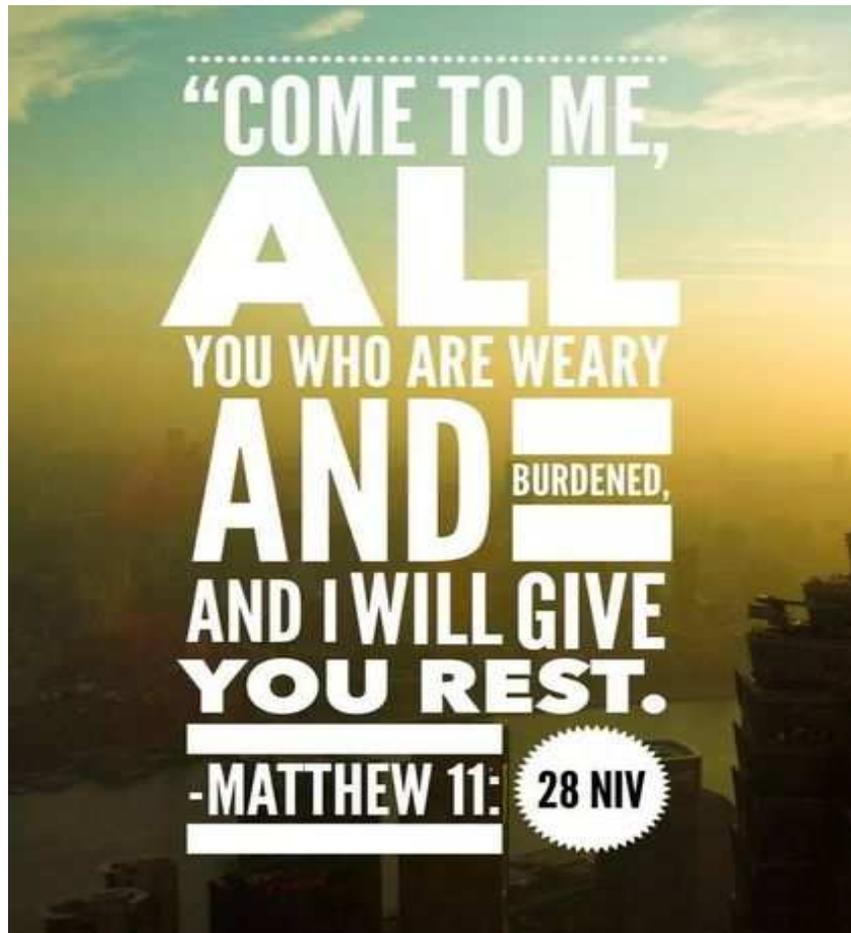


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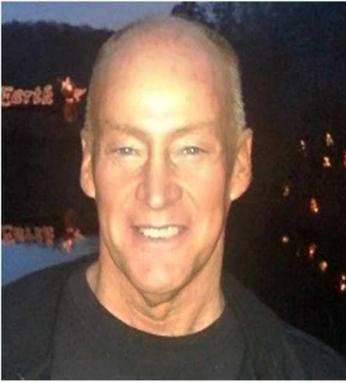


Jesus said, *“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me...”* Matt. 11

This image was common enough in his day. A yoke is a large collar, which places the strength of an ox or horse at the disposal of someone else. Grace calls us to God’s work. We place our strength at his disposal. He will not conquer us; we must bow before him as a matter of choice. The path to becoming like Jesus starts with his invitation, “Come to me.” After he speaks, we can choose to accept that invitation by only one method, to humble ourselves.

Grace is about more than knowing, it’s also about being. If God wants to give me the grace to be more like Jesus, and if it takes a little effort on my part, then count me in. It’s how we take the yoke. It’s how we position ourselves to learn from him

***Join Us This Sunday 10:00 am, for this exciting new message series,
“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 grace-filled life to which you are called!***



Are You Paralyzed by Grace?

Welcome to the second week in our four week series on God's grace. Last week, we discovered that God's grace means so much more than forgiveness; grace can teach us a new way to live.

There is a great challenge facing followers of Jesus today. We have a limited view of God's grace. The grace of God, a reality greater than the human intellect can grasp and more accessible than the air we breathe, has been captured and domesticated for weekly use. The grace of God has been reduced to mean simply, forgiveness for everyone.

Many people say, "God loves me just the way I am." We are comfortable with that statement; we are less comfortable with, "God loves me so much he won't let me stay just the way I am." Last week, we learned from Titus 2:11–14 that first his grace saves, then it teaches. Most of us are OK with receiving forgiveness, but perhaps, skip school when it comes time to learn how to deny ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live sensible and upright lives. Christians can be forgiven if they are confused at this point. Week after week, they are told of the complete work of Jesus on the cross. They are told that there is nothing they can do to earn God's approval or salvation. Yet they are also encouraged to live holy lives and keep the commandments; to walk in a manner that pleases God.

In many pulpits today, there is a disconnect between the good news of Jesus' sacrifice and our calling to become the light of the world. Hearing the same message, week after week, along with the same remedy, people remain in the same place. Having been saved by grace, it almost seems these people have been paralyzed by it.

If we remain camped at the notion that God's grace is merely another way to describe forgiveness, we will never discover that there is grace for everyday living, relationships, and ministry to others. In the New Testament alone, there are connections between grace and truth, grace and power, grace and spiritual gifts, grace and thanksgiving, grace and generosity, grace and provision, grace and suffering, grace and destiny, and this list is not complete!

To those of us who have been in church for some time, grace means that Christians have gotten a great deal. In church circles, grace has variously been defined as "not getting what we deserve," or "God's unmerited favor," or the acronym "God's Riches At Christ's Expense." All of these ideas about grace are true, but they tell only part of the truth.

Going deeper into the mystery of grace is liberating and powerful beyond measure... It will challenge your belief system and stretch your faith... Are you willing to consider there is more to grace than you previously thought?

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

November 8, 2022

Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!

Budget \$5145.00

Alma Hunt \$300.00

World Hunger \$25.00

Cash in Cash out– Sonshine Kids \$215.00

Cash in Cash out– Journey Rent \$500.00

Cash in Cash out– Coffee Fund \$3.00

Cash in Cash out– Shoebox Shipping \$10.00

Cash in Cash out– R & R \$1500.00

Food Pantry- \$350.00

Pure Water Pure Love– In Honor of Mary Hall's Birthday \$50.00

Total Deposit \$8105.00

In last weeks Forecast there were two designated gifts that were listed but not itemized. In Cash in Cash out there was a \$25.00 donation in Bea Ware's memory for also a donation in for the Food Pantry for 25.00 in the memory of Chung Hae Kim.

Dreama will be out of the office, Monday, November 14 and Tuesday, November 15th. Please plan accordingly.

Change my heart, Oh God.



*Create in me a clean heart,
O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Psalm 51:10*



**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

11/13 Stan Langdon

11/20 Joe Wircenske

Counter

11/16 Joe Wircenske

11/21 Margaret Upole

Kids Church Helper

11/20 TBA

11/27 Nadine Stephenson

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

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

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

Happy Birthday in November

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

Food Pantry Update

The Food Pantry ministry goes further than what you may know. Each week we take milk to the Hilton Home for Adults . When we get extra pastries, cookies etc. from Costco, we take them a large portion.

There is a lady in Church of Purpose that has a sandwich ministry in downtown Newport News area. We supply her with bread and bagels for this ministry.

We have been having more people contacting us for food in the last couple of months. We are sure it is due to the rising costs of food in the stores.

Your donations are very important to this ministry and it is appreciated so much. If you ever see a sale on staple foods, if you can, please purchase them. Sometimes I can not get to all the stores for the sales. Thank you again for your giving!

Sue Monfalcone

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

Cinthy Case, Megan Williams (American People) MK, TS (Asian Pacific Rim People) CS (Central Asian People) PH, Stephanie Roth, Vanessa Watson, (European People) Julie Yngsdal (Sub-Saharan African People) Brett Butler, David Godoy, Ty Hernandez (CA) John Michael Gibson (FL) Lyandon Warren (NY) Junior Martinez (Puerto Rico) Ricky Wilson (SC) Rita Doyle (TN) Fekadu Gebre (VA)

Serve the City Peninsula

Serve the City Peninsula has many exciting ways in which you can serve. November Big Volunteer Day is 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.

Operation Christmas Child

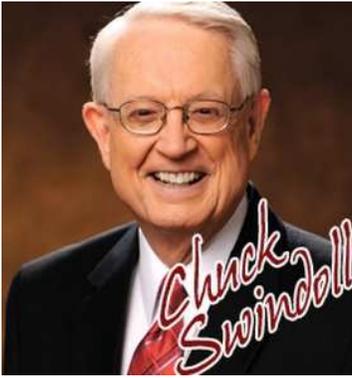
We will be gathering at HBC, November 15th at 6:30pm in the evening to fill shoeboxes for Samaritan Purse. If you have already made a shoebox, we are asking for a \$10 donation to help with shipping costs. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship together. All items for the shoeboxes will be provided. If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



Around 500 kids came through for a great time of Trunk or Treat!

Thanks to all who helped make this outreach a great success!





Freedom Through Grace

Candidly, I know of nothing that has the power to change us from within like the freedom that comes through grace. It's so amazing it will change not only our hearts but also our faces. And goodness knows, some of us are overdue for a face change!

Were you reared by parents whose faces said "No"? Or are you married to someone with a "No" face? If that is true, you envy those who had "Yes"-face parents or are married to "Yes"-face mates. All of us are drawn to those whose faces invite us in and urge us on.

During his days as president, Thomas Jefferson and a group of companions were traveling across the country on horseback. They came to a river which had left its banks because of a recent downpour. The swollen river had washed the bridge away. Each rider was forced to ford the river on horseback, fighting for his life against the rapid currents. The very real possibility of death threatened each rider, which caused a traveler who was not part of their group to step aside and watch. After several had plunged in and made it to the other side, the stranger asked President Jefferson if he would ferry him across the river. The president agreed without hesitation.

The man climbed on, and shortly thereafter the two of them made it safely to the other side. As the stranger slid off the back of the saddle onto dry ground, one in the group asked him, "Tell me, why did you select the president to ask this favor of?" The man was shocked, admitting he had no idea it was the president who had helped him. "All I know," he said, "is that on some of your faces was written the answer 'No,' and on some of them was the answer 'Yes.' His was a 'Yes' face."

Freedom gives people a "Yes" face. I am confident Jesus had a "Yes" face. I have never seen Him, but I've determined from what I've read about Him that this was true. What a contrast He must have been! He was surrounded by lettered men, religious, robed, righteous, law-quoting, professional men whose very demeanor announced "NO!" Pious without, killers within . . . yet none of their poison seeped into His life.

On the contrary, Jesus revolutionized the entire direction of religion because He announced "Yes" while all His professional peers were frowning "No." That has intrigued me for years. How could it be? What was it that kept Him from getting caught in their grip?

In one word, it was grace. He was so full of truth and grace, He left no inner space for their legalistic poison.

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The God Of Justice And Grace

Justice is a term used for what is right or “as it should be.” Justice is one of God’s attributes and flows out of His holiness. Justice and righteousness are often used synonymously in the Bible. Since righteousness is the quality or character of being right or just, it is another attribute of God and incorporates both His justice and holiness.

We cannot begin to understand God’s justice unless we first understand sin. Sin is lawlessness and iniquity. It embodies everything contrary to God’s holy nature and is offensive to Him. Thus, sin is a crime against God and justice demands a penalty of death and separation from Him for it. But God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to earth to pay that penalty for us and made salvation available to all who believe in His name.

God’s own righteousness is provided as a gift to sinners who accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and is based upon His grace and mercy in response to our faith. His mercy and grace are not in spite of His justice, but because of it. He loved us so much that despite the fact that our sin demands our death, He sent His Son to be our substitute upon the cross, thus demonstrating that His justice was not violated, but instead satisfied ([1 Thessalonians 1:10](#); [5:9](#)).

Having been made in His image, we humans long for moral justice to prevail upon the earth and are outraged when we see injustice happening around us. Why do we seek justice for crimes? It’s in our DNA.

King David’s outrage when the poor man’s lamb was taken away by the rich man resonates within us ([2 Samuel 12:1-14](#)). That is why Nathan told the story to David in the first place because it revealed David’s own injustice in taking Uriah’s wife from him.

David’s immediate repentant prayer was effective because by admitting his sin against God, he acknowledged the righteousness of God. The Lord told David through the prophet Nathan that even though his sin was forgiven, the child resulting from the adulterous affair would die, demonstrating the fact that his sin still had to be judged.

As for the future, the book of Revelation reveals the justice of God in all its glory during the end times. When the saints watch the destruction of the earth, their song will be of God’s righteous judgment upon the inhabitants for their ultimate sin of rejecting Him ([Revelation 11:16-18](#); [15:3-4](#); [16:7](#); [19:1-4](#)). And as [2 Peter 3:13](#) says, we are promised that someday, when Christ physically reigns on earth, God’s righteous justice will finally be on full display, and we will sing, “Glory to the Lamb!”



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.



Protected from the Big and Small

In May 1995, a 34-year-old construction worker by the name of Randy Reid was doing some final welding on top of a nearly completed water tower in one of Chicago's suburbs. At one point, Randy unhooked his safety belt so he could reach for some pipes. But at that same moment, a metal beam slipped off a nearby crane, and bumped the scaffolding Randy was standing on.

The scaffolding tipped, and Randy lost his balance. He fell 110 feet to the ground below. In landing, he just missed a pile of rocks and construction debris on the ground. Instead he landed face down on a pile of dirt.

A fellow worker saw the whole accident and immediately called 911. When paramedics arrived, they couldn't believe their eyes. They found Randy completely conscious, moving, and complaining that he had a sore back. Even though he went through such a horrendous fall, Randy still maintained his sense of humor. As paramedics carried him on a backboard to the ambulance, Randy asked one thing. He said, "Hey guys, be careful, will you? Don't drop me." When he arrived at the hospital and was examined by the doctors, and they discovered that the only injury he suffered was a bruised lung.

Friends, I think sometimes our faith resembles Randy. God protects us from harm in a 110-foot fall, but we're still nervous about three-foot heights. By that I mean, we have faith that God will save us from hell and death, but we're afraid that He won't be able to protect us from the smaller difficulties we are going to face this coming week.

One Last Laugh...

A church deacon sat visiting with one of the shut-in members when the woman seemed to go into cardiac arrest. The deacon rushed to the phone and called 9-1-1, asking that they send an ambulance to the house immediately.



The operator asked, "What's the address, sir?"

The deacon wasn't sure of the exact address, but he knew she lived in the last house on Eucalyptus Lane.

The operator asked, "Can you spell that for me, sir?"

After a long pause, the deacon asked, "Um, how about if I carry her over to Oak Street and you can pick her up there?"



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