

***The Forecast***  
***Hilton Baptist Church.***  
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When we give generously, we reflect the nature of God, who is the ultimate giver. He gave us life, sustains us daily, and, most importantly, gave His only Son so that we might have eternal life. As we grow in our relationship with Him, our hearts naturally overflow with a desire to give, not just out of duty, but out of love and gratitude.

The joy of giving generously is a joy that goes beyond the immediate act. It's a joy that stems from knowing that our gifts, whether large or small, are part of something bigger than ourselves. When we give, we become co-laborers with God, contributing to the advancement of His kingdom and the blessing of others.

Generous giving also frees us from the bondage of materialism and self-centeredness. It shifts our focus from what we have to what we can share, fostering a spirit of contentment and trust in God's provision. This kind of joy is not dependent on our circumstances.

May we learn better to give as God gives – Generously and with joy!

***Join us this Sunday as we continue to learn about the true joy in giving.  
Be there and bring your family and friends--  
let's experience the miraculous together!***



## ***Sowing Generously, Reaping Abundantly!***

*"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." —2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

In these verses, Paul offers a profound insight into the nature of giving and its consequences. He uses the imagery of sowing and reaping, a concept deeply rooted in agricultural societies but universally understood. Just as a farmer who scatters only a few seeds will harvest a small crop, so too, our giving produces a return in proportion to our generosity. But this isn't merely about the quantity; it's about the heart behind the giving.

The act of giving is much more than a financial transaction; it is a spiritual practice that reflects our trust in God. When we give generously, we acknowledge that everything we have comes from Him. Our resources—be it money, time, or talents—are gifts from God, entrusted to us not to hoard but to share. By giving generously, we align ourselves with God's nature, for He is the ultimate Giver, having given us His Son.

Paul emphasizes that our giving should not be done reluctantly or under compulsion. God isn't interested in begrudging gifts; He desires that we give out of a joyful heart. A cheerful giver understands that in God's economy, giving leads not to loss but to gain. When we give with the right attitude, we participate in a divine cycle: we give, God blesses, and we reap a harvest—often in ways that far exceed our expectations.

This principle challenges us to examine our own giving. Are we sowing sparingly or generously? Do we give out of obligation or with a cheerful heart? Generous giving is not measured by the amount but by the willingness and joy with which we give. It's an act of worship, a tangible expression of our faith in God's provision.

As you consider your giving, ask God to cultivate in you a spirit of generosity. Trust that He will not only meet your needs but will also bless you abundantly, so that you can continue to be a blessing to others. Remember, the seeds you sow today will yield a harvest that can impact lives, both now and for eternity.

*"Heavenly Father, help me to be a cheerful and generous giver. Teach me to trust in Your provision and to give from a heart full of gratitude. May my giving reflect Your love and bring you glory. Amen*

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

August 13, 2024

Budget \$ 5840.00  
Budget Use of Church \$500.00  
Cash in Cash out– Pizza for VBS \$30.00  
Cash in Cash out– VBS \$20.00  
Pure Water Pure Love \$100.00  
Total Deposit \$6490.00

## Calendar

### Tuesday, August 13th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

### Thursday, August 15th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

### Friday August 16th

Produce Bagging– See Tara Borton for more information

7:00pm–9:00pm Karaoke

### Sunday, August 18th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Produce Giveaway

### Tuesday, August 20th

12:00pm-1pm Food Distribution

### Thursday, August 22nd

Church office Closed

No Food Distribution

### Friday August 23rd

11:00am Produce Bagging– See Tara

### Sunday, August 25th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and In person

Worship at HBC

Produce Giveaway



American  
Red Cross

We will be hosting our annual Blood Drive on MONDAY , September 9th from 1pm– 6pm and we are looking for volunteers for people to check in the clients. If you can help please let Dreama know. You do not have to work the whole time you can just work as little or as much as you want to.

Ages 4-12 Years

August 5th-9th  
6:00pm - 8:30pm

2024 Vacation Bible School  
"Show Casing Christ Character"

ALL FREE!!!!

Call 757-595-3300  
to register

Dinner Served  
Nightly



**Many Thanks to everyone who had a part in VBS.  
It was a great success!**



**Happy Birthday in August**

8/19 Barry Surber

8/27 Baelfire Whiting

8/30 Jan Harvey

8/31 Pat Schell



*Come unto me,  
all ye that labor  
and are heavy laden,  
and I  
will give you  
rest.  
Matthew 11:28*



***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***

Tisha Jones (American People) Su-Jeong Kuykendall. PN, Hyosik Song (Asian Pacific Rim People) Kate Brosseau, Jeremiah Brown, JF, WJ, Sherri Watson (European People) LH (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) KA, SC, MD (South Asian People) Samuel Delphin, Bruce Sabin (FL) Jacob Hatfield (MN)

***WMU Project for August***– Pure Water Pure Love

***Community Dinner, Friday, August 30th***

Thanks to all who came out and helped with the Community Dinner in July. We served about 98 people. The food distribution was a great success. We will be having our next monthly Community Dinner 8/30 at 5:30pm. We can use your help. Not only do we feed people, we also give out Food Bank Distribution. Can you help? Please see Pam Cooke or Tara Borton (Food Distribution) . God is doing great things!

***Sedgefield Elementary School Drive***

We will be collecting the following items for Sedgefield Elementary School. All items are due back to the church by August 18th.

Boxes of Tissues    Hand Sanitizer    Disinfectant Wipes

***Lock up/ Hall Monitor***    8/18 Lisa and Dave Falls    8/25 Stan Langdon

***Counter***    8/ 19 Margaret Upole    8/26 Joe Wircenske

***Kids Church***    8/18 Lisa York    8/25 Debra Sink

***Grass Cutting***–    8/24 Don Moore/ Joe Caskie    9/7 Pam and Roger Cooke



## *Are You Wrestling With God?*

*“Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day... Jacob said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me!” ... And He blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: **“For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.”** Genesis 12*

In the most extreme moment of his life, when his entire household was threatened with annihilation, the Patriarch Jacob wrestled with a Man through an entire sleepless night.

Somehow, after this astounding encounter, Jacob came to the realization that he had been wrestling with God, and face to face! Once again, the Lord God of heaven showed Himself as a human being to a man He loved; this time, for the purpose of rescuing, blessing, and preserving the man's destiny.

Jacob was relentless during this struggle and his perseverance changed him profoundly, forever, in several ways: he was wounded and walked with a limp for the rest of his life, a sign of human weakness and dependence on the Lord; he was given a new name ("Israel") and with it a new identity, as a prince with God, and one whose struggle with the Almighty saved his life, his family, and his God given inheritance and posterity; and finally, Jacob received the long-awaited relief and closure with the brother whom he had deceived and enraged so many years before.

So this wrestling match with God was a massive turning point in Jacob's life, and though it must have taken every ounce of human effort he could muster, the victory he won affected every human being in history, since, of course, the Man that Jacob wrestled with was almost certainly the same Man who became his most important descendant, the Savior of the world, Yeshua, the Messiah; Jesus the Christ.

How often difficulties and crises are used by the Lord to bring us closer and to develop intimacy with Him. It is sometimes the Lord's will to draw us to Himself through extreme and even terrible circumstances or threats.

The inner transformation that can take place when we pass through these intense prayer battles, cannot perhaps, be accomplished any other way. But consider the fruit and the blessing which can result from these mighty wrestling's. And consider how being that close to God Himself may change you forever.

So, you who are gutting out that anguishing trial—don't let go until you receive the blessing, the change, the victory. I believe the Lord also wants to say to you— that you have struggled with God and with men — and have prevailed!



## ***Requesting a Donation***

A very wealthy man in the community was not known for his generosity to the church. The church was involved in a big financial program so the fundraising committee decided they had to pay him a visit. As they met with him, they said that in view of his considerable resources they were sure that he would like to make a substantial contribution to this program.

"I see," he said. "So you have it all figured out, have you? In the course of your investigation did you discover that I have a widowed mother who has no other means of support but me?" No, they responded, they did not know that.

"Did you know that I have a sister who was left by a drunken husband with five children and no means to provide for them?" No, they said, they did not know that either. "

Well, did you know also that I have a brother who is crippled due to an automobile accident and can never work another day to support his wife and family?" Embarrassingly, they responded, no, they did not know that either.

"Well," he thundered triumphantly, "I've never given any of them a cent, so why should I give anything to you?"

## ***The Last Impression***

A little girl asked her mother, "How did the human race come about?" The mother answered, "God made Adam and Eve; they had children and, so all mankind was made."

A few days later, the little girl asked her father the same question. The father answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys, and we developed from them."

The confused girl returns to her mother and says, "Mom, how is it possible that you told me that the human race was created by God, and Papa says we developed from monkeys?"

The mother answered, "Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about the origin of my side of the family, and your father told you about his side."





## ***Giving Back To God***

The purpose of tithing is to teach us to always put God first in our lives. God doesn't need our money. He wants what it represents: our gratitude, our priorities and our faith. Look at these verses in Proverbs 3. Do you see where it says, *'Honor the Lord by giving him the leftovers of all your income'*.. Now, you can see, that's **NOT** what it says at all.

It says, *"Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest .."*. We give to God first, right off the top of our income. And here is the promise, *"Then your barns will be completely filled, and your vats will overflow with new wine"*.

As committed believers, we are called to give the first 10% to God. If we're going to be in debt, we will be in debt to other people, but should not be in debt to God. You and I are called to give back to God in gratitude, but also as a demonstration of our priorities. And, it is a demonstration of our faith in his promises.

In Malachi 3:10, God says, *"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse ..."*. That means the place where you worship. Then God says, *"Put me to the test!"* In a sense, *"Test me and see how I will bless you for your obedience"* God says he will provide all that you need. He doesn't say he'll provide all that we greed, but all that we need.

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

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

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**SLOW DOWN ... WATCH OUT FOR THAT OASIS  
... CAREFUL FOR THE DUNE ... CAN'T YOU  
SEE THAT PALM TREE?**