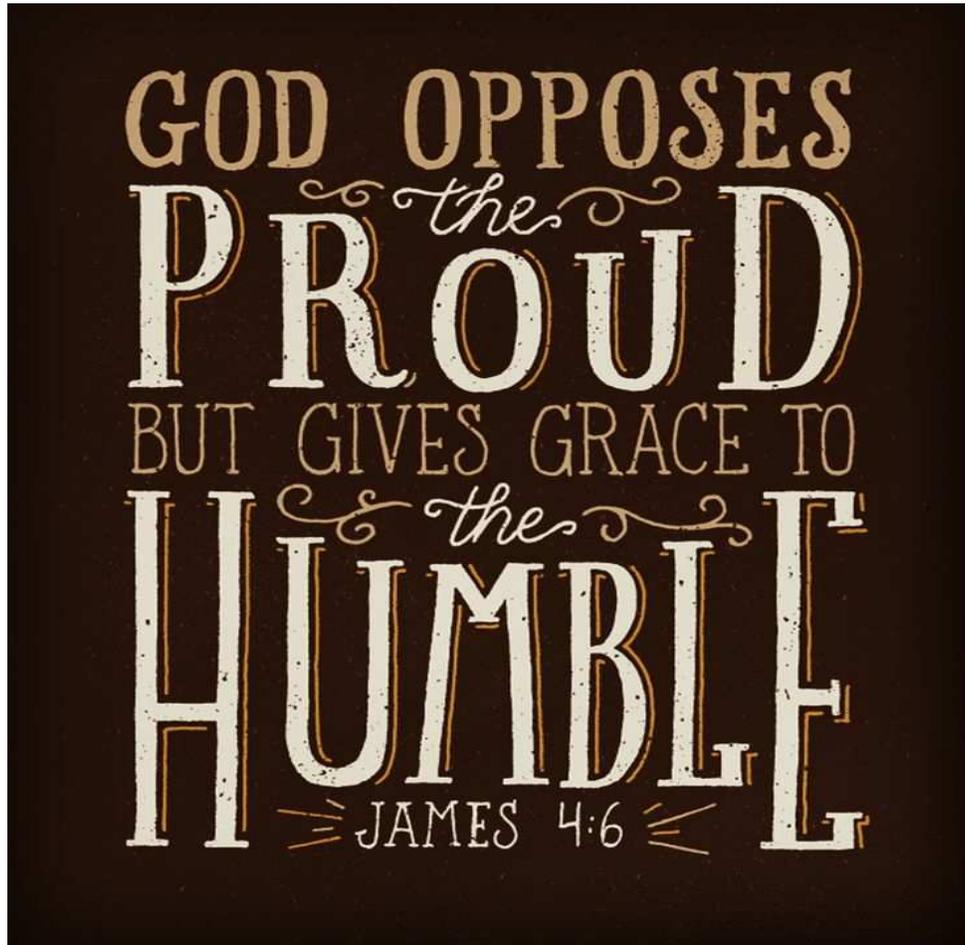


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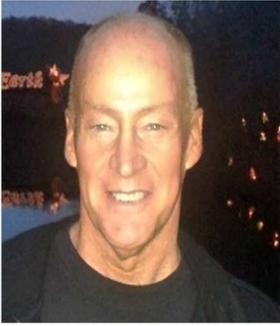
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***Join Us This Sunday 10:00 am, for this inspiring new message series,  
“GROWING IN GOD’S GRACE!”***

***The good news is that God has and wants to give you what it takes to  
live the grace-filled life to which you are called!***



## *God Gives Grace To The Humble*

The sin of pride is something that every human being struggles with. We're born with a pride nature, and we buck against anything or anyone who tries to correct that part of us. But the first step toward overcoming pride is identifying it in our lives.

Pride is a sin. It most likely is the more dominant of all sins. It's said that other sins spring and take root from this very destructive sin. The bible gives a warning to the proud and a promise to the humble. Pride is the self-confidence of our self-importance, whereas humility is the recognition that we are weak, unworthy, and fully dependent upon the Lord Jesus Christ.

God promises 'grace' to the humble. I believe we all understand what pride is. We are also very quick to recognize it in others, but, just in case you're not too sure, I'll briefly describe it for you:

An admin clerk of a company has been promoted to admin manager. She becomes highly difficult to work with. All those beneath her cannot seem to do things right. She is always putting them down and criticizing them about everything. She seems to be the only person that does things the "right" way. She also never apologizes for how she spoke to her colleagues and never admits it when she was wrong.

When someone cannot admit they are wrong, it's a sure sign of pride. Pride is a sense of entitlement, wanting power for yourself, which actually belongs to God. Sadly, the world views pride as an honorable quality. Everything the world offers contributes to building our ego. However, the Bible is clear about pride.

The good news is that we have a source which we can go to for the problem of pride. Let us be completely honest with ourselves as we go before the Lord and confess the sin of pride, daily, or as it arises.

If you see yourself as a sinner saved by grace through faith alone, it's nothing that we have done, but is a gift from God, then you'll be on your first steps to transformation in Christ... Just remember to keep walking because your journey will have just begun.

C.S Lewis calls pride the 'great sin' in his book Mere Christianity it reads:

“There is one vice of which no man in the world is free; which everyone in the world loathes when he sees it in someone else; and which hardly any people except Christians ever imagine that they are guilty themselves...There is no fault which makes a man more unpopular, and no fault which We are more unconscious of in ourselves. And the more we have it ourselves, the more we dislike it in others.”

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

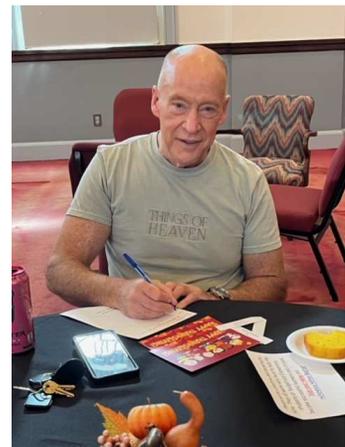
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*Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!*

There is no finance report today, Dreama was out of town. . The deposit report next week will show two deposits.



We had a great time writing letters of thanks and encouragement to the teachers and staff of Sedgfield Elementary School.





**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!



**Community Dinner Information**

**WE NEED YOU!**

We will be having our Community Dinner on Friday, November 25th from 5:30-6:30pm. We will be having Breakfast Casseroles and we need help with preparing them. If you can make a casserole for the dinner, please contact Pam for the details. 757-660-4226.

Thank you to all help make this time we connect to the community a special time. You are appreciated!

**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.

## Calendar

### Monday, November 14th

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, November 15th

Church Office Closed

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

6:30pm Shoebox Packing Party

At HBC. Everything Provided

### Wednesday, November 16th

2pm-5pm Clothes Closet Work

7pm Facebook Bible Study

### Thursday, November 17th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

### Sunday, November 20th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids

### Tuesday, November 22nd

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

7pm Facebook Bible Study

### Thursday, November 24th

No Food Distribution

Happy Thanksgiving!!

### Friday, November 25th

530pm-630pm Community Dinner

### Sunday, November 27th

#### First Sunday of Advent

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids

## Happy Birthday in November

11/13 Barry Surber

11/15 George Savedge

11/24 Richard Childs

11/24 Joshua Michie

11/26 Ray Moody

11/30 Pam Cooke



## Lock up/ Hall Monitor

11/20 Joe Wircenske

11/27 Pam Cooke

## Counter

11/21 Margaret Upole

11/28 Kathy Caskie

## Kids Church Helper

11/20 TBA

11/27 Nadine Stephenson

**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**

Anthony Conner, Lisa Sloas (American People) SO, TS, Matthew Sargent, KT, TW (Asian Pacific Rim People) LH, KP (Central Asian People) AH (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) KD , Jeremy Langley (South Asian People)

Ray Peoples (KS) Bryan Kent (MI) Marin Jones (OH)

**Serve the City Peninsula**

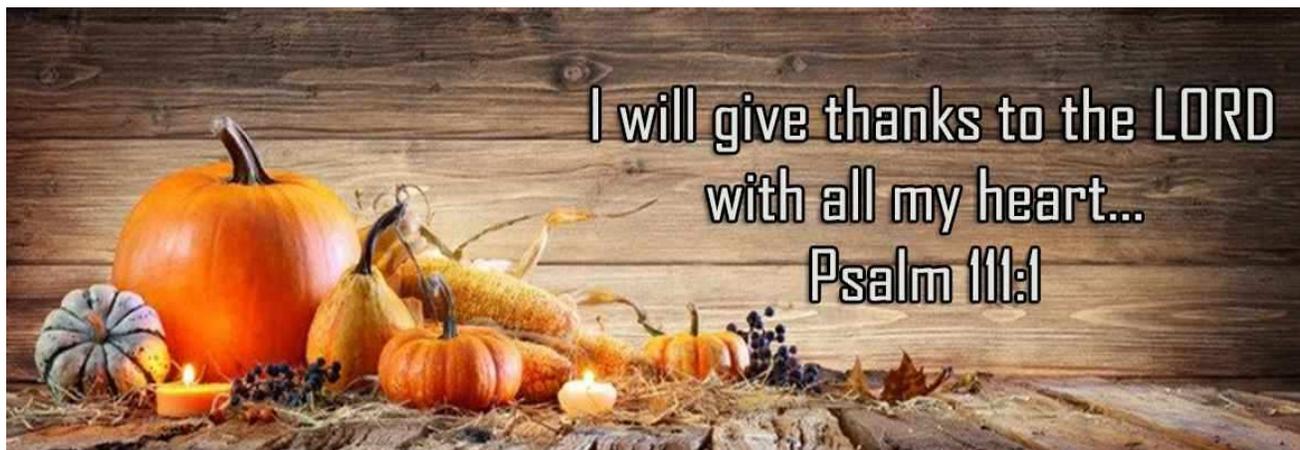
Serve the City Peninsula has many exciting ways in which you can serve. Visit their website and check it out, <https://www.stcpeninsula.com> or contact Pam and she will be able to put you in the right direction.

**WMU October Project**

The October Missions is Food Pantry.

**PORT Sign Up**

It is that time of year where you have the opportunity to help in the PORT homeless program. Our dates to serve are January 11th– 25th, 2023. Please visit the back of the sanctuary to sign up for how you can serve. We can use you!

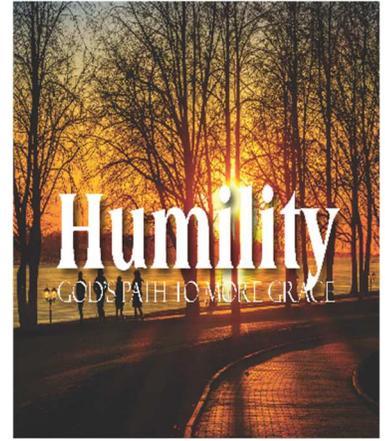


## *Humility Brings God's Grace*

In the New Testament, Peter and James both quote the Old Testament:

*“God resists the proud but gives grace  
to the humble.” Proverbs 3:34*

If they latched on to this teaching from the Old Testament, it must be important. If God gives grace to the humble, how can I eagerly pursue his best for me without falling into mere self-interest?



First, it tells us that God gives grace. Fair enough. Isn't that what God is supposed to do? But this verse also tells us that God gives grace to certain kinds of people—humble people. Finally, it also tells us that God can withhold grace from another kind of people—the proud. Keep in mind, Peter and James were writing to believers.

Three times the scripture reminds us, *“God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”* (Three times! Prov. 3:34, James 4:6, and 1 Peter 5:5.) This means there is a link between humility and grace.

When the Father sees his children willing to take the low place in the family, he pours out a special portion of grace to strengthen us in service to one another. Humility draws the blessing and favor of God. The same one who stripped to the waist and washed the feet of his disciples will rejoice when we learn to prefer one another.

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The opposite of humility is, of course, pride. Pride harms us deeply; grace heals us utterly. Is it any wonder that “God resists the proud?” We should be the kind of people who humble ourselves. On the other hand, if we do not humble ourselves, we may just find out that God is opposing us. (I'm not sure what that looks like, but I'm pretty sure that it's not a good thing.)

Today, I invite you to take inventory of your heart. A humble heart paves the way for a greater grace; a prideful heart does the opposite.

Which one describes your heart?

## *The Last Laugh...*

A trooper pulls over a pastor and immediately smells alcohol on his breath. The next thing he notices is an empty wine bottle lying on the passenger seat.

“Have you been drinking?” the officer asks.

“Just water,” says the pastor. “Then why do I smell wine?” asked the officer.

The pastor looks at the bottle and shouts, “Good Lord! He’s done it again!”



## *Who Are You When No One Is Looking?*

David was a teenage shepherd boy when God appointed him the next king of Israel. Compared to his older brothers, David certainly didn't have the typical “look” of king.

But the amazing thing about our God is that He was watching and saw David's integrity and character when no one else was looking.

God saw David's heart:

**Courage:** David was incredibly brave and courageous as a young shepherd boy who defended his sheep from both lion and bear. God knew he would need both to be king.

**Responsible:** David was willing to sacrifice his life for the sheep entrusted to him. This loyalty and responsibility would also make David a great king.

God saw David's potential in how he lived his life when no one was looking. It was his inner character and heart that God valued most. What about you? What does God see when He looks at your heart? How do you live when no one's looking?

The truth is, no matter how hard we try, no one's heart and life are perfect. We all sin and mess up, but the good news is that God promises a new heart to those who put their trust in Him. Give your heart to God and He will transform both your heart and life to become the person He calls you to be.

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



*“You... enlarged me when I was in distress.” – Psalms 4:1  
(Amplified Bible)*

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. Patience and persistence are admirable, but they won’t work in situations you’ve outgrown. Instead of hanging in and trying harder, at certain points you have to stop and ask yourself, “Is this situation good for me?”

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?

## ***Shipwreck From Within***

Victor Hugo, who is famous for his novel the Hunchback of Notre Dame, also wrote a story called “Ninety-Three.” It tells of a ship caught in a dangerous storm on the high seas.



At the height of the storm, the frightened sailors heard a terrible crashing noise below the deck. They knew at once that this new noise came from a cannon, part of the ship’s cargo, that had broken loose. It was moving back and forth with the swaying of the ship, crashing into the side of the ship with terrible impact. Knowing that it could cause the ship to sink, two brave sailors volunteered to make the dangerous attempt to retie the loose cannon. They knew the danger of a shipwreck from the [loose] cannon was greater than the fury of the storm.

Life’s certainly like that. Not always, but more often than not, it isn’t the storms without that cause us the most problems, but the storms that rage within us, such as a spirit of bitterness, jealousy, pride, and greed. Other “loose cannons” are unresolved hurt, anger, a lack of forgiveness, guilt, lust, and so on. These, if not confronted and resolved, can readily cause shipwreck of our relations, our faith, or even our life.



## ***Five Marks of a Healthy Church:***

A healthy church is a growing church. Not simply in numbers and attendance but also in the quality of an authentic encounter with the Holy Spirit.

But what does that really mean? And by what criteria can it be measured.

Certain basic standards of authentic church growth include the following goals:

Churches grow warmer through fellowship.

Churches grow deeper through discipleship.

Churches grow stronger through worship.

Churches grow broader through ministry.

Churches grow larger through evangelism.

Church growth is the natural result of church health. But church health can only occur when our message is biblical and our mission is balanced. Each of the five New Testament purposes of the church must be in equilibrium with the others for health to occur.

Now this is important: Because we are imperfect beings, balance in a church does not occur naturally. In fact, we must continually correct imbalance! It's human nature to overemphasize the aspect or purpose of the church we feel most passionate about.

Most evangelical churches today already do the five purposes of the church – sort of.

But they don't do them all equally well. One church may be strong in fellowship, yet weak in evangelism. Another may be strong in worship, yet weak in discipleship. Still another may be strong in evangelism, yet weak in ministry.

Why is this? It's the natural tendency of leaders to emphasize what they feel strongly about. The challenge is to maintain a balance in vision along with things they might feel less passionate about. This requires a careful, honest consideration of scriptural direction over deeply entrenched man-made traditions.

We must be free and responsible to follow and be led to the call and direction of the Holy Spirit.

Healthy churches are built on purpose! By focusing equally on all five of the New Testament purposes of the church, HBC will develop the healthy balance that makes lasting growth possible.

## ***One For You, One For Me....***

On the outskirts of town, there was a big old pecan tree by the cemetery fence.

One day two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts. "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me," said one boy. Several were dropped and rolled down toward the fence.



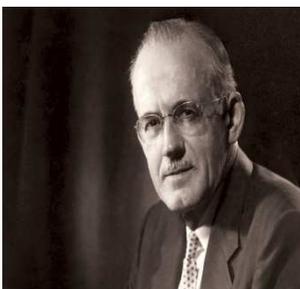
Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me." He just knew what it was. "Oh my," he shuddered, "it's Satan and St. Peter dividing the souls at the cemetery.

The boy jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along. "Come here quick," said the boy, "you won't believe what I heard. Satan and St. Peter are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls."

The man said, "Beat it, kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk." When the boy insisted, though, the man hobbled to the cemetery.

Standing by the fence they heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me..." The old man whispered, "Boy, you've been tellin' the truth. Let's see if we can see the devil himself."

Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of Satan. At last they heard, "One for you, one for me. And one last one for you. That's all. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence, and we'll be done!"



*"The faith of Christ offers no buttons to push for quick service. The new order must wait the Lord's own time, and that is too much for the man in a hurry. He just gives up and becomes interested in something else".*

*A.W. Tozer*



## ***Pancakes And Love***

Six-year-old Brandon decided one Saturday morning to fix his parents pancakes. He found a big bowl and spoon, pulled a chair to the counter, opened the cupboard and pulled out the heavy flour canister, spilling it on the floor. He scooped some of the flour into the bowl with his hands, mixed in most of a cup of milk and added some sugar, leaving a floury trail. Brandon was covered with flour and getting frustrated. He wanted this to be something very good for Mom and Dad, but it was getting very bad. He didn't know what to do next, whether to put it all into the oven or on the stove, and he didn't know how the stove worked!

Suddenly he saw his kitten licking from the bowl of mix and reached to push her away, knocking the egg carton to the floor. Frantically he tried to clean up this monumental mess but slipped on the eggs, getting his pajamas white and sticky. And just then he saw Dad standing at the door.

Big crocodile tears welled up in Brandon's eyes. All he'd wanted to do was make them proud. He was sure a scolding was coming, maybe even a spanking. But his father just watched him. Then, walking through the mess, he picked up his crying son, hugged him and loved him, getting his own pajamas white and sticky in the process.

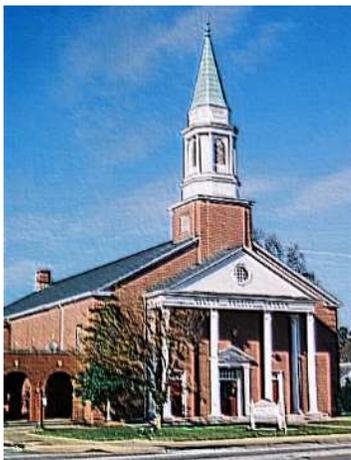
That's how God deals with us. We try to do something good in life, but it turns into a mess. Our marriage gets all sticky or we insult a friend or we can't stand our job or our health goes sour. Sometimes we just stand there in tears because we can't think of anything else to do. That's when God picks us up and loves us and forgives us, even though some of our mess gets all over Him. But, just because we might mess up, we can't stop trying to "make pancakes," for God or for others. Sooner or later we'll get it right, and then they'll be glad we tried...

## ***An Ugly Picture in a Gilded Frame***

The truth is that at one time or another, we all resemble an old painting in an ornate frame. The painting is our nature that has been beaten up, bruised, and blurred by years of disappointment, hurts, and self-centeredness.



The ornate frame represents the external features of our lives, which we rely on to try to appear more important and valuable. But hidden beneath it all are our souls, hopelessly trapped by self-centeredness and our sin nature. We would be lost but for one thing. Standing nearby is God Himself. His vision for you and me is not limited by outward appearance, lack or our inborn self-centeredness. God said, *"For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart"* (1 Sam 16:7).



## ***“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.

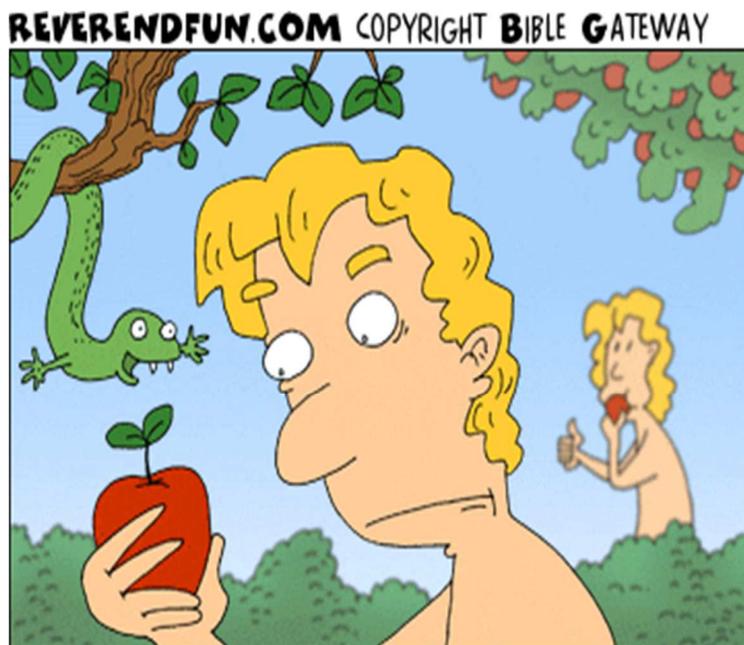
It seems that the Jews began with a will to rebuild the temple, but when opposition arose, they faltered and lost focus. They transferred their energy to building and beautifying their own houses. It took the searing words of Haggai to call them back to the priority of rebuilding God’s temple.

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 tithing commitments and  
giving and be part of the ongoing  
miracle!***



Thanks to Jeremy (See Genesis 3) 10-13-2008

**EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN THE WORLD HAS  
TRIED IT BUT YOU!**