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***Join us live at HBC, 10:00 am this Sunday for this exciting message...
Or tune into Facebook Live and encourage other friends and loved ones
to join in with you!***



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At this juncture, Abram and Sarai, who would later be renamed Abraham and Sarah, are grappling with the weight of unfulfilled promises. Despite God's assurance of descendants as numerous as the stars, Sarai remains barren, casting a shadow of doubt and desperation over their household.

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In her despair, Hagar encounters the divine presence in a profound and unexpected manner. Fleeing from Sarai's mistreatment, she encounters the Angel of the Lord, who ministers to her in the wilderness. In this pivotal moment, Hagar receives reassurance of God's awareness and compassion, as she is called by name and entrusted with a promise of descendants too numerous to count.

Despite the tumultuous circumstances surrounding her, Hagar finds solace in the certainty of God's promises. She responds with obedience and reverence, acknowledging the sovereignty of the One who sees her in her distress. Through Hagar's obedience, we witness the transformative power of embracing God's promises, even amidst uncertainty and adversity.

Hagar's journey resonates deeply with our own experiences of rejection, uncertainty, and longing for fulfillment. Her story serves as a poignant reminder that God is intimately acquainted with our struggles and is ever-present in the wilderness moments of our lives. Like Hagar, we are called to trust in the faithfulness of God's promises, even when the path ahead seems obscured by doubt and despair.

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

February 13, 2024

Budget \$3342.00

Budget– Initial Offering \$20.00

Cash in Cash out Coffee \$6.00

Food Pantry \$3050.00

Total Deposit \$3050.00



Happy Birthday in February

2/11 Jim Harvey

2/15 John Kramer

2/17 Debbie Marfa



Lock up/ Hall Monitor

2/18 Charles Vassar 2/25 Robbie Ayscue

Counter

2/19 Margaret Upole 2/26 Kathy Caskie

Kids Church

2/18 Tracy Venable 2/25 Nadine Stephenson

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, February 13th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, February 14th

Happy Valentine's Day

7pm Bible Study

Thursday, February 15th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, February 18th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sunshine Kids

Tuesday, February 20th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, February 21st

7:00pm Bible study

Thursday, February 22nd

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, February 25th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sunshine Kids



Kids Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 23rd 11-2pm.

If you can help with this fun time, see Dreama. Invite kids to come and be a part.

We are collecting Easter Candy to stuff the eggs , you can place that in the front office or in the Mission Outreach Corner. Chocolate is fine!

Projects with a Purpose– Stuffing Easter Eggs

Wednesday March 20th 1:00pm

Come out for a fun time of stuffing Easter Eggs for the kids egg hunt. We will be meeting in Prior Hall. Please enter at the handicap door. Light refreshments will be served

Yearly Kids Training– Sunday, April 21st after morning workshop

We will be having our yearly training session for all individuals that work with Kids. This is very important so please make every effort to attend. Lunch will be served.

If you are attending, please sign up in the mission outreach corner. This way we will know how to prepare for the meal.

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

Kindsey Norman (American People) GB, MM, JS (Asian Pacific Rim People) AS (Central Asian People) JH, JM European People) TS (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) MD (South Asian People) LG (Sub-Saharan African People) Lawrence Davis (MD) Leonard White (PA)

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 February Mission Project

The WMU Mission Project for February is Faith Recovery (formerly Youth Challenge) Items to donate: ground coffee, creamer, sugar, bottled water, dish soap, laundry detergent, milk, sliced and shredded cheese and any meats that can be frozen.

A Faith Recovery leader will be at our church on Wednesday, March 6th at 12:00pm to share more about their program and they will be picking up the items then. Everyone is invited to come to the meeting to learn more. Light refreshments will be served.

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. We have been feeding a lot of people as of recent, the need is very high.

Community Dinner— February 29th

We could use your help with the community dinner. If you would like to prepare this meal or one of the future meals for the community, please see Pam Cooke.

Marilyn Hargrove

Marilyn Hargrove called the office this past week and has given us a new number where she can be reached. She has had some problems with the other number. She has not moved, just a new phone number. You may call her at 804-725-0110.

Are You Spring Cleaning Soon?

While spring cleaning, don't forget the PORT clothes closet. We really need men's clothes. We have plenty of women's clothes. We will take donations anytime. There is a place in the gym marked to put your donations. Thanks.

Hilton Area Blood Drive

There will be a Blood Drive on March 14th at Hilton Presbyterian Church. You can schedule on line or just go to the fellowship hall between 1pm-6pm. There is an urgent need for blood at this time.

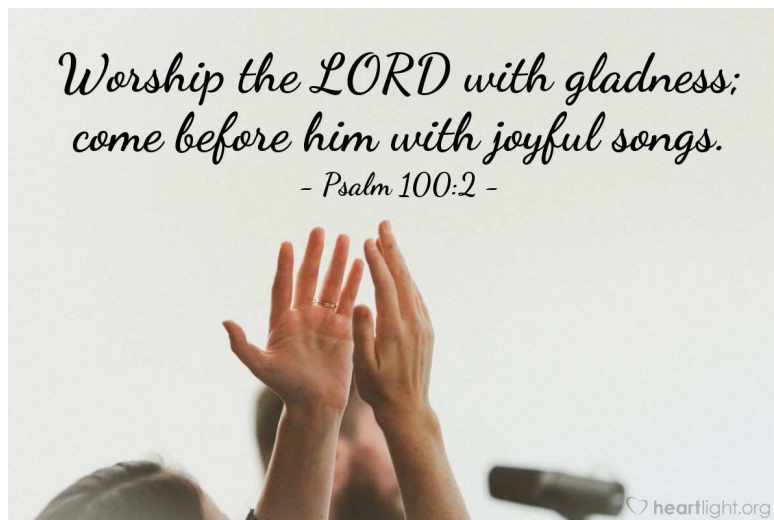
Discipleship Class

We have a discipleship class that meets every Sunday Morning at 9:00am in the Media Center. The study is "The Way" Everyone is invited. See Stan Langdon for more information.

Morning Devotions

Pastor Lynwood is doing morning devotions again on Facebook Live. Join us on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9am to start your day out in the Word.

*Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
- Psalm 100:2 -*





Consistent and Faithful

“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”—Revelation 2:10

Located in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, Old Faithful is the most famous geyser in the world. Like other geysers, it erupts when the base of a column of water resting in the earth is vaporized by hot volcanic rock.

What distinguishes this geyser is its consistency with actions that can be predicted. It erupts on average every 75 minutes for up to 5 minutes, shooting a column of steam and hot water as high as 170 feet.

This consistency is a picture of the faithfulness God desires in our lives. He wants us to be consistent witnesses for the Gospel with words and actions consistent with what we say we believe and with the truths in the Bible. We can be sure that people are watching us to see if there are any inconsistencies in our lives.

The Bible says we need to be faithful because we will be tested and face problems. At times like these, some people yield to fear and worry. Others allow doubt to fill their lives and start giving in to compromise. But God promises great rewards for those who remain faithful. They will receive “the crown of life.”

Ask God to help you to be faithful in every circumstance. Trust in the Spirit to give you the strength, wisdom, and favor you need and to help you be a consistent witness for the Gospel.

Reflection Question: Reflect on your faithfulness to God in the past few weeks

Bible Study
everyone is welcome

“EPHESIANS” Live at HBC – Wednesday 7:00 pm

“PHILIPPIANS” Facebook Live 9:00 AM - M/W/F

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A graphic with a textured, parchment-like background. The text "Bible Study" is written in a large, dark, cursive font. Below it, "everyone is welcome" is written in a smaller, lighter, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is a white rectangular box with a black border containing three lines of text in a bold, sans-serif font.



How Can You Refocus Your Heart On Giving Jesus First Place Today?

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write...I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance [...] But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.”

Revelation 2:1–4

Many believers in Ephesus were diligent about their faith. But in the vision God gave John, Jesus revealed He was not pleased with them; He was disappointed. Why? They were focused on activity. While their actions were important, the condition of their heart was more important.

The Bible is full of reminders about what is important to God. He was concerned that these Ephesians had the wrong priorities. He was concerned they had left their first love. To Him, that was more important than all their “toil and perseverance.”

What were His priorities? We are to seek first His Kingdom (Matthew 6:33). Remember that the greatest commandment is to love Him with our heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22:37). Remember that the essence of the Gospel is "God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son" (John 3:16).

What happened to these Ephesians can happen to any of us. The initial love that drew us to Jesus can fade over time. We can become busy. Our schedules can be filled with activities, even church work and Bible study. We can find ourselves working for the Lord but failing to develop our relationship with Him.

Today, focus on your personal relationship with Jesus. That relationship is more important than any activity. Spend time with Him. Listen to Him. Give Him first place in your heart.

The Last Impression

A man goes out ice fishing one morning. He reaches the ice and is about to cut a hole in it when he hears a voice from above: “There are no fish here.”

The fisherman is shocked but gets up and moves to another spot. As he’s about to cut a hole, he hears a voice from above again, “There are no fish here either.”

He gets up and moves to a third spot. Before he’s even finished walking, the voice says, “I’m telling you, there are no fish here.”

The fisherman says, “God, how can you be so sure there aren’t any fish here?”

The voice replies, “This is the ice rink manager.”





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