



**The Forecast**  
**Hilton Baptist Church**  
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***This Sunday, we honor and celebrate  
Christy Kuhnle & her 25 years of loving and  
faithful service to Hilton Baptist Church!***

***Join us this Sunday as we honor her  
dedication and devotion that has served our  
church so very well!***

*“A faithful worship leader magnifies the greatness of God in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit by skillfully combining God’s Word with music, thereby motivating the gathered church to proclaim the gospel, to cherish God’s presence, and to live for God’s glory.*

*Bob Kauflin, Worship Leader & Author*

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There will be a reception with light refreshments immediately following the morning worship service. We will enjoy a special time of sharing and reflection along with many friends and guests who will be attending to show their appreciation who are planning to attend to show their gratitude for Christy’s life, friendship and dedication through these many years.

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Each one of us has a good work to do. We may not see it yet, but it’s often right there in front of our eyes.

For Nehemiah, it was a crumbled wall. For you, it could be an injustice in the world, or a need *you see what no one else does.*

***“The Good Work” Series Begins Next Week!***





## ***The Art Of Worship***

Worship is the art of expressing yourself to God. It's a matter of the heart.

I believe worship must be learned. It's not a talent we are born with, nor is it a special gifting for a select few. One line of the Westminster Catechism says, "The chief end of man is to worship God and enjoy Him forever."

We were all created to worship, and yet, our expressions of worship are unique. We have each been given individual expressions of worship that we only discover as we take the risk of opening up our hearts. As we open our hearts, we become channels of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit in us releases us and teaches us the art of expressing ourselves to God.

"Now wait just a minute. Doesn't the Bible says, "The heart is desperately wicked, who can know it?"

Well, yes it does...that's Jeremiah 17:9 (which I think is one of the most misquoted verses in all the Bible). Because in the very next verse, it says, "*I, the Lord, search the heart and examine the mind to reward a man according to what his deeds deserve.*" Seven chapters later, Jeremiah quotes God saying, "*I will give them a heart to know Me, that I Am the Lord. They will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with all their heart.*" (Jeremiah 24:7) And it gets even better than that! Five chapters later, God says, "*I know the plans I have for You...you will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all Your heart. And I will be found by you, declares the Lord...*" (Jeremiah 29:11-14)

Flashing forward into the New Testament, we find Jesus, in Mark 7:6-7, addressing the Pharisees and teachers of the Law one day. "*Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me. They worship Me in vain..."*"

Ouch! Do you see where Jesus' focus was that day? He was looking at the position of their hearts for the Lord, and Jesus rebuked them because their hearts were "*far from Him.*" If the final truth of the matter is that the heart is desperately wicked, where else could their hearts have been?

From the Old Covenant right into the New Covenant, we are invited and encouraged to engage our heart in worship. The Lord Himself gives us a heart to know Him with the hope that we will choose to seek Him with all our hearts. So take the risk, open up your heart, and experience the transformation that comes into our lives every time we choose to worship.

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# Hilton Baptist Church

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

June 20, 2023

*Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!*

Budget \$1967.00  
Assoc Missions \$20.00  
Cash in Cash out– COP Rent \$900.00  
Cash in Cash out– Craft Show \$80.00  
Cash in Cash out- Quilters—Doors \$100.00  
Cash in Cash out– Christy \$155.00  
Cash in Cash out– Benevolence \$20.00  
Cash in Cash out– Coffee \$4.09  
Cash in Cash out– Lackey Free Clinic \$20.00  
Food Pantry \$100.00  
Total Deposit \$3366.09

Plan ahead- The Church office will be closed on Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th.

## Calendar

### Tuesday, June 20th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

### Wednesday, June 21st

7pm In house Bible Study and  
Facebook Live Bible Study

### Thursday, June 22nd

No Food Distribution. 6pm  
Sisters Fellowship– Meeting at Si  
Senor on Warwick Blvd.

### Sunday, June

9:00 Discipleship Class  
10am Live Worship at HBC  
Virtual Worship Online  
10am Sonshine Kids Church

### Tuesday, June 27th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

### Wednesday, June 28th

7:00pm Wednesday Night Bible  
Study at HBC and Facebook Live

### Thursday, June 29th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

### Sunday, July 2nd

9:00am Discipleship Class  
10am Live Worship at HBC  
Virtual Worship Online  
10am Sonshine Kids Church



### **Christy Kuhlne 25 Year Anniversary Celebration**

We will be having Christy Kuhlne's 25th anniversary celebration on Sunday, June 25th immediately following morning worship.

We are taking up a love offering to bless her for her faithfulness to the ministry of HBC. If you would like to give, please mark your check or envelope "For Christy" and we will present it to her the morning of her celebration!

There will be a reception for Christy immediately following morning worship. Please plan on staying for this special time.

### **Happy Birthday in June**

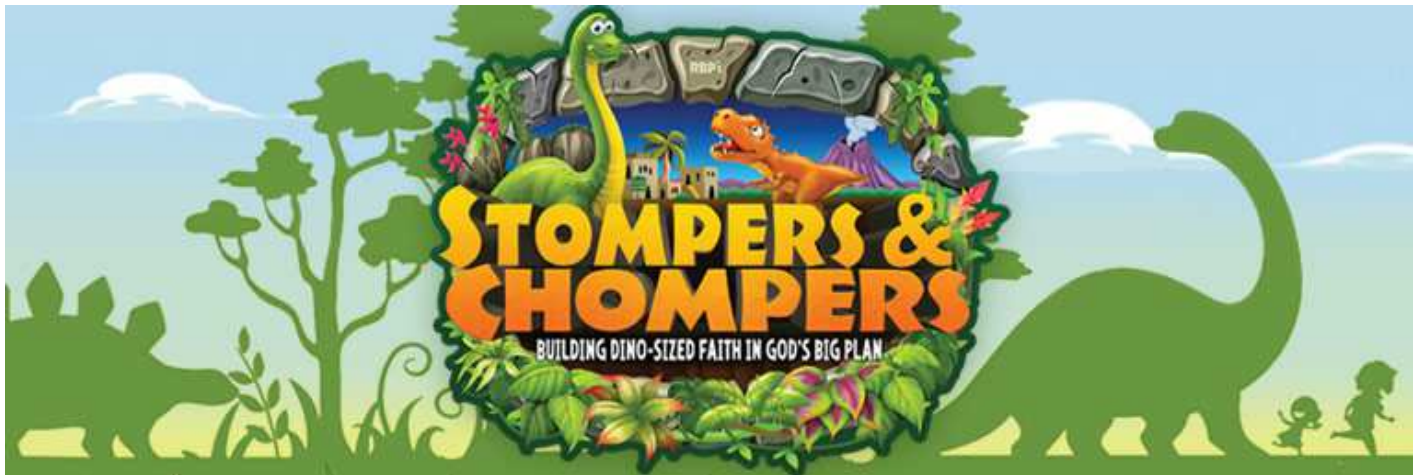
6/18 Llyod Ware

6/22 Jean Parker

6/23 Bill Duke

6/27 Doug Miller

6/27 Pat Simmons



**Vacation Bible School**

**August 7th- August 11th**

**6:00pm—8:30pm**

We are looking for helpers NOW! If you could help with VBS in any area, please contact Dreama.

Mark your calendars and start inviting Kids. There are fliers in the Connection Center. Its always a great time and you don't want to miss it!

**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.

**Big Volunteer Week Plan July 11– 15th** Plan now to be a part of Big Volunteer Week. Even if you can only participate a couple days of the six, your time will make such a difference. It is from 8:30pm– 12:30pm (and some activities even include kids) See Pam Cooke or you can register online at the web address above.

**Pray for our Missionaries**

HP, DJ, Dena Odom (European People) KB, JS (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) MM (Sub Saharan African People) Kyungo Lee (CA) Arthur Goncalves (FL) Eric Groce (IL) Rick Lechner (NE)

**WMU Project for May (we will be collecting until the end of June)**

The Mission Project for May was Carenet Pregnancy Center. Collecting new and used baby clothes up to 12 months, socks up to 12 months, teethers, pacifiers, bibs, diapers and wipes, shampoo and soap, diaper rash cream , diaper bags and monetary donations.

**WMU Project for June**

Lackey Free Clinic—money

There is somewhere for everyone to serve! Come and be a part!

**Lock up/ Hall Monitor** 6/25 Stan Langdon 7/2 Joe Wircenske

**Counter** 6/26 Sue Monfalcone 7/5 Joe Wircenske

**Kids Church Helper** 6/25 Nadine Stephenson 7/2 Kathy Caskie

**Grass Cutting** for weekend July 1– Roger and Pam Cooke

**Grass Cutting for** weekend July 15– Stan Langdon

## ***True Imitation?***

*“And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.”  
I Corinthians 11:1 New Living Translation*



Oh the power of a life whose words and deeds are congruent [consistent, matching, harmonious] with each other. You see, I believe that our culture has become disinterested in a gospel of convenience and compromise.

- They're tired of being told about something they seldom see.
- They're weary of hearing about a lifestyle that is mostly talked about, not necessarily lived.
- They're turned off by being challenged to live in a manor that those preaching to them are not doing themselves.
- They rightfully call much of our strutting hypocritical.
- They're having a hard time taking us or our message seriously.

There's a huge difference between 'talking the talk' and 'walking the walk.' The first brings shrugs of indifference and often sneers of contempt. The second works hand in hand with the Holy Spirit to prompt conviction and repentance.

It makes no sense to tout a standard which we ourselves don't follow.

It may sound preachy, but it needs to be said. We who call Him "Lord" must be faithful to make him Lord by taking his Gospel seriously. Jesus Himself made the distinction quite clear: *“Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.” Matthew 7:21*

Using "Jesus" as the correct password isn't what moves Christianity forward, it's using Jesus Himself as the model of how we live our lives. It's in allowing Him more clout in our lives than Hollywood gets. It's being far more concerned about what He thinks of our life style than the pollsters or our peers. It has everything to do with allowing Him more influence over the way we live than a culture that doesn't care what He thinks!

This week make living an authentic Christian life a priority. There are many waiting to see the words of our testimony, our songs and our televised evangelism line up with the way we are following Christ.

And find great joy in living a life congruent with your testimony!

## ***God Can Turn It Around!***

When a tragic accident left Will Mitchell with disfiguring burns, he decided to focus on his possibilities, not his problems. Although he'd lost his fingers, he learned to fly an airplane solo.

Then one day while flying from Colorado to California, ice caused his plane to crash. Paralyzed from the waist down (and you think you've got problems), Mitchell was understandably depressed about being confined to a wheelchair for life. Then a friend gave him the same advice he'd earlier given to her: "It doesn't matter what happens to you. What matters is what you decide to do about it."



So Mitchell adopted the "Triple-A Formula."

1. **Accept** *what has happened.* Otherwise you live in denial, or open yourself to resentment and self-pity.

2. **Appreciate** *what you can learn from it.* Built into every painful experience is the potential to be wiser, stronger and more effective for God.

3. **Adapt** *to the new opportunities it presents.* It was darkness that drove Edison to keep searching until he discovered a source of light (and it can do that for you, too). Since then, Will Mitchell has held public office, found love, and given hundreds of talks.

He says, "Before I was paralyzed there were 10,000 things I could do, now there 9,000. Should I focus on 1,000 things I can't do? No, I'd rather concentrate on 9,000 ways in which life is still good."

So, whatever we're facing today, it's not too big for God. It can be turned around through "His power that is at work within us." (Ephesians 3:20)



### ***One Final Laugh...***

A man went to his doctor complaining about having weird dreams. "Doc, I keep having these bad dreams. One night I'm a wigwam, the next I'm a teepee, wigwam, teepee every night. Am I going crazy?"

The doctor replied, "No, you'll be just fine. You're just "too tense!" (2 tents... get it?)

## ***Discouragement***

*“I am weary with my sighing; every night I make my bed swim, I dissolve my couch with my tears. My eye has wasted away with grief; it has become old because of all my adversaries.” Psalm 6:6-7*



Robert E. Lee was revered throughout the Confederate army during the U.S. Civil War, and respected by many even among his adversaries in the Union army. In addition to being a brilliant soldier, he was known as a man of character and integrity.

But on this day in 1863, Lee wrote a letter to Confederate President Jefferson Davis that was filled with discouragement. The Gettysburg campaign had ended a month earlier. Many in the South expected a victory, but the battle resulted in a boost for the North. Lee felt like a failure and was ready to give up.

Lee wrote that he had “seen and heard of expression of discontent” about the campaign. He suspected that officers were “too kind to report” this discontent. But he felt that the only acceptable solution was for him to be removed as head of the army of Northern Virginia.

He wrote that “no one is more aware than myself of my inability for the duties of my position. I cannot even accomplish what I myself desire. How can I fulfill the expectations of others?” But Davis rejected Lee’s request, and he continued in leadership until the end of the war.

The Bible tells us that anyone can be discouraged. Even a man like King David. The Bible records his confession at a time when he was weary and spent his nights crying. But he realized that God “heard my supplication” and “receives my prayer.”

Do you feel discouraged? Feel like giving up? Call on God. Trust in Him. Allow Him to renew and strengthen you that you might accomplish the assignments He prepared for you. Remember: You are special in His sight. And He hears your prayers.

## ***The Very Last Laugh...***

An enthusiastic believer had volunteered and just begun teaching the children’s Sunday school class at church



The topic for the day: Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Christ.

“What did Jesus do on this day?” she asked. There was no response, so she gave her students a hint:  
“It starts with the letter R.”

One little boy excitedly blurted out... “Recycle!”



## ***What Makes for an "Authentic Christian"?***

One of the greatest challenges we face in our “#struggles – following Jesus in a selfie-centered world” is to find and cultivate authentic Christianity in our experience of following Jesus. So how do we define “Authentic Christianity.”



First, an authentic Christian confesses Jesus Christ as Lord (1 John 4:15). Christianity must begin with a verbal acknowledgment of Jesus Christ as the Lord of your life. The Bible says that even the demons believe and tremble (James 2:19). True Christians should be able to say that Jesus Christ is their Lord.

Second, if you are a true Christian, you will be unhappy or miserable when you're sinning (1 John 3:9). This doesn't mean you will never sin if you are a Christian (1 John 1:8). But there is a difference between recognizing that we will fail in some way, shape, or form in the future and going on a willful, continual track of sin. If you really are a child of God, you will have a sense of discomfort when you sin, because you know in your heart of hearts that what you are doing is wrong.

Third, an authentic Christian enjoys fellowship with other believers (1 John 5:1). A true Christian will want to be around other Christians. Those who isolate themselves from other believers do so at their own peril, because the Bible tells us that it is important to get together, encourage one another, and correct one another (Hebrews 10:24-25). After all, why should God go to your house if you won't go to His? A lot of us want all of the fringe benefits of Christianity without applying ourselves.

Fourth, an authentic Christian obeys the commands of Jesus Christ. If you are a true believer, then you will obey the commands of Jesus Christ (1 John 5:3). I will not deny that the Bible is filled with so-called rules, but their purpose is not to make our lives miserable. Rather, they protect us from potential harm. The person who blatantly and continually breaks the commandments of God simply does not know Him.

Finally, an authentic Christian loves and obeys the Word of God (1 John 2:5). You cannot effectively live the Christian life without a love for, and obedience to, God's Word. All true disciples of Jesus Christ will be students of Scripture and will walk according to its teaching. This is vital to authentic Christian living, because the Bible is indeed the very textbook of life (2 Timothy 3:16). Yet so many believers will not read the Bible. They don't realize that success or failure in the Christian life depends on how much of the Bible they get into their hearts and minds on a regular basis. We have to do it!

*On the grace journey together with you, Pastor Lynwood*

## ***Free From The Law!***

Are Christians Under the Law? A person's answer to the question posed in this chapter title will reveal the depth of legalism lodged in that person's thinking.

The vast majority of Christians at least hesitate before answering the question: Are Christians under the law. It astounds me that the Body of Christ universally believes the Old Testament Law still has jurisdiction over our lives!



The reason it is astounding is because the answer is so clear in Scripture.

Few theological questions have such direct and clear answers as this one, yet most Christians seem deeply surprised, if not shocked, at the answer. I see the wheels turning in their minds as they sort through the ramifications of their answer to the question, and always feel a sense of sadness inside that many teachers of the Word have failed so miserably in teaching the truth of the glorious union we have with Christ.

This is a kindergarten question that we miss the answer to almost universally! We should have learned this early on, and our failure to do so has hindered our progress and our ability to tell the story of what Christ has done for us.

This is a fundamental truth that we must fully understand or else forever be enslaved to a religious system that produces spiritual death. Some not only give the wrong answer to the question but will argue vehemently against the clear truth presented in Scripture as if they are defending God's honor and the sacredness of His Word.

The devil has been at work! Allow me to pose the question again. Are Christians under the law? No! No! No! It is an affront to Christ and His sacrifice of His life to believe otherwise! He died to set you free from the jurisdiction of the law and liberate you from its tyranny.

The ageless lyrics of a truly "great old hymn of the church" written circa 1875 states it well:

*Free from the law—oh, happy condition!  
Jesus hath bled, and there is remission;  
Cursed by the law and bruised by the fall,  
Christ hath redeemed us once for all.*

*Once for all—oh, sinner, receive it;  
Once for all—oh, doubter, believe it;  
Cling to the cross, the burden will fall,  
Christ hath redeemed us once for all.*

## *Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?*



If I decided how my day was to go, I would never write in "crisis." I would never write, "Get sick" here or "Have my tire go flat" there, or "Have this unexpected disaster take place." I would just write in all the good stuff. I would plan for everything to go my way. There would be no traffic on I 64. It would always be green lights and blue skies.

But guess what? We're not in charge of our lives. God is.

I love what the prophet once admitted to the Lord: *"O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps." (Jeremiah 10:23)*

The fact is, God will allow so-called "bad things" to happen to us in the course of our days.

But as time goes by, you will find that the significant things you learn in life didn't really come from the good times and the mountaintop experiences. They came from those times of crisis in which you were more dependent on God.

Many of the most difficult days will, in retrospect, turn out to be unbelievably valuable, because it is through those so-called "bad times" that you will learn some of life's most important lessons.

The things we experience are not random events that float in and out of our lives. Rather, they are specific events that have been chosen by God and are timely and purposeful. This means the good things as well as the bad things. It means the wonderful, happy times of life as well as the dark, difficult days.

When you put your faith in Jesus Christ, you come under His protective care. God is fully aware of everything that happens to you, and thankfully He is never asleep on the job. He pays careful attention to the smallest details of your life and is in complete control of all circumstances that surround you. He knows what's happening in your life right now – knows it better than you do. And His presence and provision will be all you need to make it through.

Even when the enemy attacks you unfairly and you suffer a temporary setback, rest assured in the declaration of faith by Joseph in addressing his brothers who sold him into slavery... *"You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good..." Genesis 20:15*

Surrender your life to His victory today!



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