

The Forecast
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"For we are God's masterpiece created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

Take a moment to consider the beauty of a masterpiece. Whether it's a painting, a sculpture, or a symphony, a masterpiece is a reflection of creativity, purpose, and intention. In Ephesians 2:10, we are reminded that we are God's handiwork—His masterpiece. This means that you are not an accident; your life has been crafted with purpose.

Each of us is uniquely designed with our own strengths, experiences, and passions. God has intentionally placed within you the gifts to fulfill the role He has planned for you. You are loved, valued, and worthy, not because of what you do but because of who you are in Him.

***We have just begun an exciting message series...
You don't want to miss one Sunday! Why not bring someone?***



"Created as God's Masterpiece"

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Ephesians 2:10*

I don't know about you, but my perception of myself seems, at times spiraling out of control. This verse is a powerful reminder of our identity and purpose in Christ.

The term "handiwork" or "masterpiece" (translated from the Greek word "poiema") signifies that we are not random products of chance but intentional creations, lovingly designed by God. Just as a skilled artist invests time and passion into their work, God has intricately fashioned each of us with care and intention.

Understanding that we are created to be God's masterpieces reshapes how we view ourselves. It challenges the negative narratives that the world often imposes on us. We may struggle with feelings of inadequacy or comparison, but in Christ, we are affirmed as valuable and cherished is .

As I so often say, each one of us is "a case for grace." Our worth is not defined by achievements, status, or the opinions of others; it is rooted in the love of the Creator who made you uniquely you. And our growth into who we were meant to be is not through our works. It is solely through the transformative and loving grace of God.

The verse also speaks to our purpose—"to do good works." This is not a call to mere activity, but a summons to meaningful living. Good works are the natural outflow of a life transformed by Christ. They encompass acts of kindness, service, and love that reflect God's heart to the world. These works are not random tasks but are specifically designed by God, prepared in advance for each of us. This speaks to the divine orchestration of our lives; nothing in your journey is without purpose.

Being "created in Christ Jesus" emphasizes the transformative power of our relationship with Him. It is through Christ that we are made new, equipped to walk in our purpose. As we grow in our faith, we become more attuned to His voice, leading us to the good works He has set before us.

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for the incredible truth that I am Your masterpiece, created with intention and love. Help me to see myself as You see me, free from the chains of insecurity and doubt. May I embrace the unique gifts and calling You have placed in my life. Guide my steps today as I seek to fulfill the good works You have prepared for me. Open my eyes to the opportunities around me. to reflect Your love and grace. I pray that my actions will bring glory to You and serve as a beacon of hope to others. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

October 8, 2024

Budget \$7582.56

Alma Hunt \$40.00

World Hunger \$25.00

Cash in Cash out \$85.00 Sonshine Kids

Cash in Cash out \$50.00 Sonshine Kids– Candy

Food Closet \$25.00

Total Deposit \$7807.56

Dreama will be on Vacation from the afternoon of Sunday October 13th and will return to work on Monday, October 21st. The church office will be closed. If you have an emergency you can still call the church number and she will answer the phone.

There will be no food distribution during the week she is gone.

Please make plans accordingly.



Lock up/ Hall Monitor 10/13 Pam Cooke 10/20 Charles Vassar

Counter 10/14 No Count 10/21 Jor Wircenski

Kids Church 10/13 Kathy Caskie 10/20 Tracy, Lisa York and Tori Holt

Grass Cutting 10/19 Don Moore /Joe Caskie

Calendar

Tuesday, October 8th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution
6:30pm Vision Team Meeting

Wednesday, October 9th

7:00m Bible Study
In person or Facebook Live

Thursday, October 10th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Sunday, October 13th

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

Children's Christmas Workshop

Saturday December 14th

10am– 2pm

If you plan on helping please let Dreama know now. Plans are being made!

Tuesday, October 15th

No Food Distribution

Wednesday, October 16th

No Bible Study

Thursday, October 17th

No Food Distribution

Friday, October 18th

6:30pm Karaoke

Sunday, October 20th

9:00am Discipleship Class
10:00am Online and In person
Worship at HBC
Produce Giveaway

Happy Birthday in October

10/6 Charles Shofner
10/11 Delores Morgan
10/14 Brinley Moriah
10/17 Marilyn Hargrove
10/26 Tim Humphreys



Change my heart, Oh God.



*Create in me a clean heart,
O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Psalm 51:10*

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

Callie Thackston (American People) Colton Dowdy, CM, JS, DS (Asian Pacific Rim People) JN (Central Asian People) SG (Global Strategic Advance) SP (Sub-Saharan African People) James Kim (CA) Hunter Sipe (OH) Jingku Khan (VA)

Community Dinner, Friday, October 25th

We will be having our monthly Community Dinner on Friday, October 25th from 5:30pm-6:30pm. The kids and Kids leaders will be preparing and serving. If you would like to help see Pam Cooke or Tara Borton (Food Bank Distribution) We had 93 guests for dinner last month. God is doing great things.

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

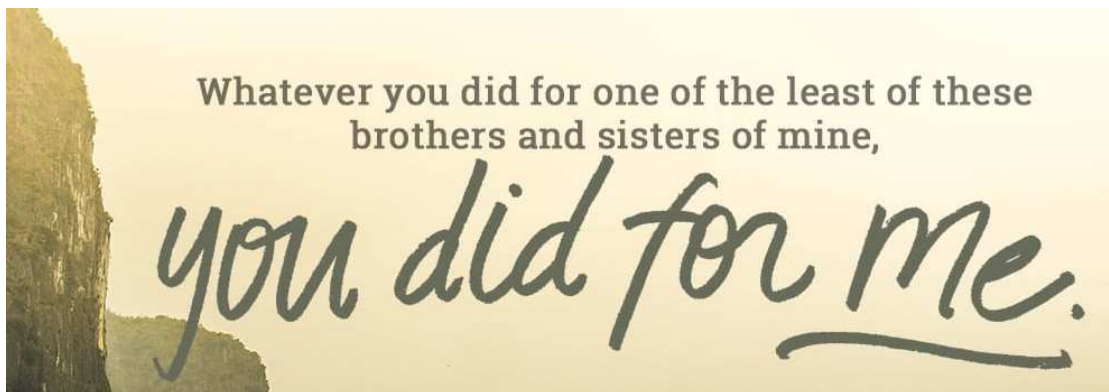
Trunk or Treat is right around the corner and we need your support! If you plan to come and decorate your car (and yourself if you want) , please sign up on the Mission Outreach table. If you are unable to attend we would appreciate a candy donation. We tend to see around 500 Trick or treaters and we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

Sedgefield Elementary

We will be supporting Sedgefield Elementary in October! Snacks are taken care of, but please visit the Mission Outreach table to get cards and names of employees for you to take home, write an encouraging note and return by October 20th

WMU Mission Project for October

The WMU Mission Project for October is Sunshine Kids



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)

Clothes can be used but please be sure that they are in good condition and clean.

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.

Please place your clothes in the back of the church in the Mission Outreach area or in the church office.

Any clothes that we get that we do not use we will take to Torrie Closet. This is a place that allows people that need clothes to come and get them and will not charge them. This is a ministry we have given clothes and other items to before.

If you have any questions, please see Dreama



You Can't "Make" Me Feel The Way I Do...

Your feelings aren't necessarily true and you DO have control over them.

It's hard to ignore the power of your feelings. Modern media encourages this thinking with phrases like, "follow your heart," but God advises to be mindful of what your heart tells you.

Not all emotions are harmful. The Bible tells of at least 20 emotions Jesus felt including affection, anguish, anger, compassion, distress, grief, gladness, indignation, joy, love, peace, sadness, sympathy, and weariness.

But Jesus didn't allow others to control His emotions. No one can MAKE you angry; no one can MAKE you love them; no one can MAKE you worry, and no one can MAKE you happy. Guard your heart and let only God influence your feelings.

Make the decision to react or respond in ways that bring honor to God. Choose the fruits of the spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

When you let God drive your decisions and reactions, peace begins to blossom. You become more grounded, the negative turns positive, and joy fills your heart. Compare your emotions to the Word of God. If the two don't agree, your heart is deceiving you just as the Bible warns.

When God Answers Prayer

After starting a new diet I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery.

I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and as I approached, there in the window were a host of chocolates, donuts, and cheesecakes.



I felt this was no accident, so I prayed ... "Lord, it's up to You. If You want me to have any of those delicious goodies, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery."

And sure enough, on the eighth time around the block, there it was! God is so good!



What Is Pleasing To Him

I find it interesting that quite often, people attempt to enhance their relationship with God by trying not to do things they believe "break God's rules" for how to live. They see God as a tyrant, pointing His finger at them, and commanding in a deep, stern voice, "Thou Shalt Not!!" They spend their life trying to avoid lightning bolts of judgment from above!

The reality is, that kind of living is completely the opposite of how we should act, and how God desires us to live our lives. Rather than attempting to avoid doing things that displease God, we need to discipline ourselves to instead seek to find the best ways to please God! And, the more we succeed in doing what pleases Him, the less inclined we will be to do what displeases Him.

What a wonderful prayer we find in Hebrews 13:20-21, asking God to *"equip you with everything good for doing his will,"* and to *"work in us what is pleasing to Him!"* I am so glad that the Lord does give us everything we *"need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 4:19) With that in mind, it only makes sense that we discover and put into practice the very things that please God!

Tests are Temporary

All tests are temporary, limited in duration. 1 Peter 1:6 says, *"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer grief in all kinds of trials."* Some tests end on earth, but all tests will end in heaven, right?



In the meantime, let God train you. He watches the way you handle the little jobs. Jesus promised in Matthew 25:21, *"If you are faithful over a few matters, I will set you over many."*

Do you aspire to great things? Excel in the small things. Don't complain. Let others grumble. Not you. When you're given a task, take it. When you see a hurt, address it. Compassion matters to God.

This is the time for service, not self-centeredness. Cancel the pity party. Love the people God brings to you. He will work in you what is pleasing to Himself.



“God’s House vs. Our House”

“Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?” – [Haggai 1:3-4](#)

After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, they began to prosper. They started rebuilding the temple which had been ruined by the Babylonians. But the people of other religions who lived in the land sent letters to Babylon and complained that the Jews were preparing to revolt. For that and other reasons, the rebuilding of the temple stopped.

It seems that the Jews began with a will to rebuild the temple, but when opposition arose, they faltered and lost focus. They transferred their energy to building and beautifying their own houses. It took the searing words of Haggai to call them back to the priority of rebuilding God’s temple.

In the world today, we must not be discouraged by the struggle it takes to build Christ’s church. The forces of the devil will try to overcome it, but Jesus will prevail ([Matthew 16:18](#)). Remember what Jesus said: *“Seek first [God’s] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well”* ([Matthew 6:33](#)).

It’s not that God necessarily wants us to live in a bleak apartment without beautiful paneling. But if that’s what it takes to build God’s kingdom, we must be willing to sacrifice. Our treasures are in heaven!



We Need You & Your Car For Trunk-Or-Treat!

This is one of the most effective and fun outreaches of the year... Be prepared to pass out 400 or more candies and dress up in your own costume – It’s so much fun! Call the church office today to register!