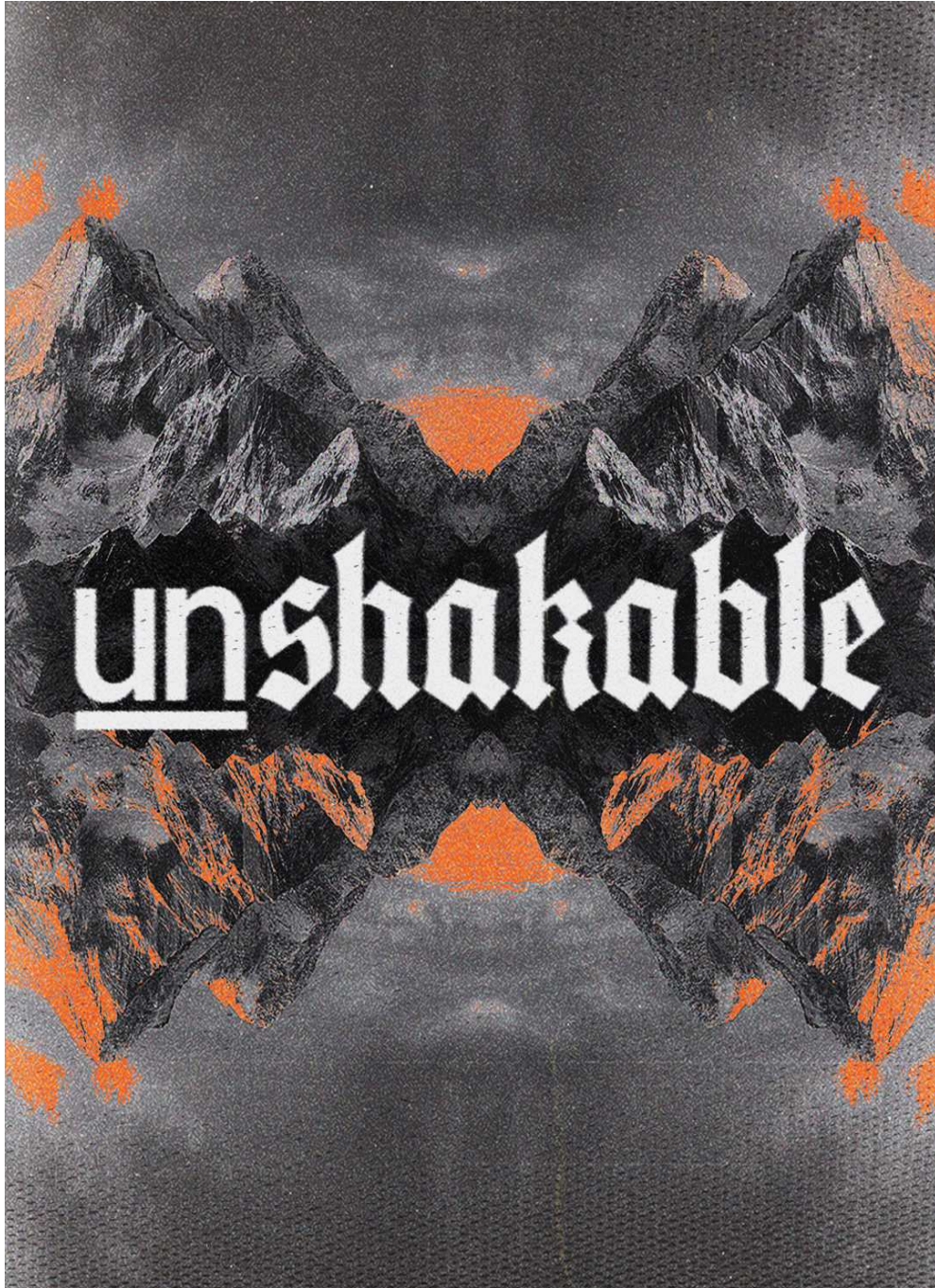


***The Forecast
Hilton Baptist Church.
101 Main Street, Newport News, VA 23601
HiltonBaptistChurch.org / (757)595-3300***



***Life has a way of pulling us in every direction, and standing up
for what we believe in can be tough.
How do you find the strength to stay grounded when the world
feels unsteady? In our new series,
we'll learn how to be "Unshakable."***



The Tightrope Walker

Tom gripped the balancing pole tightly, its smooth wood a comfort against his sweaty palms. The cheers of the crowd below were a distant hum, lost in the rush of wind whipping past his face. Each step on the thin wire was a victory, a defiance of gravity and the ever-present fear that gnawed at him.

Tom was a tightrope walker, his life a delicate dance between the solid platforms at either end. One represented his faith, the unwavering foundation of his belief in Christ. The other was the world, a dazzling spectacle of attractions, temptations, and distractions.

The further he walked, the more the world tugged at him. Its glittering lights promised excitement and acceptance, whispering doubts about the path he had chosen. Voices rose from below, some encouraging, others mocking, each one threatening to disrupt his balance.

Tom's steps faltered. The wire swayed beneath his feet, and for a moment, the fear threatened to overwhelm him. But then, he remembered the words of his Savior, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Taking a deep breath, he fixed her eyes on the platform ahead, the one representing his faith. With renewed determination, he continued his journey, one careful step at a time.

The world would always be there, with its allure and its challenges. But Tom knew that as long as she kept his focus on Christ, he would reach his destination.

In his letter to the church at Rome, the Apostle Paul wrote as follows:

“And so, dear brothers and sisters,[a] I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.[b] 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” Romans 12:1-2.

Living as a Christian in today's world can feel like walking a tightrope between two different realities. The world constantly bombards us with messages that contradict our values, and the pressure to conform can be overwhelming. But we can overcome these challenges by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus and remembering that He is always with us.!

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

October 29, 2024

Budget \$1650.00

Budget Designated Community Dinner \$50.00

Budget Designated in Memory of Christine Douglas \$90.00

Budget Designated in Memory of Larry Painter \$25.00

Budget Designated in Memory of Marcia Callison \$25.00

Alma Hunt \$25.00

World Hunger \$50.00

Cash in Cash Out– Kids Candy \$50.00

Food Pantry \$50.00

Total Deposit \$2015.00



Lock up/ Hall Monitor 11/3 Joe Caskie 11/10 Roger Cooke

Counter 11/4 Kathy Caskie 11/11 Margaret Upole

Kids Church 11/3 Kathy Caskie 11/10 Tracy Venable



October is Pastor

Appreciation Month

Take a moment this month and drop Pastor Lynwood a card or a note to let him know how much you appreciate him!

Missions Outreach

***If you have any questions on Missions Outreach Activities
call 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.

Pray for our Missionaries

Jerry Flemming, Billy Sigrest (Asian Pacific Rim People) Terry Quick (European People) KK, BM Northern African and Middle Eastern People) DD (South Asian People) Heff Charles Sulfridge (AK) Mike Zazay (CA) Anthony Olotoeo (OK)

Community Dinner, Friday, October 25th

We had an awesome turn out for dinner on Friday Night. We fed 128 People! Praise the Lord! The kids did a great job! Thanks to all who was able to help.

November's Community Dinner is Friday, November 29th. Tabernacle Baptist East End will be preparing the meal but we can use help in the Food Distribution and in clean up. Please see Pam Cooke to help with dinner clean up and Tara Borton to help with the Food Bank.

Trunk or Treat- Thursday, October 31st 5:30pm– 7:30pm

Trunk or Treat is right around the corner and we need your support! If you plan to come and decorate your car (and yourself if you want) , please sign up on the Mission Outreach table. If you are unable to attend we would appreciate a candy donation. We tend to see around 500 Trick or treaters and we want to be prepared.

WMU Mission Project for October

The WMU Mission Project for October is Sunshine Kids .



Calendar

Tuesday, October 29th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, October 30th

No Bible Study

Thursday, October 31st

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

5:30pm Trunk or Treat

Sunday, November 3rd

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and In person

Worship at HBC

Produce Giveaway

Tuesday, November 5th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, November 6th

No Bible Study

Thursday, November 7th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Sunday, November 10th

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 October

10/30 Don Krause

Happy Birthday in November

11/5 Bella Moriah

11/7 Barbara Caffacus

11/8 Mary Hall

11/10 Gloria Ammons

11/11 Joe Whiting

11/13 Barry Surber

11/15 George Savedge

11/21 Jessica Moore

11/24 Richard Childs

11/24 Joshua Michie

11/26 Ray Moody

11/27 Annabelle Stuart

11/30 Pam Cooke



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

This year we are going to be packing Shoeboxes online instead of purchasing the items and packing them ourselves.

Shoeboxes built online go to the ends of the earth to children in some of the hardest-to-reach places—whether deep jungles, city slums, steep mountainsides, or one of more than 1,000 remote Pacific islands. Many of these areas are resistant to the Gospel, for cultural or religious reasons, and are home to numerous unreached people groups, some of whom have never heard the Name of Jesus Christ. Online boxes are carefully prepared, abiding by strict customs regulations to safeguard partners who will deliver the gifts, as well as the boys and girls who receive them.

Here are the instructions to pack a Shoebox. We ask that you use the link below or the QR code so that HBC will get credit for the boxes.

There is a ‘team’ site to use to pack shoeboxes just for HBC!!

Go to... <https://sampur.se/3XCdUMI> or scan the QR Code

Click on the green box “Build a Shoebox Online Now”

Click on the green box “Start Building”

Choose a ‘girl’ or ‘boy’

Choose the child’s age

Click the ‘Essentials’ into the shoebox, then click ‘Next’

Choose 1 Wow Item, then click ‘Next’

Choose 3 Small Toys, then click ‘Next’

Choose 2 Accessories, then click ‘Next’

You may ‘Add a Note’ (this can be a personal note, or you can use the one they suggest). You can also upload a photo. You may also click ‘No thanks, continue’

On the next screen you can ‘build another box’ or ‘continue’

After you continue, a pop-up box will ask if you would like to support this program on a monthly basis or support the discipleship program.

This is not required. Click ‘Done’

The last screen reviews your gift(s), asks for your billing information (your personal address) and your payment information.

If you do not want to build your own box, you can still donate money and we will build it for you in your name.

If you have any questions, please see Pam Cooke or the church office.





People **O**ffering **R**esources **T**ogether
Emergency Winter Shelter

We Need You... Yes You!

PORT

January 15th – January 22nd, 2025 at HBC

The following are things that we are collecting for the PORT Clothes Closet.

Men's Boxer Briefs

Women's underwear- All sizes

Thermals – All sizes

Socks

Bras- All sizes

Shoes (please no sandals)

Men's Coats

Jeans- All sizes

T Shirts- All sizes (it does not matter if it has a print on it)

Men's long sleeve shirt's (Medium and Small are needed the most)

We do not need women's clothes currently. We have some that we have boxed up that we need to use before we take anymore in.



Children's Christmas Workshop

Saturday, December 14th

10am– 2pm Ages 4-12 years old

Fun for everyone!

Food! Crafts! Games! A visit from Santa...

And a birthday Party for Jesus!

We are still looking for helpers. Please contact Dreama if you are interested in helping!

***There will be a meeting of all workers on Tuesday, November 19th at 6pm. The meeting will be brief, but it will be helpful for all to attend so that you can know what will be taking place.



Get Wisdom!

Dan Miller in his book *No More Dreaded Mondays* tells a delightful story about a farmer in a village in India who had the misfortune of owing a large sum of money to the village moneylender. The old and ugly moneylender fancied the farmer's beautiful daughter, so he proposed a bargain. He would forgive the farmer's debt if he could marry his daughter.

Both the farmer and his daughter were horrified by the proposal, but the cunning moneylender suggested that they let providence decide the matter. He told them that he would put a black pebble and a white pebble into an empty money bag. The girl would have to reach in and pick one pebble from the bag. If she picked the black pebble, she would become his wife and her father's debt would be forgiven. If she picked the white pebble, she need not marry him and her father's debt would still be forgiven. If she refused to pick a pebble, her father would be thrown into jail until the debt was paid.

They were standing on a pebble-strewn path in the farmer's field. As they talked, the moneylender bent over to pick up two pebbles. The sharp-eyed girl noticed that he had picked up two black pebbles and put them into the bag. He then asked the girl to pick a pebble. Now, imagine that you were the girl standing in the field. What would you have done? If you had to advise her, what would you have told her?

Careful analysis would produce three possibilities: (1) the girl could refuse to take a pebble—but her father would then be thrown in jail. (2) The girl could pick a black pebble and sacrifice herself in order to save her father from debt and imprisonment. Or (3) the girl could pull out both black pebbles in the bag, expose the moneylender as a cheat, and likely incite his immediate revenge.

Here is what the girl did: She put her hand into the money bag and drew out a pebble. Without looking at it, she fumbled and let it fall onto the pebble-strewn path, where it immediately became lost among all the other pebbles. "Oh, how clumsy of me," she said. "But never mind, if you look into the bag for the one that is left, you will be able to tell which pebble I picked." Since the remaining pebble was black, it would have to be assumed that she had picked the white one. And since the moneylender dared not admit his dishonesty, the girl would have changed what seemed an impossible situation into an extremely advantageous one.

When we face a difficult decision in life we should all desire wisdom. Solomon wrote, "Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her." (Prov. 3:13-15)

Like A Hypocrite

Ray Stedman told about a young man who had stopped attending the church Ray was pastoring. The young man said that when he was at work he would sometimes lose his temper and treat co-workers poorly. Then, when Sunday rolled around, he didn't want to go to church because he felt like a hypocrite.



Stedman told his young friend, "A hypocrite is someone who acts like something he isn't. When you come to church, you are acting like a Christian. You are not a hypocrite at church." Suddenly, the young man realized where he was being a hypocrite. He recognized that the answer was not in avoiding church but in changing the way he was at work.

Let's not let our old ways make us act like someone we're not. Instead, through God's grace, let's live in a way that shows we are "alive together with Christ" (v.5). That's a sure cure for hypocrisy.



The Last Impression

A new Pastor in a small Oklahoma town spent the first four days making personal visits to each of the members, inviting them to come to his first services.

The following Sunday the church was all but empty. Accordingly, the Pastor placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that, because the church was dead, it was everyone's duty to give it a decent Christian burial. The funeral would be held the following Sunday afternoon, the notice said.

Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the "funeral." In front of the pulpit, they saw a closed coffin, smothered in flowers. After the Pastor delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited his congregation to come forward and pay their final respects to their dead church.

Filled with curiosity as to what would represent the corpse of a "dead church," all the people eagerly lined up to look in the coffin. Each "mourner" peeped into the coffin then quickly turned away with a guilty, sheepish look.

In the coffin, tilted at the correct angle, was a large mirror

HBC - Becoming The Church God Intends Us To Be!



There is no greater movement in the history of the world than the church. The church, at her best, is unstoppable! This passage describes the key components of a healthy local church.

The church is not a building we come and sit in; it is a movement we choose to be a part of. The church = people. In Acts 2, as the people met together, the church became attractive to a watching world. God added to their number every day!

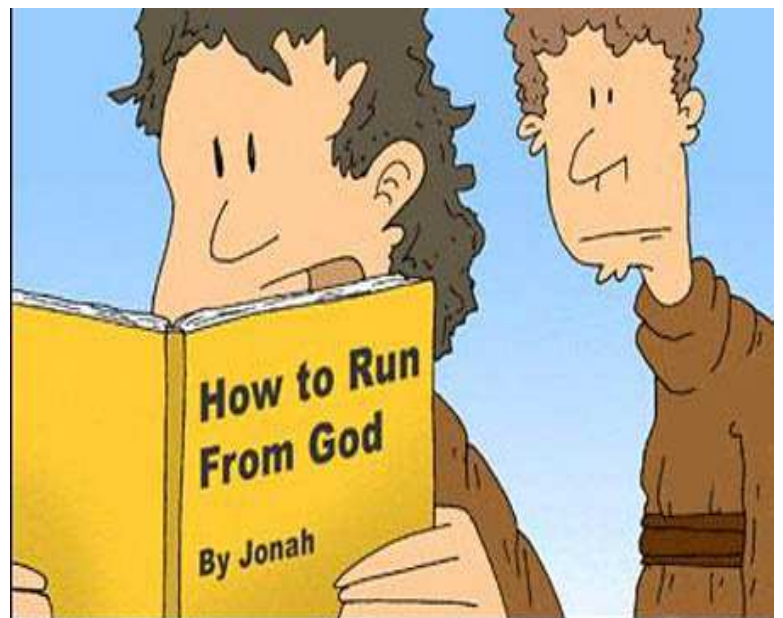
The reality is that the hope of the world is the message of Jesus through the local church. And you have a place in that! You are invited to be a part of the greatest movement in the history of the world.

If you view church as only a place you go to once a week, then you are missing out on all that God intended for you. God desires to belong to a small group community, a group of people you can be challenged with, share with, cry with, and laugh with. This group wants to do life with you. This fall, when groups launch back up, make a commitment to join a group. The reality is we are all better together.

Along with that, God is inviting you to use your gifts within the church. Opportunities exist for you to follow Jesus. By serving, you will experience the awe and favor of God, in the guests we greet, the kids we serve and students we invest in. No matter where you choose to serve, there will be life change in you, and in those you serve.

***Let us
believe that
HBC will be stronger
than ever financially in 2024.***

***Let's pray
and keep
fresh our financial
commitments!***



IT JUST SAYS "DON'T"