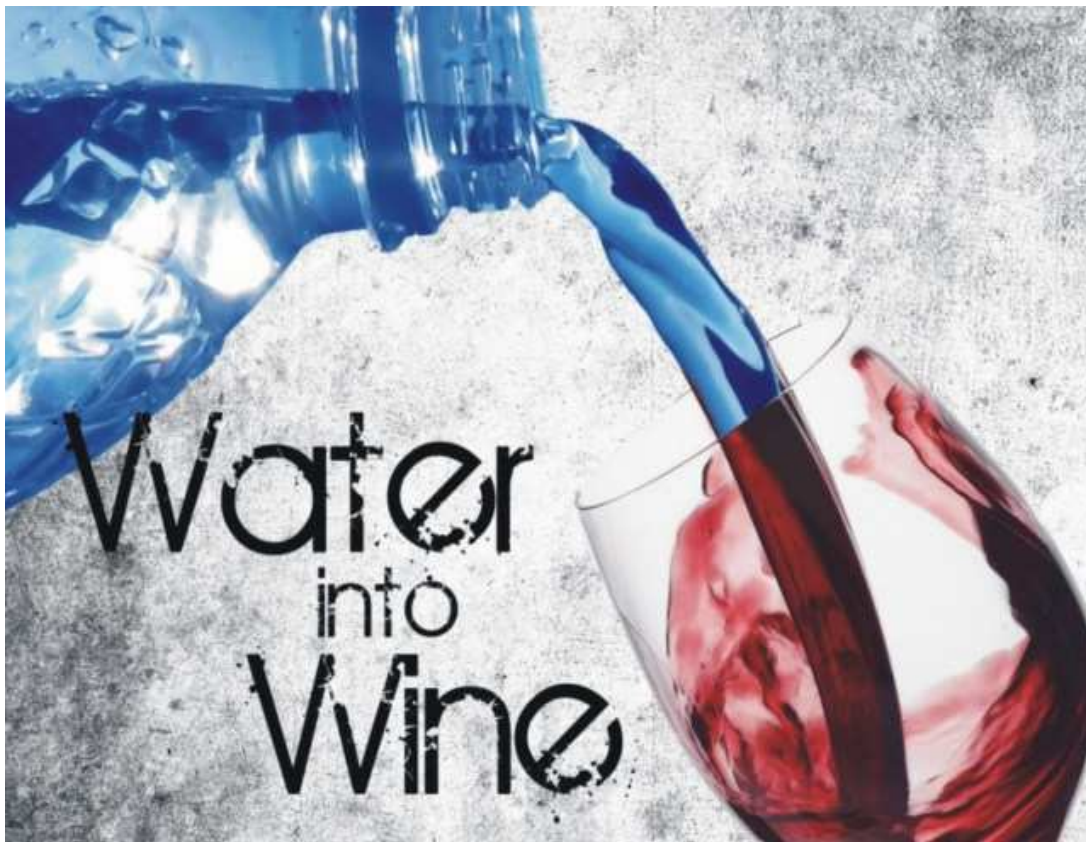


***The Forecast
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Jesus turns water into wine while He is attending a wedding in Cana, a village in Galilee, with his mother Mary and his disciples. The wedding host's supply of wine runs out. Since hospitality is a vital part of the culture, failing to provide enough wine for guests is a serious problem. The host would be ashamed, embarrassed, and even potentially liable legally for the wine shortage.

Concerned about that, Mary goes to Jesus and asks him to intervene. At first, Jesus expresses reluctance, asking Mary, "... why do you involve me?" and telling her that, "My hour has not yet come." (John 2:4). Jesus apparently hadn't intended to start performing public miracles yet.

However, moved by compassion, he decides to go ahead and do so – quietly. Jesus focuses on love first, and because of his love for everyone at the wedding, he chooses to exercise his power to solve the problem. Jesus is still focused on love and solving our problems today!

***Join us this Sunday for our new exciting message series on
"Expecting Miracles TODAY!"
Plan to be there and bring your family and friends!***



Let's Change Some Water Into Wine!"

In the gospel of John, we are presented with a profound account of Jesus' first miracle at the wedding in Cana. A story rich in symbolism, it speaks to the heart of Jesus' ministry and his relationship with humanity. At its core, this miracle serves as a powerful reminder of the abundance of God's grace and the transformative power of Jesus Christ in our lives.

The setting of this miracle is crucial. A wedding feast—a celebration of love, unity, and new beginnings—provides the backdrop for Jesus' inaugural miracle. By choosing this occasion to perform his first sign, Jesus signals the inauguration of a new era, marked by joy, fulfillment, and divine intervention.

In Jewish tradition, water symbolizes purification and renewal, while wine signifies joy, abundance, and blessing. Through this miracle, Jesus transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary, and the mundane into the miraculous. He takes what is simple and elevates it to something extraordinary—a metaphor for his ministry's essence.

Moreover, the abundance of wine that Jesus provides speaks to the overflowing grace found in him. Just as the six stone jars are filled to the brim, Jesus pours out his grace abundantly, exceeding all expectations. His grace knows no bounds and is freely given to all. In a world often characterized by scarcity and lack, Jesus offers abundance and plenty.

The timing of this miracle is also significant. It occurs at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, signaling the inauguration of a new era of divine revelation and redemption. It foreshadows the ultimate purpose of Jesus' mission—to bring joy, fulfillment, and new life to all who believe in him.

As we reflect on Jesus' first miracle at Cana, we are reminded of the abundant grace available to us through him. Just as Jesus transformed water into wine, he can transform our lives, turning despair into hope, mourning into joy, and emptiness into fullness.

Like the servants who obeyed Jesus' command, let us trust in his power to work miracles in our lives. Let us bring our emptiness, inadequacies and our brokenness to him, knowing that he can turn them into something beautiful and extraordinary.

May we also be like Mary, who in faith and obedience, trusted in Jesus' ability to intervene in even when circumstances seem bleak. Let us approach him with expectant hearts, believing that he can turn our water into wine, our mourning into dancing, and our darkness into light.

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

May 28, 2024

Budget \$1600.00
PBA Offering \$175.00
Cash in Cash out– Carenet \$70.00
Food Pantry \$20.00
Total Deposit \$1865.00

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!

If you are a worker, there will be a meeting on Tuesday, June 18th at 6:30pm. Please plan to attend this informational meeting.

Happy Birthday in May

5/20 Joe Wircenske
5/22 Winifred Ntumngia
5/27 Debra Jones
5/30 David Gibson



Happy Birthday in June

6/1 Joe Caskie
6/6 Kimberly Michie
6/11 Dave Gwaltney
6/14 Scott Kuhlne
6/18/ Lloyd Ware
6/19 Tommie Wheeler

Jean Parker 6/22
Bill Duke 6/23
Doug Miller 6/27
Pat Simmons 6/27

Lock up/ Hall Monitor 6/2 Robbie Ayscue 6/9 Joe Caskie

Counter 6/6 Joe Wircenske 6/10 Margaret Upole

Kids Church 6/2 Kathy Caskie 6/9 Tracy Venable

Grass Cutting– 6/1 Stan Langdon 6/15 Jon and Barbara Michie



Calendar

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 Sonshine Kids

Food Bank Distribution after morning worship.

Monday, June 3rd

Church office closed

Tuesday, June 4th

Church office closed

12pm 1pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, June 5th

Church office Closed

7pm Bible Study in person and online

Thursday, June 6th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Sunday, June 9th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

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

ER, Keith Stamps (American People) TW, Stephen Wright (Asian Pacific Rim People) YC (Central Asian People) Steve Morgan, Robert Pinkston (European People) MW (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) Sarah Dinkins (Sub– Saharan African People) Dave Comeau (MA) Steven Perry (mI) Ryan Schneider (NY) Claude Lafortune (NC) Krishna Bhandarim William Wu (OH) Traci Sweet (OR) Teddy Sorrells (TX)

Serve the City

There are many opportunities to serve. See www.stepeninsula.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– This 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.

Item's needed for the Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in real need of the following: Hamburger Helper, Pancake Syrup, cereal and Pasta. We do take monetary donations for the items that we need to purchase. Just mark your envelope or check. Thank you to all who support this important ministry.

We Can't See What Is Before Us

As we make our way through this journey we call life, consider the analogy of all the events before us as being just over the top of a hill. We can't see them, or what really lies before us, but we still believe that all the answers to all of our questions can be found there.



In a Peanuts comic strip, Lucy is speaking with Linus at the base of a hill. She says, "Someday I'm going over that hill and find the answer to my dreams... Someday I'm going over that hill and find hope and fulfillment. I think, for me, all the answers to life lie beyond these clouds and over the grassy slopes of that hill!"

Linus removes his thumb from his mouth, points toward the hill, and responds, "Perhaps there's another little kid on the other side of that hill who is looking this way and thinking that all the answers to life lie on this side of the hill." Lucy looks at Linus, then turns toward the hill and yells, "Forget it, kid!"

It seems that man is never satisfied; he is always looking for something else – he is looking for the answers to life in all the wrong places. Answers to life are always over the hill, just out of reach for many.

We must realize that the answers to life are found in the word of God – not over some hill. Peter declared, "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires." (2 Peter 1:3-4). Remember, ALL that pertains to life and godliness are found in the word of God. Thus, "devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching" (1 Timothy 4:13), and you will find the answers to life.



"Do It Again Dad!"

After tucking their three-year-old child Sammy in for bed one night, his parents heard sobbing coming from his room.

Rushing back in, they found him crying hysterically. He managed to tell them that he had swallowed a penny and he was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking was helping.

His father, in an attempt to calm him down, palmed a penny from his pocket and pretended to pull it from Sammy's ear. Sammy was delighted.

In a flash, he snatched it from his father's hand, swallowed, and then cheerfully demanded, "Do it again, Dad!"

The Last Impression

Ol' Fred had been a faithful Christian and was in the hospital, near death. The family called their preacher to stand with them.



As the preacher stood next to the bed, Ol' Fred's condition appeared to deteriorate and he motioned frantically for something to write on. The pastor lovingly handed him a pen and a piece of paper, and Ol' Fred used his last bit of energy to scribble a note, then suddenly died. The preacher thought it best not to look at the note at that time, so he placed it in his jacket pocket.

At the funeral, as he was finishing the message, he realized that he was wearing the same jacket that he wore when Ol' Fred died. He said, "You know, Ol' Fred handed me a note just before he died. I haven't looked at it, but knowing Fred, I'm sure there's a word of inspiration there for us all."

He opened the note and read, "Please step to your left – you're standing on my oxygen tube!"



"I Thought He Was Talking To You..."

At the height of a political corruption trial, the prosecuting attorney attacked a witness. "Isn't it true," he bellowed, "that you accepted five thousand dollars to compromise this case?" The witness stared out the window, as though he hadn't heard the question.

"Isn't it true that you accepted five thousand dollars to compromise this case?" the lawyer repeated. The witness still did not respond.

Finally, the judge leaned over and said, "Sir, please answer the question." "Oh," the startled witness said, "I thought he was talking to you."

I seem to have the same trouble when I'm preaching. Everybody thinks I'm talking to everyone else! :-) It's easy to listen to a sermon thinking, "Boy, I sure hope brother so-and-so is listening to this one!" (I know, I've done it myself). It is crucial, though, that we listen to all messages that come from the word of God with the thought, "What does this have to say to me?" because only when I make personal application can I learn and grow.

"Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." (Matt.7:3-5)



Faithfully Giving to Your Church

Faithful giving to your church is more than just a financial transaction; it is an act of worship, a reflection of our gratitude to God, and a vital support for the mission of the church. As believers, we are called to be stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us, and our giving is a tangible expression of our faith and commitment to His work.

In 2 Corinthians 9:7, the Apostle Paul reminds us, *"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* This verse highlights the importance of our attitude in giving. Faithful giving stems from a heart that is thankful for God's blessings. When we recognize that everything we have is a gift from God, our natural response is to give back with joy and gratitude. This cheerful giving honors God and acknowledges His provision in our lives.

God's nature is generous, and as His children, we are called to reflect His character. When we give faithfully to our church, we mirror God's generosity and participate in His redemptive work. Our giving becomes a testimony of God's love and grace to the world.

Faithful giving to your church is a powerful act of worship that expresses gratitude, supports the church's mission, demonstrates trust in God's provision, and reflects His generous nature. As we give, we grow in our faith and contribute to the flourishing of God's kingdom on earth. Let us commit to giving faithfully, cheerfully, and sacrificially, knowing that our contributions make a lasting impact for God's glory!

God is doing some exciting things through the people of God at HBC...

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



I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE WITH ME FOREVER. BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT