

***The Forecast
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"When God steps in, miracles happen!" is a profound truth. Indeed, the statement itself is like an echo that resounds through the canyons of our human experience. It has the power to transform the ordinary into the extraordinary, to turn despair into hope, and to bring light into the darkest of circumstances.

At its core, these words reflect a deep trust in the goodness of our God—a belief that He is not distant or indifferent to the struggles of His creation but is actively involved in the unfolding of human history. It reminds us that even in our moments of greatest need, we are not alone, for God is with us, working behind the scenes to bring about His purposes.

In times of doubt or uncertainty, when the challenges of life seem insurmountable, the statement serves as a beacon of hope, reminding us that nothing is impossible for God. It calls us to trust in His timing, to remain steadfast in our faith, and to expect the unexpected, knowing that when God steps in, miracles happen.

Ultimately, "When God steps in, miracles happen" is not just a statement of belief; it's a declaration of faith—a proclamation that in the midst of life's trials and tribulations, we can find comfort and assurance in the knowledge that God is still at work, bringing about miracles beyond our wildest imagination!

***See you Sunday as we begin a new series message series on "The Miracles of Jesus and Why They Are Important to Your Life Today!"
Plan now to attend & bring a friend!***



***“God Made Miracles For You
and He Made You For Miracles!”***

I first heard this statement of faith during my Freshman year at an Oral Roberts University Chapel service - *"God made miracles for you, and He made you for miracles!"* Over 50 years have passed, yet those words still ring with a profound truth and clarity anchored in my soul. And I believe, especially in today's world, where skepticism and doubt often overshadow the supernatural aspects of our faith, it is essential to revisit and reclaim the supernatural nature of the Christianity Jesus lived and taught us.

At its core, our faith is founded on miracles—from the parting of the Red Sea to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. These miraculous events serve as signposts pointing to the divine presence and power at work in the world. They remind us that God is not bound by the natural laws of the universe but transcends them, invading our humanity to bring about His purposes.

Yet, as believers, we are not merely spectators of God's miraculous works; we are active participants in His divine plan. We are challenged to embrace our role as co-laborers with God, called to walk in faith and expectation of the miraculous. It reminds us that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead resides within us through the Holy Spirit, empowering us to be instruments of God's miraculous love and grace in our world today. To truly embody the supernatural nature of Christianity, we must first cultivate a deep intimacy with God through prayer, worship, and the study of His Word. In so doing, we align our hearts and minds with the will of God, allowing His supernatural power to flow through us unhindered.

Secondly, we must step out in faith, trusting in God's promises and stepping beyond the limits of our comfort zones. Just as Peter walked on water when he fixed his gaze on Jesus, we too can experience the miraculous when we dare to believe and obey God's leading.

Lastly, we must cultivate a spirit of expectancy, eagerly anticipating God's miraculous intervention in our lives and the lives of those around us. Whether it's healing for the sick, provision for the needy, or reconciliation in broken relationships, we must approach every situation with the confidence that God is able and willing to work miracles beyond our comprehension.

In embracing the supernatural nature of true Christianity, we not only experience the fullness of God's power and presence in our lives but also become catalysts for revival and transformation in a world hungry for the miraculous touch of the divine. Let us, therefore, embrace the truth that *"God made miracles for you, and He made you for miracles,"* and walk boldly in the supernatural reality of our faith!

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

May 21, 2024

Budget \$2617.00

PBA Association Offering \$100.00

Food Pantry \$200.00

Total Deposit \$2917.00

Don't forget... Instead of getting the Forecast by mail, you can have it emailed to you.
Just contact the church office!



VBS – August 5th – 9th

If you want to volunteer please let Dreama know. Planning is already happening. We are looking forward to a great week.



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

EC, DJ, CW (Asian Pacific Rim People) MO (Central Asian People) Taylor Smith (European People) WT (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) HE (Sub– Saharan African People) Jared Gilstrap , Kim Jeffrey (GA) Jonathan Drendel (KS) Cody Enis (MS) John Lewis (Newfoundland and Labrador) Ernest Bonnoitt (OH) Michel Coriaty (Quebec)

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 NEXT MONTH

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

There are many ways you can serve!

Community Dinner– Friday, May 31st

We would love to have your help at our next Community Dinner this Friday! Our Dinner is growing in size! The Olive Garden will be providing the food and we will need people to serve, clean up and help our guests. The Small Jazz Band will be playing also. If you can help in any way, please see Pam Cooke.

WMU Project for May

The Mission Project for this month is Carenet Pregnancy Center.

Collecting new and used baby clothes up to 12 months, socks up to 12 months, teethingers, pacifiers, bibs, diapers and wipes, shampoo and soap, diaper rash cream , diaper bags and monetary donations.

Food Pantry /Food Bank Help

If you can help with the Food Pantry /Bank on Tuesday and Thursdays for Food Distribution or on Fridays to bag Veggies, please let the church office know. We are looking to add people to our team.

Happy Birthday in May

5/20 Joe Wircenske

5/22 Winifred Ntumngia

5/27 Debra Jones

5/30 David Gibson



Calendar

Tuesday, May 21st

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, May 22nd

7pm Bible Study in person and online

Thursday, May 23rd

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, May 26th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sunshine Kids

Monday, May 27th

Church office Closed

Happy Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, May 29th

7pm Bible Study in person and online

Thursday, May 30th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Friday, May 31st

5:30pm-6:30pm

Community Dinner

Food Bank Distribution

Sunday, June 2nd

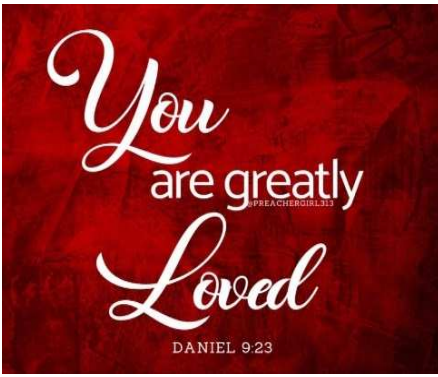
9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sunshine Kids

Food Bank Distribution after morning worship.

The Church office will be closed
Monday, May 27th for
Memorial Day



You Are Greatly Loved!

“We all, at one time or another, once lived among the disobedient in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved.” Ephesians 2:3–5

Would you not love to hear the angel Gabriel say to you, “*You are greatly loved*”?

Three times this happened to Daniel.

“At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved.” (Daniel 9:23)

“Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” (Daniel 10:11)

And he said, “O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage.” (Daniel 10:19)

I admit that each year when I read through the Bible and come to these verses, I want to take them and apply them to myself. I want to hear God saying to me, “*You are greatly loved.*”

In fact, I do hear this. And you can hear it too. If you have faith in Jesus, God himself says to you in his word — which is more sure than an angel of God speaking — “*You are greatly loved.*”

There it stands in Ephesians 2:3–5, 8: We “*were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ. . . . For by grace you have been saved through faith.*”

This is the only place where Paul uses this wonderful phrase “*great love.*” And it is better than an angel’s voice. It is the very voice of God speaking His love directly to you!

If you have seen Jesus as true and received him as your supreme treasure, that is, if you are “*alive,*” you are greatly loved. Greatly loved by the Creator of the universe. Just think of it! Greatly loved!



The Potter & The Clay

When Jewish potters make new pots, they set aside the very best pots and pottery for special treatment. After they put their name on the underside of these extra good pieces, they put them away in a cold, damp room for storage, away from the public view. It is only when the more selective buyers ask for the 'very best' of the potter's products that the craftsman will retrieve the chosen pots from their hidden storage place.

When Gods spoke to Jeremiah, in chapter 6: 1-8, he obeyed and went down. He saw the potter working on the wheel. The Hebrew word for wheel implies two wheels (dual form).

Potters typically used a device with a lower stone wheel fastened on a vertical shaft with a small wooden wheel above. The potter would sit turning the large stone wheel with his feet while shaping the clay on the small wooden wheel.

To express verse 4 with the meaning of the Hebrew verbs, *"Whenever the pot he was shaping was spoiled, as happens with clay in the hands of the potter, he would remake it into another vessel, shaping it as seemed best to him."*

Spoiled, marred, ruined vessels were not tossed aside and discarded in favor of those that emerged perfect. They were remade! God can mend cracked pots!

When we are being "shaped" by God, we often try to thwart the purpose of the potter. The clay often presses against the potter's hand as it goes around. The potter controls the opposing force with pressure if he wants a useful pot.

God kneads, pushes, presses and pulls us into shape, but He never throws us away. He says to Israel in verse 6, *"O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?"* Isn't this what He says to us as well? Can we not say, "Yes, Lord. Form me into Your image. Do whatever it takes. I want to be like you!"

"Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand (Isaiah 64:8).

There are things we must practice as we are being shaped by the hand of God. There are ways we can get the greatest benefit out of these times of refinement. This is the time to trust completely in God for He knows exactly what He is doing. He is making you into a masterpiece for His glory. Learn to trust Him day by day. Remember that you are in the potter's hands - God is working at the wheel of your life in every detail.

Thermometer Or Thermostat

Have you ever thought about the difference between a thermometer and a thermostat? A thermometer changes with circumstances – it reacts. A thermostat changes the circumstances – it regulates.



The same could be said for the way people respond to life's challenges. Some let circumstances control them and they often feel like victims. But others experience life on a more even keel. Circumstances may become difficult! But they're constantly overcoming those difficult circumstances. They weather the storms with the confidence that circumstances have no power to defeat them.

Which are you? A thermometer, constantly up and down? Or a thermostat, strong and unshakeable? Are you a victor or a victim?

I find that people who have a strong personal relationship with Jesus Christ experience great strength and inner peace, no matter what their circumstances. They don't see themselves as victims, but always as victors! It's a real key to victorious Christian living. 1 John 5:5 says, "And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God."



The Last Laugh...

A man, his wife, and his mother in-law went on a vacation to the Holy Land (Israel).

But unfortunately, the mother in-law passed away while still in the Holy Land.

The undertaker: You can have the body shipped home for \$5000, or you can bury her here in the holy land for \$150.

(The man thought about it for a while and replied)

Man: I think I'll just have her shipped home.

Undertaker (surprised): why would you spend \$5000 to ship your mother in-law home, when it will be wonderful to have her buried here in the holy land for only \$150?

Man replied: A man died here 2000 years ago, he was buried here, 3 days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance!