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The story of Jesus asleep in the boat during the storm is found in 3 of the gospels, is rich with symbolism and meaning. One interpretation is that Jesus' ability to sleep through the violent storm reflects his complete trust in God. While the disciples are panicked, Jesus' calmness demonstrates his divine authority over nature and his confidence that nothing is outside God's control. His sleep contrasts the disciples' fear, showing that while they are focused on the external danger, Jesus remains grounded in his faith.

The fear in the face of the storm reveals their lack of faith, despite witnessing Jesus' miracles and teachings. When they wake him in desperation, Jesus rebukes them for their lack of trust before calming the storm. This serves as a powerful lesson on the importance of faith in times of uncertainty, showing that even in the most turbulent moments, believers are called to trust in Jesus' power and protection.

The storms of our lives are real, but power of Jesus is greater!

***Join us this Sunday as we continue our exciting series called
"He Promises." The words of Jesus still changing lives today. Join us
this Sunday with family and friends!***



Jesus... Asleep In The Storm

The story of Jesus asleep in the boat, found in Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41, and Luke 8:22-25, offers a profound lesson about trust, faith, and the peace that Jesus offers. Imagine the scene: the Sea of Galilee, surrounded by mountains, is known for sudden storms. One of those storms strikes as Jesus and his disciples are crossing the sea. The winds howl, waves crash violently against the boat, and the disciples—seasoned fishermen—are terrified. They know the sea well, yet this storm is overwhelming. As water fills the boat and panic sets in, they look to find Jesus... asleep.

In the middle of chaos, while their very lives seem to be at risk, the Savior of the world is resting. How is this possible? As the wind rages and the boat tosses like a toy on the waves, the disciples are filled with fear. In desperation, they wake Jesus: “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?” (Mark 4:38). It’s not just a question; it’s a cry for help. How can Jesus be so calm when everything is falling apart around them?

Jesus’ sleep in the midst of the storm is a striking image of his deep trust in the Father’s plan. He knows that nothing happens outside of God’s control, not even a violent storm. His calmness reveals his divine confidence that all is well, even when it looks otherwise. The storm is no threat to him. For Jesus, the chaos of the storm doesn’t match the peace in his heart. It shows that true peace comes not from the absence of trouble but from the presence of trust.

We often find ourselves in the disciples’ shoes—overwhelmed by life’s storms, feeling as though our boat is sinking. The wind and waves may take different forms: fear, anxiety, loss, or uncertainty. In those moments, like the disciples, we may cry out, “God, don’t you care?” We question why Jesus seems “asleep” while we’re struggling. We wonder why he isn’t responding with the urgency we expect. But Jesus’ calmness reminds us that he is always in control, even when we feel out of control.

After calming the storm, Jesus turns to his disciples and asks, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” (Mark 4:40). It’s a gentle rebuke, one that calls us to reflect on our own hearts. Jesus had already performed miracles before their eyes, yet in the storm, their faith faltered. How often do we forget God’s faithfulness in our past when we are faced with a new challenge?

Jesus isn’t promising a life without storms. But he is showing us that he is present in the storm, offering peace that transcends understanding. His peace doesn’t mean the storm won’t come—it means we can trust him through it. The same Jesus who spoke to the wind and waves speaks to our hearts: “Be still.”

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

September 10, 2024

Budget \$5530.00

Alma Hunt \$500.00

Cash in Cash out– Sedgefield School \$25.00

PDF \$57.00

Pure Water Pure Love \$40.00 (from recycling cans)

Total Deposit \$6152.00



The Alma Hunt Offering –for Virginia Missions is a joint venture of Woman’s Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV). The annual offering for Virginia missions was named for **Alma Hunt** (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ.

Collected to Date \$625.00

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thanks to Barbara Michie, Margaret Upole and Brenda Robbins for their help in making the Blood Drive a great success.

Our goal was 19 pints and we collected 22. It was a great day. Thanks again to all who supported the drive.



American
Red Cross

Lock up/ Hall Monitor 9/15 Joe Caskie 9/22 Roger Cooke

Counter 9/16 Margaret Upole 9/23 Joe Wircenske

Kids Church 9/15 Lisa York 9/22 Debra Sink

Grass Cutting 9/21 Stan Langdon 10/5 Jon and Barbara Michie

Calendar

Monday, September 9th

1:00pm-6:00pm

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, September 10th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, September 11th

7:00m Bible Study

In person or Facebook Live

Thursday, September 12th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Sunday, September 15th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Food Bank Giveaway after worship

Free and open to the public

Happy Birthday in September

9/8 Robert Overman

9/12 Frank Schaubach

9/15 Jim Egnot

9/24 Roger Cooke

9/27 Jason Moriah

9/29 Betty Jean Allen

9/29 Kathy Devol

9/29 David Falls

Tuesday, September 17th

12:00pm-1pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, September 18th

7:00pm Bible Study

In person or Facebook Live

Thursday, September 19th

12:00pm- 1:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, September 22nd

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and In person

Worship at HBC

Produce Giveaway



Missions Outreach

Pam Cooke 757-660-4226

Aluminum Cans

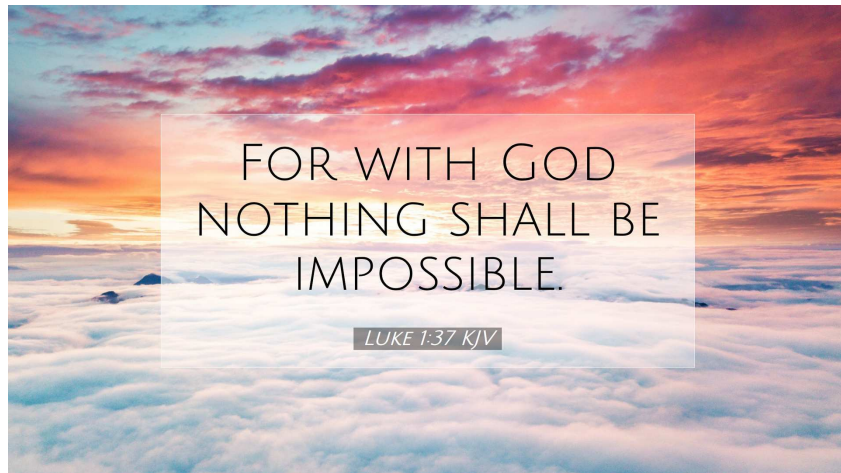
Recycle your cans at HBC and help Support missions! Bring them to HBC and place them in the gym or the church office. All money collected goes to missions. The last cans recycled, \$40.00 to Pure Water / Pure Love

Pray for our Missionaries–

Young Mo Kim, BR, Doug Roberts (American People) WA, MC, MW (Asian Pacific Rim People) BB, MH (Central Asian People) AY, AY (European People) KS (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) RL (Sub Saharan African People) Jesus Barros (DC) Angel Bremudez, Emilio Herrera (FL) Pat Rankin (Ezekiel Ruboneka (MO) Tyler Martin (WY)

Community Dinner, Friday, September 27th

We will be having our monthly Community Dinner on Friday, September 27th from 5:30pm-6:30pm. If you would like to help see Pam Cooke or Tara Borton (Food Bank Distribution)

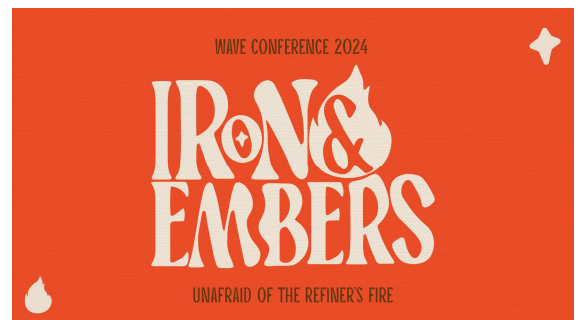


The Wave Conference is coming up soon. The evening services are free and open to the public. If you would like to go please let the church office know. We will car pool to Virginia Beach to Wave Church.

Wednesday, October 2nd 7pm

Thursday, October 3rd 7pm

Plan now to attend this special event!



Do You Know Why You're Living?

Jesus knew exactly why He lived. He said in *John 18:37*, "*For this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.*"

That's what He thought about, prayed about, planned for, worked towards, sacrificed for, died and rose again for, and finally accomplished. By fulfilling His destiny He changed the world forever.



So, do you know your destiny? What are you doing to achieve it?

"We are... created... to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10 NIV) Does that sound like a life of aimless wandering with no known destination? The Bible says, *"A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."* (*Proverbs 16:9*) Plan well, but always stay open to God's direction. *"...All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be."* (*Ps 139:16*)

God's plan for your life was set before you were a twinkle in your parents' eyes! He has destined you for greatness and blessing in every area of your life. Believe that word from the Lord for you! Don't fail to follow His path or you'll miss His best for your life.



The Confused Pastor

Ending his sermon, a preacher announced that he would preach on Noah and the Ark on the following Sunday, and gave the scriptural reference for the congregation to read ahead of time.

A couple of boys noticed something interesting about the placement of the story in the Bible. They slipped into the church and glued two pages of the pulpit Bible together.

The next Sunday, the preacher got up to read his text. "Noah took unto himself a wife," he began, "and she was" – he turned the page to continue – "three hundred cubits long, fifty wide and thirty high."

He paused, scratched his head, turned the page back, read it silently, and turned the page again.

Then he looked up at his congregation and said, "I've been reading this old Bible for near fifty years, but there are some things in it that are hard to believe."

Discovering Real Treasure

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” — Psalm 119:105

The story has been told of a great adventurer and student of the Old West. The greatest thrill of his life was to search for treasures hidden from the days of the great California gold rush in the 1800s. He would begin by investigating leads on so-called “treasure maps” that had been uncovered or found in antique shops.



He would buy the maps and begin to do research on the locations. When an area was located, he would search history books to see if a treasure was supposed to have been hidden in that area. If so, he would begin searching. In this fashion, he had made a number of successful finds during his life and had become quite rich through his efforts. In fact, he became so successful that his adventures became routine to the point that he tired of them.

One day, the man decided he would attempt the ultimate adventure. He would find another treasure, but this time without the help of a map. He purchased another old treasure map and figured out the general area that held the promise of a great hidden treasure. Then, he set out on his adventure without the assistance of the map. He was never heard from again. Some years later, others found his remains in a mountainous desert area. Apparently, the great adventurer had died of starvation during his quest. Alongside his bones, amongst his gear, the treasure map was found – clearly indicating where to look. He was nowhere near the treasure, but had died in search of riches that could have been easily found.

Where do you look to find spiritual treasure? Some chase after possessions to find fulfillment. Others immerse themselves in pleasurable experiences. Some long for spiritual connection, but lose heart along the way and give up. Others become convinced that they don't need the “map” to find spiritual treasure. They believe they can find it on their own.

God's Word – the Bible – is our treasure map. God has assured us in His Word that we can have eternal life, and through the reading, study and meditation of Scripture, we will learn how to navigate through this life. And in the end, we will find eternal treasure: living forever with God in heaven. With the Bible as our map, we are assured of never losing our way.

We are all living out the adventure of life. Where are you headed? Don't let your soul waste away in a spiritual wilderness while a trusted map collects dust nearby. Today, take some time to read your Bible. It will help provide directions on your way to finding real treasure!



God...Is He In Your Will?

God Word commands us, *“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust does corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust does corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”* (Matt. 6:19-21).

By planning ahead in writing your will and choosing to leave part of your estate to the ongoing work of God’s Church, you can continue to fulfill God’s purpose even after your death. Sometimes I like to ask, *“You want to be in God’s will... Shouldn’t He be in yours?”*

Your Last Will and Testament can stand as a final act of good stewardship. Oftentimes a designation of the tithe, or simply one-tenth of your estate will far exceed beyond many tithes and offerings given at their present value. When we specify a portion of our inheritance to God first, we honor not only Him but our family and friends as well.

God Himself has told us that everything belongs to Him: *“The earth is the LORD’S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein”* (Psa. 24:1). As good stewards, we must seek God’s will in deciding what we do with His gifts. We know that God accomplishes His purpose through those who seek to do His will, and that He has *“has put in [our] hearts to fulfill His will”* even after we are gone! (Rev. 17:17).

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!



Thanks to Richard Germain

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THANKS FOR THE POP QUIZ, FELLA ... I SUPPOSE I NEED TO GO AND RETAKE THIS CLASS