

***The HBC Weekly Forecast***  
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Each week of New Year's "BETTER" series we have tried to highlight some of the ways that a relationship with Jesus can make our lives better.

The first week we looked at the impact God can have in our lives when we begin the new year with better priorities. When we put God first, the rest of our lives fall into order. If we get this backward, the most important things in our lives will suffer. Then, we discovered that the people we surround ourselves with will have far reaching effects. Sometimes it is important for us to focus on having better relationships to experience the life that God has for us.

Last week we considered how a connection to Jesus can help us make better choices. We are largely the choices that we make, and as we begin the new year. This Sunday, we will finish our series by being challenged to live this year as a better witness.

***Join us live at HBC, 10:00 am this Sunday for an exciting message... – Or tune into Facebook Live at [www.facebook.com/hiltonbaptistchurch](#) and encourage others to join in with you!***



## ***Becoming A Better Witness For Jesus...***

Did you hear about the little girl who returned home after her first Sunday school class? Her mother asked, “Who was your teacher?” and the little girl answered, “I don’t remember her name, but she must have been Jesus’ grandmother because she didn’t talk about anyone else.”

This story does not suggest that every word of every conversation be about Jesus, but it does raise some meaningful questions for self-examination. Does our conversation reflect our love of Jesus? Do our words mirror the kind of relationship we have with him? Are we serious about sharing our story with others? In other words, what kind of witness are we when it comes to telling others about Jesus?

In Acts 1:8, we find Jesus giving his disciples and us his final instructions. He said, *“When you have received the power of my Holy Spirit, you will become my witnesses, in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

A witness is a person who tells what they have seen. Jesus said that we are to become his witnesses of what has happened to us, how our lives have changed and how others can be changed as well.

A witness simply states clearly and without embellishment, “Here’s what happened to me.” Maybe we need to get back to the simplistic approach that we find in the healing of the blind man by Jesus in John 9. After being healed, the man was asked how it had happened, and he simply said, “I once was blind, but now I see.” That was his story, that was his witness.

You and I can witness effectively by a simple statement. “I once was miserable, unhappy, critical of others, selfish, but God opened my eyes to how I was and showed me how he could change me. God is showing me how he can use me to change things around me. I still have a long way to go, but my sins are forgiven and God has changed me from the inside out. He can do the same for you and anyone who asks.”

Our work as a witness is to humbly, accurately tell others about the hope that we now have because we know Jesus personally. You and I are not Christian because we are intelligent, or because we are morally better than the other people around us and out in the world. We are Christian because of an undeserved, unearned, unmerited gift that we have heard about and have accepted. We are Christian because we have been given a better hope than all the hopes by which the world tries to live.

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

January 23, 2024

1/14/2024

Budget \$1426.00

Designated Budget– In Memory of Denise \$50.00

Initial Offering \$6.00

Total Deposit \$1482.00

1/21/2024

Budget \$431.25

Budget– Use of Building Dog Training \$150.00

Cash in Cash out– Coffee 4.02

Total Deposit 585.27

## Happy Birthday in January

1/18 Al Dillon

1/23 Barbara Michie

1/30 Carolyn Schaubach

## Happy Birthday in February

2/2 Tammy Ortery

2/4 Bob Spiers

2/6 Ann Nickols

2/10 Margaret Upole

2/11 Jim Harvey

2/15 John Kramer

2/17 Debbie Marfa

## Christine Douglas will be turning 100 years old on March 8th

We would like to have everyone in the Church to send her a card to help her celebrate her 100th Birthday. We are asking that you send (or bring it to the church and place it in the office) a birthday card for her. We are going to put all the cards together and take her a Sunshine Basket with cards from all her friends at Church.

We will need to have the cards to the church by Sunday, March 3rd.

SHHHHHH! Don't tell her, it will be a surprise. If you have a question, call the church office.

## Calendar

### Tuesday, January 23rd

1pm-2pm Food Distribution  
6:30 pm Vision Team Meeting

### Wednesday, January 24th

7:00pm Bible study

### Thursday, January 25th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

### Friday, January 26th

5:30pm-6:30pm Community Dinner

### Sunday, January 28th

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

### Tuesday, January 30th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution  
PORT

### Wednesday, January 31st

9:30am Projects with a Purpose-  
Cards for Sedgfield Staff  
7pm Bible Study

### Thursday, February 1st

1pm- 2pm Food Distribution

### Sunday, January 21st

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

Lock up/ Hall Monitor 1/28 Lisa and David Falls 2/4 Pam Cooke

Counter 1/29 Kathy Caskie 2/4 Sue Monfalcone

Kids Church 1/28 Nadine Stephenson 2/4 Kathy Caskie

### **John 13:34**

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.



## **Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226**

### **Projects with a Purpose**

#### **Letters of thanks to Sedgefield School**

We will be writing thank you cards to the Employees at Sedgefield Elementary School on Wednesday January 31st at 9:30am. We will be accepting snacks for them through February 11th and if you are making homemade snacks, please have them to the church on February 13th . Everything will be delivered on February 14th.

Please come out and help write cards of thanks and help support the staff at Sedgefield Elementary School. Hope to see you on January 31st at 9:30am!

#### **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**

JH, Hae Kyung Jones, KS (Asian Pacific Rim People) OH, TS (Central Asian People) Josh Carpenter (European People) Janna Kay Holiday (Sub-Saharan African People) Noel Morera (FL) Ilya Phoenix Davidovich (MO)

#### **Serve the City**

There are many opportunities to serve. See [www.stcpeninsula.com](http://www.stcpeninsula.com) or Pam Cooke and she will send you in the right direction.

#### **WMU January Mission Project**

The WMU Mission Project for January is PORT. All monies collected will go to help with the cost of expenses for PORT.

#### **Food Pantry Ministry**

The food pantry can use your donations of non-perishable food. If you want you can make a monetary donation and it will be used to purchase food.

## *You Can Overcome Your Fears*

*“When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You.” – Psalm 56:3*

Is fear causing you to hide from somebody today? Your boss? Your husband or wife? Your strong-willed child? Your grouchy co-worker? When God asked Adam, “Where are you?” he replied, “I hid... I was afraid...” (Genesis 3:9-10) And we’ve all been hiding from things ever since! We hide behind forced smiles, agreeable words we don’t mean and social rituals we detest. Or worse, we hide behind things we do believe but don’t express because we are afraid of what people might think or say.



Short-term, it may be easier to act as if things don’t bother you, or pretend to agree when, in reality, you disagree. But long-term it doesn’t work, because peace isn’t the absence of discord. When we remain silent in order to avoid confrontation, we just end up avoiding something far more important: relationships.

So rise up and say, “When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You.” Confront your fears, come out of hiding and start living.



### ***The Last Impression...***

A guy was on the side of the road hitchhiking on a very dark night and in the middle of a storm. The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him. Suddenly he saw a car coming toward him and stop.

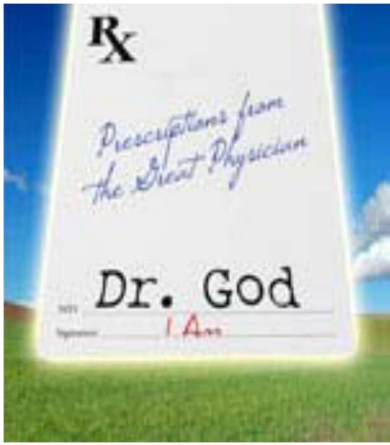
Without thinking about it, the guy got into the back seat, closed the door and then realized there was nobody behind the wheel! The car started slowly; the guy looked at the road and saw a curve coming his way. Scared, he started to pray begging for his life. He hadn’t come out of shock, when just before he hit the curve, a hand appeared through the window and moved the wheel. The guy, paralyzed in terror, watched how the hand appeared every time right before a curve.

Gathering his strength, the guy finally jumped out of the car and ran to the nearest town. Wet and in shock, he went to a restaurant and started telling everybody about the horrible experience he went through.

A silence enveloped everybody when they realized the guy was serious.

About half an hour later, two guys walked in the same restaurant. They looked around for a table when one said to the other, “Look John, that’s the dummy who got in the car when we were pushing it.”





## *God's Prescription for Good Health*

*"Keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity."  
Proverbs 3:1-2*

If I had a pill that promised to add years to your life, you'd probably pay a lot of money for it. But what if I told you that, as a Christian, you already have the key to a long life and that it's free?

God has given all of the principles for health management in his Word, the Bible. The Bible is the owner's manual for your body.

As David says, "You made my body, Lord; now give me sense to heed your laws" (Psalm 119:73 LB). And in Deuteronomy, it says, "These instructions are not mere words – they are your life! By obeying them you will enjoy a long life in the land..." (Deuteronomy 32:47 NLT).

God says, "If you do what I tell you to do with your health, you will enjoy a long life."

Proverbs 3:1 says, "Keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life."

What are some of those commands?

*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing..." (Proverbs 3:5-10 NIV).*

These verses highlight some factors that you probably don't think about but that will keep you healthy: tranquility, trust in God, integrity, humility, and generosity. These things will cause your health to be better, because your physical health is influenced by your spiritual health. The secret is to take note of them on a daily basis!

Take some time to meditate on Proverbs 3:1-10 and ask God to show you ways you can grow in tranquility, trust, integrity, humility, and generosity.

Remember... *"The power of life and death are in the tongue"*

Proverbs 18:21!



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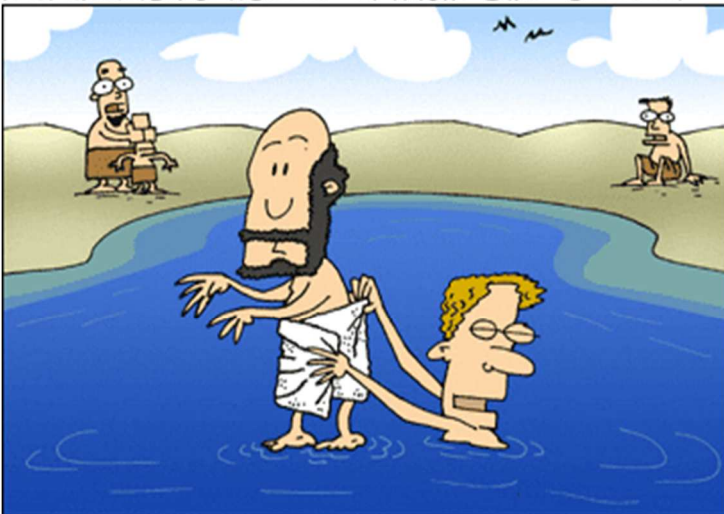
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(See Matthew 14:24-33)

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and powerful things through the  
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