

The Forecast
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What if becoming the person you want to be starts long before the moment you make a decision? Before you click "buy," before you take one more bite, or before you lash out at the people you love. Can the decisions you make today help you live the life you really want tomorrow? Let's learn together in our new message series,
"Pre-Decide"

Join Us This Sunday 10:00 am for an exciting message in our new series, "Pre-Decide." Discover how you can shape the events of your life by joining your spirit and intellect to create the future you most desire!

Also... 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!



Let's "Pre-Decide" 2023 to Be Our Best Year Ever!...

"Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me (pre-decided) were written in your book before one of them came to be." Psalm 139:16

If you struggle with the title of our new sermon series, "Pre-Decide" simply read and re-read the above verse from Psalm 139. God's big on the idea of "Pre-Deciding!"

The year 2022 is over and done with, and the new year, as it always does, has begun in earnest. Every year, as New Year's Day draws closer, we all want to imagine that a prosperous and optimistic future awaits us. So much so that we alienate ourselves from all the bad that we experienced during the past year and look forward to a new beginning.

But let us not forget the good we also experienced in the past year and continue to seek the Lord's guiding presence in the new year. For we know that God has been with us in 2022, just as He has been from the beginning, and will be there until the end. Immanuel, God with us, is a promise that endures.

When we accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we received His constant joy and hope in His enduring promise. We can feel His presence through the gospel and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. There are so many in this world who will enter 2023 without hope and without peace that can only come through Christ.

When that hope is not found in Christ, people seek to find a way to fill the void in their hearts with what they envision this new year will do for them. The most popular New Year's Resolution is to lose weight.

People tell themselves that if they lose 'x' number of pounds, then their lives will be better: they will get that promotion, they will go on dates, and they will become the person they were always meant to be.

This is a lie from the world — from the enemy — but the truth the Lord wants us all to know is that you, right now, are the person that God created you to be. Just as you are: not 10 pounds smaller, not "healthier," not anything that an influencer told you on Instagram.

Please know that God has "Pre-Decided" that you are beautiful, wonderfully made, and exactly who He created you to be. No additions, no caveats, and no subtexts to that message. Why not get in agreement with God and "Pre-Decide" for yourself to receive His best for this new year!

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

Hilton Baptist Church

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

January 3, 2022

12-25-2022

Budget 4770.00

Alma Hunt \$100.00

Lottie Moon \$500.00

Cash in Cash out– COP Rent \$900.00

Cash in Cash out– Sonshine Kids in Memory of Betty Powell \$25.00

Cash in Cash out– RR in Memory of Virginia Dillon \$1000.00

Food Pantry– In honor of Charles and Denise Vassar \$100.00

Total Deposit \$7395.00

12-29-2022

Cash in Cash out– Rent Journey \$500.00

Food Pantry \$200.00

Total Deposit \$700.00

1-1-2023

Budget \$2550.00

Initial Offering \$25.00

Cash in Cash out– Sonshine Kids \$25.00

Food Pantry \$125.00

PORT \$25.00

Total Deposit \$2750.00



Calendar

Monday, January 2nd

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3rd

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, January 4th

7pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, January 5th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Friday, January 6th

Vision Team Retreat 7pm– 9pm

Saturday January 7th

Vision Team Retreat 9am– 1pm

Sunday, January 8th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids

Tuesday, January 10th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, January 11th

PORT

7pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, January 12th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

PORT

Friday, January 13th

PORT

Saturday, January 14th

PORT

Sunday, January 15th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Combined Service with Journey

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids

PORT

Lock up/ Hall Monitor

1/8 Stand Langdon

1/15 Joe Wircenske

Counter

1/9 Sue Monfalcone

1/16 Joe Wircenske

Kids Church Helper

1/8 Youth

1/15 Tracy Venable

Happy Birthday in January

1/8 Lynn Prillaman

1/9 Matt Jordan

1/10 Mia Kuhlne

1/10 Heather Michie Collins

1/13 Cathy Childs

1/13 Dreama Johnson

1/23 Barbara Michie

1/30 Carolyn Schaubach

Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226

PORT Sign Up YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

We have spots open to help with our outreach to the homeless of our area. PORT is January 11th-25th. Please visit the back of the sanctuary to sign up where you want to serve.

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

SW (American People) AD KM (Central Asian People) TT (Northern African People) JJ (South Asian People) Jessica Wolfe (Sub Sharan African People) Joseph Guynes (FL) Rick Kirkland (GA) Stephen Love (IN) Antoine Brewster (MA) Angel Viveros (NE) Fritz Agenor (Quebec) Bill Deckor (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!

Jesus Never Said... "You Won't Have Bad Days!"

Let's face it... We all have bad days! One of the most difficult challenges of the Christian life is the fact that becoming Christ followers does not make us immune to life's trials and tribulations. Why would a good and loving God allow us to go through such things as the death of a child, disease and injury to ourselves and our loved ones, financial hardships, worry and fear? Surely, if He loved us, He would take all these things away from us. After all, doesn't loving us mean He wants our lives to be easy and comfortable?



Well, no, it doesn't. The Bible clearly teaches that God loves those who are His children, and He *"works all things together for good"* for us (Romans 8:28). So that must mean that the trials and tribulations He allows in our lives are part of the working together of all things for good. Therefore, for the believer, all trials and tribulations ultimately have a divine purpose.

As in all things, God's ultimate purpose for us is to grow more and more into the image of His Son (Romans 8:29). This is the goal of the Christian, and everything in life, including the trials and tribulations, is designed to enable us to reach that goal. This is explained in 1 Peter 1:6-7: *"In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which perishes, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."*

Trials develop godly character, and that enables us to *"rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us..."* (Romans 5:3-4).

However, we must be careful never to make excuses for our "trials and tribulations" if they are a result of our own wrongdoing. God forgives our sins because the eternal punishment for them has been paid by Christ's sacrifice on the cross. However, we still suffer the natural consequences in this life for our sins and bad choices. But God uses even those sufferings to mold and shape us for His purposes and our ultimate good.

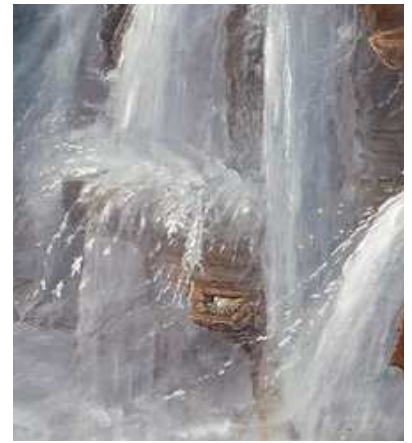
Trials and tribulations come with both a purpose and a reward.

"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. . . . Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him"
(James 1:2-4,12).

Peace

There once was a King who offered a prize to the artist who would create a painting that best demonstrated peace. Many artists tried. The King looked at all the paintings, but there were only two he really liked and he had to choose between them.

One painting was of a beautiful and calm lake scene. The lake was a mirror reflecting the towering snowcapped mountains all around it. Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy white clouds. Most who saw this painting thought that it was the perfect picture of peace. The other painting had mountains too. But these were rugged and bare. Above was an angry sky from which rain fell, and lightning danced. Down the side of one mountain tumbled a turbulent waterfall.



When the King looked, he saw that behind the waterfall grew a tiny bush from a crack in the rock. Within the bush a bird had built a nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water, sat the mother bird in her nest. The King chose this picture as the one best demonstrating peace.

People grumbled at the King's choice. The king responded to the people saying that he chose the second picture because peace did not mean being in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. The King explained that true peace meant to be in the midst of all those things and yet still be calm in heart.

We live in a fast-paced world full of turmoil. Perhaps even now you are experiencing significant challenges that threaten to knock your world off balance and threaten to rob you of peace. Still, as the story points out, the absence of turmoil isn't the real meaning of peace. It can also be finding a safe and secure place in the midst of an onslaught.

Like the King in the story, Jesus, knows the meaning of peace. He hasn't chosen to take us out of this world, or remove all sources of trouble, but rather to protect us and offer us the peace that only He can give!



One Last Laugh

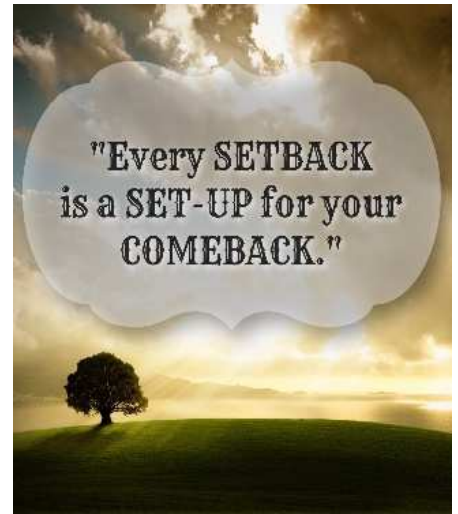
Seven-year-old Kathy usually went to children's church on Sunday mornings, but one Sunday she went with her parents to the regular adult service.

When Communion was served, she turned to her mother and whispered loudly, "The snack in children's church is much better. And we get a lot more juice."

“It’s Time For Your Comeback!”

And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. —Genesis 15:13-15

Do you believe that God’s word can change the atmosphere of your life? It can. It will. I believe this passage speaks to us in a significant way. I want to talk about God planning your comeback. In scripture, God gave Abraham two promises:



Promise #1 – That he would die at a ripe old age. Question: Do you ever worry about dying? Do you believe your life is fully in the hands of God?

God came to Abraham and He basically said, “Abraham, I don’t want you to worry about dying. You will go to the grave at a good old age.” I believe this means we ought to just expect and claim that we’ll have good memories and we’ll have healthy, strong bodies. I know we get older and everything changes, for sure. But I’m claiming today the good old age. I’ll always have provision. I’ll always be taken care of, because man is not my source. Isn’t that good news? That’s good news. Be free from the fear of what’s coming. Good is what’s coming.

Promise #2 - That his wayward children would comeback. Questions: Do you have children you worry about or who are not walking with God today? Can you have faith for a “comeback” for your child?

God warned Abraham about this, but in the covenant that He made with him, He told him that his children would come back again to where He called them to be. There will be a comeback.

This truth is for your children, but it is also for you. No matter how pessimistic, no matter how negative it looks today, you’re going to come back. It’s a season of comeback. If you’ve been through something, maybe a financial setback or some kind of terrible thing has hit you in your health or something’s happened to your family, it’s time for a comeback!

It’s not time to quit. It’s no time to give up. It’s not time to moan and groan. We may be down, but we’re not out, because we serve a comeback God. Sometimes in life, stuff just happens. You may feel like you’ve been through hell, you messed up, and you did something you shouldn’t have done. It’s time for a comeback. The Bible said there is a river whose streams shall make glad again. That’s the river of the Holy Spirit, and if you can get a scent of that river, God can orchestrate your comeback!



Active In Sharing Your Faith!

“I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.” Philemon 4-6

What a beautiful opening prayer we discover Paul writing to his beloved friend from his restrictive prison cell, and what wise instructions he gave - wisdom we all need to heed. Paul was praying that his dear friend Philemon would be an effective witness as he shared his faith with others.

He further prayed that he would come to a deeper knowledge and understanding of the incredible riches of God's unfathomable grace that are discovered in Jesus Christ alone.

It was the Lord Jesus Himself that demonstrated to us about how to live and walk in spirit and in truth, by the leading of the Spirit of God. Jesus lived a perfect life by looking to the Father day by day, and learning obedience through the things He suffered.

It was Paul who revealed the mystery that was hidden from the ages and from the generations but has now made known to his sanctified people of God. It was a mystery kept hidden from past ages and generations but has been unveiled to us - in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We will never understand the full extent of the incredible riches of God's unfathomable grace that are discovered in Jesus Christ our Lord, but the more we know Him the more effective will be our Christian ministry and witness.

We need to pray for one another, just as Paul prayed in the book of Philemon, that the fellowship of OUR faith may become increasingly effecting as together we all grow in grace and in a knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let us never forget that all we are and all we have is ours by Christ alone. The more we come to know JESUS and the blessings that flow to us from HIM, the more we will desire to share these blessings with others, until we can pray: I must decrease so that He may increase.

Let us pray for our fellow believers that at the fellowship of our faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in us, for Christ's sake.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS
for P.O.R.T. Homeless
Ministry!!!

(P.eople O.ffering
R.esources T.ogether)

**HELPING THE
HOMELESS &
GIVING HOPE**



January 11th-25th

See Pam Cooke for Details or...

Call Church Office @ 595-3300

Facing the Unknown

*"Having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia ... they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them."
– Acts 16:6-7*



Paul had a clear mission: to spread the Gospel, follow God's call, and deliver His messages. Throughout his journeys, he developed confidence that God was guiding him – until he approached Troas (in modern-day Turkey). Suddenly, God blocked every move. As a result, Paul didn't know what to do or where to go. He faced a future filled with unknowns.

He could have given in to frustration and doubt. But, just in time, God spoke to him in a vision and told him to go to Macedonia. This was a new direction but clearly God's will. Looking back, Paul could see why He had blocked his path. God wanted him to do something different than he had planned. God may block our path for reasons we don't understand at times. We may not have His peace. Doors may close in ways we didn't expect. We simply may not know exactly where to go.

When this happens, we need to remember Paul's example. Start by being faithful to what God has revealed. Obey His Word and the direction we have received. Always be sensitive to His Spirit. Pray and seek Him until we have His peace and He confirms His direction.

Remember, God is with you right now. Commit your way to Him. Be confident that He will guide you. Have faith that He will supply your needs and direct your steps!

Learn to Wait

“My times are in Your hand...” – Psalm 31:15

As you walk with God, you’ll find you spend more time waiting than you do anything else. And when you receive what you’re waiting for, then you’ll begin waiting for something else! So if you don’t learn to wait with joy, you’ll live in frustration.



Paul writes, “Let us not grow weary while doing good: for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart.” (Galatians 6:9 NKJV) “Due season” is when God knows the time is right, not when you think it is. God has a set time for accomplishing things in your life, so you might as well settle down and wait, because that’s when it will happen, and not before. God knows what you need, when you need it, and how to get it to you.

You ask, “And what am I supposed to do while I’m waiting?” Trust Him! One Bible teacher writes, “God has taught me to keep living the life I now have while I’m waiting for the things that are in my heart to come to pass. We become so intent on trying to give birth to the next thing that we neither enjoy nor take care of the things at hand. I had a vision from God ten years before I began to see it fulfilled. During those years I believe I missed a lot of joy by trying to give birth outside of God’s timing. Learn to enjoy where you are, while you are waiting to get to where you want to be.”



The Last Impression...

A man bought a donkey from a preacher. The preacher told the man that this donkey had been trained in a very unique way, (being the donkey of a preacher). The only way to make the donkey go, is to say, “Hallelujah!” The only way to make the donkey stop, is to say, “Amen!”

The man was pleased with his purchase and immediately got on the animal to try out the preacher’s instructions. “Hallelujah!” shouted the man. The donkey began to trot. “Amen!” shouted the man. The donkey stopped immediately. “This is great,” said the man. With a “Hallelujah” he rode off, very proud of his new purchase. The man travelled for a long time through some mountains. Soon he was heading towards a cliff. He could not remember the word to make the donkey stop. “Stop,” said the man. “Halt!” he cried. The donkey just kept going. “Oh, no... Bible!... Church!... Please Stop!!” shouted the man. The donkey just began to trot faster. He was getting closer and closer to the cliff edge. Finally, in desperation, the man said a prayer... “Please, dear Lord. Please make this donkey stop before I go off the end of this mountain, In Jesus name, AMEN”. The donkey came to an abrupt stop just one step from the edge of the cliff.

“HALLELUJAH!” shouted the man.



Start Off The New Year Of 2023 Right... With A Special Gift Of Faith!

As we are beginning 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, let us consider sowing a special seed in our giving at the very outset of the year in an expression of our faith in His faithfulness.

As this year lies before us, we are positioned as never before to blaze a fresh, new direction in both our worship and our facilities. The vision that Pastor Lynwood and Vision Team have mapped out is a bold one and will be unfolded over the next few months.

Let us pray now and together for the wind of the Holy Spirit to stir up the flame inside each one of us for the faith we will need to accomplish the task set before us. Through His grace and through His goodness, We truly believe that HBC's best days are yet to come. Join your faith with ours to believe God for the same!

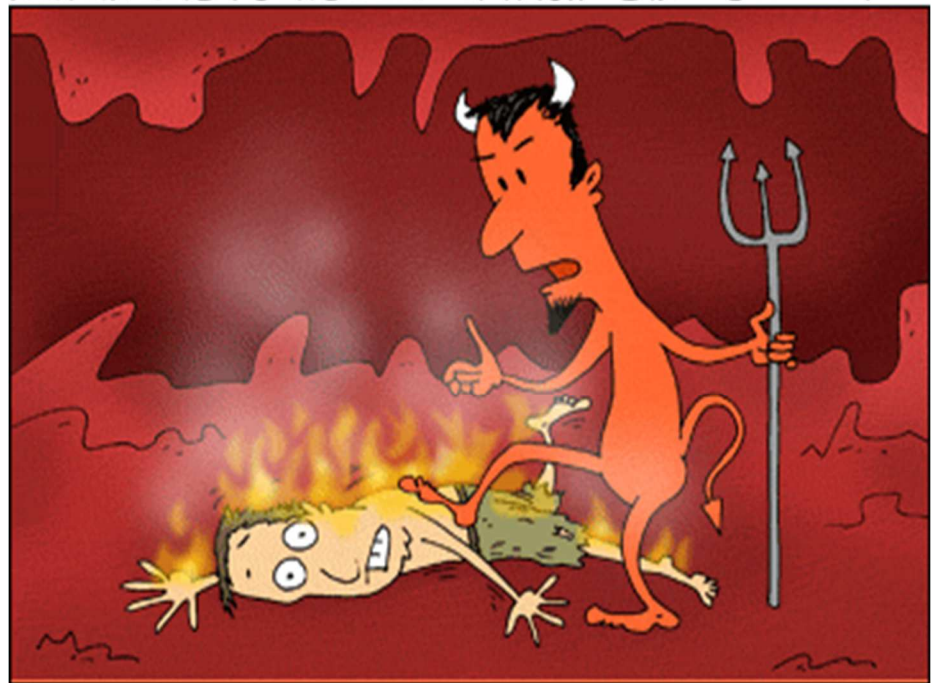
**“Give Your Best To God And
Expect His Best Back To You!”**

**God preserved us through 2022...
Let's expect miracles in 2023!**

***In 2023 Remember You
Tithes and Offerings
and Commitments...***

***And Share In The
Blessing That Is To
Come!***

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