

The HBC Weekly Forecast
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“Where do you see yourself in 5 years?”

If someone were to ask you that question, how would you reply?
“Where do you see yourself in 5 years?” Pondering that question, I was drawn to a few verses found in James 4:13-15.

“Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”

We must remember that our times are not in our own hands, but at the disposal of God; we live as long as God appoints, and in the circumstances, God appoints, and therefore must surrender to him, even as to life itself...

So, believer, live your life to the glory of God and the good of others every moment He has given you. We see that our time, money, breath and everything else that we think is ours, is not our own. Everything is God’s and if He chooses to take any of those things away, it would be completely fair because they were never ours in the first place.

Psalms 150:6 – Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!



Where Do You See Yourself Five Years From Now?

“But make sure that you don’t get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the salvation work he began when we first believed. We can’t afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight. Get out of bed and get dressed! Don’t loiter and linger, waiting until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ and be up and about!” – Romans 13: 11-14.

Many interviewers will ask a job applicant, “where do you see yourself in five years?” What if God asked you where do you see yourself in five years? What do you expect life to be like?

The answers to that in a job interview and a conversation with God would be completely different. What matters most to God isn’t what you do; it’s who you are. So pursuing certain accomplishments in life isn’t nearly as important as becoming the person God created you to be. So how do you effectively focus on living up to your potential, growing into the person God intended you to be? What are the barriers to becoming that person in five years.

The trouble is, so many of us have tragically short attention spans. And the stick-with-it-ness is not as strong as it once was. So we tend to underestimate what we could do in the long-term if we just stuck with it.

Romans 13:11 says, *“This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.”* The question is this: are you in a life that you get stuck with or a life that you create with the help of God.

Five years is enough time to accomplish quite a bit. You could grow closer to God than ever before. Or you could grow apart from God because your life is not the way you planned it.

Five years is long enough to do a lot for good or for evil. By the time you get to five years from now, you will have had enough road that’s been traveled for you to do a lot one way or another. It is all about making wise, Godly decisions. Let’s get to five years from now and be delighted in the choices we made.

On the grace journey together with you, Pastor Lynwood

Hilton Baptist Church

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

March 14, 2023

Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!

Budget \$ 3371.41

Budget Designated \$300.00

Annie Armstrong \$600.00

Cash in Cash out– Craft Show \$365.00

Cash in Cash out– Coffee Fund \$1.50

Food Closet- \$25.00

Amount of Deposit \$4662.91

February Recap

Budget Deposits \$20, 572.15

Budget Expenses \$25,917.15

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Budget Expenses \$6,36.76

Money Market \$132,399.21

Building Fund \$53,792.81

Savings \$ 67,939.01

Outreach \$10,667.39

R & R \$16,502.69

PDF \$5,188.09

RR \$10,938.19

Deacons \$376.41

Designated Account \$48,888.12



Discipleship Class– Stan Langdon will be starting a Discipleship Class, Sunday April 16th at 9am on Sunday Mornings in the Media Center. Come and be a part! For more information , see Stan.

Sonshine Kids Easter Egg Hunt and Party

Saturday, April 1st 11am– 2pm

REGISTER YOUR KIDS TODAY!



WE NEED

- ◆ Individually wrapped candy that will fit in plastic eggs (yes it can be chocolate) Needed by March 26, we will be having an ***egg stuffing party on Wednesday, March 29th at 100pm at the church***
- ◆ People to help head up a table, kitchen workers, clean up and set up the sanctuary after the event, registration and greeters. If you can only help a hour, we have a place for you!
- ◆ People to spread the word about the Egg Hunt and Party. There are fliers in the Connection Center if you would like to take and give out to someone.

If you get the newspaper, when you are done with it, can you donate it to HBC Kids Ministry. We are working on Props for VBS that require a lot of newspaper. I will let you know when we have enough. You can place it in the church office.

Thanks for your help ! Dreama

Happy Birthday in March

Ruth Fries 3/13

Christy Kuhlne 3/17

Judy France 3/18

Brian Fries 3/24

Kirk Crippen 3/31



HBC "Sisters Fellowship

We had a great turn out at our Sisters Meeting last week. Another one is scheduled for Thursday, March 23rd at 6:30pm. We will be having food and also we will be making wreathes. You don't want to miss it. If you have any questions, see Nadine or Denise.

New Members and Baptism Class

If you would like to become a member of HBC or if you would like to be baptized, we will be having classes for you to attend to become more familiar with the church and all that is being done. The classes will be at the church on Tuesdays April 18th, April 25th and May 2nd.

NAMB Baptism Sunday is April 16, 2023. If you are interested in being baptized please let Dreama know and arrangements will be made for you to be

Hilton Area Blood Drive

Hilton Presbyterian Church -34 Main Street

Thursday, March 16th 1pm–6pm

To schedule an appointment visit : RedCrossBlood.org

Sponsor code: HiltonAC



American Red Cross

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Tuesday, March 14th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, March 15th

7pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, March 16th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, March 19th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids Church

Tuesday, March 21st

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, March 22nd

7pm Facebook Bible Study

Thursday, March 23rd

No Food Distribution

6:30pm Sisters Fellowship

Sunday, March 26th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids



Annie Armstrong Offering

Collected to Date: \$700.00

Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226

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

JF (Asian Pacific Rim People) MR (Central Asian People) kr (Deaf People) Phillip Bone (European People) JA, LI, JT (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) SM (South Asian People) Carlos Lopez , Joe Newton (CA) Adam Stoddard (MO) Madison Thompson (OR)

WMU March Project for WMU

Here is a list of the items that are used in the giving away of food.

Soup Canned Vegetables Mac and Cheese Rice
Instant Potatoes Canned Fruit (no sugar added) Tuna Fish
Cereal Peanut Butter (small and large jars) Jelly (small and large)
unsweetened applesauce

When money is donated it is used to buy meats and other items that we do not receive in food collection.

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.

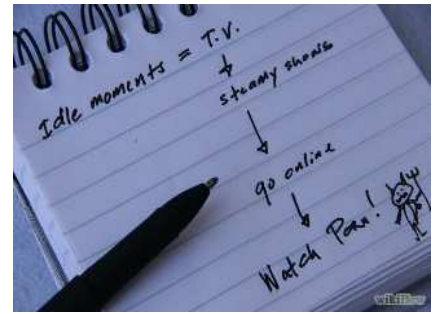
We have given out a lot of food recently so any donations would be appreciated. Next collection is March 26th

Collection for PBA for Standing Rock

We are collecting non-fiction paper back books for the Standing Rock Reservation Indian Reservation at the border of North and South Dakota. If you have any you would like to donate, please place them in the Mission Outreach corner.

Examine Your Habits

God said, "...they continue practicing the former [habits]; they do not fear the Lord, nor do they follow... the law... which the Lord...commanded..." 2 Kings 17:34



Understand this – any habit you feed will strengthen its grip on your life. Ask anyone recovering from addiction; we only become willing to change when we hit the bottom. Prodigals don't come home until they've lost everything! But that doesn't have to be your story. Your heavenly Father is waiting to welcome you back. You are a child of the Most High; captivity is unnatural for you. You'll never be free until you despise your chains. Whether you're bound by a substance, a relationship or a life that's out of order, your circumstances won't change until your mind is released from the grip of old thought patterns and renewed by God's Word (Rom. 12:2).

So, start putting in place new habits, for what you do consistently, you become permanently. Begin the Bible-reading habit. Put it first on your "to do" list or you won't do it faithfully. *Proverbs 4:22* says, "...for [these words] bring life and radiant health to anyone who discovers their meaning..."

Set a specific time for prayer, otherwise everything else will crowd it out. In prayer God will tell you how He feels about things. Can you afford to live without His input?

Attend church regularly, support it with your finances, exercise your spiritual gifts and begin to invest time and energy into relationships that sharpen and strengthen you spiritually. God will say things to you in His house that He won't say anywhere else.

Your daily habits are carving out an irreversible future. If you want to know where you're headed – examine them!



The Last Impression

The phone rang. It was a salesman from a mortgage refinance company. He asked, "Do you have a second mortgage on your home?" "No," she replied.

Continuing his pitch, he asked, "Would you like to consolidate all your debts?" "I really don't have any," she said. Undaunted, he asked once more, "How about freeing up cash for home improvements?" She quickly said, "I don't need any. I just recently had some done and paid cash."

There was a brief silence, and then he asked, "Are you looking for a husband?"

Should I Go to Church?

I was confident that nowhere in the Bible did it say I should go to church. But then I read Ephesians 4:11-13:

"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Then I wondered: If Christ gave pastors and teachers to prepare me for works of service, shouldn't I use them?



Then I read Hebrews 10:24-25: *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* And I realized that being together with other Christians is how God intends to encourage me to do what is right.

Then I read Romans 10:13b-17: *"... 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?' Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ."* And I knew that Jesus sent these pastors and teachers to build my faith.

Then I read Matthew 16:18: *"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."* And I discovered that Jesus built the church, owns it, and protects it.

Then I read Matthew 18:20: *"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."* And I found that when His followers gather to worship Him, He joins them.

Then I read Luke 4:16a: *"He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom."* And I discovered that Jesus himself was in the habit of attending church.

The last reason was perhaps the best reason of all. If Jesus thought it was important, why shouldn't I? I wonder why some other believers in our church don't feel the same?



Welcome to Online Giving

"The Benefits To You & HBC!"

Online donations to HBC may be made at any time from the comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online donations are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year (except when made anonymously), and each user can change his or her preferences or desired donation amounts at any time. You can make a one-time gift or a recurring donation.

1. No need to hassle with checks or cash
2. Totally secure encrypted 24/7 web-based access
3. Easily schedule recurring donations to fit your pay periods
4. Debit / Credit card option allows you to take advantage of rewards such as air miles or cash bonuses. Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express are accepted
5. No need to share bank account information as you enter it directly into the Online Giving 100 % secure site
6. Allows you to give even if you are unable to attend services
7. Contribution amount is easily adjusted as desired or needed
8. Option to remain anonymous.

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***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 Anonymous

04-15-2011

**OF COURSE MY SHAMPOOS, CONDITIONERS,
LOTIONS, STYLINGS, AND SCALP MESSAGES
ARE LEGIT DEDUCTIONS ... I'M SAMSON!**



Always Dependent Upon God's Blessing!

In his book *Turning Points*, historian Mark Noll has identified a dozen “decisive moments in the history of Christianity.” They range from the fall of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 to the Council of Nicaea in 325 to the conversion of the Wesleys in 1738 to the Edinburgh Missionary Conference in 1910, and the Charismatic movement of the last century.

In each of these pivotal events, the church stood at a crossroads involving and interweaving history, doctrine, and sociopolitical and cultural forces and trends. The decisions and actions of key leaders at these times, under God’s sovereignty, shaped the future of the church for years to come.

In the book of Haggai we read the story of a turning point in the spiritual life of God’s people. They had gone from neglecting the new temple and the spiritual state of their own hearts to obediently rebuilding the temple and joyfully participating in genuine worship. They had moved from self-centered to God-centered, and as a result were poised to experience His blessing on their harvests and community.

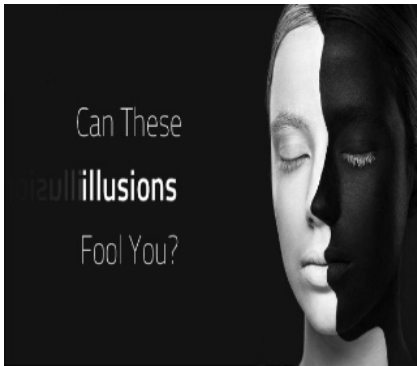
The prophet’s final message is addressed to Zerubbabel, and it parallels the messianic passage earlier in the chapter (vv. 6-9). The first part reaffirms that God is sovereign and has a plan for the nations (vv. 21-22). The second part portrays Zerubbabel as a “signet ring” on God’s hand (v. 23). One meaning of this image was that God would bless Zerubbabel as a leader, as opposed to King Jehoiachin, who as a “signet ring” had been discarded.

A second meaning of this picture was that Zerubbabel was a type or foreshadowing of Christ. Generally, a king’s signet ring carries the authority of the king, just as Christ the Son is equivalent in authority to God the Father. From our vantage point in history, we know that Zerubbabel was in the line of David and an ancestor of Jesus. Zerubbabel, then, was chosen by God to lead in a special task, rebuilding the temple, at a key time in history, and both who he was and what he did had spiritual significance beyond that time, just as God had planned.

We know that Jesus the Messiah has come, and He will come again. We can have hope and confidence! *“While we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,” we are “to say ‘No’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives”* so as to become *“a people that are [Christ’s] very own, eager to do what is good”* (Titus 2:11-14).

In response to the cry of our faith, Christ says, “Yes, I am coming soon.’ To which John responds yes... Maranathe!

‘Amen. Come Quickly, Lord Jesus” (Rev. 22:20).



Fooled By Illusions

Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. 1 Corinthians 13:12

In 1846, when he was 52 years old, Stephen Kearny was given command of the U.S. Army of the West. His assignment: To explore and secure control of the Western U.S. This frequently arduous assignment brought his army through many dangers. They encountered deserts, rivers, and seemingly endless prairies.

Critical to their success was seeing clearly, knowing what was ahead, being prepared, and making the best decisions about the path to take.

In his book about the American West, Hampton Sides describes how Kearny's army faced particular challenges in mountain regions. "Climbing imperceptibly into a thinner, drier atmosphere, the men found it harder to judge distances." They found themselves "tricked by optical illusions" and mirages.

One soldier provided this description: "Nothing appears as it is. About a mile distant from us appeared a crystal lake, studded with numerous islands, so perfectly defined that no one could imagine it to be anything else than a real lake. Though prepared for the illusion, many of the men believed it real."

Many people go through life fooled by illusions, even depending on the way things just appear.

The Bible encourages us to realize that there are many ways we can be deceived by illusions. That things can appear different than they really are. Jesus warned how easy it can be to make distorted evaluations of others. He warned us why we need to ask God for discernment, about others, about ourselves, about the circumstances we face, and about the world.

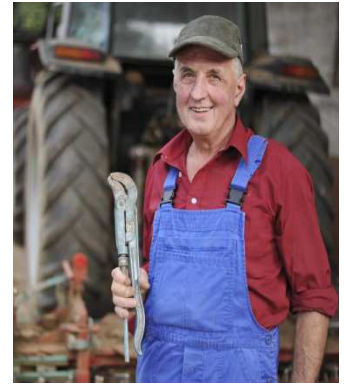
In your life, ask God for clarity and wisdom. Ask that you might not be fooled by illusions and the way things appear, but might see the world through His eyes.

Consider the following prayer...

"Father, I seek Your wisdom and discernment. Help me to see things in the world the way You see them. In Jesus' name. Amen. Pray especially for discernment for Pastor Lynwood and entire HBC Vision Team as they lead us to the next level of where God would have us be!"

An Old Farmer's Advice

- Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.
- Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
- Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word. Every path has a few puddles.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.



Psalm 23 For The Workplace

The Lord is my real boss, and I shall not want.

He gives me peace, when chaos is all around me.

He reminds me to pray before I speak and to do all things without murmuring and complaining.

He reminds me that He is my Source and not my job. He restores my sanity every day and guides my decisions that I might honor Him in all I do.

Even though I face absurd amounts of e-mail, system crashes, unrealistic deadlines, budget cutbacks, gossiping co-workers, discriminating supervisors, and an aging body that doesn't cooperate every morning,

I will not stop, for He is with me!

His presence, His peace and His power will see me through. He raises me up, even when they fail to promote me. He claims me as His own, even when the company threatens to let me go. His faithfulness and love are better than a bonus check.

His retirement plan beats every 401K there is! When it's all said and done, I'll be working for Him a whole lot longer; And for that... I will bless His Holy name!



One Last Laugh...

There were two men shipwrecked on this island. The minute they got on to the island one of them started screaming and yelling, "We're going to die! We're going to die! There's no food! No water! We're going to die!"

The second man was propped up against a palm tree and acting so calmly it drove the first man crazy. "Don't you understand?!? We're going to die!!!"

The second man replied, "You don't understand, I make \$100,000 a week."

The first man looked at him quite dumbfounded and asked, "What difference does that make?!? We're on an island with no food and no water! We're going to DIE!!!"

The second man answered, "You just don't get it. I make \$100,000 a week and I tithe ten percent on that \$100,000 a week. My pastor will find me!"