

The Forecast
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“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.” 1 John 4:18

Fear is one of the most powerful human emotions. What are you afraid of? Maybe you are afraid of heights, or storms. Maybe you are afraid of snakes, insects, or enclosed places. Maybe you are afraid of flying, or needles or other people’s opinions. We are all afraid of something.

What are you most afraid of?

Are you afraid that you or your family will get a virus? Or maybe you are afraid of what will happen to you financially? Or maybe you are afraid of what will happen with the schools or travel or a friend’s situation? Maybe you are afraid of the unknown future or how much our society might suffer in the uncertainty of the days ahead?

There are many types of fear that may come to the surface during these days. And regardless of who you are it is very likely that some form of fear has come to mind in recent days.

This Sunday at HBC we will look at 1 John 4:18. It says this. *“Perfect love casts out fear.”* It’s the secret victory of the believer... Come and discover how it can change your life and outlook forever!

Plan Now! GOOD FRIDAY March 29th @ 7:00pm
The most powerful worship experience of the entire year!



“The Perfect Love Of Easter”

Do you suffer from fear or insecurity? What about the fear of lack? Are you worried that God won't come through for you? I'll bet you have. I've been there too.

At times, I have been literally worried sick about so many things, including my past, my future, my finances, and what people thought about me. And because I couldn't get my mind off of my problems, I found myself in a place of utter torment. But truly, we do not have to fear that God doesn't love us or that He won't come through for us in our time of need. We need to learn to accept the reality of His love for us, so that our fears do not control us.

[First John 4:18](#) says that perfect love casts out fear. If you're afraid of facing a person or a situation in your life, God's love can help you put your fears to rest. Several years ago, I was so desperate for a revelation of God's love that I began to keep a journal of the things He did that I believed displayed His love. No matter how small they were, I recorded them.

When people gave me things, I recorded it. When I was shown favor in situations, I recorded it. When God answered prayers and did things for me that I had requested, I recorded it...This process helped me become conscious of His love, and I began to heal. I found out that the love of God is the cure for the insecure.

Another major fear people face is the fear of lack. The fear that your needs won't be met—that God won't come through for you in time. You may be in a situation that you've never been in before, facing all kinds of new responsibilities. You may have needs that are beyond your resources and the spirit of fear is attacking you, telling you that you aren't going to make it. You may feel like nobody else cares. But God cares.

Even when it seems that absolutely nothing is happening in your life, He is working. My friend, God has a good plan for you, and He'll manifest it right on time. During hard times and moments of insecurity, Satan works overtime trying to convince us that God doesn't love us—that if He did, either we wouldn't be in this situation, or He would've delivered us by now.

That is when I remember and read Romans 8:38-39 which says:

“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

As long as you refuse to let anything separate you from God's love, you will have the victory.

On the grace journey together with you, Pastor Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

March 19, 2024

Budget \$1538.00

Annie Armstrong \$25.00

Cash in Cash out- \$30.00 Carenet Pregnancy

Food Pantry \$60.00

Total Deposit \$1653.00

**Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering**

Amount Collected
to date

\$905.00

Calendar

Tuesday, March 19th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, March 20th

1pm Projects with a Purpose

Stuffing Easter Eggs

7pm Bible Study

Thursday, March 21st

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Saturday, March 23rd

11-2pm Kids Easter Celebration

Sunday, March 24th

Palm Sunday

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sunshine Kids

Tuesday, March 26th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, March 27th

7pm Bible Study

Thursday, March 28th

1pm- 2pm Food Distribution

Friday, March 29th

5:30-6:30 Community Dinner

Food Bank Distribution

7:00pm Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 31st

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sunshine Kids

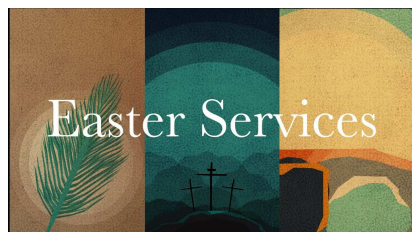
Food Bank Distribution

Resurrection Sunday

**Please mark your calendars for
our Easter Services**

Good Friday Service, March 29th at 7pm

Easter Worship Service– Sunday, March 31st



Happy Birthday In March

3/31 Kirk Crippen



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.



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.



We are excited to welcome our talented friend Mark Kroos, back to HBC on Sunday, April 7th ! We will have dinner at 5:30pm with the concert at 6:30pm.

If you live locally and would like to attend but need a ride, please let me know.

For those of you who plan to attend and are able to pick up one of our church friends, please call me as soon as possible. Carpooling is relational, economical and good for our environment! It doesn't get much better than this

Pam Cooke 757-660-4226

Lock up/ Hall Monitor 3/24 Pam Cook 3/31 Stan Langdon

Counter 3/25 Kathy Caskie 4/1 Sue Monfalcone

Kids Church 3/25 Nadine Stephenson 3/31 Grace Nicholson

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. **Our most recent recycle brought \$30.00 for Carenet Pregnancy!**

Pray for our Missionaries

Carlos Llambes (American People) Glennda Cook, SP (Asian Pacific Rim People) AH (Central Asian People) Diann Toone (Sub Saharan African People) Paul Helton, Ryan Jorgenson (FL) Seth Kaburungu (KS) Amber Kelly VA)

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.

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 Monthly Mission Project

WMU March Mission Church Pantry. Here is a list of things we can use in the Pantry: Soup, Canned Veggies, Rice, Cereal, peanut butter (large and small) Jelly (large and small) unsweetened applesauce. 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– March 29th

Plan now to come and be a part of the Community Dinner. Have fellowship with our guests and then plan to stay for the Good Friday Service at 7pm. We would love to have you come and be a part.

Salvation Army Easter Basket Donation for Low Income

Seniors and Veterans

Thanks to everyone who was able to contribute items for this special mission. Your help is so much appreciated. This has helped Seniors in our area to have a sweet Easter.



Life On The Edge

Did you ever come home at 11:30pm for a midnight curfew? It's not likely. As a teenager, I remember waiting on my front steps until 11:59pm before going inside. When given the opportunity, it seems to be in our nature to push the limits to the very farthest degree. How far is too far? How much noise can I make until I push Mom over the edge? How fast over the speed limit can I drive before the police will pull me over? How much can I cheat before getting caught?

We like living on the edge. The problem is that when we do it for too long, we might not realize we're in real danger until it's too late. It's essential that we pay attention to the path we're on. It's like driving on a winding mountain road: as you near the edge, you'll hit a series of warning grooves that cause you to start bumping along. They are there to remind you to get back on the right track.

The Christian life is much the same. I used to think some of the rules in the Bible were cumbersome. I have come to realize, however, that it is these very guidelines – like warning grooves on a road – that help keep me from flying over the edge and losing control in my life.

God's commandments and principles are there for our protection so we can experience all God wants us to experience. Typically, when people lose control of their lives, it isn't just one bad decision that launches them off a moral cliff, but a series of poor choices along the way. The Scriptures, the Holy Spirit, and our brothers and sisters in Christ all provide us with the warning grooves and guardrails we need to prevent us from going over the edge.

The Last Impression

Three elderly gents were talking about what their grandchildren would be saying about them fifty years from now.

"I would like my grandchildren to say, 'He was successful in business,'" declared the first man.

"Fifty years from now," said the second, "I want them to say, 'He was a loyal family man.'"

Turning to the third gent, he asked, "So what do you want them to say about you in fifty years?"

"Me?" the third one replied. "I want them to say, 'He certainly looks good for his age.'"



Don't Go Until You Get It

The Bible says:

"David inquired again of God; and God said... 'When you hear a sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees... go out to battle: for God has gone out before you' ...David therefore did as God commanded him: and they drove back the Philistines... (1 Chronicles 14-16)



Take note of three things in this story:

1. David refused make move until he first talked it over with the Lord.

Notice the words, "David inquired again of God." It wasn't just something he did occasionally or in times of crisis, it was something he did on a regular basis.

2. David waited until he heard a certain sound.

"A sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees." Do you know God well enough to recognize the sound of His voice? With time and testing you can. *"You have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things."* (1 John 2:20) Not only will you know what God wants you to do, He will actually create within you the desire to do it. *"It is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."* (Philippians 2:13)

3. David went, knowing God had gone before him to deal with every obstacle that stood in his way.

The Bible says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally..." (James 1:5) Wisdom is "the ability to use knowledge so as to successfully meet the challenges of life." Wisdom is God's gift... Don't go without it!

A poster for Good Friday Communion. The background is a deep red color. At the top, the words "GOOD FRIDAY" are written in large, white, distressed, block letters. Below that, the word "COMMUNION" is written in smaller, white, block letters, flanked by two horizontal lines. In the center, there is a white-bordered box containing the text: "7:00 pm", "THE MOST POWERFUL AND DRAMATIC WORSHIP EXPERIENCE OF THE YEAR!", and "Invite Family & Friends". To the right of the text, there are silhouettes of three crosses of varying heights against the red background.



Worthy of the Name

When Alexander the Great ruled all the known world, he made it his policy to hear any appeal made to him.

One day a young soldier was brought before Alexander for trial. The young man wore the tunic of Alexander's Army. "With what is he charged?" asked Alexander – who held absolute authority in all matters. There would be no appeal of his verdict. "He is charged with cowardice in battle," answered the prosecutor.

A great hush fell over the crowd gathered in the judgment hall. They knew Alexander as a general who expected his men to be valiant since he, himself, did not push his soldiers, but led them into the thick of battle. Alexander looked at the young soldier who was a mere youth, fair haired and still too young to shave. The angry scowl on his face slowly changed into an understanding smile, "What is your name, soldier?"

"Worthy King," responded the youth, "my name is the same as yours – Alexander."

Anger came back into Alexander's face, and he leaped to his feet. Alexander grabbed the soldier's tunic. "Young soldier," he said with great control, "either change your name, or change your behavior."

We are called "Christians". Are you worthy of the name?

One Last Laugh...

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the prophet and the false prophets of Baal.

She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces, and laid it upon the altar. And then, Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels with water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this three times.



"Now," said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?"

A little girl in the back of the room started waving her hand, "I know! I know!" she said. "To make the gravy!"