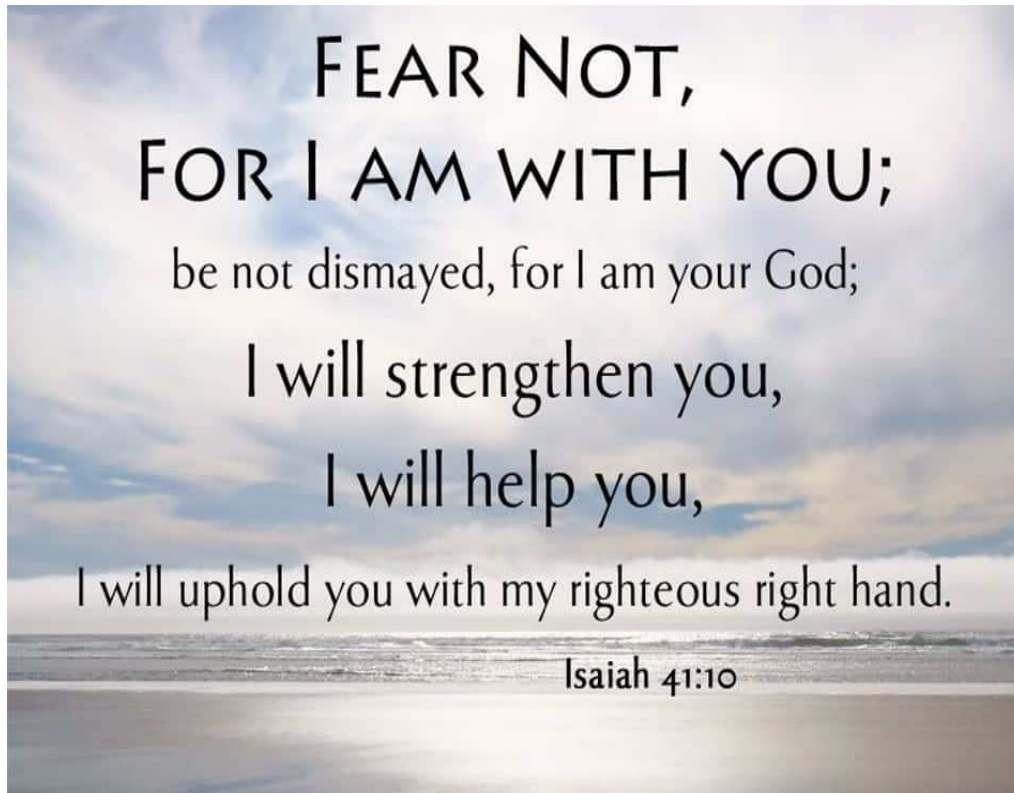


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Pastor Lynwood is doing so well as he is recuperating.  
Please continue to pray for his complete healing,  
strengthening, and refreshing during this time of recovery.

This Sunday in Pastor Lynwood's absence, we will be having our own Robert Overman bringing the message. You will not want to miss it. Bring a friend and come expecting a great word from the Lord.



***Join this Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>***  
***10am for Worship and the Word***



### ***Nothing But A Jar Of Oil...***

*“Elisha replied to her, ‘How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?’” 2 Kings 4:2*

Olive oil was a “miracle ingredient” in Elisha’s time; it was a staple for everyday life. It was useful for fuel, lotion, medicine, and cooking.

When the widow tells Elisha that all she has is a little oil, she is saying that once her jar is empty, her last resource for light, heat, medicine, and food will be gone. Her final resort will be to sell her sons into slavery so that debts can be paid and they will not starve to death.

Can you begin to understand just how desperate this poor woman has become. She has literally reached the end of her rope and feeling like all hope was lost. No wonder she has turned to Elisha for help!

But Elisha doesn’t produce a handful of shekels. That would have been spectacular, and no doubt, Elijah had that capability. Remember when he made the ax head that was lost in the river float to the service.?

Instead, Elisha is obedient to the voice of God in his heart and he decides to directly involve this desperate woman in the creating of her own miracle. He first asks her what she has. That simple question turns her despair to hope. She sees that she has resources: oil.

But more importantly, through Elisha’s words she is reminded that she has a God who cares for her. The miracle that happens results from her remembering that God is still present in her life, still watching over her and her family.

Sometimes we find ourselves in similar and seemingly impossible and tragic circumstances. We too feel like we have come to the end of our ropes It’s then that we need to be reminded that God never leaves us without resources, that God is there in both the big and small tragedies of our lives. No matter where you are or where you might have strayed, God is there and ready to welcome you back into a relationship with him!

Our problems may never be much bigger than the dilemma of daily living. But, as we are reminded through this example from the scripture, no problem is too big or too small to bring to God’s doorstep.

*Father, hear our praises as well as our prayer for help. We know that you always watch over us and care for us. Help us to see what we have instead of what we don’t have. And provide for us, we pray.*

*In Jesus mighty name. Amen.*

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# Hilton Baptist Church

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

August 29, 2023

*Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!*

Budget \$2797.00

Cash in Cash out– Craft Show \$40.00

Cash in Cash out– Sonshine Kids \$75.00

Cash in Cash out– Food Pantry \$100.00

Total Deposit \$3012.00

**Lock up/ Hall Monitor** 9/3 Pam Cooke 9/10 Joe Caskie

**Counter** 9/5 Margaret Upole 9/11 Kathy Caskie

**Kids Church Helper** 9/3 Kathy Caskie 9/10 Lisa York

**Grass Cutting for** weekend September 9– Pam and Roger Cooke

**Grass Cutting for** weekend September 23- Stan Langdon

## Calendar

### **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

### **Monday, September 4th**

**Labor Day– Church office closed**

### **Tuesday, September 5th**

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

### **Wednesday, September 6th**

There will be NO Wed Night Bible Study

### **Thursday, September 7th**

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

### **Sunday, September 10th**

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

Alma Hunt Emphasis Sunday

**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**

MD, Thomas Hill, HS (Asian Pacific Rim People) MW (Central Asian People) KC, Sarah Fuller, Sebastian Vazquez, Mara Williams (European People) EB (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) GS, Coye Still (Sub-Saharan African People) Morris Hill (AL) Kierra Block, Henry Meza (CA) James Peoples (FL) Sergio Bellosos (NJ) Ryan Jones (OH) Ryan Napier (TX)

**WMU Project for August**

Pure Water Pure Love

**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

**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



**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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### Happy Birthday in August

8/30 Janice Harvey

8/31 Pat Schell

### Happy Birthday in September

9/4 Larry Painter

9/6 Kathy Caskie

9/6 Mary Ellis

9/29 Betty Jean Allen

9/6 Jeanne Surber

9/29 Kathy Devol

9/8 Robert Overman

9/29 David Falls

9/12 Frank Schaubach

9/15 Jim Egnot

9/22 Nadine Stephenson

9/24 Roger Cooke

9/27 Jason Moriah



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NOT ON WHAT IS SEEN,

BUT ON WHAT IS UNSEEN,

SINCE WHAT IS SEEN IS TEMPORARY,  
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2 CORINTHIANS 4:18



## ***Seeing The Invisible!***

*“We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” (2 Corinthians 4:18 NIV)*

Faith is not denying reality. It's not pretending you don't have a problem.

Faith is not saying, “I'm not in pain” when you are. It's not saying, “I don't hurt” when you do. It's not saying, “I'm happy” when you're really grieving inside. That's not faith; it's phoniness!

Faith is facing the facts without being disheartened by them because you know God is greater than the problem.

There is a brand of Christianity today that basically says, “Deny all of your problems. Just have a positive confession. Name it and claim it.” That kind of thinking did not come from Jesus.

That's Pollyanna, and Pollyanna is not exactly a good theologian!

Faith is facing reality without being discouraged by it. You know that God can change a situation. You can build a family on faith, but you can't build it on fantasy. You can build a business on faith, but not on fantasy. You can build a life on faith, but not on fantasy.

The key is to look beyond your circumstances: *“We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen [the problem] is temporary, but what is unseen [God's power] is eternal” (2 Corinthians 4:18 NIV).*

If you look at the world, you're going to be distressed. There are problems everywhere! If you look within, you're going to be depressed, because there are a lot of things that need changing in your life. But if you look at Jesus Christ, you'll be at rest. It all depends on where you are focused.

Circumstances are like a mattress: Get on top, and you rest easy. Get underneath, and you suffocate. When you start looking at your problem, you're sunk.

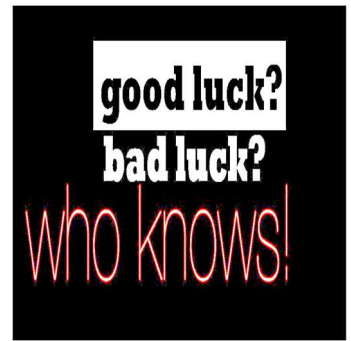
But if you look at Jesus — if you look toward your Deliverer rather than the difficulty — you'll make it. It is a decision you make to focus your sights on the invisible and powerful world of the Spirit.

Like the wind around us, in itself it cannot be seen. But in the rustling of the leave and the winds that gently bend the trees, its effects can always be discerned!

## *Good Luck, Bad Luck, Who Knows?*

An ancient Chinese story goes something like this...

A farmer had one old horse that he used for tilling his fields. One day the horse escaped into the hills and when all the farmer's neighbors heard about it, they sympathized with the old man over his bad luck. "Bad luck? Good luck? Who knows?" said the farmer.



A week later, the horse returned with a herd of wild horses from the hills and this time the neighbors congratulated the farmer on his good luck. "Good luck? Bad luck? Who knows?" said the farmer.

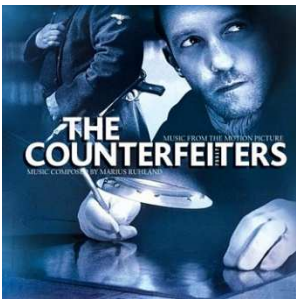
Then, when the farmer's son was attempting to tame one of the wild horses, he fell off its back and broke his leg. Everyone agreed that this was very bad luck. Not the farmer, who replied, "Bad Luck? Good luck? Who knows?"

Some weeks later, the army marched into the village and forced every able-bodied young man to go fight in a bloody war. When they saw that the farmer's son had a broken leg, they let him stay. Everyone was very happy at the farmer's good luck. "Good luck? Bad luck? Who knows?"

Life is a lot like that. Sometimes it seems like things are going well, and at other times, things seem to be going badly. And we let those things dictate our feelings and our outlook on life.

But the apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 4 that he had learned to be content, even happy, in all circumstances. He was happy when things were bad (he was in jail at the time), and he was happy when things were going good as well. That's the great thing about being part of God's family. We really don't have to worry in our circumstances, because no matter what, we have hope in Christ. "We know that in everything, God works for the good of those who love him (Romans 8:28).

## *The Counterfeiter*



A big-city counterfeiter decided the best place to pass off his phony \$18 bills would be in some small "hick town." So, he got into his very expensive new luxury car and off he went.

After driving for a while, he found a tiny town with a single store. He entered the store and handed one of the bogus bills to the man behind the counter. "Can you change this for me, please?" he asked.

The store clerk looked at the \$18 bill for a short time, then smiled and said to the man, "Ah reckon so, mister. Ya want two nines or three sixes?"



## ***You Want To Be In God's Will... Is He In Yours?***

God Word commands us, *“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust does corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust does corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your*

*treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matt. 6:19-21).*

By planning ahead in writing your will and choosing to leave part of your estate to the ongoing work of God's Church, you can continue to fulfill God's purpose even after your death. Sometimes I like to ask, *“You want to be in God's will... Shouldn't He be in yours?”*

Your Last Will and Testament can stand as a final act of good stewardship. Oftentimes a designation of the tithe, or simply one-tenth of your estate will far exceed beyond many tithes and offerings given at their present value. When we specify a portion of our inheritance to God first, we honor not only Him but our family and friends as well.

God Himself has told us that everything belongs to Him: *“The earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein” (Psa. 24:1).* As good stewards, we must seek God's will in deciding what we do with His gifts. We know that God accomplishes His purpose through those who seek to do His will, and that He has *“has put in [our] hearts to fulfill His will”* even after we are gone! (Rev. 17:17).

***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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