

The Forecast
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A few verses before Luke 21:24, the Disciples asked, *“And what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?”*

Jesus answered, *“The Jews... They will be killed by the sword and be led captive into all the nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. Luke 21:24*

He then pointed us to the sky and said,

“Then there will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars...” Luke 21:25

Psalm 19:1 says, “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the expanse proclaims the work of his hands. Day after day they pour out speech; night after night they communicate knowledge.”

Psalm 19 is saying that God is constantly communicating from the heavens. Look up on a cloudless night and you get a sense that there is a marvelous maker behind all we see.

God is communicating in the sky all the time. And sometimes His communication is more specific and direct than others.

What Jesus is saying in Luke 21 is, *“Towards the time of My return, I’m going to be sending you signals, using the sun, the moon, and the stars as My communication device.”*

How might He do this? Let’s find out this Sunday... as we continue, “The Return Of The King,” This exciting new series on the Second Coming of Jesus is a great time to invite friends and family to join you at HBC!



“I’m Okay” – The Peace of God

“Then He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?’”

Luke 12:22–24:

Imagine living in a time or place where and when you might wonder where your next item of clothing might come from. Or having to ask the question of if or when you might get just a little bite to eat to fill your hungry stomach.

Jesus was speaking to a people who were used to having to farm and fish for their daily food. In fact, 1st-century people spent most of their life in the pursuit of just getting enough food to eat. And when it came to clothing, they had to shear the sheep, spin the wool into thread, weave the thread into cloth, and then finally sew it together. Having clothes to wear wasn’t as simple as going to the local department store.

So it was perhaps more significant to them than it is to us when Jesus said, “Do not worry” about what you’ll eat or wear.

Is contentment a result of wealth, power, beauty, or fame? Just ask the wealthy, powerful, beautiful, and famous people who are currently at the expensive drug-and-alcohol rehab programs across the country. Many who live in the limelight are singing the same old song, “I Can’t Get No Satisfaction.”

Even though our modern world seems preoccupied with the search for happiness, few ever find it. We are barraged with messages telling us that happiness depends upon the acquisition of material goods. But no one finds lasting contentment in things. Those messages are simply false advertising.

Contentment is not the result of acquiring more, but of being thankful for what we already have. Satisfaction, authentic, genuine contentment, “okayness,” springs from a thankful heart.

It is a choice we make, a choice to be thankful. Godly contentment is yours for the “thanking.” It happens that as we lift up our voice to Father God, who is the Giver of all that is good, thanking Him for the blessings in our lives, our contentment grows.

“Thank you, LORD, for the abundance of good things that You have given to us. We are blessed.”

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

October 31, 2023

Budget \$4545.90

Designated Offering In Memory of Denise \$25.00

Cash in Cash out– Coffee \$1.00

Cash In Cash out– Use of Church \$550.00

Mission Concerns– Shoeboxes \$92.00

Food Pantry \$300.00

Total Deposit \$5513.90



Kids Christmas Workshop

Saturday, December 9th

10am – 2pm Ages 5– 12 years old

Invite kids now! Come look at Christmas through the eyes of Grinch! It is going to be a great time.

Volunteers are needed, please let Dreama know if you can help!



World Day of Prayer- Monday, November 6th

PBA Building, 863 Cloverleaf Lane, Newport News

10am– 12:00pm

Everyone is welcome to go!

Calendar

Tuesday, October 31st

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, November 1st

7pm Bible Study Facebook Live and in person at HBC

Thursday, November 2nd

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Friday, November 3rd

7pm Vision Team Retreat

Saturday

9am Vision Team Retreat

Sunday, November 5th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Tuesday, November 7th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, November 8th

7pm Bible Study Facebook Live and in person at HBC

Thursday, November 9th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Saturday, November 11th

11am Memorial Service for
Nick Caffacus

Sunday, November 12th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

SHHHH! It's a surprise

Mary Hall will be turning 95 on November 8th. She does not want any kind of party so her family is asking if everyone would take time and send her a birthday card. Let's surprise her and let her get LOTS of them!

Mary Hall, 52 Stratford Road, Newport News, VA 23601

Happy Birthday in October

10/30 Don Krause

Happy Birthday in November

11/5 Bella Moriah

11/7 Barbara Caffacus

11/8 Mary Hall

11/10 Gloria Ammons

11/15 George Savedge

11/21 Jessica Dillon

11/24 Richard Childs

11/24 Joshua Michie

11/26 Ray Moody

11/27 Annabelle Stuart

11/30 Pam Cooke

Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226

PORT - January 10th– 17th Your help is needed!

It's Time again to sign up to be the "Hands and Feet of Jesus" by volunteering your time at PORT. The Sign up sheets are in the back so please stop by and sign up to help.

Clothes Closet— Projects with a Purpose- There will be a workday on Wednesday, December 6th at 2:00pm to help finish getting the closet ready for our quests. If you would like to help please let Dreama know.

If you can donate any of the following it would be helpful. These are the items that are most needed at this time. We are fine with all the other items.

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

Hoodies T shirts

Socks Thermals

Bra's and panties Shoes

If you have any questions, please see Pam !

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 . Cans were turned in this past week and \$42.00 was received which will go to shoeboxes.

Pray for our Missionaries

RB (American People) JL (Asian Pacific Rim People) Cameron Aanestad, Josh McKeown (European People) AK (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) Michael Wall (CO) Derek Logsdon (KY) Raul Reichman (MN) David Appelt (OH) Richardo Barber (OR) Israel Rodriquez (TX) Jose Baker (WI)

Serve the City

There are many opportunities to serve. See www.stcpeninsula.com or Pam Cooke and she will send you in the right direction.

WMU November Missions- Food Pantry

In November the WMU Mission Project is food collection for the pantry. Here are some items that we use on a regular basis.

Soup, canned vegetables, mac and cheese, rice, instant potatoes, canned fruit (no sugar) , tuna fish, cereal, small and large peanut butter, small and large jelly, unsweetened applesauce. All money given to the Food Pantry goes to purchase any food needed, perishable and non– perishable.

BGAV Annual Meeting and 200th Anniversary Celebration

November 13-15th at Bon Air Baptist Church, Richmond VA

Theme “Called to Be”

If you are planning on attending and would like to be a messenger for HBC please let the church office know. All voting will be online. Paper ballots will only be available at the meeting for those without smart device access. If you will be viewing online, you can also vote online.

Pre Registration is suggested BUT not necessary. You can register when you arrive. The church office has all the information for registration, let us know if you are registering or going, our church has a unique code for registration that you will need.

Hilton Area Churches Blood Drive

Hilton Presbyterian Church– 34 Main Street

November 20th 1:30pm- 6:00pm

Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter HiltonAC to schedule an appointment

Or you can call 1-800-733-2767

Sister’s Fellowship

We will not be having our Sister’s Fellowship this month. We will resume on November 30th at 6pm. More information will be coming about that meeting. If you have any questions, please see Nadine.

Nick Caffacus Memorial Service

The Memorial Service for Nicky Caffacus will be Saturday, November 11th at 11:00am with refreshments served after.

If you can help with the refreshments, please see Brenda Egnot

Lock up/ Hall Monitor 11/5 Joe Caskie 11/12 Roger Cooke

Counter 11/6 Kathy Caskie 11/13 Sue Monfalcone

Kids Church Helper 11/5 Kathy Caskie 11/10 Lisa York

Turn Your Eyes

“Looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith....”—Hebrews 12:2

Born in England, Helen Lemmel moved with her family to the United States where she became a vocal soloist and music teacher. She also composed hymns, many of which focused on her faith and her savior, Jesus Christ.

One of her most memorable hymns is “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus.” It was inspired by a Gospel tract that contained a sentence that struck a chord with her: The key was to focus our attention on Jesus and “look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim.” The tract reminded believers of the importance of looking to Jesus and making Him their priority.



Perhaps thinking about her own life, she wrote, “O soul, are you weary and troubled?” Everything was dark. The answer was to look to Jesus. He provides a life that is “more abundant and free.” Lemmel described how Jesus forgives, and in Him, sin no longer has dominion over us. Through Him, we are more than conquerors.

The message of this hymn is true for you. Do you have problems? Is your life filled with stress? Are you worried about your family, finances, or future?

No matter what is going on, “Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face.” When you do, “The things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace.”



One Last Funny....

Mother had just read the first few chapters of Genesis and set the Bible on the table.

Six-year-old Ned picked up the old family Bible from the table when an oak leaf fell out.

Mom asked, “I wonder where that came from?”

Ned said, “I guess that must be Adam's shorts.”



Victory Keys

The Bible tells the stories of dozens of people who seemed unlikely to ever do anything great. Many were fearful, others were failures, yet God enabled them to do the miraculous and triumph over their enemies.

One of these Biblical characters is Gideon, an unlikely hero for sure. When God called him, he was hiding in a wine press and threshing wheat, getting ready for an attack by the Midianites. He ultimately would defeat the huge Midianite army, needing just 300 men. But three key steps were involved in his victory, as we see in Judges 6 and 7.

KEY 1: Encounter the Supernatural - When Gideon was at his lowest point, living in fear and desperation, the Angel of the Lord appeared to him and said he would save Israel from the Midianites (6:21-22). Without seeing something supernatural, it's doubtful Gideon ever would have found the courage to step out and obey God.

KEY 2: Get God's Perspective - Despite Gideon's dismal circumstances at the time, the Angel of the Lord said to him, "The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!... Have I not sent you?" (6:12, 6:14). Instead of seeing Gideon's weaknesses, failures, or mistakes, God saw a man of fearless courage—a victor instead of a victim. Perhaps you've had the same struggle as Gideon did with low self-esteem. "How can God use me?" you ask

KEY 3: Rely on God's Power - The Lord told Gideon, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man" (6:16). How was one man supposed to defeat an army that was "as numerous as locusts" (7:12)? Only one way...with God's power. God is asking you to do the impossible, too. He allows you to face problems you can never solve in your own strength. If you see a situation that looks impossible, remember that God says, "I'm not limited to the natural. My power has no limits. If you could do it in your own strength, you wouldn't need Me."

When he accepted God's plan and became willing for God to use him, "the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon" (Judges 6:34). Gideon wasn't given additional human strength—he received the very strength of God.

In the same way, God wants to clothe you in supernatural power, enabling you to step into your destiny. He will never leave you to fight your battles in your own strength and ability.

Friend, it's time to start looking at the bigness of your God instead of the bigness of your need. You may be in your darkest hour, surrounded by enemies like Gideon was. But fear not! God is going to come and meet you at the point of your need. He's the God of abundance and overflow, ready to give you overwhelming victory.

Sustained by Faith

“These people all died controlled and sustained by their faith, but not having received the tangible fulfillment of [God’s] promises.”—Hebrews 11:13



How do we react when things do not go our way? When God does not seem to hear us or answer our prayers in ways we expected? Our first reaction may be to give up, assuming that nothing will change. But the Bible tells us that faith means believing God even if what we expect does not happen. That is the power of a faith vision.

The Bible describes people who have “died controlled and sustained by their faith.” Even up to the moment of their own death, they continued to believe in God and trust Him. They had the kind of faith that cannot be shaken.

This kind of faith is based on God and His unchanging character, not on what we see or think or how events appear to our eyes. We need to be “controlled and sustained” by faith no matter what happens and no matter what other people may say.

You may experience delays. You may not see God’s promises being fulfilled in ways you expect. Your prayers may not seem to be answered. You may not see tangible results from what you believe. But always remember the importance of continuing to serve God and believe, keeping faith in God no matter what happens!

When you do this, you join the ranks of saints who have been “controlled and sustained by their faith.”

Seek to exercise this biblical faith—the kind of faith that moves mountains.

Cup Cakes & Jesus... The Last Laugh



Our fourth grader celebrated his birthday on crutches, so he couldn’t carry the cupcakes into school without help.

I asked our sixth-grader, Noah, to help his brother carry them in. “I could,” he said, “but I’d prefer not to.”

Spotting a teaching moment, my husband asked Noah, “What would Jesus do?”

Noah answered, “Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cupcakes.”