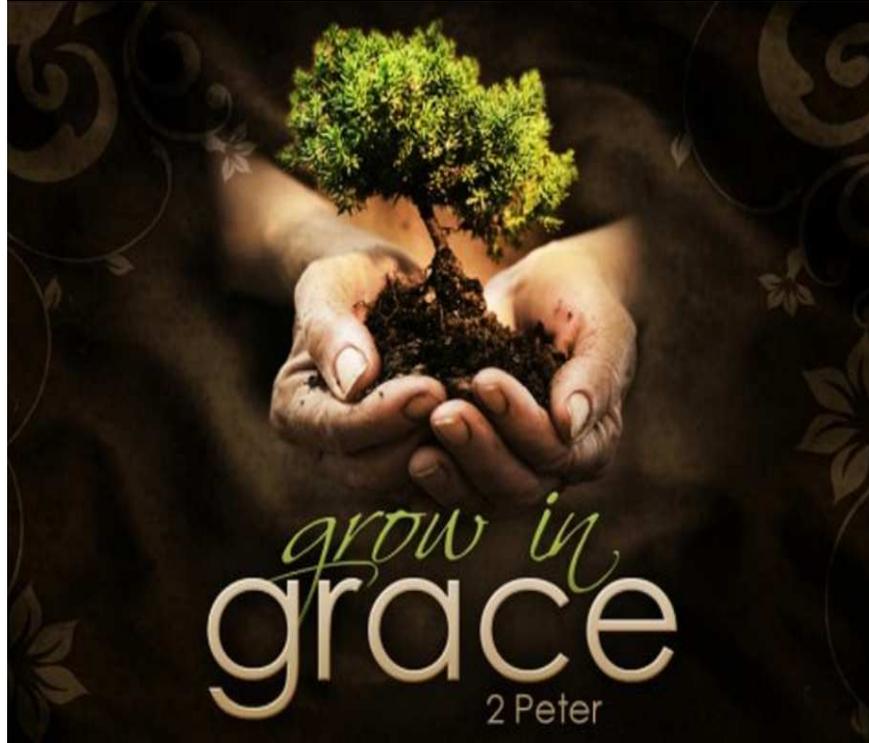


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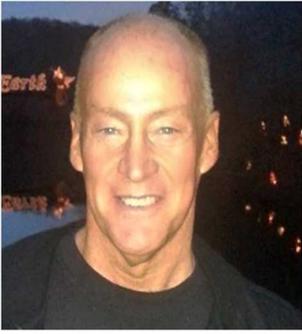
Some time ago a woman came to talk to me. She told me that her husband had become almost impossible to live with since his retirement. She said, "I thought that as he got older he would grow closer to the Lord and become a different person." Instead, he has seemed more discontent and distant than ever before.

This man needs to grow in God's grace. According to 2 Peter 3:18, growing in grace is not optional. We are commanded to grow. Something is wrong when we don't grow, for it is God's grace that makes growth happen. But you and I have to want to grow.

If you have not been growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ, consider changing your mind and asking for God's forgiveness. Pray that you may grow in grace. Pray that we all may reflect God's grace to the people around us--especially those who need to know God.

*"Lord Jesus, by the power of your Spirit help us to grow in grace so that we can become reflectors of your grace for the people around us.  
In your name we pray. Amen."*

**Join Us This Sunday 10:00 am, for this exciting new message,  
"YOU CAN GROW IN GOD'S GRACE!"  
The good news is that God has and wants to give you what it takes to live  
the abundant life to which you are called!**



## ***We Can All Grow In Grace***

*"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."*

*II Peter 3:18*

Key Words: *"But grow in grace"*

The word grace means to be a benefit in one's disposition. In other words, as we grow spiritually, we become more gracious toward others.

Gracious means pleasant, kind, compassionate, merciful.

Tess, an eight-year-old, heard her mom and dad talking about her little brother, Andrew. He was very sick and only a very expensive surgery could save his life.

Tess quickly took her piggy bank from its hiding place and ran down to the drug store.

The pharmacist was talking to his brother from Chicago. Tess interrupted by saying, "I want to talk to you about my brother. He's really sick and I want to buy a miracle."

The pharmacist's brother stooped down and asked Tess, "What kind of miracle does your brother need?" "I don't know," Tess replied, "but he's really sick and Mommy says he needs an operation. My parents don't have money to pay for it, so I want to use my money."

"How much do you have in your jar?" asked the man from Chicago. "One dollar and eleven cents," Tess said proudly. "That's all the money I have."

"Well, you are in luck," the man said with a smile. "One dollar and eleven cents is the exact price of a miracle for little brothers."

The brother was Dr. Carlton Armstrong, who just happened to be a noted neurosurgeon. The operation was successfully completed without charge and it wasn't long until Andrew was home again and doing well. Tess's mom and dad wondered how much it would have cost.

Tess smiled. She knew exactly how much this miracle had cost, one dollar and eleven cents plus, the skill and graciousness of a great doctor; and of course, the gracious, sacrificial love of an eight-year-old big sister!

Is the someone you could help today, without doing so for reward or recognition? The "grow in grace" and do it!

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

November 1, 2022

*Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!*

Budget \$5406.00

Designated Budget—Community Dinner \$20.00

Alma Hunt \$25.00

World Hunger \$225.00

Cash in Cash out— COP Rent \$900.00

Cash in Cash out— Sonshine Kids \$75.00

Cash in Cash out— Coffee Fund \$75.00

Food Pantry- \$4075.00

Total Deposit \$10,729.00



This is the *Day*  
that the Lord has made,  
let us *Rejoice*  
and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24



Trunk or Treat was a great success!

Thanks to all who donated candy and came out with their trunks (racecar and tractor)

So many dressed up and we had an awesome time. It is figured we had around 500 kids plus parents come through our back parking lot.

Thanks again for making this years Trunk or Treat a great one!





**Hilton Baptist Church Children's  
Christmas Workshop  
101 Main Street, Hilton Village  
Saturday, December 10th**

10am–2:00pm

Ages 5-12 years old

LUNCH CRAFTS GAMES and  
A VISIT FROM SANTA and lots about JESUS!  
Register now! Call 595-3300 Call with any questions!

Helpers are needed. Please mark your calendars and let Dreama know if you can help! It's going to be a great time!

**Lock up/ Hall Monitor**

11/6 Don Moore 11/13 Stan Langdon

**Counter**

11/7 Sue Monfalcone 11/14 Joe Wircenske

**Kids Church Helper**

11/6 Kathy Caskie 11/13 Tracy Venable and Robert Overman

**Donations for PORT**



Collecting New and gently used underclothes for men and women, Boxer Briefs for Men, Bras, panties, undershirts, jeans, hoodies, book bags Hygiene kit items: washcloths, toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, travel size soap, Travel size shampoo and conditioner, travel size lotion, deodorant– travel size if possible,

but not necessary) Qtips– a box of 500 will fill 50 hygiene kits. Gallon size and snack size bags. Please place your items in the mission outreach corner.

## **Sedgefield School**

Let's support Sedgefield Elementary ! If you can, please join us at 1:00pm Wednesday, November 9th at HBC. We will be writing cards to the employees at Sedgefield Elementary School to encourage them and let them know that they are appreciated! Cards and pens will be provided!

## **Operation Christmas Child**

We will be gathering at HBC, November 15th at 6:30pm in the evening to fill shoeboxes for Samaritan Purse. If you have already made a shoebox, we are asking for a \$10 donation to help with shipping costs. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship together. All items for the shoeboxes will be provided. If you pack a shoebox online, please let Dreama know so we can keep track of the shoeboxes we send.

## **Happy Birthday in November**

- 11/5 Bella Moriah
- 11/07 Barbara Caffacus
- 11/08 Mary Hall
- 11/10 Gloria Ammons
- 11/11 Alex Whiting
- 11/13 Barry Surber
- 11/15 George Savedge
- 11/24 Richard Childs
- 11/24 Joshua Michie
- 11/26 Ray Moody
- 11/30 Pam Cooke

## **Calendar**

### **Monday, October 31st**

5:30-7:30pm Trunk or Treat

### **Tuesday, November 1st**

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

### **Wednesday, November 2nd**

7pm Facebook Bible Study

### **Thursday, November 3rd**

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

### **Sunday, November 6th**

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids

### **Tuesday, November 8th**

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

### **Wednesday, November 9th**

1pm– Meet at HBC to write cards for Sedgefield School

7pm Facebook Bible Study

### **Thursday, November 10th**

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

### **Sunday, November 13th**

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids

Give Thanks  
with a  
grateful heart.



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

### **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 November 27th

### **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**

LS (American People) Carey Eakman, RG, CJ, SP (South Pacific Rim People) AM (Central Asian People) DD, Janet Townsend, AW (European People) JH (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) KN (South Asian People) TS (Sub Saharan African People) Tri Nguyen (CO) John Hinger (IL) Isreal Becerra, Jason Laxton (LA) Jonathan Castillo Beato (KS) Josh Horner (MA) Cecil Cogswell (Ontario) William Cole (PA)

### **Community Dinner**

Friday, November 25th is our next community dinner 5:30pm- 6:30pm. We will need help and would love you to come out and connect with the community! Hope to see you there.

### **Serve the City Peninsula**

Serve the City Peninsula has many exciting ways in which you can serve. November opportunities include Food Delivery at Berkley Village on 11/1 and 11/2 9am-11am. November Bed delivery 11/5 8 am –12pm. November Big Volunteer Day, November 12th and there are several ways to serve! . Visit their website and check it out, <https://www.stcpeninsula.com> or contact Pam and she will be able to put you in the right direction.

### **WMU October Project**

The October Missions is Food Pantry.

### **Clothes Closet Work**

Everyone that would like to come and join us....we will be working in the Clothes Closet, Wednesday, November 16 from 2-5pm. Work to include separating, marking sizes and hanging clothes. Please come for a fun time of work.



## ***You Can Overcome Your Fears***

*“When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You.” – Psalm 56:3*

Is fear causing you to hide from somebody today? Your boss? Your husband or wife? Your strong-willed child? Your grouchy co-worker? When God asked Adam, “Where are you?” he replied, “I hid... I was afraid...” (Genesis 3:9-10) And we’ve all been hiding from things ever since! We hide behind forced smiles, agreeable words we don’t mean and social rituals we detest. Or worse, we hide behind things we do believe but don’t express because we are afraid of what people might think or say.

Short-term, it may be easier to act as if things don’t bother you, or pretend to agree when, in reality, you disagree. But long-term it doesn’t work, because peace isn’t the absence of discord. When we remain silent in order to avoid confrontation, we just end up avoiding something far more important: relationships.

So rise up and say, “When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You.” Confront your fears, come out of hiding and start living.

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

A guy was on the side of the road hitchhiking on a very dark night and in the middle of a storm. The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him. Suddenly he saw a car coming toward him and stop.

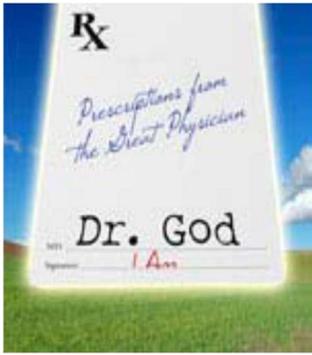


Without thinking about it, the guy got into the back seat, closed the door and then realized there was nobody behind the wheel! The car started slowly; the guy looked at the road and saw a curve coming his way. Scared, he started to pray begging for his life. He hadn’t come out of shock, when just before he hit the curve, a hand appeared through the window and moved the wheel. The guy, paralyzed in terror, watched how the hand appeared every time right before a curve.

Gathering his strength, the guy finally jumped out of the car and ran to the nearest town. Wet and in shock, he went to a restaurant and started telling everybody about the horrible experience he went through.

A silence enveloped everybody when they realized the guy was serious.

About half an hour later, two guys walked in the same restaurant. They looked around for a table when one said to the other, “Look John, that’s the dummy who got in the car when we were pushing it.”



## *God's Prescription for Good Health*

*"Keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity."*

*Proverbs 3:1-2*

If I had a pill that promised to add years to your life, you'd probably pay a lot of money for it. But what if I told you that, as a Christian, you already have the key to a long life and that it's free?

God has given all of the principles for health management in his Word, the Bible. The Bible is the owner's manual for your body.

As David says, "You made my body, Lord; now give me sense to heed your laws" (Psalm 119:73 LB). And in Deuteronomy, it says, "These instructions are not mere words – they are your life! By obeying them you will enjoy a long life in the land..." (Deuteronomy 32:47 NLT).

God says, "If you do what I tell you to do with your health, you will enjoy a long life."

Proverbs 3:1 says, "Keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life."

What are some of those commands?

*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing..." (Proverbs 3:5-10 NIV).*

These verses highlight some factors that you probably don't think about but that will keep you healthy: tranquility, trust in God, integrity, humility, and generosity. These things will cause your health to be better, because your physical health is influenced by your spiritual health. The secret is to take note of them on a daily basis!

Take some time to meditate on Proverbs 3:1-10 and ask God to show you ways you can grow in tranquility, trust, integrity, humility, and generosity.

Remember... *"The power of life and death are in the tongue"*

*Proverbs 18:21!*



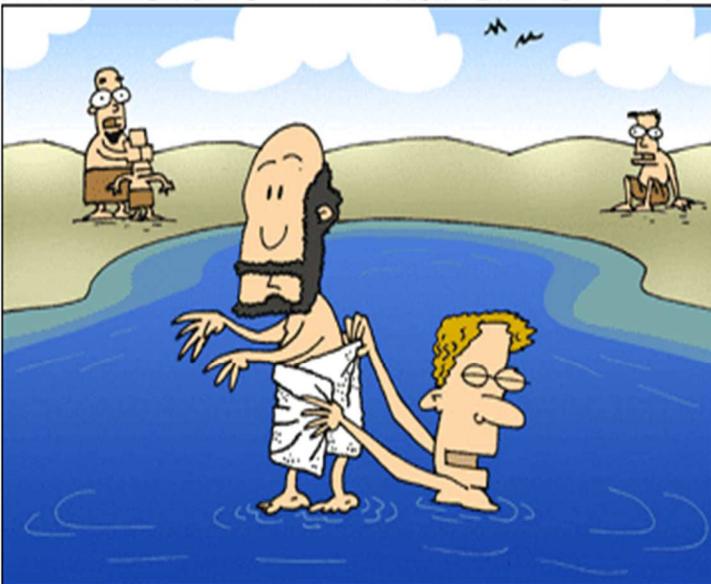
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# MY MESSED-UP LIFE

***“When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.” Titus 3:4-5***

No matter what you’re going through, you can live with hope. That’s the consistent good news of the Bible: God always treats you with grace and mercy.

Peter wrote to those who were already believers, *“All honor to God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; for it is his boundless mercy that has given us the privilege of being born again”* (1 Peter 1:3 TLB).

Peter didn’t just say that God is merciful. Peter praised God for his “boundless mercy.” The more you understand God’s mercy and grace, the more you—like Peter—will be amazed by it. It’s completely undeserved. It’s totally unmerited. It’s not something that you could earn or work for. It’s just a free gift.

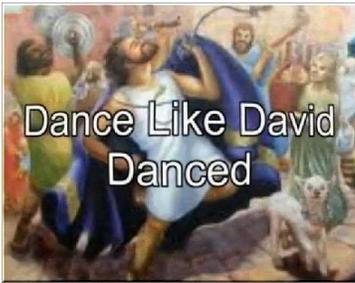
God’s mercy is based on his love for you. And you can’t make God love you any more than he loves you right now. You also can’t make him love you any less. That means his mercy toward you will never change... and remember that it is *“boundless!”*

God’s Word, the Bible, says, *“When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit”* (Titus 3:4-5 NLT).

This is extremely important to understand. When you make mistakes as a believer, God doesn’t get mad at you. God doesn’t want to get even with you. God doesn’t start planning to mess up your life.

Here’s what God does: He always acts in mercy toward you. Why? Because that is the nature of God’s heart toward His creation. Because you’re covered in the blood of Jesus Christ when you have accepted him as Savior. Because of Jesus, God responds in mercy every time you mess up. His grace is from everlasting to everlasting,

No matter how much your life is messed up, God’s promises in grace are steadfast and true and that is what gives us hope for the desperate days in which we live!



## ***Dancing David Praising God!***

King David is one of my favorite heroes!

There are many reasons for this. Certainly, being a shepherd boy who killed Goliath. But even more so is when he was so captivated with joy in returning the ark home (which symbolized the presence of God) he became so excited and joyful that he danced around in his boxer shorts!

David's wife Michael, however, was so embarrassed, because her husband, the King, was dancing around like a fool! Completely undignified, completely crazy, and more bothered about God's glory than his own reputation... and I love it!

When was the last time you saw real the expression of joy in worship?

We sometimes act like we are at a funeral wake rather than a wedding banquet!? Perhaps it's a "stiff upper lip" culture thing, perhaps it's a reputation thing, and perhaps we are too mature to be dancing around looking like fools!"

Or maybe, just maybe, we are not mature enough to express the full range of emotions God has given us? Perhaps we have not fully grasped the glory we have been born into through Christ. I'm not calling for underwear worship but what I am calling for is a Church more interested in God's glory than earthly reputation – and the freedom to allow that experience for ourselves and others!

Let's remember that in Christ we are no longer "down and out" but up and alive in his love! Our song is one of freedom. For it is for freedom that Christ has set us free! (Galations 5:1) In Christ we receive a "welcome home" from our Father who loves and pursues us.

How can this not stir up freedom songs in our hearts and lives?

In Christ we are new creations, the old has gone, the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17). This means so much to me in my own life as I know my broken past is redeemed, my future is secure and I can choose life in the present. Worshipping biblically should take us out of "our" comfort zones – remember it is not about "us". True worship ushers us in to very presence of God, where there is fullness of joy! (Psalm 16:11)

HBC, let's never be afraid to show and celebrate the joy of our salvation! Never be afraid to leave "reputation" at the door and remember that all who are in Christ are new creations, we are made clean, made new and it's all for the Father's glory. It's a love only God can bring...



## ***We Can't See What Is Before Us***

As we begin to wrap up the year of 2022, consider the analogy of the year 2023 before us being just over the top of a hill. We can't see it, or what's over there, but we still believe that all the answers to all of our questions can be found there.

In a Peanuts comic strip, Lucy is speaking with Linus at the base of a hill. She says, "Someday I'm going over that hill and find the answer to my dreams... Someday I'm going over that hill and find hope and fulfillment. I think, for me, all the answers to life lie beyond these clouds and over the grassy slopes of that hill!"

Linus removes his thumb from his mouth, points toward the hill, and responds, "Perhaps there's another little kid on the other side of that hill who is looking this way and thinking that all the answers to life lie on this side of the hill." Lucy looks at Linus, then turns toward the hill and yells, "Forget it, kid!"

It seems that man is never satisfied; he is always looking for something else – he is looking for the answers to life in all the wrong places. Answers to life are always over the hill, just out of reach for many.

We must realize that the answers to life are found in the word of God – not over some hill. Peter declared, "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires." (2 Peter 1:3-4). Remember, ALL that pertains to life and godliness are found in the word of God. Thus, "devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching" (1 Timothy 4:13), and you will find the answers to life.

### ***“Do It Again Dad!”***

After tucking their three-year-old child Sammy in for bed one night, his parents heard sobbing coming from his room.

Rushing back in, they found him crying hysterically. He managed to tell them that he had swallowed a penny and he was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking was helping.

His father, in an attempt to calm him down, palmed a penny from his pocket and pretended to pull it from Sammy's ear. Sammy was delighted.

In a flash, he snatched it from his father's hand, swallowed, and then cheerfully demanded, "Do it again, Dad!"





## *How We Learn To Love Better*

The best way to learn anything is to learn by a model. As individuals, each of us should have spiritual mentors we can follow and learn from. As churches, the same principle applies.

When we see another group of believers reaching the lost and doing a better job of making disciples than we are, then we should at the very least be willing to consider, “Oh, that’s how you do it! I’ve got that!” We always learn faster, quicker and deeper when somebody gives us an example.

Who is the best example for love? It’s Jesus Christ. Jesus was the only person with perfect love, with perfect understanding of relationships.

In John 13 Jesus said, *“I’m giving you a new commandment; love each other in the same way that I have loved you.”* Circle “in the same way.”

Jesus says the way that I have modeled, the way that I have loved you, I want you to pass that on to other people. I’m the model and the way that I love you is the way I want you to love other people. *John 13:15 “I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.”*

You can’t fully understand how to love other people until first you understand how much God loves you. You cannot offer to other people what you don’t possess yourself. You can’t be gracious to others if you haven’t felt God’s grace. You can’t be merciful to others if you haven’t felt God’s mercy. You can’t be loving to others unless you understand how much God loves you.

When you get that, when you feel it, when you understand the incredible, audacious, indescribable love that God has for you and you feel it in your life, then you’re going to be a whole lot more loving of other people. It’s going to be a whole lot easier for you to love other people.

I know without a doubt you’ve had wounds in your life. You’ve been hurt, no doubt. They’re wounds from rejection by peers and parents and other people. God cares. I care. Your brothers and sisters in the HBC Family cares. You need to make Jesus Christ the most important person in your life and start filling your mind with what He says.

That is the starting point for love. You can’t love others until you know how much God loves you. *Ephesians 3:18 “May you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep God’s love really is.”*

And that can give you hope!