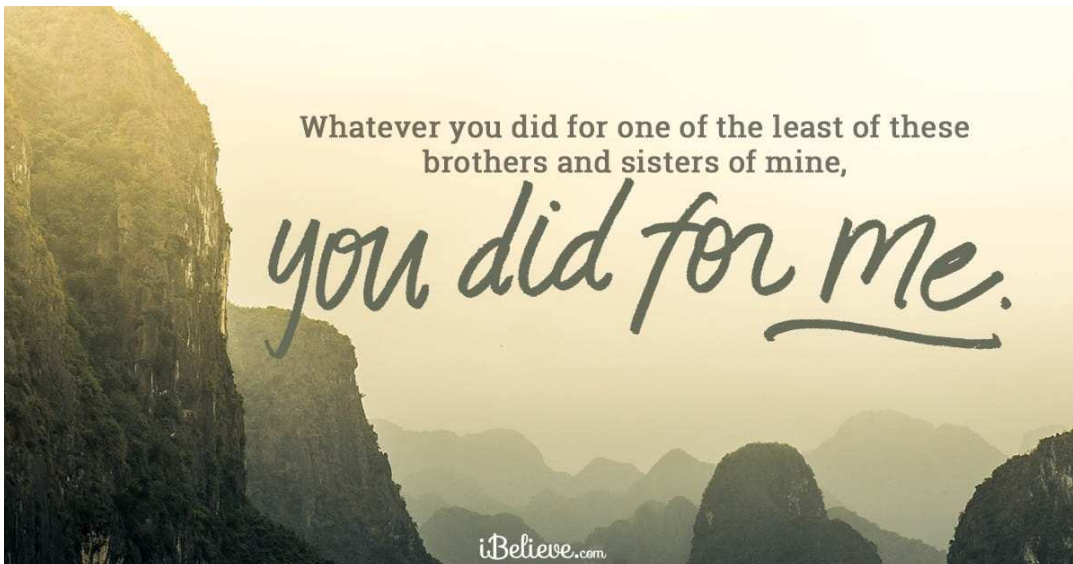


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In Pastor Lynwood's absence this week, Pastor Chris of Journey Church will be ministering at HBC. Come expecting a great message from the Lord!

Join us this Sunday and bring a friend!



Please continue to pray for our PORT guests and workers for the next week. We at HBC are being "the hands and feet of Jesus" to our homeless community. If you would like to be a part, see Pam Cooke, there is always room for more workers!



Why We Can Trust God...

We are always told to have faith and to trust God. In certain situations, that is easier said than done. We sometimes think things will be easier if we take it into our own hands. Nobody ever said having faith would be easy, but it will be worth it and here is why.

1. He Knows Better Than We Do - God knows everything we are going through at this very moment and everything we will go through in the future. He knows the best way to handle every situation so we get the best possible outcome and we need to trust him with that. We need to follow his path and trust that he knows best, because he does.

“But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.”

– James 1:6

2. All Things Are Possible With God – He knows the desires of your heart. If you trust in him with the things that you want most, he will take care of it. He knows what is best for your life. If you feel like your goals are hard to achieve or even impossible, think again. Anything is possible with God. He has your back and will help you through anything, all you have to do is have faith.

“If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.” – Mark 9:23

3. He Is Worthy Of Our Trust - Having faith is having trust. You have to trust with your entire being that God has your back that he will help you and take care of you. He knows what is best, but to truly embrace what he has planned for you, you have to fully trust. Our trust is not foolish, for our God is both faithful and good. Dig into Scripture. Acquaint yourself with the promises of God, with his longsuffering faithfulness to the Israelites, to Abraham, to us all. Get to know the character of God and your joy and willingness to trust in Him will abound.

“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” – Proverbs 3:5-6

4. He Knows What He Is Doing - God knows exactly what he wants for your life. He has a purpose for you and has everything planned out. He knows who you are going to marry, how many kids you are going to have, what job you will have and every other detail of your life, both big and small. He knows what you are going to do tomorrow, next month and years down the road. Do not doubt his plan, because he knows all and he has a perfect plan.

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

January 9, 2024

Budget \$4731.00
Designated Budget Community Dinner \$20.00
Designated Budget Initial Offering \$5.00
Chaplain Fund \$25.00
Cash in Cashout– Journey Rent \$1000.00
Cash in CASHout– Sonshine Kids \$25.00
Cash in Cash out– Coffee Fund \$3.41
Food Pantry \$50.00
PORT \$25.00
Total Deposit \$5884.41

Happy Birthday in January

1/8 Lynn Prillaman
1/9 Debbie Greene
1/9 Matt Jordan
1/10 Mia Kuhlne
1/10 Ngwa Ntumngia
1/13 Cathy Childs
1/13 Dreama Johnson
1/18 Al Dillon
1/23 Barbara Michie
1/30 Carolyn Schaubach



Please continue to remember Lynwood as he recovers. He needs plenty of rest for his healing. If you have a problem or need anything contact the office and we will be sure that you are taken care of.

Calendar

Monday, January 8th

Church Office Closed

Dreama is out of town

Tuesday, January 9th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, January 10th

PORT No Bible Study

Thursday, January 11th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

PORT

Friday, January 12th

PORT

Saturday, January 13th

PORT

Sunday, January 14th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sunshine Kids

Tuesday, January 16th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

PORT

Wednesday, January 17th

No Bible Study

Thursday, January 18th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, January 21st

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sunshine Kids

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Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

**1 Thessalonians
5:11**

DailyVerses.net



Lock up/ Hall Monitor 1/14 Joe Caskie

Counter 1/15 Joe Wircenske 1/22 Margaret Upole

Kids Church 1/14 Lisa York 1/21/2023 TBD

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. Call Pam!

If you have clothes to donate, please place them in the gym in the area that is marked.

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

TC, MD, MM (Asian Pacific Rim People) AH, JI (Central Asian People) MN (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) MH, Kristy Kuglin (Sub– Saharan African People) Chance Watson (AR)

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 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.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

UPDATE: All 24 of our boxes have been shipped to Peru. Peru is located on the western coast of South America. It contains a part of the Amazon rainforest as well as the Andes Mountains. Please continue to pray for the shoeboxes and the kids, families and villages that they are being delivered to.



Let HBC Be
A “No Shame” Church

And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ. Ephesians 4:32 (HCSB)

At HBC, we should constantly be challenged to realize the Christian life doesn't just happen. Victory over ourselves, the world and Satan is attained only through realizing we must fight the good fight of faith.

Our world is broken; everything and everyone in this world is broken. In fact, there are only two kinds of people in the world: those who know they're broken and those who are broken but don't know it. God wants us to know that we're broken.

That's why our church should be a no-shame zone, a place for broken people to come when they hurt. *Colossians 3:12 says, “[A]s God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience” (NIV).* Because we know how much God loves us, we can demonstrate compassion, kindness, humility and patience with others. And that's exactly what the church has been called to do. It's the place for the broken, the place for those whose lives don't work out as they should.

The truth is that the church shouldn't just “accept” hurting people. We should want hurting people in our midst. We've got to realize that every sinner has a future and every saint has a past. That means since you're the church, He wants to use you.

God wants us to be people of the second chance. But we can't be second-chance people until we realize how much of a second chance we've been given. Too many Christians don't *feel forgiven* — so they don't let anyone else feel forgiven either. When we realize how much grace God showed to us when He saved us, we will be prompted to share that grace with others. The Bible says in Ephesians 4:32, *“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as God forgave you through Christ.”*

Second chances aren't just for addicts and convicts; second chances are for all of us. No matter how squeaky-clean our lives have looked on the outside, the Bible is clear that we've all needed a second chance at some point in our lives.

In fact, it's when we realize how much God loves us and has forgiven us that we're able to properly take that love to others. The people who are best able to show God's love to others are the ones who feel God's love the most fully!



Guard Your Heart

The Bible says, “Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.” (Pro 4:23)

You are the overseer of your heart. Each day you must monitor what goes on there. You can’t blame your bad attitude, resentment and unforgiveness on others. You are responsible! When somebody offends you, it’s up to you whether or not you let bitterness take root. You can’t control what other people do, but it’s the “inside” part – the part you can control – that God holds us accountable for. You get to decide whether or not irritation turns into anger, anger into resentment, and resentment into retaliation.

The reason weeds take over a garden is because the gardener doesn’t pull them up fast enough. When your garden is choked by weeds you can’t say, “I don’t know how it happened!” “Look diligently,” you will see them moving in. The only way to stay free of the weeds the enemy wants to sow in your life is to be attentive to the condition of your heart.

When you’re faced with a hurtful, offensive situation, refuse to let a wrong attitude take root and produce bad fruit. Instead, ask God to help you replace those destructive thoughts with mercy and forgiveness towards the people who hurt you.

The Last Impression

The pastor enjoyed sharing a special “children’s message” each Sunday morning. He’d bring all the children up, and they’d sit on the floor, and he’d tell them a story. One day he said, “Boys and girls, I want to tell you a story about someone who likes to live in the woods, but sometimes we can see him in our yards. Anybody have any idea who I am talking about?”

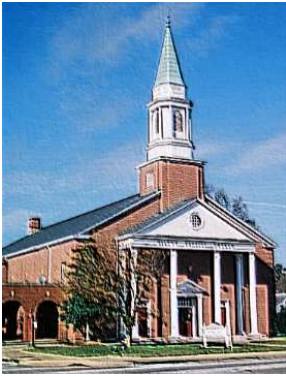


No takers. He said, “I want to tell you about a creature that lives in the woods and sometimes in our yards, has a big bushy tail, likes to eat nuts. Anybody have any idea what I’m talking about?”

No takers. He said, “I’m talking about a creature that lives in the woods, sometimes in our yards, big bushy tail, eats nuts, likes to climb trees, jumps from tree to tree—now, does anybody know what I’m talking about?”

One kid raised his hand to take him out of his misery. The pastor said, “Do you know what I’m thinking about?”

The kid said, “Yeah. I know the answer should be Jesus, but it sure sounds like a squirrel to me.”



Heading Into 2024 With A Special Gift Of Faith!

As we come to the beginning of a bright and hopeful New Year, we want to plant our seed early on for the blessings we hope to receive during the next 12 months. To accomplish this, we need to sow our seed generously at the very outset of the year in an expression of our faith in His faithfulness.

The New Year is a reminder of the nature of our God... *“Behold I make ALL things new!”* And now is the time to lay hold of the promise of Isaiah where God says, *“Behold I do new things, and now they shall spring forth, verily you shall know them: I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.”* Isaiah 43:19

What do you believe God has for you do to honor Him as 2024 lies ahead?

The faith we as a church are willing to demonstrate beginning now in January will help set the goals we can aim for in the rest of 2024 as we repair and make new some of the facilities of our beloved church. Each day we celebrate our past, we must likewise, in faith, create our future. Imagine an HBC where people are drawn by our love, faith and generosity – and want to come and be a part of a growing, vibrant church family.

The harvest of that dream we can look forward to is made possible by the seeds of our faith and financial gifts we sow now – Let’s celebrate all God has done for us this by doing all we can for Him!

***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!***

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



“Hubert, I’ve told you and I’ve told you... don’t talk politics in Sunday School!”