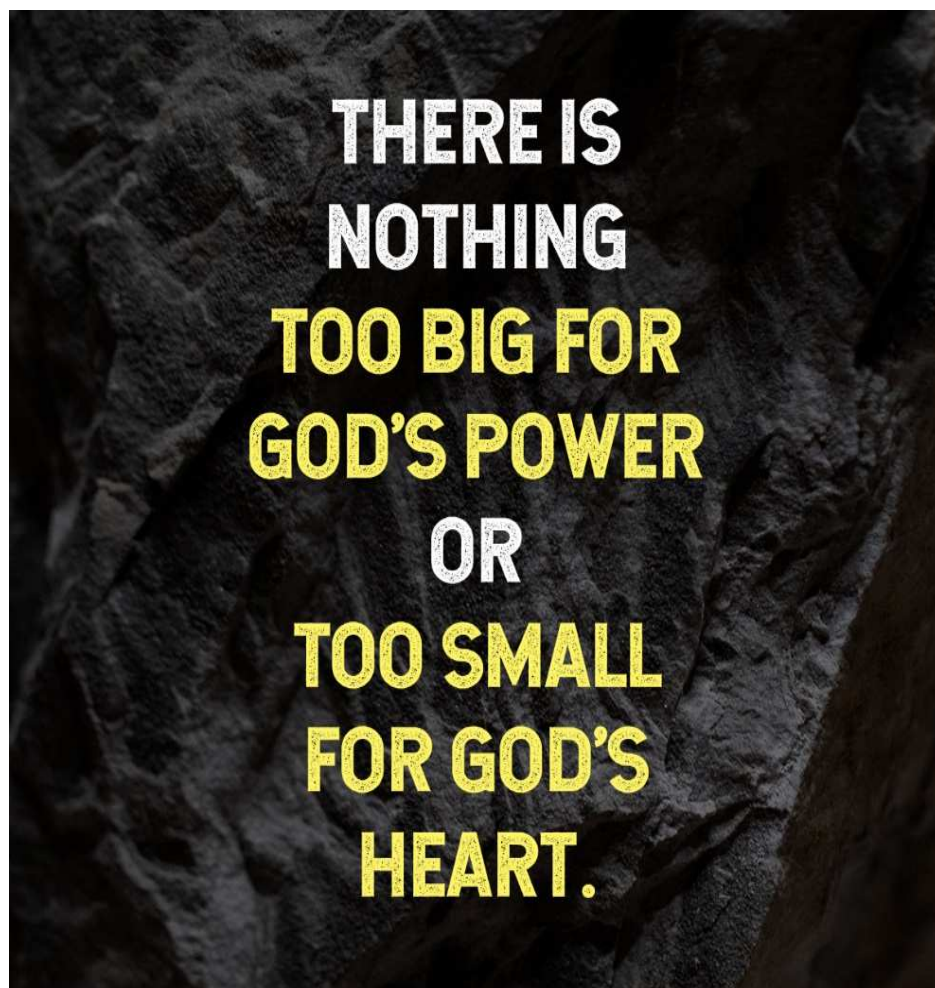


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When you think about it, what is too small for God? He knows every time you sit down or stand up (Psalm 139:2). Or what could be too big when “the nations are like a drop in a bucket” (Isaiah 40:15)? Nothing is too big or too small for our heavenly Father. If it concerns you, it matters to Him.

It delights me when God answers my trivial requests. Finding a parking place isn't a life-or-death issue, but every time God opens up one for me in a crowded lot, my heart rejoices in my Father's care. It's one more way He shows me He cares.

In the same way a parking place is not too small a request for Him, an unhappy relationship or broken past is not too big. Knowing this helps us pray with confidence. God hears and answers us in the best possible way – And always for our good!

Join us on Wednesday nights, 7:00pm for a live Bible Study here in the Worship Center. It is led by Pastor Lynwood,



God Cares About Little Things In Life

“As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him” Psalm 103:13

God is a caring, loving, compassionate father. He loves you more than you will ever understand. He loves you more than you can ever comprehend. God is love, and he made you to love you. He is loving toward you in everything that he does, and his compassion is his most outstanding quality. God is a caring father.

The Bible says in Psalm 103:13, *“As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him”* (NIV). He cares about everything in your life — compassionately.

Most of the disciples were professional fishermen. One day when they were out fishing, Jesus got tired and curled up in one end of the boat and went to sleep.

When a storm came up, it shouldn't have bothered the disciples. As fishermen, they were used to storms. But this must have been a big one, because they got scared. The ship was rocking and rolling, and water was coming into the boat. They were frantic and woke up Jesus to ask him one of the most important questions in life: *“Lord, don't you care?”*

You and I ask that question of God all the time and in a thousand ways: “God, did you see that doctor's report? Don't you care? Do you see what a mess my marriage is in? Don't you care? Do you see how little money we've got in the bank and all the bills we've got? Don't you care? Do you see how my kids are struggling in school? Don't you care? You know this fear that grips my mind that I can't seem to get rid of. Don't you care?”

The answer is yes, God cares. In fact, he cares more than you care. He wants to help more than you want help. He knows what will help you more than you know what will help you. He is aware, and he cares.

“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7).

If you knew and felt how much your heavenly Father cares compassionately and constantly about you, you'd have to love him back. If you feel like God is a million miles away, it's because you don't understand the kind of caring Father he really is. That understanding is the first step to your own inner peace.

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Hilton Baptist Church

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

July 3, 2023

Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!



Calendar

Tuesday, July 4th

No Food Distribution

Wednesday, July 5th

7pm In house Bible Study and
Facebook Live Bible Study

Thursday, July 6th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, July 9th

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

SERVE THE CITY BIG SERVE WEEK

Tuesday, July 11th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, July 12th

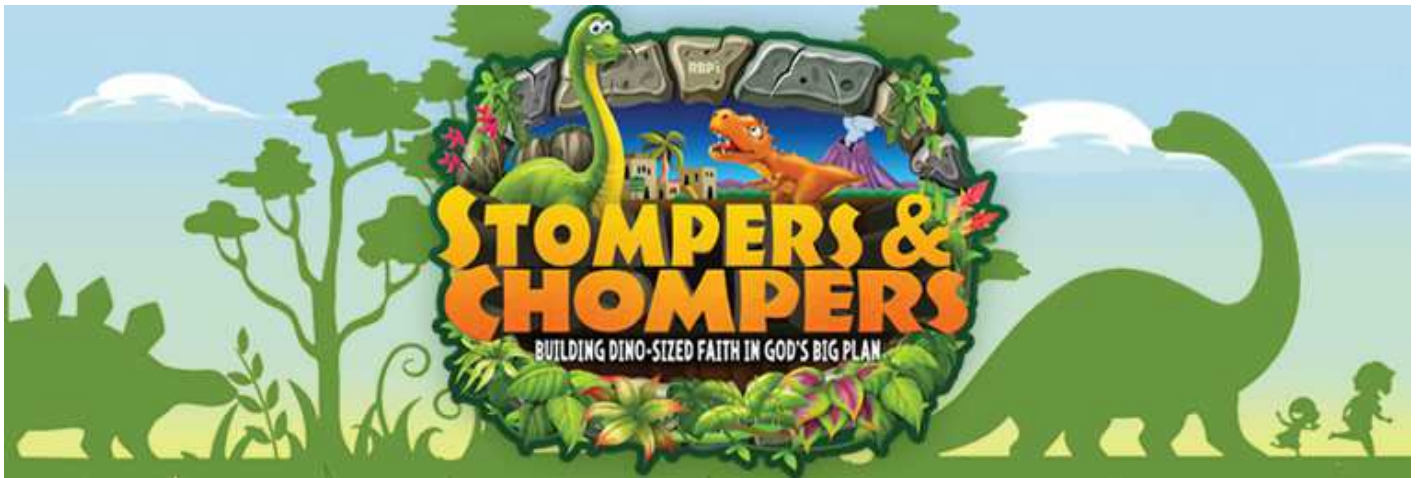
7:00pm Wednesday Night Bible Study
at HBC and Facebook Live

Thursday, July 13th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, July 16th

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



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!



Lock up/ Hall Monitor 7/9 Pam Cooke 7/16 Joe Caskie

Counter 7/10 Margaret Upole 7/17 Kathy Caskie

Kids Church Helper 7/9 Youth 7/16 Tracy Venable

Grass Cutting for weekend July 15– Stan Langdon

Grass Cutting for weekend July 29– TBD

Happy Birthday in July

7/3 Art Halk

7/12 Emma Beard

7/21 Tracy Venable

7/23 Sue Monfalcone

7/27 Wayne Tawney

7/28 Herb Turner

7/31 Cindy Gibson

7/31 Lisa York

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

During Big Serve Week, PORT hygiene Kits will be made. If you would like to help by donating some of the items please leave them at the Mission Outreach Table. Items are washcloths, travel size shampoo, travel size conditioner, travel size soap, travel size lotion, travel size deodorant, travel size toothpaste, toothbrushes and ChapStick.

Pray for our Missionaries

Rick Martinez (American People) David Dueker (Asian Pacific Rim People)
JA, SF (Central Asian People) HH, AN, AT (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) Joseph Bell, Kris Riggs (Sub Saharan African People)
Kenneth Booker (LA) Krag Runzi (MO) Justin Brown (NE) David Douglas (NY)
Brenda Rose (NC) Jared David (OH) Brando Menjivar (OK) Anmol Kadka (Ontario)
Marlaina Sheppard (South Carolina) Robert Allen (TX)

WMU Project for June

Lackey Free Clinic—money

WMU Project for July

Pure Water Pure Love

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

I BELIEVED, I BELIEVE, AND
I WILL STILL BELIEVE THAT
GOD IS GOOD.



How Good Is Our God?

“How kind the Lord is! How good he is! So merciful, this God of ours!” —Psalm 116:5

When we say that God is “good”, we don’t mean in the sense of a “good” meal or a “good” movie. That is an opinion. What is good to you may not be good to someone else. So when you read in scripture that God is “good,” think about it this way: There is such an absolute, pure perfection in

God and His nature that nothing is comparable to it, there is nothing defective in it, nor can anything be added to it to make it better.

God doesn’t just do good things, He is the only true good thing we will ever know. The first representation of His perfect goodness is in all that He created. It all indicates the goodness of its maker (Gen. 1:31). Scripture also points out the goodness of God toward all creatures (Psalm 33:5). God’s goodness is also defined by the lack of any evil in Him.

But, the true goodness and perfection of God's best illustrated in the appearance and gifting of Jesus Christ (Galatians 4:4–5). God is so good and so rich in all good things (like grace, mercy, kindness) that He saw us in need of a Savior and gave us His only son to do that job. Romans 2:4 tells us that it is God’s kindness that leads us to repentance. This means, in His perfection, He desired to perfect all things, including you and me. What a good Father! So many times we miss out on the goodness of God because we let it get lost in the everyday. Rejoice in the goodness of the Lord! Be thankful for it. This goodness endures forever.

Watch Out For “Tainted Money”

Timmy didn’t want to put his money in the offering plate Sunday morning, so his mother decided to use some hurried creative reasoning with him.

“You don’t want that money, honey,” she whispered in his ear. “Quick! Drop it in the plate. It’s tainted!”

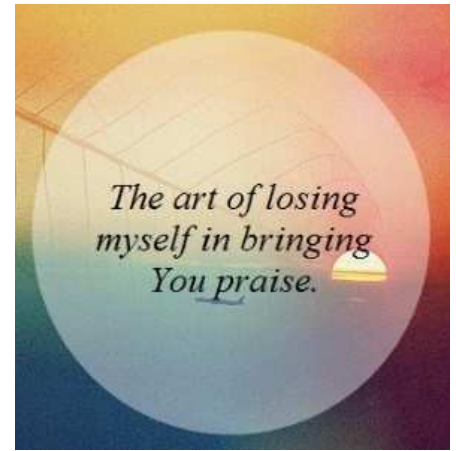
Horrified, the little boy obeyed. After a few seconds he whispered, “But, mommy, why was the money tainted? Was it dirty?”

“Oh, no dear,” she replied. “It’s not really dirty. It just ‘taint yours, and it ‘taint mine,” she replied. “It’s God’s.”



Lose Yourself Though Worship

Never lose your sense of wonder, or you'll lose your motivation for worship. Unless you believe God is all-powerful, ever-present and approachable, you'll live in a state of anxiety believing that everything depends on you. You'll fail to be generous because the source of your security is in yourself. You'll avoid confronting those who need it, because without the certainty of God's acceptance you yourself will become a slave to people's opinions.

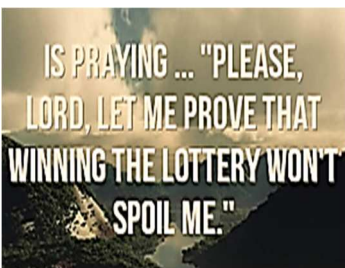


There's one thing that's guaranteed to restore your understanding of how big and wonderful God is – worship. God created us so that when we experience something awe-inspiring we need to praise it, to wrap words around it. We don't worship God because He needs it, but because we do.

Without worship our perception of Him is incomplete; we forget how great He is; we overlook our calling and become self-involved. We lose our sense of wonder and gratitude by plodding through life with blinkers on, and we become self-reliant, stubborn and proud. So, each day let us pause and say, "*Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool...*" (Psalm 99:5)

The Last Impression

A woman named Edna finds herself in dire trouble. Her business has gone bust and she's in serious financial trouble. She's so desperate that she decides to ask God for help. She begins to pray...' God, please help me. I've lost my business and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto.



Lotto night comes and somebody else wins it.

Edna again prays.... 'God, please let me win the lotto! I've lost my business, my house and I'm going to lose my car as well.'

Lotto night comes and Edna still has no luck.

Once again, she prays, 'My God, why have you forsaken me?? I've lost my business, my house, and my car. My children are starving. I don't often ask you for help and I have always been a good servant to you. PLEASE, just let me win the lotto this one time so I can get my life back in order.

Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open and Edna is confronted by the voice of what sounds like God Himself:

"Edna, how about you meet Me halfway on this... *Buy a ticket!*"



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“Deep Cleaning Our Hearts”

“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” Psalm 139:23-24

Apart from Christ, our hearts resemble a dingy, spider-infested garage. Cobwebs grow out of control in back corners. They thrive in the darkness behind too-long-ignored boxes and rigid shelves. The only solution is elbow grease to clear away the clutter and then sweeping and scrubbing until the ickiness is under control. I just need to put in the effort.

Our spiritual lives, in contrast, can never be cleaned through human effort. Instead, we need God’s help. We need to experience His grace and the blood of Jesus that cleanses from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 139 reveals a prayer written by an ancient Hebrew named David after he became king of Israel. He, no doubt, felt the weight of his responsibility and knew he couldn’t handle the situation alone. He turned to the One who could make all the difference.

In 1 Samuel 13:14, the Prophet Samuel had told Saul, Israel’s first king, that he’d been rejected by God in favor of David—*“a man after God’s own heart.”* Today’s verses illustrate one reason why God saw David that way.

David invited God into his heart and mind, asking Him to shine light into the dark, cobwebby corners.

Search my heart... Know my anxious thoughts... See what sin is inside. We invite God’s searchlight of love to shine upon every part of the landscape of our lives.

Do we share David’s honesty with God? At least, for myself, I must respond, “Not always.” I confess that I’m sometimes tempted to keep the door of my heart closed and only let God into spaces that have been cleaned and made suitable for company.

But God already knows about our dirty places, and through Jesus, He offers to make us completely clean. We need only seek His help and then respond to His mercy and grace and the redeeming work they perform.

We can ask God to show us the cobweb-growing corners of our hearts and then to make them clean. He’s more than willing to handle the mess and lead us “in the way everlasting!”

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

“It Is Well With My Soul!”

After the great Chicago fire of 1871, Horatio Spafford (1828-1888), a Chicago lawyer, arranged an ocean voyage to Europe for this family, where he would join them later. The ship on which the happy family sailed, the *Ville du Havre*, never got farther than halfway across the Atlantic.

In the dead of the night, it was rammed by a sailing vessel and cut in two. In the confusion and disaster that followed, Mrs. Spafford saw her four daughters swept away to their deaths.

A falling mast knocked her unconscious, and a wave freakishly deposited her body on a piece of wreckage where, later, she regained consciousness. When she and a few other survivors reached Wales, she cabled two words to her husband: “Saved Alone.”

Taking the earliest next ship, he hastened to be at his wife’s side, all the ache of his heart going out to her and to his Father God. When his boat reached the approximate spot where the *Ville du Havre* had met with disaster, God gave him the inspiration and courage to write:

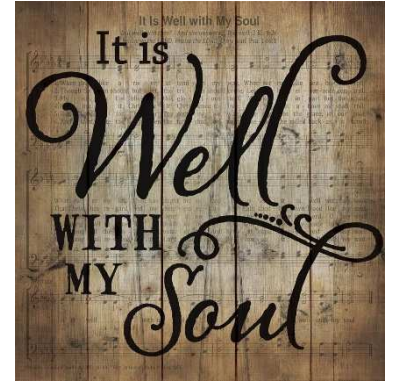
*When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say:
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.*

*My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in tpart, but the whole.
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh my Soul!*

*And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.*

When the storms of life would overwhelm us, if we look to him, God has a song in the night for each of us; a song of strength, of peace, of hope. Let us listen and catch the strains that come from the Composer of songs for the night season of our soul.





What Are You Afraid of?

Typically, when people are afraid of something, it breeds inactivity. Not certain what to do, they end up doing nothing at all. The Bible speaks quite a bit about fear – more than 700 times to be exact. 2 Timothy 1:7 says, *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”*

If God has not given us a spirit of fear, then why are so many people who follow him are gripped by fear? I believe fear is one of his enemy’s primary tools used against believers to create doubt and faithlessness. Even Jesus said in Matthew 10:28, *“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”*

Fear can cause us to miss out on being a part of God’s great plans. We see this best in the story of Gideon. Gideon was afraid from the first moment God called him to save the people of Israel by defeating the Midianites. Gideon continually tested God, and in turn, God continually confronted Gideon’s fear by showing His power.

In Judges 7, as Gideon is preparing to battle the Midianites, God makes it clear He wants the Israelites to credit Him for the victory. So, God decides to wean Gideon’s army. The first cut? Any man who is afraid (Judges 7:3). With that, 22,000 men packed their bags and went home out of fear.

Leaving Gideon 10,000 soldiers, God says it must be smaller. God gave Gideon another criterion that left him with only 300 men. Sometimes God asks you to do things that are not practical or pragmatic.

In Gideon’s case, 300 men faithfully followed God’s instructions, which included no weapons but rather going into battle with only a trumpet and pitchers. Because of their faithfulness to do as God said, they won and defeated the Midianites. On the other hand, 22,000 men went home and later discovered they missed out on one of the greatest miraculous military battles in history. All because they ran from destiny and ran toward fear.

We all have fear. The enemy wants to paralyze us with it, but God wants us to walk by faith and instill courage in us to follow Him. The Bible says in Hebrews 11:6, *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”*

Today, God calls you to walk by faith, not by fear. Of course, you will face seasons of fear, but in those times you must pray for God to give you the courage to stand strong and stand in what He has told you. Never doubt in the light what God has told you in the dark. The battle is not yours anyway; Always, remember... The battle belongs to the Lord!



What Is Pleasing To Him

I find it interesting that quite often, people attempt to enhance their relationship with God by trying not to do things they believe "break God's rules" for how to live. They see God as a tyrant, pointing His finger at them, and commanding in a deep, stern voice, "Thou Shalt Not!!" They spend their life trying to avoid lightning bolts of judgment from above!

The reality is, that kind of living is completely the opposite of how we should act, and how God desires us to live our lives. Rather than attempting to avoid doing things that displease God, we need to discipline ourselves to instead seek to find the best ways to please God! And, the more we succeed in doing what pleases Him, the less inclined we will be to do what displeases Him.

What a wonderful prayer we find in Hebrews 13:20-21, asking God to *"equip you with everything good for doing his will,"* and to *"work in us what is pleasing to Him!"* I am so glad that the Lord does give us everything we *"need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 4:19) With that in mind, it only makes sense that we discover and put into practice the very things that please God!

Do People Recognize That "You Have Been With Jesus?"

As I was reading through Acts once again, I discovered a profound nugget of truth in Act 4:13. *"Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John, and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were marveling, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus."*

Notice the focus of this passage. This has everything to do with Christ and nothing to do with us. A life yielded to Christ is one that is recognized only by spending time with Christ. So, the notion that Peter and John did anything apart from that has no merit.

Boldness is not the goal, knowing Jesus is the goal. Boldness is always a byproduct of knowing Jesus and declaring what not only what He "did" but what He "does" - that the world might recognize through our witness the one simple truth – *"That we have been with Jesus!"*

