

***The HBC Weekly Forecast***  
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In Genesis 22, we encounter one of the most profound tests of faith recorded in Scripture. Abraham, the father of faith, is called by God to make the ultimate sacrifice — to offer his beloved son Isaac as a burnt offering. This story challenges us to examine our faith and obedience to God, even in trials and uncertainty.

As we delve into Genesis 22, we witness Abraham's unwavering obedience to God's command. Despite the staggering nature of God's request, Abraham responds with immediate obedience. He doesn't question or hesitate; instead, he rises early the next morning, ready to fulfill God's directive.

Imagine the emotions that must have gripped Abraham's heart as he journeyed to Mount Moriah with Isaac by his side. Isaac, the long-awaited promise, the son of laughter, now destined to be sacrificed. Yet, even in the face of this heart-wrenching task, Abraham's faith remains steadfast.

On the journey, Isaac innocently questions his father about the missing sacrifice. Abraham's profound and faith-filled response: *"God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son."* Genesis 22:8. In these words, Abraham expresses his unwavering trust in God's provision, even in the midst of uncertainty.

***Join us live at HBC, 10:00 am this Sunday for an exciting word from the Lord... – Or tune into Facebook Live and encourage others to join in with you!***



## ***The Test of Faith: Understanding Abraham's Sacrifice***

In the records of biblical faith, few narratives are as profoundly stirring as the account of Abraham's obedience when tested by the divine command to sacrifice his only son, Isaac.

Imagine, if you will, the tumult of emotions that must have surged within Abraham's heart when the voice of God pierced the silence of his contemplation. As he listened intently to the divine decree, every fiber of his being must have quivered with a mixture of reverence, confusion, and perhaps even incredulity. How could the very God who had promised him descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky now demand the life of his beloved son?

Yet, amid this inner turmoil, Abraham's response was not one of defiance or rebellion but of submission and trust. With a resolve born of steadfast faith, he rose early the next morning, prepared the wood for the sacrifice, and set out on the journey to Mount Moriah, his heart heavy with the weight of the divine command.

As father and son made their ascent up the mountain, the silence between them must have been deafening, each step echoing the unspoken anguish of their souls. Yet, even in the face of uncertainty and apprehension, Abraham's faith remained unshaken. For he knew that obedience to the will of God, however unfathomable it may seem, is the highest calling of the faithful.

And so, when Isaac, innocent and unsuspecting, inquired about the whereabouts of the sacrificial lamb, Abraham's response reverberated with profound significance: "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son" (Genesis 22:8). In those words, spoken with unwavering conviction, lay the essence of Abraham's faith – a trust in the providence of the Almighty that transcended human comprehension.

As Abraham raised the knife to fulfill the divine command, his heart must have been rent asunder by the agony of surrendering his most cherished possession. Yet, it was in that final moment of ultimate sacrifice, his faith did not waver. Abraham's hand was stayed by the angel of the Lord and a ram was provided in place of Isaac, the true significance of the test became clear. It was not a trial of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son, but a revelation of the depth of his faith and the boundless mercy of his God.

And so, let us take heart from the example of Abraham, whose unwavering trust in the providence of God enabled him to traverse the darkest valleys and scale the highest peaks of faith. May his story serve as a beacon of hope and inspiration to all who are called to walk the path of obedience, knowing that in the crucible of trial, our faith is refined and our hearts are made steadfast in the knowledge of God's unfailing love.

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

February 20, 2024

2/29/2024 Deposit

Budget \$2370.00

Budget Designated \$50.00 Use of Church

Chaplains Fund \$50.00 In honor of Betty Young

Cash in Cash out– Faith Recovery \$55.00

Cash in Cash out– Sonshine Kids \$25.00

Food Pantry- \$125.00

Pure Water Pure Love \$50.00 In Memory of Carl Parker

Total Deposit \$2725.00

January Receipts \$17,166.43

January Expenses \$27,632.44

Designated January Deposits \$2,132.43

Designated January Expenses \$5,435.44

## **Money Market \$88,365.70**

Building Fund \$ 46,300.86

Savings \$31,397.45

Outreach \$10,667.39


## **RR/ PDF Account \$15,601.75**

PDF \$3724.95

RR \$11,500.555

Deacons \$376.41

## **Designated Account \$33,004.53**



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WITH THE FIRSTFRUITS  
OF ALL YOUR CROPS;  
THEN YOUR BARNs WILL BE FILLED  
TO OVERFLOWING...”

**PROVERBS 3:9-10**

## Calendar

### 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 Sonshine Kids

### Tuesday, February 27th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

### Wednesday, February 28th

7pm Bible Study

### Thursday, February 29th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

### Sunday, March 3rd

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

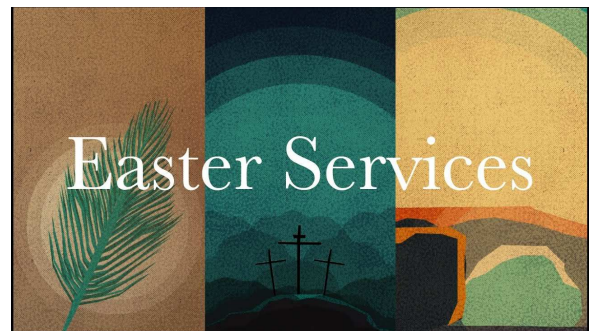
10:00am Sonshine Kids

Annie Armstrong Emphasis Sunday

## Please mark your calendars for our Easter Services

Good Friday Service, March 29th at 7pm

Easter Worship Service– Sunday, March 31st



Lock up/ Hall Monitor 2/25 Robbie Ayscue 3/3 Joe Caskie

Counter 2/26 Kathy Caskie 3/4 Sue Monfalcone

Kids Church 2/25 TBD 3/3 Kathy Caskie





## **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!

I am looking for a white bench to use for the egg hunt for pictures with the Easter Bunny. If you have one that I can use the week of March 18th, please let me know and I will arrange to pick it up.

### **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.

### **Upcoming Events for the Kids**

Sunday, March 3rd– Wear your favorite T-Shirt to church

Sunday, April 7th– Mis Match Sunday. Come to church all Mis Matched!

Saturday, April 13th– Kids Day at HBC, 11am– 1pm Lunch, and fund

Sunday, April 21st- The kids will be presenting a musical drama in morning worship.

Friday, April 29th- The Kids are in charge of the Community Dinner, they will be serving and having a great time. 5:30pm Parents are invited to come and eat dinner with us!

### **Save the Date**

Vacation Bible School August 5th–9th

Christmas Workshop Saturday, December 14th

Thanks to all who support the Kid's Ministry. There is always room for more kids....invite them to come and be a part.

## **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.

## **One City Marathon**

The One City Marathon is Sunday March 3rd. Please remember traffic around the church will be affected. Please make sure you plan accordingly.



### **PLEASE DO NOT FORGET!**

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

### **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.

## **[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](#)**

Drice Cooper (American People) CE (Central Asian People) Blanton Garner (European People) JC, ZH, KS, CW ( Northern African and Middle Eastern People) EB, (South Asian People) CL (Sub-Saharan African People) Jack Diven (AL) Noli Rosales (Alberta) Matt Flores (NM) Sam Thomas (Ontario ) David Mathias, Norbey Arias Peralta (TX)

### **[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.

### **[BIG SERVE WEEK June 25– 29th](#)**

Save the Date– More information will be available on the website soon.

There are many ways you can serve!

### **[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.

### **[Salvation Army Easter Basket Donation for Low Income](#)**

### **[Seniors and Veterans](#)**

Items to donate: Toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, laundry detergent, hand soap, body soap, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, mouthwash, Dental floss, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, razors, puzzles, socks , candy and gift cards. All items need to be at the church by Wednesday, March 13th.

## ***The End Of Time***

*“Then the angel whom I saw...raised his right hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it ... that there will no longer be a delay.” Revelation 10:5–6*



While serving in the French army during World War II, composer Olivier Messiaen was captured and taken to a prison camp. In this environment, many gave in to despair. But Messiaen turned to God with a faith that amazed other prisoners.

Surrounded by conditions that seemed hopeless, he composed the Quartet for the End of Time. His study of the Bible inspired this music, particularly the book of Revelation and how he imagined the end of time.

In one movement, called “Praise to the Eternity of Jesus,” Messiaen wrote a melody reflecting the truth that “in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (from John 1:1). Another movement, called, “In Praise of the Immortality of Jesus,” celebrated his faith and the pure love he found in Jesus.

The piece debuted in January 1941, performed before 5,000 French prisoners (and even German soldiers). All were reminded to think not about the world but eternal things. Many prisoners admitted the impact this music made on their lives. It even caused some skeptics to believe.

One day, time will be no more. You will be in God’s presence. Today, in the midst of everything you face, allow God to fill you with His perspective. Don’t focus on problems or the temporary things around you. Think about the “things which are not seen” but are eternal (2 Corinthians 4:18). That Kingdom will last forever!

**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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## **God's Purposes**

*“God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled.” Revelation 17:17*



In his vision, John saw spiritual forces that waged war against the Lamb. The people of God were involved in this war. Some were wounded or even martyred. But in reality, it was a spiritual battle between the forces of God and Satan.

John saw that the Lamb, the symbol of Jesus, will overcome His adversaries *“because He is Lord of lords and King of kings”* (v. 14). An angel described a scene filled with *“peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues”* (v. 15). He was describing all who have not compromised. They will share in the victory, for they have been *“called and chosen and faithful”* (v. 14).

The Bible makes clear that God knows battles are taking place in the world. As long as we are alive, we will be involved in conflicts. But through the vision God gave to John, we have a glimpse into His eternal purposes.

We see how God has a purpose for the nations and even the forces of darkness. He *“put it their hearts to execute His purpose.”* How long would this take place? *“Until the words of God will be fulfilled”* (v. 17).

God still is fulfilling His purpose for the nations and fulfilling His Word. The Lamb will be victorious! Make sure you trust Him. Do not give in to temptation or fear. No matter what happens, stay faithful. And be ready. The victory is yours!

## **The Last Impression**

A pirate had a wooden leg, a hook on one arm, and a patch over one eye. Someone asked him how these things happened.

He said that a whale bit off his leg, a crocodile had chewed off his hand, and a bird dropping hit him in the eye.



The other guy replied that he understood about the wooden leg having had his original bite off by a whale, and the hook was there to replace the hand the crocodile had chewed off, but a patch over the eye because of a bird dropping ... that he didn't understand.

The pirate said that when the bird dropping hit him in the eye, that was the first day he had had his hook!



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