

The Forecast
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Pastor Lynwood is on his way to recovery. He wants to thank everyone for the prayers and support you have shown during this time.

Please continue to remember him in your prayers during the next few weeks of recovery.

During Pastor Lynwood's absence this week, it is a privilege to have Pastor Chris Hoyt of Journey Church to come and minister to us this Sunday at HBC. Please plan to join us to receive a special Word from Pastor Chris.



You will not want to miss this service. Come and bring a friend.

THIS SUNDAY, August 27th at 10am





Do The Work And Make A Difference!

“The surrounding nations were afraid . . . because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.”

Nehemiah 6:16

This story takes place around 445 B.C. Nehemiah, like many other Jewish people, had remained in Persia after a group of exiles were allowed to return and rebuild Jerusalem and the temple there. Though the temple was now rebuilt, the walls of the city were still in ruins.

Learning about this from visitors, Nehemiah was saddened and despaired. As a cupbearer for the king of Persia, his life was good, but his people in Judah were struggling. Though he was located more than a 1,000 miles away, his heart was focused upon Jerusalem and the fact that God’s people in the land of promise were still vulnerable on all sides.

When the king asked Nehemiah why he looked so sad, Nehemiah explained. And, after praying to God, Nehemiah asked the king for permission to return so that he could rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Even though the king was a foreigner and had no vested interest in rebuilding Jerusalem at the time, it appears that the Spirit of the sovereign Lord moved upon the king’s heart in a mighty way. In response to Nehemiah’s request, the king sent him with both the authority and even the supplies necessary to help renovate the city.

Despite great obstacles, Nehemiah led the people to repair Jerusalem’s wall and rebuild its gates. He faced opposition from the religious establishment, the cultural authorities and perhaps, even from some of his own relatives. Nehemiah stayed focused and could not be distracted or deterred from the work at hand.

In fact, through his steadfast dedication and the enthusiasm was was able to demonstrate in his leadership, the work was complete in just 52 days! Not only was this the cause for great celebration for God’s chosen people, it also had a secondary impact upon the enemies of Israel. Recognizing the amazing help of God in this feat, even the enemies of the surrounding nations stopped threatening Jerusalem.

In may ways, at times our lives can resemble Jerusalem. The broken down walls can lead to discouragement and despair. However, like Nehemiah, we too can have hope today amid the wreckage of human failings, when we finally realize we cannot save ourselves. Into the ruins of life Jesus has been born. The Lord our God is our help and strength always.

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

Hilton Baptist Church

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

August 22, 2023

Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!

Budget \$2850.00

Cash in Cash out– COP Rent \$900.00

Cash in Cash out– Sonshine Kids \$130.00

Cash in Cash out– Coffee fund \$2.37

Pure Water Pure Love \$125.00

Total Deposit 125.00



Lock up/ Hall Monitor 8/27 Joe Wircenske 9/3 Pam Cooke

Counter 8/28 Joe Wircenske 9/5 Margaret Upole

Kids Church Helper 8/27 Nadine Stephenson 9/3 Kathy Caskie

Grass Cutting for weekend August 26—Stephen Swiney

Grass Cutting for weekend September 9– Pam and Roger Cooke

Pastor Lynwood is doing very well. We know everyone would like to speak with him but we ask for the next couple of weeks that you do not call, text or visit him. This is a very important time of recovery. Please feel free to send him a card or if you have something for him, please bring it to the office and we will get it to him. Contact the church office if you have any problems., concerns or questions. Thanks so much!

Sisters Fellowship- There will be no meeting for Sister's in August. We will have our next outing on Thursday, September 28th. Please plan now to come out for a good time of food and fellowship



Hilton Baptist Church Craft Show

Saturday, September 23rd

9:00am- 3:00pm

We still have room for vendors. If you know someone who would like to be a part, please tell them to contact the church office for information.

There is a sign up sheet in the Connection Center. Please sign up to help make this a great success

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2023 Quilt Raffle

Size: Queen

\$2.00 for each ticket

Purchase from Tracy Venable

Or the church office.

You do not need to be present to win!



PORT is 6 months away....January 10th– 17th

Here are things that are needed more than others for the Clothes Closet

Jean (gently used are fine) Small and Medium Men's shirts

Hoodies T shirts

Socks Thermals

Bra's and panties Shoes

Calendar

Tuesday, August 22nd

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, August 23rd

There will be NO Wednesday Night Bible Study

Thursday, August 24th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Friday, August 25th

5:30pm-6:30pm

Community Dinner

Sunday, August 27th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

Christ Hoyt of Journey Church will Be speaking

Virtual Worship Online

Tuesday, August 29th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, August 30th

There will be NO Wednesday Night Bible Study

Thursday, August 31st

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, September 3rd

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

Robert Overman will be speaking

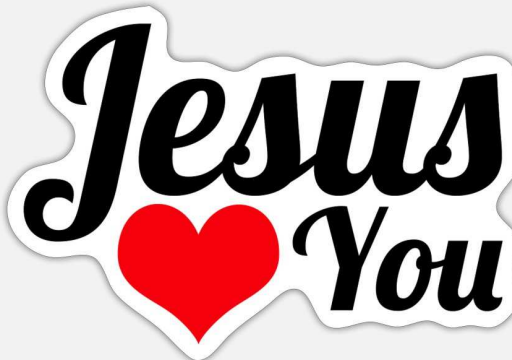
Virtual Worship Online

Red Cross Blood Drive

We will be having a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, September 11th here at HBC. I will need volunteers to sign people in from 1pm-6pm. If you can work an hour or two, please let me know. I need to get volunteers in place for that day. Thanks for your help! Dreama



American Red Cross



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 .

Pray for our Missionaries

BD, Daniel Kim, CP (Asian Pacific Rim People) Russell Ford. Laura Moench, Adrea Spikes (European People) RA, ZS, DY (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) Lauren Milewski (Sub-Saharan African People) George Lewis (KY) Luis Mendoza (MO) David Tatlock, Jericho Toilolo (NV) Christopher Betner, Aaron Shum (NJ) Milton Atterberry (OH) Randy Burrows (OR) Miranda Laughlin (RI)

WMU Project for August

Pure Water Pure Love

School Supplies for Sedgefield Kindergarten

The effects of the pandemic are still felt throughout the school community and the kindergarten classes of Sedgefield need our help. Any donation you can make will help the students and families of the school and will be greatly appreciated. We are collected the following.

Packs of Construction Paper

Colored pencil

Black and white speckled composition notebooks

Water color paints with brushes

Crayola Crayons

Pack of washable markers

Normal size Playdoh

#2 Pencils

Large Pink erasers

Dry erase markers

Glue sticks

Zip locks bags (gallon and sandwich)



Community Dinner

We will be having our Community Dinner on Friday, August 25th from 5:30-6:30pm and we could use your help. See Pam Cooke for more information!



Is Your Soul Healthy?

When I first became a believer, I was like the woman with the alabaster jar ([Matthew 26:7](#)). I loved much because I had been forgiven much. But as the years slipped by something happened in my life that happens to many believers: my gratefulness towards God's mercy transformed into frustration at my lingering sinful nature. I understood why I failed so greatly before knowing Christ, but it was difficult to accept my failings when I felt I should know better.

I have begged God to rid me of my sinful tendencies. Of course, God didn't instantly heal me with a lightning bolt, but answered me with a different kind of grace. The answer to my [prayer](#) came in the form of a Sunday school lesson on "holy habits," more traditionally known as virtues. The habit of practicing virtues is a lot like lifting weights – it's exercise that builds health in your soul. When a person cultivates these virtues in his or her life, they are cooperating with the Creator's design for the human soul. Let's take a closer look at each cardinal virtue:

1. Wisdom: *For wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.* ([Proverbs 8:11](#)). You've probably known people with book smarts who lack common sense. Or perhaps you know someone with street smarts who lacks knowledge. A person who has cultivated the virtue of wisdom can not only discern truth but has the ability to implement their insights appropriately in any given situation.

2. Justice: *Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed* ([Isaiah 1:17](#)). Most of us have some sense of justice from a very early age when we yell, "It's not fair!" A just or righteous person gives to others what is deserved, keeps his word, and acts fairly even when no one is looking.

3. Courage: *In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence* ([Proverbs 14:26](#)). While most of us associate courage with lack of fear, courage has more to do with fear put in proper perspective. A courageous person chooses right even when a decision is frightening or comes with personal cost

4. Temperance: *Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control* ([Proverbs 25:28](#)). Temperance is an old-fashioned word for moderation. A temperate person exercises self-control, building a wall against unhealthy, sinful extremes.).

Identify which cardinal virtue you struggle most with. Ask God for the grace to grow and make one positive change in your behavior this week that will help you develop this "holy habit." As with lifting weights, the easier and more weight you will be able to bear daily!

What Real Freedom Means

When Jesus comes into your life He changes you.

Maybe you have a problem with drugs or alcohol. Maybe you struggle with lust, fear, doubt, or self-pity. Maybe you're a slave to public opinion or perfectionism.

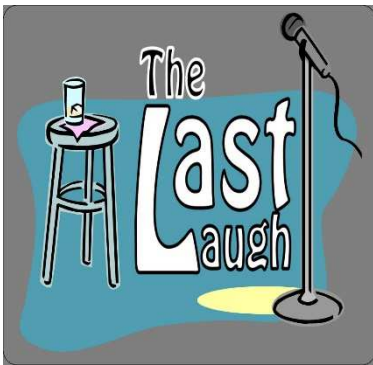


But, I want to tell you that the Jesus Christ who set me free is the Jesus Christ who will set you free!

However, our freedom in Jesus Christ isn't the privilege to do what we want. Instead, it is the glorious, abundant, supernatural power to do what we ought.

It is saving grace that sets us free. It is sustaining grace that keeps us free. Romans 6:22 says, *"that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life."*

It is completely a gift and power of God's great grace. Bow before the Lord and thank Him for the freedom you've been given through the great love He showed at Calvary!



Did You Hear The Story...

I heard the other day about a man who was a stranger wandering in an upscale neighborhood.

The man approaches one of the houses and knocks on the door and when the owner of the house answers, the man explains that he is homeless and asks him for a meal.

The owner replies that he would be happy to feed the man in exchange for some honest labor. He tells the homeless man to go into the garage, get a can of paint from the shelf, and put a fresh coat of it on his porch.

Fifteen minutes later, the wealthy man hears a knock at his door again.

When he opens the door, he is greeted again by the homeless man who says, "Hey I'm all finished up with that paint job, but you should know that's a BMW in there, not a Porsche."



Giving In Joy

“We . . . offer our sacrifice of praise to God by telling others of the glory of his name.” Hebrews 13:15

Jesus knew that one of the real tests of our yieldedness to God is our willingness to share with others. If we have no mercy toward others, that is one proof that we have never experienced God’s mercy.

Ralph Waldo Emerson must have been reading the gauge of human mercy when he said, *“What you are speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say.”* Satan does not care how much you theorize about Christianity, or how much you profess to know Christ. What he opposes vigorously is the way you live Christ.

Some time ago I heard of a lady who wrote and said, “I am 65 years old. My children are all married, my husband is dead, and I am one of the loneliest people in all the world.” It was suggested to her that she find a way of sharing her religious faith and her material goods with those around her.

She wrote a few weeks later and said, “I am the happiest woman in town. I have found a new joy and happiness in sharing with others.”

That’s exactly what Jesus promised!

***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!***

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Thanks to Charles Dunleavy

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TO DO**