

***The Forecast***  
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In Mark 10:46-52, we encounter the touching story of Blind Bartimaeus encountering Jesus on the road to Jericho. Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by. In desperation, he cries out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mark 10:47). Despite the crowd's attempts to silence him, Bartimaeus persists, recognizing Jesus not only as a healer but as the promised Messiah.

Jesus hears Bartimaeus' cry and stops. He calls Bartimaeus to him and asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" (Mark 10:51). Bartimaeus responds, "*Rabbi, I want to see.*" (Mark 10:51). Jesus commends Bartimaeus' faith, saying, "*Go, your faith has healed you.*" (Mark 10:52). Instantly, Bartimaeus receives his sight. This same Jesus is still healing today – both spiritual and physically!

***Join us this Sunday as we learn important lessons of faith from the  
New Testament account of Blind Bartimaeus.  
Plan to be there and bring your family and friends!***



## ***Lessons From Bartimaeus***

Bartimaeus was blind, marginalized, and a beggar—situations that signify helplessness and total dependence on others. His persistent shouting for Jesus, even when others rebuked him, highlights his determination and unwavering faith.

Despite his physical blindness, Bartimaeus had spiritual insight recognizing Jesus as the "Son of David," a messianic title. By calling Jesus "Son of David," Bartimaeus acknowledged Jesus as the promised Messiah. This title reflects his belief in Jesus' divine authority and power to heal.

Initially, the crowd rebukes Bartimaeus, reflecting societal attitudes toward marginalized individuals. However, when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus, the crowd's attitude shifts, indicating how Jesus' actions influence social perceptions and attitudes.

Jesus stops and acknowledges Bartimaeus, showing His compassion and willingness to meet individual needs amidst a large following. By asking, "*What do you want me to do for you?*" Jesus gives Bartimaeus the opportunity to express his faith and specific desire for healing.

Bartimaeus's response, "*Rabbi, I want to see,*" signifies his faith in Jesus' ability to restore his sight. His faith is pivotal, as Jesus affirms, "*Your faith has healed you.*" Upon receiving his sight, Bartimaeus follows Jesus, symbolizing discipleship and the transformative power of encountering Christ. His immediate decision to follow Jesus highlights the call to discipleship that follows experiencing Jesus' grace and power.

The story of Blind Bartimaeus is a powerful testament to the transformative power of faith in Jesus. It challenges us to persist in our faith, recognize our need for Jesus, and respond to His call with readiness and commitment. May we, like Bartimaeus, experience Jesus' healing and follow Him faithfully along the road of discipleship.

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

June 18, 2024

There is no count today

## VBS– August 5th– 9th

6:00pm–8:30pm Dinner will be served!

Ages 4– 12 years old!

There are fliers in the Connection Center. Please hand some out and invite Kids!

Volunteers are still needed. See Dreama!



Lock up/ Hall Monitor 6/30 Pam Cooke 7/7 Stan Langdon

Counter 7/1 Joe Wircenske 7/8 Margaret Upole

Kids Church 6/30 TBD 7/7 Kathy Caskie

Grass Cutting– 6/29 Joe Caskie/ Don Moore 7/13 Pam and Roger Cooke

## Happy Birthday in June

6/23 Bill Duke

6/27 Doug Miler

6/27 Pat Simmons

## Happy Birthday in July

7/3 Art Halk

7/12 Emma Beard

7/21 Tracy Venable

/7/23 Sue Monfalcone

7/27 Wayne Tawney

7/27 Wayne Tawney

7/31 Cindy Gibson

7/31 Lisa York



## **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 need to add people to our team. No experience is necessary! Come and see if you would like to work with us!

My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

### **Calendar**

#### **Tuesday, June 25th**

12pm—1pm Food Distribution

#### **Wednesday, June 26th**

7pm Bible Study in person and online

#### **Thursday, June 27th**

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

Friday, June 28th

5:30pm-6:30 Community Dinner

6:15pm Food Distribution

7:00pm Sonshine Kids Girls Sleepover

#### **Sunday, June 30th**

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Food Bank Distribution after morning worship.

#### **Tuesday, July 2nd**

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

#### **Wednesday, July 3rd**

7pm Bible Study in person and online

#### **Thursday, July 4th**

**Church office closed**

NO FOOD DISTRIBUTION

#### **Sunday, July 7th**

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship

Combined Service with

Journey Church in their area

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. \$25.00 for Lackey Clinic was raised from the last cans turned in .

### **Pray for our Missionaries**

JB, KE, JW (Asian Pacific Rim People) GD (Central Asian People) TH (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) Jeff Singerman (Sub Saharan African People) Darron Goodrich (MOO Dustin Payne (OR)

### **THIS WEEK! 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 is available on the website .There are many ways you can serve!

### **Community Dinner– Friday, June 28th**

Thanks to all who helped make the Community Dinner and the Food Giveaway a great success at our last community dinner. Our next Community Dinner is Friday, June 28th from 5:30-6:30pm with the food giveaway immediately following. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be served. If you can help please contact the church office.

### **WMU Project for June**

The Mission Project for this month is Lackey Free Clinic. Lackey requests monetary support. Lackey helps those who do not have insurance. It is a wonderful clinic helping with the health, vision, eye and spiritual help of their patients. The clinic is Christ centered. Please pray for this important ministry. Mark your check or envelope.

### **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.





## ***Have A Listening Spirit***

*"For by wise guidance you will wage war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory." – Proverbs 24:6*

Seeking advice is an important, yet difficult, habit to cultivate. It requires humility and admitting that we might be wrong. We need to admit that we don't have all the answers and that we need help.

We often actively approach people we respect for advice. But we can also approach people we normally would not seek out, those we might not feel have anything important to say, those who have not helped us in the past, or even people we find irritating or spiritually immature – even novices (Psalm 8:2). Sometimes observations and opinions are given without our consent or request.

As the Bible tells us, there is victory “in abundance of counselors” and listening to the perspective of many people. It's possible to gain some important insights from anyone, regardless of their background or our past relationships, even if they're not 100% correct.

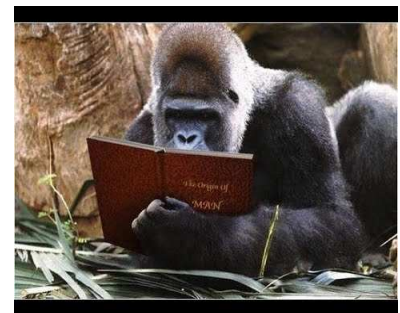
This process also requires sensitivity and discernment. It is impractical and foolish to accept the advice of everyone. We need to develop the right attitude and not be proud or self-centered but humble, willing to listen. In that spirit, we become more sensitive to God's leading, correction, and guidance.

We always must be careful to check every opinion and recommendation against the Bible to be sure our decisions are consistent with the Word. We need to pray about every situation and be sensitive to the Spirit and His leading.

*“Father, I humble myself before You. Help me be a good listener. Give me discernment. In Jesus' name, Amen!”*

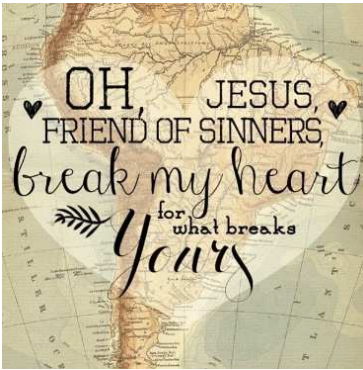
## ***“The Monkey & The Zoo Keeper... The Last Impression!”***

One day the zoo-keeper noticed that the monkey was reading two books - the Bible and Darwin's *The Origin of Species*.



In surprise he asked the ape, "Why are you reading both those books"?

"I am just trying to find out whether I am my brother's keep.... Or my keeper's brother?"



## ***Break Our Hearts O God!***

I want to believe that a lot of Christians at some point have prayed the prayer: *"Lord, break my heart for what breaks yours."* We've asked God to give us the eyes to see his children the way he does and the heart to love them as he does. We've asked God to give us his heart for people.

This is an honest, good prayer. Our desire should be to serve and love our brothers and sisters in Christ, and those who have rejected the faith, because we have the Holy Spirit living in us, which should result in a change of heart and mind. In Ezekiel 36:26, it says *"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."*

**But what breaks God's heart?** And, are we really ready to have our hearts broken in the same ways and for the same things as God? What does it mean to pray a prayer like that?

God's heart breaks for all of his children. It breaks for those who have loved him their whole lives and for those who've never known him. It breaks for injustice and oppression. It breaks for the sin, disease, loss, grief, pain, confusion, and struggle of his children and of this world. God's heart breaks for those who are in him, struggling to accept grace or to repent. It breaks for the ways his own creation rejects him.

In a world as broken, sinful, and as hurt as ours, God's heart breaks every day for so many things. Because if God is love, then he is constantly being rejected, abused, hurt, and broken. So, if we ask God to really break our hearts for what breaks his, we are going to experience a lot of intense, vulnerable realities. We will glimpse the depth of our sin and how it breaks God's heart. We will experience broken circumstances and broken people. We will see situations where hope seems non-existent, and God seems far. We will endure hardships and we will grieve with others.

Asking God to break our hearts for what breaks his will convict us because we break his heart. Our sin, our rejection of him, breaks his heart. However, if we are in Christ, our sin does not condemn us. We have grace, we are covered by the blood of Christ, and we do not have to be and cannot ever be perfect. But our sin still hurts God because it is an act of rejection and rebellion against him and it results in our pain or the pain of others. If our heart breaks for what God's does, then we will experience the sweet heartbreak of conviction.

If our hearts break for what God's does, we will mourn, we will grieve, we will writhe in the pain of others, we will be convicted. But, we will also see how our Father heals, restores, and renews the broken. We will see the heart of God.

## ***Dear Beloved HBC Family,***

I strive in every way I know to always be an encouragement to you, my beloved church family. As your pastor, however, it is both my duty and privilege to share with you an important concern regarding our church's current financial situation. Over the past few months, we have experienced a significant shortfall in our congregational giving, leading to a serious budget deficit. This shortfall impacts our ability to sustain the various ministries and community outreach programs that are vital to our mission and service.



We understand that these are challenging times for many, and we deeply appreciate the sacrifices you have made to support our church. However, to continue the good work we have been doing, we urgently need your help. I kindly ask each of you to prayerfully consider how you might be able to contribute, whether through regular tithes, special offerings, or any other form of support. Together, with faith, we can overcome this financial hurdle and continue to be a beacon of hope and love in our community. Please prayerfully consider a special gift over and above your regular giving toward meeting our current budget shortfall and reconsider your monthly 10% tithing as unto the Lord!

***In Christ's love, Pastor Lynwood***



## ***Psalm 23 For The Workplace***

The Lord is my real boss, and I shall not want.

He gives me peace, when chaos is all around me.

He reminds me to pray before I speak and to do all things without murmuring and complaining.

He reminds me that He is my Source and not my job. He restores my sanity every day and guides my decisions that I might honor Him in all I do.

Even though I face absurd amounts of e-mail, system crashes, unrealistic deadlines, budget cutbacks, gossiping co-workers, discriminating supervisors, and an aging body that doesn't cooperate every morning,

I will not stop, for He is with me!

His presence, His peace and His power will see me through. He raises me up, even when they fail to promote me. He claims me as His own, even when the company threatens to let me go. His faithfulness and love are better than a bonus check.