

The Forecast
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All of us at one time or another face challenges to our faith. We get hit by something unseen that attacks our physical health, or receive an unexpected bill that threatens to devastate what little savings we have. Or out of the blue a friend whom you trusted deeply says something unkind or untrue about you. And then the God to whom you pray seems only to answer with a thundering silence.

What do you do at that point?

You go deeper into the Word and the promises of God. You reach out to that God in praise and adoration, affirming His majesty and his glory. You open your heart honestly, scars and all, and confess that you are struggling. You pour out the pain, hopelessness and sorrow you have battled. Open yourself up and tell God how you really feel.

Then, wait upon the Lord and you will feel the healing begin. In rare cases it may hit you like a thunderbolt. Most likely it will come like the warmth and certainty felt in the dawn of a new day that is beginning for you.

***Join us this Sunday for Pastor Lynwood's return
to the pulpit and his inspiring message,
"God Is Good Even When Times Are Bad"
You don't want to miss it / Bring a friend!***



Trusting God In Difficult Times

Because God loves you, you can show your trust in Him by talking about all your feelings and circumstances with Him — the good and hard — through prayer. Don't let your emotions rule your life; bring them to God so He can help you address them. He is not disappointed or frustrated by your struggles, doubts or pain. He cares about you, and you can trust Him with those things.

When you trust, you go to God and His word when life is hard. You also act on obedience (doing what God says in His Word) and trust that He will ultimately take care of the rest. In trust, you do not look for security in other things; you look to God to hold you securely in difficult circumstances. You won't do this perfectly, but God is kind and patient with you while you learn to trust Him.

Remember how Jesus struggled also, and what He said...

Going a little farther, He fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from Him. "Abba, Father," He said, "everything is possible for You. Take this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will." (Mark 14:34-36)

Jesus Himself felt overwhelmed by what was before Him, and He went straight to His Father. Here are a couple of practical ways to trust God in your everyday life:

1. Seek Truth in Scripture - Scripture, or the Bible, is God's Word. God knows you need somewhere to go when you feel unsure. That place is His Word. It is unchanging and completely trustworthy. The Bible records ways God has responded in difficult times in the past. It reminds you that He is trustworthy whatever your circumstances. Many people in Scripture even reference other parts of Scripture to encourage themselves and those around them.

2. Confess Unbelief - Be honest. Allow God to remind you who He is and what He promises, and then be honest with Him. Tell God how you feel and what areas of your life you are struggling with Him. You can agree with Him that all He says is true. You can also tell Him when it's difficult for you to believe. It is one thing to know the truth. But it is sometimes hard to believe it when life takes unexpected turns. You're human. You're able to confess to God when your feelings and beliefs are not lining up with His Truth. You can ask Him to help you believe what He says is true.

This helps you accept that God is bigger than you could ever understand. Confession helps humble you and allows you to grow in trust. He hears your requests and answers them. He wants to help you grow your faith.

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

Hilton Baptist Church

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

September 5, 2023

Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!

Budget \$4139.00

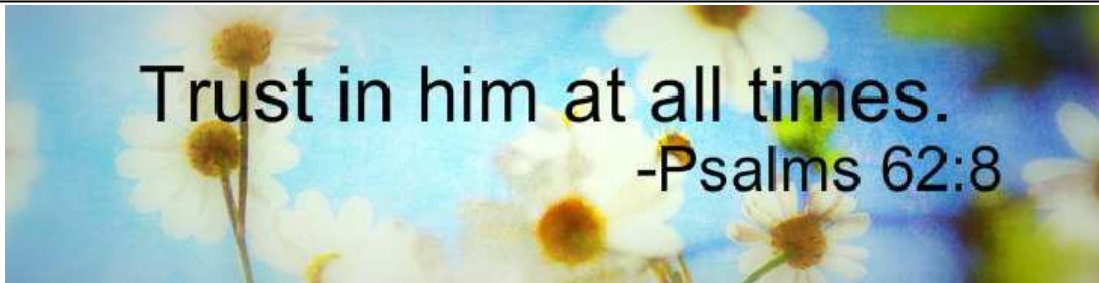
Alma Hunt \$125.00

Cash in Cash out– Sonshine kids \$25.00

Cash in Cash out– Sedgefield Elementary \$25.00

Food Pantry \$25.00

Total Deposit \$4339.00



Calendar

Monday, September 4th

Labor Day– Church office closed

Tuesday, September 5th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, September 6th

There will be NO Wednesday 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

Monday, September 11th

Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6pm

Tuesday, September 12th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, September 13th

There will be NO Wednesday Night
Bible Study

Thursday, September 14th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, September 17th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

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

Melissa Stormer American People, JS, Young Kim, JM (Asian Pacific Rim People)
TO (Central Asian People) Lauren Coale (European People) MS (Northern African
and Middle Eastern People) KC (South Asian People)

A Special Thanks

Thanks to everyone who gave school supplies to Sedgefield Elementary School.
Please remember the staff, teachers, counselors, bus drivers and students as they
have started back to school.

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.



**American
Red Cross**

Sign up to give blood. Incentive to give : *Race to give 9/1-18 for a Red Cross T-shirt (ltd qty) + coupon for a free haircut by email, thanks to Sport Clips Haircuts! AND chance to win a VIP NASCAR experience to the 2024 NASCAR Cup Series & Xfinity Races at Darlington Raceway*

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions is a joint venture of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV). The annual offering for Virginia missions was named for **Alma Hunt** (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ.



If you do not have an envelope for your offering you can mark your check accordingly and it will be designated for Alma Hunt.

Happy Birthday in September

9/4 Larry Painter

9/6 Kathy Caskie

9/6 Mary Ellis

9/6 Jeanne Surber

9/8 Robert Overman

9/12 Frank Schaubach

9/15 Jim Egnot

9/22 Nadine Stephenson

9/24 Roger Cooke

9/27 Jason Moriah

9/29 Betty Jean Allen

9/29 Kathy Devol

9/29 David Falls



Lock up/ Hall Monitor 9/10 Joe Caskie 9/17 Roger Cooke

Counter 9/11 Kathy Caskie 9/18 Sue Monfalcone

Kids Church Helper 9/10 Lisa York 9/17 Tracy Venable

Grass Cutting for weekend September 9- Pam and Roger Cooke

Grass Cutting for weekend September 23- Stan Langdon

Annual Fall Bazaar
Saturday, September 23rd
9am-3pm

Vendor applications are still available

HELP IS NEEDED!

We need greeters, people to help with vendors setting up and taking down, Kitchen help and clean up. We will also help on Friday, September 22nd to assist the vendors getting their things to their spaces. Contact, Tim, the church office or sign up in the Mission Outreach Corner.

BAKE SALE!

Can you make a couple of items for the bake sale. See Brenda Egnot, Debbie Marfa or Laura Jordan. We will need them brought to the church September 21 or 22nd. You will need to arrange a time when someone can meet you.



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2023 Quilt Raffle

Size: Queen

\$2.00 for each ticket

Purchase from Tracy Venable

Or the church office.

This is a fund raiser for the church. If you can help in anyway, it would be appreciated. Please let other people know! Word of Mouth is a great way to let people know about the show.

Spread the word and invite your friends! It's gonna be a great day!

Do We Limit Jesus?

“And he could not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.” Matt. 15:38

Are there times when we in our limited humanity restrain or frustrate the limitless power of God?

The Bible teaches us on one occasion how Jesus and his miraculous power were rejected when he returned to his hometown of Nazareth. Instead of being received as Messiah and Savior, they received him with suspicion and disbelief.

Many of them instead of believing in him, had many questions and did not believe. *“Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works?, Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary, and his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? (Matthew 13:54-55).*

This portion of Scripture gives us a real and very sad picture of what happens when unbelief dominates our lives.

Jesus did not get to do many miracles because of the unbelief in their hearts. He wanted to demonstrate his miraculous power among his own but could not for lack of faith. How sad a situation is portrayed that Jesus had the desire, the longing, and the wanting to do more miracles, but because of the obstacle of disbelief could not. The people with whom he had grown up, and perhaps been closest to, lost the blessing of all he could and desired to do for them because of their situation.

I wonder how many times we limit God in our lives in some similar way? How many times God wants to do miracles in our midst? But we are the ones who stop the manifestation of His miraculous power!

Today we must determine to not put limits on the miracles that God wants to do in our lives. The thought that there are miracles that God holds in our lives because of the lack of faith or unbelief must cause great uneasiness in us. Losing my miracle because of lack of faith!

Rather than discouraging us, this should cause us to grow in our faith and eagerly anticipate to see the manifestation of God’s miracles in our need.

The world says, *“I will believe it, when I see it!”* The true Christ-follower says, and understands, *“I will see it when I believe it!”* He is a God of miracles, you just have to believe, remember what Mark 9:23 tells us, *“Jesus said, If you can believe, then believes all things are possible.”*



How Much Can God Trust You With?

We never really own anything – it's just a loan. It was God's property before we arrived, and He'll lend it to somebody else after we're gone. Our selfish culture says, "If I don't own it, why should I take care of it?" Those who understand God's will live by a higher standard. They say, "Because God owns it, I'll take even better care of it!" In God's Kingdom, *"...those who are trusted with something valuable must show they are worthy of that trust."* (1 Cor. 4:2)



To illustrate this, Jesus told the story of a businessman who entrusted his wealth to his servants while he was away. When he returned he evaluated and rewarded them accordingly: *"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"* (Matt. 25:21)

When you make the most of what God has given to you He promises three rewards. First, you'll be given commendation: *"Well done, good and faithful servant!"* Next, you'll receive promotion: "I will put you in charge of many things." Finally, you'll be honored with a celebration: "Come and share your master's happiness."

For many of us, money is the greatest test of all. Jesus addresses this: *"If you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of Heaven?"* (Luke 16:11) There's a direct correlation between how you use your money, and the quality of your life. So the question is, could the way you're handling your money be preventing God from blessing you with more?



The Last Impression

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row please," she answered.

"You really don't want to do that," the usher said. "The pastor is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired. "No," he said.

"I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly. "Do you know who I am?" he asked. "No," she said.

"Good," he answered, "Let me show you the front pew."



The Dog Days of Summer

Everyone knows that the “dog days of summer” occur during the hottest and muggiest part of the season. Webster defines “dog days” as...*1: the period between late July and early September when the hot sultry weather of summer usually occurs in the northern hemisphere / 2 : a period of stagnation or inactivity*

Let's not let September become a “Dog Days” for our church with stagnation or inactivity in our giving. In today's struggling economy for everyone in our church family, young and old alike, simply making ends meet can be our greatest challenge. The same need is faced by HBC as a ministry.

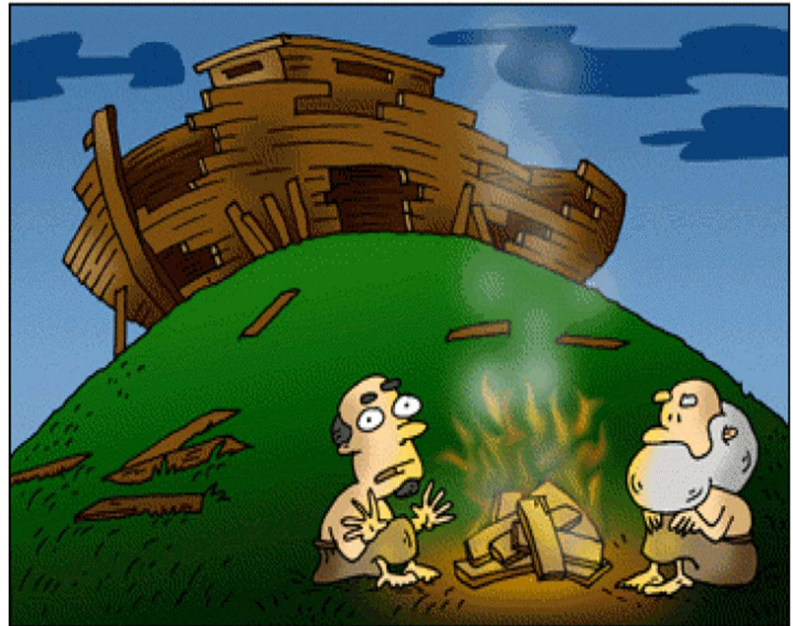
Please remember our beloved church in your prayers and sacrificial giving – that we will be able to pay our bills and meet our budget goals, throughout the challenges of summer's end. We realize that in our human reason and accounting, that seems like an almost impossible task. But we also know, that with our God, *“All things are possible when we believe...!”*

Hear this from your pastor who loves you and wants more than anything in my life to be found faithful at HBC in the ministry to which God has called me: *“I love you, I pray for you and I am believing for God's very best in your life – spiritually, physically, emotionally, in your family and in your finances too!”*

Thank you for your faithful prayers and generous giving to HBC...

As we continue to obey God, listen to His voice, and work together we will continue to accomplish great things for His kingdom!

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Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Genesis 6-8)

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GEE DAD ... I HOPE THAT PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE WON'T BE LOOKING FOR THIS ARK