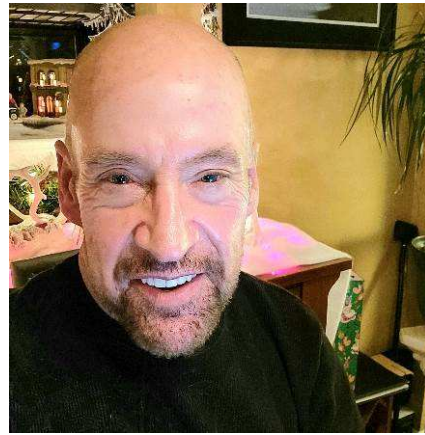


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Lynwood Wells
Hilton Baptist Church

**COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICES
FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS!!!**

That's right... For the next two weeks, Hilton Baptist Church serves as a winter shelter for the area homeless. As a result, Journey Church and HBC are combining our worship services to provide the space needed for our hosting of the...

P. O. R.T. Ministry (P.eople O.ffering R.esources T.together)

We are so appreciative to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those with special housing needs in our community during the winter months. Our homeless guests include men, women and children. Numbers are anticipated to exceed 100 people on some nights and winter temperatures are expected to be frigid. We are so blessed to be able to offer a warm and safe place to sleep, hot meals for hungry stomachs and showers for each of our homeless guests.

Please pray and consider giving something extra in your offering this week to help underwrite our sharing and providing for those with such tremendous need – God will bless your giving!

**If you have not volunteered to help out with P.O.R.T.,
contact the church office today to see where shifts and
opportunities still need to be filled... Thank you!**



Hilton Baptist Church and Journey Church... On Mission Together!

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10 NIV).

God put us on Earth, both individually and as a church, to do a certain work that only we can do. Ephesians says that God created us to do good works and that he planned in advance what we would spend our lives doing. However, he didn’t plan for us to do that work alone. We need others to work with us.

You know the feeling you get when you do too much work on your own. You get exhausted and burned out. Why? Because you’re trying to do your work alone, while God never meant for it to be that way. Over the next two weeks, Journey Church and HBC will be worshipping together because we are on mission together. That much needed mission is to provide a warm bed to sleep in and food twice a day to those who have hit rough times and find themselves homeless

In Ecclesiastes 4:9, God tells us, *“Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together”* (NCV). When you work as a team, you get so much more done. Plus, having good teammates alongside you is a whole lot more fun and less tiring!

Picture it this way: Each of us is like a snowflake. On our own, we can’t make a big difference. However, when one fragile snowflake sticks with a lot of other snowflakes, they can stop traffic. Like snowflakes, we can make a big difference working together, each one of us doing our small part.

Churches cooperating together, such as HBC and Journey Church, along with other non-profit organizations such as the LINK Network and P.O.R.T. can far more effectively minister to the homeless in our collective efforts than any of us could possible do alone. An in so doing, we are experiencing unity in the Body of Christ that churches were meant to have.

Did you know that when we work together here on Earth, we’re practicing for eternity? In Heaven, we will all have to work, but each of us will have just a small piece of work, so we’ll never get overloaded or tired. Though no one will carry a heavy burden as each one of us does our small part, all the work will still get done.

As we walk through life, remember that we’re not supposed to do everything on our own. We need other people to walk alongside us, and other people also need you. As we share the burden of our work and efforts with fellow Christians, we’ll find that we can actually accomplish more together for the glory of God!

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

Hilton Baptist Church

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

January 10, 2023

Budget \$3145.00

Cash in Cash out \$1.00 Coffee Fund

Memorials– In Memory of Betty Powell \$25.00

Food Closet \$150.00

Total Deposit \$3321.00

2022 Contribution letters will be mailed this week. If you have any questions, please contact Dreama in the office.

If you would like offering envelopes and did not receive any, also please contact the office and we will take care of that for you also.

There is a Military family from Puerto Rico that is in need of twin beds (mattress and all) and lightly used furniture. This family has association with Church of Purpose. If you have anything that you are getting rid of and would like to donate, please contact the church office and we will get the information to the correct person.

The LORD himself goes
before you and will be with
you; he will never leave you
nor forsake you. Do not be
afraid; do not be discouraged.

Deuteronomy 31:8

Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226

PORT Sign Up YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Port is January 11th– January 25th. See Pam Cooke on how you can help.

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 January 29th

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!

Serve the City

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.

Pray for our Missionaries

MC, JS, JY (Asian Pacific Rim People) SB, KW (Central Asian People) MT (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) JJ (South Asian People) Jessica Wolfe (Sub-Saharan African People) Joseph Guynes (FL) Rick Kirkland (GA) Stephen Love (IN) Antoine Brewster (MA) Angel Viveros (NE) Fritz Agenor (Quebec) Bill Deckert (VA)

WMU December Project

The January Mission is PORT

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: wash-cloths, 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.

We have a place for you in Missions Outreach!

Tuesday, January 10th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, January 11th

PORT

7pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, January 12th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

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Friday, January 13th

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Saturday, January 14th

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Sunday, January 15th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Combined Service with Journey

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids

PORT

Monday, January 16th

PORT

Tuesday, January 17th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

PORT

Wednesday, January 18th

7pm Facebook Bible Study

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Thursday, January 19th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

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Friday, January 20th

PORT

Saturday January 21st

PORT

Sunday, January 22nd

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids

PORT

Lock up/ Hall Monitor

1/15 Joe Wircenske

1/22 Pam Cooke

Counter

1/16 Joe Wircenske

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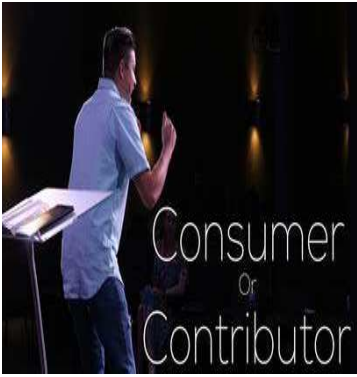
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Church Consumer or Contributor?

Why do you go to church? For some people, it is simply the way they were raised. Perhaps it is all they have known. Maybe it's just the thing to do on a Sunday morning. In some areas, attending church has become a cultural or social event.

Why do you attend HBC? Is it because you like the kid's program they offer? Maybe you like the style of worship, the quality of the band, etc. Maybe you go because you have friends who attend. Maybe it's because you like how the pastor preaches, or maybe you're there because it's where you've always attended.

There are countless reasons why people attend church or why we choose to attend the one we do. We are all uniquely stamped with personality, tastes, and preferences, etc. so having a variety of options isn't necessarily a bad thing. Your fit might not look like my fit, and that's OK.

Unfortunately, the Church is made up of human beings, which makes it far from perfect. There is always something about which to complain or something with which to disagree. Ironically enough, music typically holds the most potential for stirring controversy. It's too loud, it's too soft, it's too rocky, it's not traditional, it's too traditional.

It's not just the music, however. There are differing opinions and perspectives on pretty much any ministry within the church, including ministry leaders and volunteers. We in the capital "C" Church are quite an eclectic bunch. How often do we approach going to church strictly from the perspective of what we like or don't like about it? How many times have we chosen to attend or not to attend based on what's in it for us, what we like, or what we prefer?

We often approach church like we are consumers out shopping for what we want or what effectively satisfies our needs. Of course, we will find ourselves migrating toward the expression of the church that feels like a fit for us, but beyond that, have you ever gotten up on a Sunday morning and chosen to go to church from the perspective of what's in it for HIM? The corporate worship service is not meant to be about what's in it for us. It is meant to be a place where we gather to offer ourselves to HIM.

Next Sunday, when you get up to go to church, rather than thinking about what's in it for you, take a minute and ask yourself, "What am I taking to church this morning? What am I presenting as an offering to Him?"

Worship is not about what we get out of it. Worship is about bringing everything we have to Jesus, offering our whole selves in response to the fact that He sacrificed all of Himself for us. Just some food for thought...



Put On The New...

There was a popular Sinatra song of a bygone era, and the words went something like this:

“You've got to accentuate the positive,
Eliminate the negative,
Latch on to the affirmative,
And don't mess with Mr. In-between.”

Those lyrics are an accurate description of the passage we have before us in Colossians 3, beginning with verse 12. Listen to these affirmative words:

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:12

There are the positive qualities of Christian being a Christ follower. Through this entire section the apostle writes in terms of putting off and putting on clothes. That suggests that this ought to be done daily, like every morning. As God's chosen people we ought to put on daily these qualities that reflect the character of Jesus. Each of these terms could be used of Him. So when you get up, start out by putting on these qualities of grace.

So... Let's share and, or confess. How do you get up in the morning? Some have great difficulty. Some can leap out of bed, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, ready to face the day immediately, but others drag along for a couple of hours, needing a cup of coffee to get them going. It is reported that Albert Einstein once said, "The problem with the speed of light is, it comes too early in the morning!"

No matter what time you get started, however, Paul's word is, "*clothe yourselves.*" When you get up, deliberately put on these qualities of life. The reason, of course, is because you can put them on. That is his point through this whole letter. You are a new man, a new woman in Christ, therefore, you can begin to live that way. In the words of Nike – Just do it!

Many seem to find great difficulty putting on the good and positive as they begin their day or throughout the day. That is probably because they have never thoroughly understood, or perhaps have not practiced, what the apostle said earlier: "*Put off the old man.*"



Someone To Pour Your Life Into

Howard Hendricks, author and professor at Dallas Theological Seminary, suggests that every person should seek to have three individuals in their life: a Paul, a Barnabas, and a Timothy.

A Paul is an older person who is willing to mentor you, to build into your life. Not someone who's smarter or more gifted than you, but somebody who's been down the road. Somebody willing to share their strengths and weaknesses – everything they have learned in the laboratory of life. Somebody whose faith you'll want to imitate.

A Barnabas is a soul brother, somebody who loves you but is not impressed by you. Somebody to whom you can be accountable. Somebody who's willing to keep you honest, who's willing to say, "Hey, man, you're neglecting your wife, and don't give me any guff!"

A Timothy is a younger person into whose life you are building. For a model, read 1 and 2 Timothy. Here was Paul, the quintessential mentor, building into the life of his protégée – affirming, encouraging, teaching, correcting, directing, praying.

Do you have these three guys in your life?

The Last Impression

A preacher and the president of a soap manufacturing company went for a walk together.

The president said, "What good is religion? Look at all the trouble and misery of the world! Still there, even after years, thousands of years, of teaching about goodness and truth and love and peace. Still there, after all the sermons and teachings. If religion is good and true, why should this be?"



The preacher said nothing.

They continued walking until he noticed a child playing in the gutter. Then the preacher said, "Look at that child. You say that soap makes people clean, but see the dirt on that youngster. Of what good is soap? With all the soap in the world, over all these years, the child is still filthy. I wonder how effective soap is, after all!"

The president of the soap company protested, "But preacher, soap can't do any good unless it is used!"

"Exactly," replied the preacher. "Exactly."

Getting Everyone in the Game



God blessed the early Church – the first community of believers we read about in Acts – like no other. They grew exponentially. The first church was a mega-church on the very first day of its existence; 3,000 people came to faith in Christ!

The early Church made a monumental difference in the world. You want to make a difference too, right? If our churches are going to have an influence similar to the early Church, we need to do what the early Church did. This means we need to mobilize every member as a minister.

On the Day of Pentecost, Peter preached: "In the last days, God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams'" (Acts 2:17 NIV, emphasis added). Young, old, sons, daughters – everyone had a part in the early Church.

And God has a place for everyone in his Church today, too. If you're in the family of God, he expects you to do your part! God can use whatever talent you have for his glory.

Transforming Power

"They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit." – Acts 2:3-4

Within fifty days of Jesus' death and the apparent collapse of His cause, the city of Jerusalem rang with the cries of those who boldly declared that God had raised Jesus from the dead, and that they were eyewitnesses to that truth. Hundreds had seen the resurrected Jesus!



As the Holy Spirit descended on the day of Pentecost, craven cowards were changed into courageous confessors. Humble fishermen became heralds of the King. All who saw and heard them were compelled to acknowledge that something had utterly transformed their lives. When questioned by their critics, the apostles did not hesitate to reply: they accounted for their boldness by pointing to the risen Christ.

On that day of Pentecost, the Resurrection was the keynote of Peter's sermon, causing three thousand people to confess Jesus as Lord (Acts 2:14-41). The Resurrection was the dominant theme in Paul's preaching. The earthshaking fact that God had raised Jesus from the dead was the axle and wheels of the early Christian church.

What difference will the Resurrection and the Holy Spirit's power make in your life today?



Making Sacrifice With Joy

I heard a story once about two wealthy Christians, a lawyer and a merchant, who traveled with a group that was going around the world. As they were visiting in Korea, they saw by the side of the road, a field in which a boy was pulling a crude plow and an old man held the plow handles and guided it. The lawyer was amused and took a snapshot of the scene.

He turned to the missionary, who served as their interpreter and guide, and he said, "That's a curious picture. I suppose they are very poor."

The guide replied, "Yes, that is the family of Chi Noue. When the place of worship was being built, they were eager to give something to it, but they had no money, so they sold their only ox and gave the money to the church. This spring, they are pulling the plow themselves."

The men were silent for several moments. Then the businessman replied, "That must have been a real sacrifice." The guide said, "They do not call it that. They thought it was fortunate that they had an ox to sell."

I am reminded of a parable Jesus told: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." (Matthew 13:44). Notice carefully the words "for joy." This man doesn't just sell everything he has; he does so with joy. He doesn't regret it. He doesn't complain about the sacrifice he has to make. In fact, he probably doesn't even consider it to be a sacrifice. He gives a lot for the field, but he gets so much more in return.

The same thing holds true in our walk with Christ. Sacrifices will be necessary, and only a deep love for Christ will make them a joy. The real test of our commitment is not so much whether we are willing to make sacrifices for our Lord, but whether we are able to make those sacrifices with joy.

The Last Impression

The old man had died. A wonderful funeral was in progress and the country preacher talked at length of the good traits of the deceased, what an honest man he was, and what a loving husband and kind father he was.

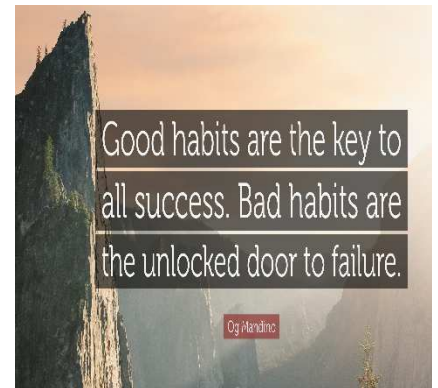


Finally, the widow leaned over and whispered to one of her children,

"Go up there and take a look in the coffin and see if that's your pa in there."

Bad Habits, Good Habits

“So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.” Ephesians 4:17



One of the things God does when he saves us is to target the bad habits in our lives. They're not good for us, and some have profound spiritual dimensions, so God wants to see them broken.

Occasionally these negative or bad habits are changed in an instant. There are other times, however, when God has to change things in our lives in order for entrenched habits to be overcome. He has to renew our minds, because we are used to thinking a certain way, and our thoughts may automatically go down old tracks that are not healthy for us.

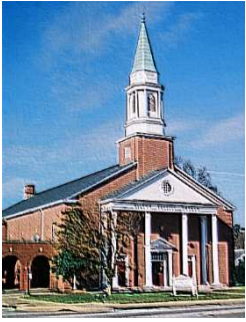
It isn't enough to get rid of the old habits, however; we also have to begin some new practices. In his letter to the Ephesians, the apostle Paul told them not only to put off their *“old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires,”* but also to *“put on the new self”*; not only to *“put off falsehood,”* but to *“speak truthfully to [their] neighbor”* instead; not to steal any longer, but rather to *“work so that they may have something to share with those in need.”*

It is said that it takes about a month or usually forty days or so, to make or break a habit, so as we put these good things into practice, we will gradually see good habits forming – habits such as spending time with the Lord and reading his Word every day.

It goes without saying that we must use wisdom in staying away from former haunts and refraining from watching or listening to things that could reignite old passions. And also to know that in the process, we are on a new journey and that we serve the God who make all things new!

Finally, we know that we can make new resolutions until we're tired of doing so, but nothing is going to change unless Christ is living his life through us; and, thankfully, that is what is promised to every believer. It is not our strength or the power of our traditions that transform us. It is solely the power of Jesus that frees us from our past and launches us into the newness of our futures!

Let's ask the Holy Spirit for the strength to walk in such a way that we are always aware of His presence and power. Let us trust in His renewal to break bad habits and the grace to make new, godly habits that will help us in our walk with the Lord, to the glory of his name.



Heading Into 2023 With A Special Gift Of Faith!

As we come to the beginning of a bright and hopeful New Year, we want to plant our seed early on for the blessings we hope to receive during the next 12 months. To accomplish this, we need to sow our seed generously at the very outset of the year in an expression of our faith in His faithfulness.

The New Year is a reminder of the nature of our God... *“Behold I make ALL things new!”* And now is the time to lay hold of the promise of Isaiah where God says, *“Behold I do new things, and now they shall spring forth, verily you shall know them: I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.”* Isaiah 43:19

What do you believe God has for you do to honor Him as 2019 lies ahead?

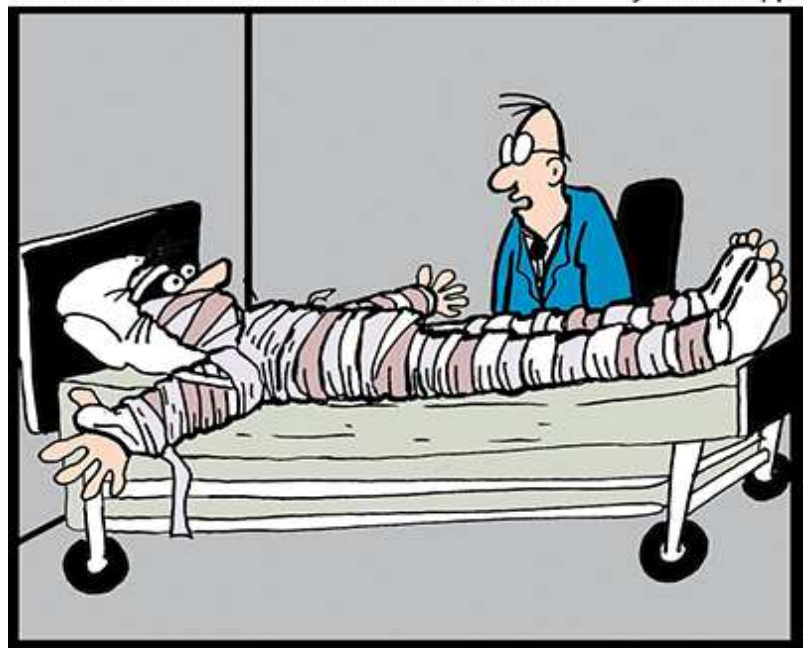
The faith we as a church are willing to demonstrate beginning now in January will help set the goals we can aim for in the rest of 2023 as we repair and make new some of the facilities of our beloved church. Each day we celebrate our past, we must likewise, in faith, create our future. Imagine an HBC where people are drawn by our love, faith and generosity – and want to come and be a part of a growing, vibrant church family.

The harvest of that dream we can look forward to is made possible by the seeds of our faith and financial gifts we sow now – Let’s celebrate all God has done for us this by doing all we can for Him!

***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!***

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



“Hubert, I’ve told you and I’ve told you... don’t talk politics in Sunday School!”