

***The Forecast***  
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Easter weekend, from Good Friday to Easter Sunday, is the most poignant and spiritually significant time for Christians worldwide. Beginning with Good Friday, commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, we reflect on his sacrifice and the solemnity of his death. The atmosphere shifts on Saturday as anticipation builds for Easter Sunday, and the joyous resurrection of Christ!

***Plan Now! GOOD FRIDAY March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm***



## ***The Promise of Resurrection: Good Friday and the Hope of Easter!***

*"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us."  
Romans 5:8*

As we approach this Easter weekend, we find ourselves amidst the profound juxtaposition of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Good Friday marks the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, a solemn day of reflection on the sacrifice made for the redemption of humanity. It's a day filled with sorrow as we contemplate the agony and suffering Christ endured on the cross.

Good Friday reminds us of the depths of God's love for us. Despite our brokenness, our sins, and our shortcomings, God sent His Son to bear the weight of our transgressions. Jesus willingly laid down His life as the ultimate atonement for our sins, demonstrating the incomprehensible extent of God's grace and mercy.

At HBC, I believe that our most powerful and moving worship service of the year occurs on Good Friday. Through the spoken word, somber music, stirring videos and observance of communion before the broken mirrored cross, we feel the passion as we remember that day.

Yet, even in the darkness of Good Friday, there is a glimmer of hope—a promise of redemption and renewal. For as we mourn the death of Jesus, we anticipate the dawn of Easter Sunday. The stone that sealed the tomb could not contain the power of God. On the third day, the Son of God rose triumphantly from the grave, conquering sin and death once and for all.

In the words of Reverend S.M. Lockridge, "It's Friday... but Sunday's coming!" Good Friday may be a day of sorrow, but it paves the way for the joyous celebration of Easter. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of our faith, the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation.

As we journey through this Easter weekend, let us hold fast to the hope of Easter Sunday. Let us remember that no matter how dark our circumstances may seem, the light of Christ will always prevail. Let us rejoice in the victory won on the cross and live in the assurance of God's unending love and grace.

May this Easter be a time of profound reflection, gratitude, and renewal as we commemorate the sacrifice of Christ and the promise of resurrection. And may we always carry in our hearts the truth that no matter the trials we face, Sunday is indeed coming—the promise of new life, forgiveness, and eternal hope in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*On the grace journey together with you, Pastor Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

March 19, 2024

Budget \$2622.00

Budget Designated– Use of Church \$205.00

Annie Armstrong \$550.00

Food Closet \$120.00

PORT \$500.00

Total \$3997.00

## **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

Amount Collected  
to date

\$1455.00

### **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 Sonshine Kids

Food Bank Distribution

Resurrection Sunday

### **Monday, April 1st**

Church office will be closed

### **Tuesday, April 2nd**

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

### **Wednesday, April 3rd**

7pm Bible Study and online

### **Thursday, April 4th**

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

### **Sunday, April 7th**

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

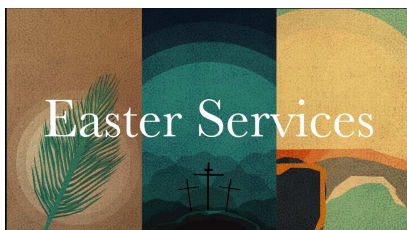
Kids Dress Mis-matched

5:30pm Dinner and Mark Kroos  
Concert. Please contact the office if  
you plan on attending so we can

### **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

### **Happy Birthday in April**

4/3 Charles Vassar

4/13 Tara Borton

4/20 Nicholas Gibson

4/17 Pat Painter

4/22 Dorothy Cook

4/26 Lillian Clopton



### **Special Need**

There are two kids in our Sonshine Kids who live with their grandparents. Recently, someone hit them and totaled their car and they are in desperate need of one. If you know anyone that has a car that they are selling, could you please let me know so that I can contact the family it would be greatly appreciated. Dreama

**Lock up/ Hall Monitor** 3/31 Stan Langdon 4/7 Charles Vassar

**Counter** 4/1 Sue Monfalcone 4/8 Joe Wircenske

**Kids Church** 3/31 TBD 4/7 Grace Nicholson

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.

### **Pray for our Missionaries**

Tim Louderback, Heather Tolbert (American People) DH, RY (Asian Pacific Rim People) EN ( Central Asian People) RW (European People) MB, CF, DG, JM, CM, HR (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) , AB, CR (South Asian People) Jeremy Cook (OR) Perry Crisp (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 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.



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

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

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!

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

**Thanks to EVERYONE who helped in anyway to make the Kids Easter Celebration a great success. It was a great time! Here are some pictures of our special day. You can also go to the website and see a video that was made!**







God did not lead you into this present suffering, but he *has* promised he'll stay with you there.

*He's promised to mend every broken thing.*

This is the hope of resurrection.

## ***For Those Are Suffering***

One of the most comforting truths of our faith is this: that God does not abandon us in our suffering.

And one of the biggest lies of our enemy and our own human misconceptions is this: That God *caused* the suffering and brought evil upon you.

Yes, we all suffer. Some of the most faithful Christians I know have endured great pain and suffering. And yes, I know that because God is Redeemer, He can bring great good out of great suffering. But the God I know did not *give* you cancer, harm your kid, tempt the gunman, or send the hurricane to your city.

If that were the case, imagine how this would feel: the God you really needed to comfort you during your time of trial ... has been identified as the one who brought this hell upon you. It simply doesn't ring true.

If you are in emotional or physical pain today, know that God is not the source of your suffering. He is the source of your comfort, strength and your redemption!

## ***Think They're The Only Ones Here!***

One day, 3 men died and went to heaven. "Religion?" God's secretary asked the first man.

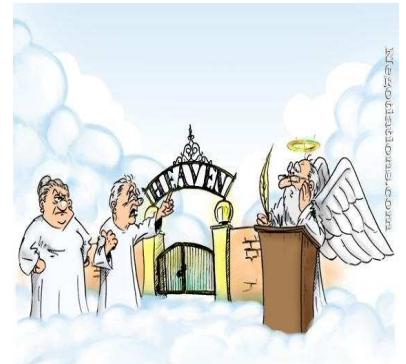
"Jewish," the man replied. "Okay, go to room 23, but be very quiet when you go past room 8," the secretary said.

"Religion?" he asked the second man. "Catholic." "Go to room 10, but be very quiet when you go past room 8."

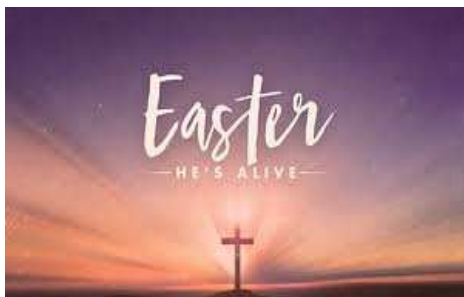
"Religion?" he asked the third man. "Lutheran" "Go to room 71, but be very quiet when you go past room 8."

"Why must I be quiet when I go past room 8?" the man asked.

The secretary replied, "Oh, the Baptists are in room 8, and they think that they are the only ones here."







### ***What Is Easter & Why Do Christians Celebrate It?***

*“Jesus replied, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.’ John 12:23-25*

Christians celebrate Easter in remembrance of Jesus’ resurrection from death, three days after being hung on a cross. “Luke tells us, having done all of his historical research,” that for forty days, Jesus gave many infallible proofs, “and Paul himself,” John Piper explains, *“said that five hundred people had seen him alive, and some of those are still alive, if you want to go talk to them (1 Corinthians 15:6).”* The substitutionary sacrifice of Christ paid the price for the sins of humanity, once for all. Another scholar explains why Jesus’ resurrection is so important: *“It literally changed everything. And that is not only why we celebrate Easter, but it is why we gather every Sunday morning, because every Sunday morning is resurrection Sunday.”*

The Holy Spirit lives in every believer, because of the events we celebrate at Easter. No longer are we slaves to sin but free through the blood of Jesus. *“For God so love the world,”* the Apostle John wrote, *“that He gave His one and only Son.”* Forgiveness was always God’s plan. “Easter is the ultimate rescue story,” writes Melissa Kruger. And though death has been defeated, Jesus will return. Easter celebrates what has been done, and what is still yet to come!

## ***God's House vs. Our House"***

*"Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?" — [Haggai 1:3-4](#)*

After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, they began to prosper. They started rebuilding the temple which had been ruined by the Babylonians. But the people of other religions who lived in the land sent letters to Babylon and complained that the Jews were preparing to revolt. For that and other reasons, the rebuilding of the temple stopped.

It seems that the Jews began with a will to rebuild the temple, but when opposition arose, they faltered and lost focus. They transferred their energy to building and beautifying their own houses. It took the searing words of Haggai to call them back to the priority of rebuilding God's temple.

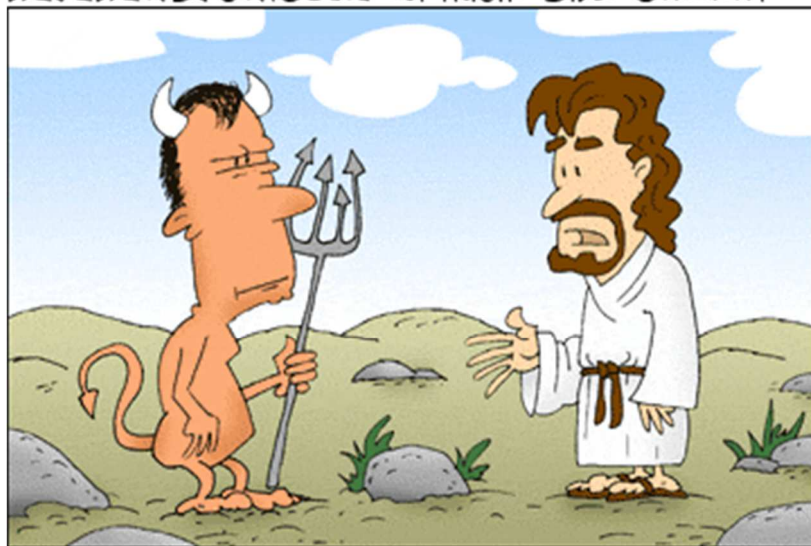
In the world today, we must not be discouraged by the struggle it takes to build Christ's church. The forces of the devil will try to overcome it, but Jesus will prevail ([Matthew 16:18](#)). Remember what Jesus said: "Seek first [God's] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" ([Matthew 6:33](#)).

It's not that God necessarily wants us to live in a bleak apartment without beautiful paneling. But if that's what it takes to build God's kingdom, we must be willing to sacrifice. Our treasures are in heaven!

***God is doing some exciting new and powerful things through the faithful people of God at HBC!***

***Please remember your tithing commitments and giving and be part of the ongoing miracle!***

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Thanks to Steve Doyal (See Matthew 4:1-11)

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GO ALL CARB ON PEOPLE FYI