

***The Forecast
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Godly sorrow is not merely remorse over wrongdoing; it's a deep-seated sorrow that leads to genuine repentance. As believers, we're called to examine our hearts regularly, allowing God's light to illuminate areas of darkness within us. When we encounter Godly sorrow, it's a sign that His Spirit is at work in us, prompting us to acknowledge and turn away from sin.

But the beauty lies in what follows this sorrow: restoration and renewal. When we humble ourselves before God, admitting our faults and seeking His forgiveness, He doesn't leave us in despair. Instead, He extends His hand of mercy and grace, lifting us up from the depths of our remorse and leading us into a place of healing and wholeness.

Godly sorrow isn't meant to crush us but to cleanse us. It's a pathway to spiritual growth and intimacy with God. When we embrace it with sincerity, allowing it to soften our hearts and mold us into His likeness, we experience the profound joy of reconciliation with our Creator.

So, let us not fear Godly sorrow, but welcome it as a sign of love and faithfulness towards us. May it lead us to repentance, restoration, and ultimately, to a deeper relationship with Him.

***See you Sunday as we continue our message series on
"Habits Of A Healthy Heart!" Plan to attend & bring a friend!***



The Blessing of Godly Sorrow

*"Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death." -
2 Corinthians 7:10*

In these verses, Paul distinguishes between two types of sorrow: godly sorrow and worldly sorrow. This distinction is crucial for our spiritual growth and understanding of repentance.

Godly sorrow is rooted in a realization of our sins against God. It's not merely about feeling bad for getting caught or facing consequences; it's a deep, heartfelt response to the ways we have grieved God with our actions. Godly sorrow leads us to repentance. Unlike worldly grief, this repentance is transformative, changing us from the inside out, and aligning our hearts and lives with God's will.

Reflect on the last time you felt true godly sorrow. It's uncomfortable, yes, but it's also a powerful moment of honesty. This sorrow acknowledges the gravity of our sins but also embraces the mercy and forgiveness that God offers. It leads us to a place where we can change—not out of fear, but out of love and gratitude towards God.

In contrast, worldly sorrow is self-focused and rooted in pride or fear. It's the kind of sorrow that moans over lost opportunities or grieves because of public exposure. Such sorrow leads to death because it doesn't produce true change or healing; it merely regrets the situation or consequence, not the sin itself.

Paul's words invite us to examine the nature of our sorrow. Is it driving us toward God or pulling us further into ourselves? Are we seeking change or merely feeling sorry for ourselves?

The beauty of godly sorrow is that it leads to a life of salvation with no regrets. This path is not about a guilt-ridden existence but a life of freedom, joy, and peace. It allows us to move forward from our past, not shackled by our mistakes but propelled by grace.

Today, let us pray for the courage to face our sins with godly sorrow. May this sorrow lead us not into despair but into a deeper relationship with God, where true repentance finds its place. And in this repentance, may we find the joy and peace promised to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose.

Prayer: Lord, help us experience godly sorrow that leads to real change. Teach us to live lives marked by Your grace, knowing that You have forgiven us and are working in us for Your glory. Amen!

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

May 7, 2024

Deposit 4/30/2024

Budget \$1477.00

Budget Designated Community Dinner \$60.00

Budget Designated– Rent from Journey \$1000.00

Cash in Cash out– Coffee \$5.00

Cash in Cash out– Peninsula Rescue Mission \$25.00

Total Deposit \$2567.00

Deposit 5/5/2024

Budget \$6275.00

Associational Missions \$25.00

Cash in Cash out– Carenet from Recycle \$33.00

Cash in Cash Out– Sonshine Kids \$25.00

Cash in Cash out– Knox Box \$500.00

Food Pantry \$125.00

Total Deposit \$6983.00



Lock up/ Hall Monitor 5/12 Pam Cooke 5/19 Stan Langdon

Counter 5/6 Joe Wircenske 5/13 Margaret Upole

Kids Church 5/12 Tracy Venable 5/19 Lisa York

Grass Cutting– 5/18 Pam / Roger Cooke 6/1 Stan Langdon

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. Recently we collected \$33.00 for Carenet!

Pray for our Missionaries

Christopher Richard (American People) Jeff Burns, BK (Asian Pacific Rim People) PC, KD JJ (Central Asian People) IM (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) DH, MH (South Asian People) JD (Sub Saharan African People) Cholo Khongrath (CO) Jacob DAS (GA) Anthony Barrera (IN) Michael Conner (LA) Daniel Da Cunha (RI) Ryan Paterson (WA)

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!

Community Dinner– Friday, May 31st We would love to have your help at our next Community Dinner. 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, teethers, 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.

Recap of Food Distribution for April 2024

The Tuesday, Thursday Food Distribution fed 145 people, we fed 2 Homeless people, 130 individuals at the Community Dinner received food and 253 people received food on our Sunday Food giveaways. That would be a total of 530 people that have received food in April. God has been so good to HBC.

Donations are still taken for Food Pantry. We have been able to bless so many people and lives have been changed because of this ministry.

Cards for the Staff of Sedgefield Elementary School.

The school year is wrapping up so we want to express our appreciation to the Sedgefield faculty and staff before they head off for fun in the summer sun . We plan to write cards of support on May 15th at 900am . Please let Pam know if you can help

Happy Birthday in May

5/6 Kizzyann Moriah 5/19 Don Moore
5/12 Jonathan Michie 5/20 Joe Wircenske
5/14 Melodie Ntumngia 5/22 Winifred Ntumngia
5/14 Lynwood Wells 5/27 Debra Jones
5/15 Mary Ann Schell 5/30 David Gibson
5/17 Tommie Peake



Calendar

Tuesday, May 7th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, May 8th

7pm Bible Study and online

Thursday, May 9th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, May 12th

Happy Mothers Day

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sunshine Kids

Food Bank Giveaway after

Morning worship

Tuesday, May 14th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, May 15th

9:00am Writing Cards for Sedgefield Staff

7pm Bible Study in person and online

Thursday, May 16th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Friday, May 17th

6:30pm Karaoke Night

Sunday, May 19th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sunshine Kids

Start of Associational Mission
Emphasis Week



Do People Recognize That “You Have Been With Jesus?”

So here we are, trying to figure out this thing called church. You may have your own understanding of what church means and it might look and sound a lot like what many people understand it to be, Sunday after Sunday, attending a worship service. But it truly is so much more!

As I was reading through Acts once again, I discovered a profound nugget of truth in Act 4:13. *“Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John, and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were marveling, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.”*

Notice the focus of this passage. This has everything to do with Christ and nothing to do with us. A life yielded to Christ is one that is recognized only by spending time with Christ. So, the notion that Peter and John did anything apart from that has no merit.

Imagine these disciples, these uneducated men derived their being and everything they had as witnesses of the gospel of Christ from Christ Himself, through the gift of His indwelling Spirit. The truth they spoke was not a truth of their own imaginations but rather truth as shared with them first by Christ Himself and then, after Pentecost, by the gift of the Holy Spirit (John 14:25-26).

We too, by spending time with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in His Word, in fellow-shiping with other believers of His church and by prayer, become the witnesses recognized by those of the world as having spent time with Jesus. Spending time with Jesus is the only way that leads to being in a position to be the kinds of witness this world needs, as in the case with Peter and John. It can't be done any other way. If you don't spend time with Jesus, you can't know Him, and if you don't know Him, how can you testify of Him?

As you read the passage for yourself, you will see that there is more to it than I am able to share with you here. There is a larger context of what Peter and John did on their way to the temple and their subsequent preaching as a result of the miracle the Lord worked through them. They performed their first miracle in the healing a crippled man, as if it was the most natural thing possible – *“as men who had been with Jesus.”*

Boldness is not the goal, knowing Jesus is the goal. Boldness is always a byproduct of knowing Jesus and declaring what not only what He “did” but what He “does” - that the world might recognize through our witness the one simple truth – *“That we have been with Jesus!”*



Lose Yourself Though Worship

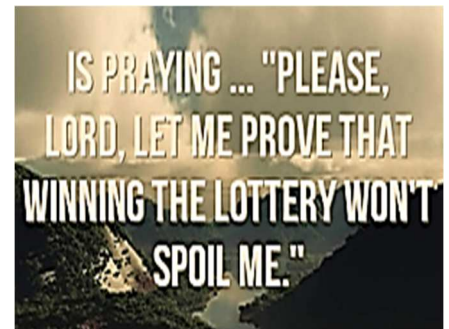
Never lose your sense of wonder, or you'll lose your motivation for worship. Unless you believe God is all-powerful, ever-present and approachable, you'll live in a state of anxiety believing that everything depends on you. You'll fail to be generous because the source of your security is in yourself. You'll avoid confronting those who need it, because without the certainty of God's acceptance you yourself will become a slave to people's opinions.

There's one thing that's guaranteed to restore your understanding of how big and wonderful God is – worship. God created us so that when we experience something awe-inspiring we need to praise it, to wrap words around it. We don't worship God because He needs it, but because we do.

Without worship our perception of Him is incomplete; we forget how great He is; we overlook our calling and become self-involved. We lose our sense of wonder and gratitude by plodding through life with blinkers on, and we become self-reliant, stubborn and proud. So, each day let us pause and say, "*Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool...*" (Psalm 99:5)

The Last Impression

A woman named Edna finds herself in dire trouble. Her business has gone bust and she's in serious financial trouble. She's so desperate that she decides to ask God for help. She begins to pray... 'God, please help me. I've lost my business and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto.



Lotto night comes and somebody else wins it.

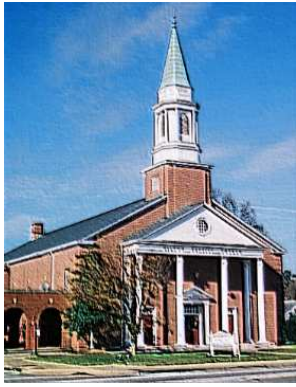
Edna again prays.... 'God, please let me win the lotto! I've lost my business, my house and I'm going to lose my car as well.'

Lotto night comes and Edna still has no luck.

Once again, she prays, 'My God, why have you forsaken me?? I've lost my business, my house, and my car. My children are starving. I don't often ask you for help and I have always been a good servant to you. PLEASE, just let me win the lotto this one time so I can get my life back in order.

Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open and Edna is confronted by the voice of what sounds like God Himself:

“Edna, how about you meet Me halfway on this... *Buy a ticket!*”



Regarding Our Budget Challenges...

Our church stands as a beacon of hope, a sanctuary of faith, and a testament to the power of community. Together, we have weathered storms, celebrated triumphs, and grown closer to each other and to God.

Yet, as stewards of this sacred space, we also recognize our responsibility to sustain and nurture it for future generations. Our church is more than bricks and mortar; it is a living testament to our shared commitment to God's work in the world. Each donation, each offering, is a seed planted in faith, bearing fruit that sustains our ministries, supports our outreach, and strengthens our bonds of love.

Therefore, we humbly invite you to prayerfully consider how you can better contribute to the ongoing vitality of our church. Your financial support, given in love and with faith, enables us to continue our mission of spreading God's love, serving our community, and nurturing the spiritual growth of all who seek solace within these walls.

Whether you can give a little or give abundantly, know that every gift is received with gratitude and is used wisely to further God's kingdom here on earth. Let us unite our hearts in prayer, seeking guidance and wisdom as we discern how best to support the work of our beloved church.

May our generosity be a reflection of God's abundant grace, and may our collective efforts bring glory to His name!

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

***Please remember your com-
mitments and giving and be
part of the miracle!***



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THANKS TO THE INFLUENCE OF THE ANGEL
AND DEVILS FOOD CAKES, HE COULD NOT
DECIDE HOW SINFULLY CHOCOLATE TO MAKE
THE ECLAIRS