offers the loudest testimony. Our Lord's majestic silence still evokes dignity as we read of Him standing before Herod, Pilate, and the Sanhedrin, offering not a word of despair or defense. It was undoubtedly the glow on Stephen's face and his words of forgiveness that haunted the young Saul of Tarsus until he became Paul the apostle.

**Let Your Good Works Speak for Themselves** - Finally, we find peace amid the conflict when we let our good works speak for themselves. The world has a hard time finding fault in good works. When we feed the hungry, care for the unfortunate, adopt orphans, provide relief, and live out our faith, they are silenced.

As Christians, we must confront our culture and speak the truth in love. We're God's ambassadors in a hostile world. This is no time to go mute. Morals are spiraling downward, marriage is being attacked, the church is being marginalized, atheists are scorning the truth, and humanists are relentlessly advancing an ungodly agenda on a new generation. We have to speak up.

But we must do so as Christ did—and He was never ill-tempered, hot-headed, loose-lipped, or bad humored. We have to watch ourselves because the whole world is watching us; and when others see us, we want them to see Him.

On the grace journey together with you, Pastor Lynwood

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

August 2, 2022

*Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!*

Deposit
Budget \$3200.00
Total \$3200.00

**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



**Bazaar– September 24th 9am-3pm**

Vendor applications are still available

Quilt Tickets on sale– See Tracy Venable or the church office.

HELP IS NEEDED! Sign up in the Connection Center!

See Tim Humphreys if you have any problems.

**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 Mission Outreach corner or church office

Pastor Lynwood has the opportunity of a lifetime. He will be going to the Holy Land September 11th – 21st. He will be traveling with a group of Pastors that he fellowships with at Wave Church. In 2020 he was scheduled to go and it was cancelled because of COVID. He has been looking forward to this trip to be able to walk in the land that Jesus walked and to have so many new experiences that will be life changing.



Several people that know about the trip have asked if they would be able to give an offering to help with his travels. The answer to that is “YES”. If you would like to bless the Pastor with an offering you can make your check out to the church and make a notation on the church “Pastor's Trip” You will receive credit for the giving on you're your contribution statement at the end of the year. What a blessing it would be to help our Pastor go to the Holy Land for a wonderful time of learning and spiritual renewal.

Also, please spend time in prayer for him as he travels and visits Israel! God is going to bless us through him because of this trip!

**Lock up/ Hall Monitor**

8/7 Pam Cooke 8/15 Sue Monfalcone

**Counter**

8/8 Kathy Caskie 8/15 Sue Monfalcone

**Kids Church Helper**

8/7 Kathy Caskie 8/14 Youth

**Happy Birthday in August**

8/6 Myrna Powell

8/10 Moses Sabb

8/12 Patsy Hardman

8/19 Barry Surber

8/30 Janice Harvey

8/31 Pat Schell



*Greater is  
He who is  
in you than  
he who is in  
the world.*

**I John 4:4**



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

**WMU August 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.

**WMU September Focus Project**

The September Project for WMU is Sedgefield School. We have been contacted by them to help collect items for their Kindergarteners. School starts early this year so we are going to go ahead and start collecting...

Construction Paper Packs	Crayola Crayons (16 or 24)
Crayola Washable Markers	#2 Pencils
Colored Pencils	Pink Erasers
Playdough	Dry Erase Markers
Wide Ruled Composition Notebooks	Glue Sticks
Water Color paints with brushes	Zip Lock Bags (sandwich and gallon)

Place your items in the Mission Outreach Corner

**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. Next collection is August 28th.

**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**

CR (Central Asian People) VM ( East Asian People) Shelia Wilbanks (European People) CH (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) SS (South Asian People) AH (Southeast Asian People) Todd Stewert (Sub-Saharan African People) Antonio Valenti (CA) Blakeley Winslow (CO) Keith Decker (KY) Michael Guyer (MI) Danilo Cosico (NJ) Laxu Kami, Robert Kane (OH)

**Community Dinner**

Thanks to everyone who came out to support the Community Dinner on Friday Night. Everything was perfect. We had a great dinner and a great concert from the Higher Ground Jazz Band. Mark your calendars for August 26th our next dinner. We will need help and would love you to come out and connect with the community! Hope to see you there.

## **Vision Team Meeting 7/26/2022**

Tim Humphreys called the meeting to order with prayer

### **Team Reports**

#### **Pam Cooke—Mission Outreach**

Serve the City is going well. There are many ways to serve. They will be putting beds together, Saturday, August 6th.

#### **Denise Vassar – Facilities**

The fence at the back of the parking lot is our fence. When we tore down the house , because of the church being commercial property a fence was required to be put up between the church and the property behind ours. It was our fence to maintain. She is still taking to Codes and Compliance to see if a barrier is needed any longer. She had spoken with Jon Michie and he would be able to help if we had to put up a new fence. She recommends a family friendly fence.

Workday at Church– Saturday, Sept 10th- 9am -? Everyone is invited to come out and help with many things that need to be done. The kitchen needs cleaned, the lawn needs to be tripped and edged. The new doors need to be painted. There is a new leak in the upstairs hallway, we also need to clean those carpets evidentially.

Her and Jeannie will start making the BBQ for the Bazaar and will be putting it in the church freezer.

#### **Roger Cooke-People Support**

Everything is fine

#### **Nadine—Member at Large**

If someone needed special prayer at the end of service, how would they be able to receive that since we are doing a live broadcast. Pastor Lynwood said, just approach him after the service and he will prayer with the person.

#### **Tracy– Member at Large.**

Ticket Sales for the quilt raffle for the Bazaar are going good.

#### **Stan Langdon– Discipleship**

Nothing to report

#### **Robert Overman– Member at Large**

Nothing to report.

## Tara Borton– Finance

Everything is ok.

## Dreama Johnson

As of today, we found out that the air conditioner in Prior hall needs to be replaced. It is a double system and everything will need to be replaced because of the age of the unit. The price we were given from Tommy Garner was \$24,680.00. The Vision Team voted to replace the air conditioner in Prior Hall, no opposition noted.

Roger asked about the list of items that the insurance company found and that had been corrected. Dreama reported that the correction information had been turned into the insurance company. All work was taken care of. Stan Langdon, Roger Cooke and Don Moore did a lot to get the items corrected that were found by the insurance company.

Dreama reported that we already had 30 kids signed up for VBS. If anyone wanted to help, volunteers are still needed.

Tim Humphreys mentioned that we still needed help for the Bazaar. There are sign up sheets in the Connection Center,

## Pastor Lynwood

It was discussed about the post sign that we had up that was knocked down by a hit and run accident. It was decided on by the Vision Team that we would be putting up a similar sign. Charles and Denise will be looking into that as soon as possible.

We are still looking at the sanctuary and what can be done to make a more intimate worship setting. Things are still being looked at and considered. More information will be coming in the next few months.

Pastor Lynwood mentioned the trip that he will be taking to Israel September 11th– 21st.

It was noted by Denise that after the craft fair, on October 15 there will be a Quilt Symposium here at the church in which all the church will be used.

Roger mentioned the tree in front of the church covers the whole front of the church and it would be good if it could be cut back or cut down. He will be looking into the prices.

## Calendar

### Tuesday, August 2nd

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

### Wednesday, August 3rd

7pm Facebook Bible Study

### Thursday, August 4th

No Food Distribution

### Sunday, August 7th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids

### Monday, August 8th

6:00pm– 8:30pm VBS

### Tuesday, August 9th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

6pm–8:30pm VBS

### Wednesday, August 10th

6pm–8:30pm VBS

7pm Facebook Bible Study

### Thursday, August 11th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

6pm–8:30pm VBS

### Friday, August 12th

6pm–8:30pm VBS

### Sunday, August 14th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids







## *It Is Uncomfortable Following Jesus*

If you aren't uncomfortable in your faith, you may not be following Jesus. Just consider those encountering Jesus when he was on his way to die.

Along the way, Jesus was met by a rich young man who asked how he could get into heaven. Jesus told him to sell everything and give his money to the poor because it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get into heaven. This teaching from Jesus was so radical that the disciples were left wondering who in the world could be saved. While they were still reeling from this, Jesus "comforted" them by saying,

*"Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first." Luke 18:29*

Do Jesus' teachings make you comfortable? If so, then you probably haven't heard all of his teaching. You might have read them or heard them preached, but somehow, you haven't really heard them.

Jesus was revolutionary. He shook his followers from their comfort, and he spoke against many of their pre-conceived notions about what it meant to be his follower and a true child of God.

Jesus came to seek and save the lost, but he didn't come to make you comfortable. He came to love you, but he didn't come to make you comfortable. In fact, until you are profoundly uncomfortable you probably can't experience the totality of God's love and grace and you can't lead others to experience Christ in his fullness.

If we are never challenged by God's word, we aren't reading all of God's word. And, if we are never uncomfortable with Jesus, we may not be following Jesus at all, but a savior of our own comfortable imagination.

As we journey daily in the walk of true discipleship, let us be reminded that a comfortable God is no God at all. Change only comes through challenge, and the God who can overcome death, hell, and the grave, didn't do so to leave the world unchanged. He came to set the world right and he gave his own life to accomplish that purpose.

Let's continue to grow comfortable in discomfort and truly committed to follow Jesus wherever he might lead!

## ***Following Jesus... Even When It's Inconvenient***

*As they went on their way, a man said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lie down and rest."*

(Luke 9:57-58 TEV)



Jesus never calls us to blind obedience. As we follow him and become familiar with his character, we learn he is always waiting on the other side of our steps of faith. He forces us into a place where we must trust him, but he also tells us what to expect when we follow him (John 14:1-4).

He wants us to count the cost of our commitment, because he knows it will demand everything we have (Luke 14:28). In essence, Jesus warns us away from a romantic view of following him. He understands that when we volunteer to go anywhere at any time, our romanticism will wither when our commitment becomes inconvenient — or when it collides with the full cost of discipleship.

Discipleship means we give up any thought that there will be bits and pieces of our lives that can remain unaffected by our relationship with Jesus. We can't say "yes" to Jesus and expect to hold on to a portion of our independence. He demands it all.

We no longer have the choice to serve only when and where it is convenient for us.

When we have a romantic view of discipleship, we may imagine ourselves giving up everything for Jesus as the world admires our faith and people express their heartfelt gratitude for our sacrificial service.

But the cost of discipleship may bring the scorn of the world to your doorstep. When you follow Jesus and do the things he tells you to do, even fellow believers may think you're throwing away your future to help people who can give you nothing in return. Discipleship may mean sacrificing for others who will have no appreciation for what you have done — much like Jesus was ridiculed as he died on a cross.

The grace to go wherever Jesus tells us to go comes only through the call of Christ and the power of God infused into our being. Grace obligates us to obey Jesus, regardless of the circumstances or consequences.

## *The Glove*

"You're so quiet, Son. What's on your mind?" asked Ben's father as he stopped at Ben's room to tell him good night.

Ben put his hands behind his head and stared at the ceiling above his bed. "Oh, I've just been wondering if I should be a missionary."



"You don't seem very excited about the idea," said Dad.

"It seems like such a hard job," said Ben, propping himself up on one elbow. "I have this feeling that I might not be any good at it. What if God calls me to do something I can't do!"

Ben's father thought for a moment, then reached over to Ben's desk and picked up his baseball glove. "What's this?" he asked.

Ben laughed. "Don't be silly, Dad! It's my ball glove."

Dad walked over to the corner of the room. He propped the glove against the wall, found a baseball, and threw it at the glove. Though the ball hit the center of the glove, it rolled to the floor. Dad picked up the glove and looked at it in disgust. "This glove is a total failure," he said, shaking his head.

Ben laughed and laughed. "Oh, Dad, you know it can't catch by itself! It has to have a hand inside."

Dad smiled at Ben. "You're just like this glove," he said. "God has a purpose for your life, Ben, just as there is a purpose for this glove. You put your hand inside the glove to give it guidance and strength – you give it power to catch the ball. In the same way, God will give you power to do whatever He calls you to do. Don't worry, Son, God will never prop you in a corner and leave you alone. It's His mighty hand that does the work when you are willing to be used."



## *The Last Impression*

There was once a young man who, in his youth, professed his desire to become a great writer.

When asked to define "great" he said, "I want to write stuff that the whole world will read, stuff that people will react to on a truly emotional level, stuff that will make them scream, cry, howl in pain and anger!"

He now works for Microsoft, writing error messages.



## ***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!”*

## ***Bulldogs and Poodles***

The story's told of a bulldog and a poodle who were arguing one day. The bulldog was making fun of the poodle, calling him a weak little runt who couldn't do anything. The bulldog said, "I challenge you to a contest. Let's see who can open the back door of their house the fastest and get inside."



The bulldog was thinking he would turn the doorknob with his powerful jaws, while the poodle was too small to even reach the knob of his back door.

So with the poodle watching, the bulldog ran to the back door of his house and jumped up to the doorknob. He got his teeth and paws around it and tried to turn it, but he couldn't get enough grip on the knob to do it, so he finally quit in exhaustion. Now it was the poodle's turn. He just did what he'd been doing every day for the last several years. He went up to the door and scratched a couple of times, then waited patiently. Within a few seconds his master not only opened the door, but picked him up in his arms, patted him on the head affectionately and carried him inside.

The difference was in the relationship. Some of us are bulldog Christians. It's all grunting, growling and trying to please God. Give it up! All God asks us to do is, "Draw near to Me and I will draw near to you."



### ***Are You Ready For Bigger Things?***

Did you know that the hermit crab looks for a shell that fits him, and then lives in it until he outgrows it? At that point he has to scurry along the ocean floor and find a bigger one; it's a process that repeats itself throughout his entire life.

Are you clinging to something that no longer fits you, just because it's easy and familiar? David said, "You... freed me when I was hemmed in and enlarged me when I was in distress." To develop and grow spiritually you must be willing to move out of your comfort zone and deal with a little 'distress.' What worked for you yesterday may not work today.

Maybe it's a job you've outgrown, a relationship you need to re-examine or a behavior you need to change. Regardless of what it is, never become so 'settled' that you can't let go and move on when you need to. When God says it's time to move on, it's because there's another shell out there that will fit you even better. But you can't take occupancy until you vacate the old one. So how about it - are you ready for bigger things?

## ***Walking the Fence***

*“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm- neither hot nor cold - I am about to spit you out of my mouth.” — Revelation 3:15, 16*



Everyone at one time or another has tried to keep his balance while walking on a fence. We go intuitively with a feeling of balance.

Sometimes we make it and sometimes we fall.

When it comes to obedience, far too many Christians try to “walk the fence.” They keep one foot in the Spirit while one foot flirts with the world.

These are some of the unhappiest people in the world.

Charles Spurgeon once said, “I never saw anybody try to walk on both sides of the street but a drunken man; he tried it, and it was awkward work indeed; but I have seen many people in a moral point of view try to walk on both sides of the street, and I thought there was some kind of intoxication in them.”

If God is God and Christ is our Savior, let us give our undivided attention and whole hearts to God. Simply know that it is best to be either hot or cold.

A lukewarm Christian never has the joy of knowing the fullness of God. Obedience is the key to real faith. This is real faith: believing and acting obediently regardless of circumstances.

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



A pastor, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service

Afterward the pastor asked the man where he had gone. “I went to get a haircut,” was the reply.

“But,” said the pastor, “why didn’t you do that before the service started?”

“Because,” the gentleman said, “I didn’t need one then!”



## ***Giving Back To God***

The purpose of tithing is to teach us to always put God first in our lives. God doesn't need our money. He wants what it represents: our gratitude, our priorities and our faith. Look at these verses in **Proverbs 3**. Do you see where it says, '*Honor the Lord by giving him the leftovers of all your income*'. Now, you can see, *that's NOT what it says at all.*

It says, "*Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest..*". We give to God first, before anyone else, right off the top of our income. And here is the promise, "*Then your barns will be completely filled, and your vats will overflow with new wine*".

As committed believers, we are called to give the first 10% to God. If we're going to be in debt, we will be in debt to other people, but should not be in debt to God. You and I are called to give back to God in gratitude, but also as a demonstration of our priorities. And, it is a demonstration of our faith in his promises.

In **Malachi 3:10**, God says, "*Bring all the tithes into the storehouse ...*". That means the place where you worship. Then God says, "*Put me to the test!*" In a sense, "Test me and see how I will bless you for your obedience". God says he will provide all that you need. He doesn't say he'll provide all that we greed, but all that we need.

***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!***

