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If you grew up in the church, chances are you've heard the story of Jesus told many times. Maybe some of you today are new to the narrative. Either way, it's extremely important and powerful. When Jesus was hanging on the cross, He was paying the penalty for our sin that we ourselves could not pay. When this happened, many of those standing around the cross believed it was the nails that held Him there. However, we are going to see over the next few weeks that it was His passion for humanity instead.

Jesus *loved* others, and His instruction to those early disciples was for them to love others as well. In the gospel of John, Jesus says, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." - John 13:34. And even as he was giving this instruction, they were still learning from, following, and watching Jesus and the way He loved others.

Over the next few weeks, we are going to do the same. Just like the early disciples, we are going to learn from Jesus, through the word, how to love others. What was Jesus' motivation and mission? What kept Him engaged through the difficulty of His mission?

Been needing to feel the Love?... It's time to come home...

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



Let's Renew Our Passion This Easter

Feeling the passion of Christ as Easter approaches can be described as a deeply spiritual and emotional journey that engages the heart, mind, and soul. It's a time of profound contemplation and connection with the essence of our faith, focusing on the events of Jesus Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. This period invites individuals into a space of reflection on themes of sacrifice, redemption, and unconditional love.

Feeling the passion of Christ as we approach Easter encapsulates a journey through darkness into light, from reflection on suffering and sacrifice to a celebration of resurrection and renewal. It's a period marked by deep emotional engagement, spiritual introspection, and communal connection, offering a time to rekindle faith, hope, and love.

Based on the Latin word for "suffering," this word, "passion" has been used by Christians for centuries as an overview for all aspects of the death of Jesus. (The Bible uses a similar Greek word when describing what He was to "suffer.") Indeed, the word" passion" is a word better felt than said.

So how did this one special word so singularly become associated with the story of Christ's suffering and his cross? Beginning around the fourth century AD, churches began telling this story in formal "passions." Soon, traditions developed about what was to be said or sung.

By the twelfth century, one tradition called for a priest to speak Jesus' words, while a deacon was to read other words. Other traditions began involving choirs and even congregations. Various musical forms were utilized, and the passion became the subject of plays, paintings, and sculptures.

The form of the passion adapted itself during the Protestant Reformation. Johann Sebastian Bach in the eighteenth century when he was asked to write a passion that should not entertain but inspire the "devotion" of listeners.

The story of Jesus' death remains universally true and yet so personal. Something to ponder, not just once a year but constantly. So much to remember, and in remembering, feel!

"(Jesus was) Despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. . . He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:3-5).

Over the next few weeks, we are going to remember the death of Jesus and open ourselves to all it means. For you. His suffering. His passion!

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor March 5, 2024

Budget \$4537.00

Annie Armstrong \$360.00

Coffee Fund \$1.00

Food Pantry \$130.00

Total Deposit \$5028.00

Calendar

Monday, March 4th

Church office will open around 1pm

Tuesday, March 5th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, March 6th

7pm Bible Study

Thursday, March 7th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Saturday, March 9th

Set your clocks up one hour-

Spring Forward

Sunday, March 10th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Tuesday, March 12th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, March 13th

7pm Bible Study

Thursday, March 14th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, March 17th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Its that time again!

The grass is going to need to be cut very soon. We will be making a grass cutting schedule. If you can help with that, please contact the church office. We would like to have it cut and cleaned up in time for Easter, March 31st.

Happy Birthday In March

3/6 Patrick Nicholson

3/8 Christine Douglas

3/10 Scott Schaubach

3/11 Betty Howell

3/17 Christy Kuhlne

3/18 Judy France

3/31 Kirk Crippen



Please mark your calendars for our Easter Services

Good Friday Service, March 29th at 7pm

Easter Worship Service-Sunday, March 31st

Invite your friends to come and be a part!

Jesus is Alive! Let's Celebrate!



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. March 14th!

Lock up/ Hall Monitor 3/10 Roger Cooke 3/17 Lisa and Dave

Counter 3/11 Joe Wircenske 3/18 Margaret Upole

Kids Church 3/10 Tracy Venable 3/17 Lisa York

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!



<u>Projects with a Purpose-Stuffing Easter Eggs</u> 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

<u>Sunday, April 7th</u> – Mis Match Sunday. Come to church all Mis Matched! <u>Saturday, April 13th</u> – Kids Day at HBC, 11am – 1pm Lunch, and fun

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

<u>Friday, April 29th</u>- 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.

Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226

<u>Aluminum Cans</u> Recycle your cans at HBC and help Support missions! Bring them to HBC and <u>place them in the gym</u> or the church office. All money collected goes to missions.

<u>Pray for our Missionaries</u> Matt Ostertag, MS (American People) SC, LW (Asian Pacific Rim People) HM, SR (Central Asian People) Stephanie Karr, JS, Thomas Sieberhagen (European People) JL (Global Strategic Advance) KL, BP, JS (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) WC (South Asian People) PR, Amanda Smith (Sub Saharan African People) Nicholas Walker (AR) Justin Paslay (CA) William Sustache (CT) Jose Garcia (FL) Patrick Grant (OR) Jose Olmosa (VA)

<u>Serve the City</u> 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!

<u>WMU February Mission Project</u> 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 if 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

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.

Priorities

"In the eleventh year...the house was finished in all its parts and in accordance with all its plans. So he was seven years in building it." 1 Kings 6:38

Solomon faithfully built the temple to the exacting plans provided by his father, David. The process took



seven years and seemed to demonstrate his commitment to seek first the things of God. However, the Bible also tells us that Solomon spent twice as long building his own house—13 years.

Reading these accounts back-to-back provides insights into Solomon's priorities. He made sure God's house was magnificent but invested even more time, energy, and resources into building his own house.

At the time, there may not have been any indication that Solomon was changing. But, during the coming years, he changed in dramatic ways. The man who once sought God and wanted more of His wisdom became dominated by carnal desires. A man with 700 wives and 300 concubines, he allowed his wives to turn his heart away from God (1 Kings 11:3). He even worshiped idols.

Do we see evidence of this change as he built his own house? Was he placing a higher priority on his own interests than on the things of God?

All of us demonstrate our priorities by what we do with our time, talents, and treasures and what we do with the opportunities we have been given. God looks at our choices to see what really is important to us.

What messages are you sending through your words and deeds? And what are the most important priorities in your life?





Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite bible stories.

After 3 or 4 minutes, she was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane. So, she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

"The flight to Egypt," said Kyle.

"I see... And that must be Mary, Joseph, and the Baby Jesus," Ms. Terri said. "But who's the fourth person?"

Kyle explained, "Oh, that's Pontius the Pilot!"

Beyond Time

"LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God".— Psalm 90:1-2

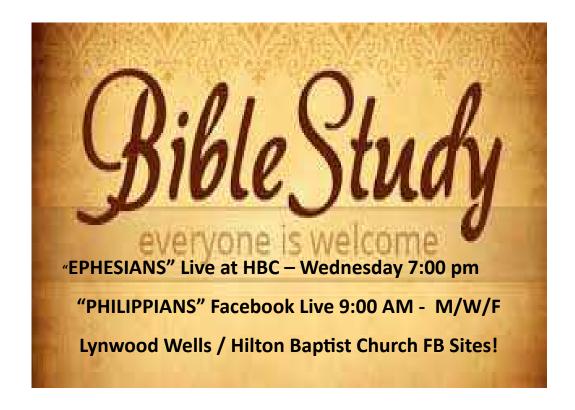


For centuries, most of the world followed the calendar developed by Julius Caesar in the first century BC. But there was a problem. In Caesar's calendar, years lasted longer than the solar year. As a result, dates never could be fixed. No one was able to provide a workable solution.

Then in the sixteenth century, Pope Gregory XIII developed the concept of leap years by adding a day to the calendar every fourth year and removing three leap years every 400 years. Although flawed in minor ways, this approach represented an improvement and soon became adapted as the world standard.

This leap day and its history remind us of the limitations of our human minds. The Bible tells us He has been "our dwelling place throughout all generations." He is beyond time and has been God "from everlasting to everlasting." He is beyond our understanding and a thousand years is just "like yesterday when it passes by" (v. 4).

Remember that God sees everything from the perspective of eternity. He is not worried and already has declared the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:9–11). We can trust Him. When we seek Him, we should remember that He will answer our prayers based on what is best for us and His grasp of eternity.





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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!