

The Forecast
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There are many HBC folks who are exhausted this week... And because they truly have a heart for God, they would not have it any other way. In our work for the P.O.R.T. ministry, we served some of the largest numbers of homeless guests on the coldest nights this season.

As we wrap up this week of hosting P.O.R.T., let us remember that we were not merely providing a service—we were participating in the very heart and mission of Christ. We were His hands and feet, extending His love and grace to those who are in need. Every meal served, every bed provided, every conversation shared is an opportunity to be the embodiment of Jesus' love and compassion.

May Hilton Baptist Church continue to be a place where the heart and presence of Christ is always made visible. Let us serve those who are less fortunate not out of obligation, but out of a deep love for Jesus and a desire to reflect His character to a hurting world.

In doing so, we find that in giving of ourselves, we are enriched. For as Jesus said, "*It is more blessed to give than to receive*" (Acts 20:35). In our service, we are the ones who are transformed, becoming more and more like the One we follow.



A Heartfelt Thank You to the People of Hilton Baptist Church

Dear Beloved Family at Hilton Baptist Church,

This past week, as we opened our doors to the homeless through P.O.R.T. (People Offering Resources Together), you truly embodied what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your sacrificial service, your compassionate hearts, and your willingness to be vessels of God's love in action.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 25:40, *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* Through the simple yet profound acts of providing hot meals, offering shelter, and sharing a listening ear, you made the love of Christ tangible for those who often feel invisible and forgotten. Your willingness to serve, whether it was preparing food, greeting guests, offering comfort, or cleaning up, reflected the very heart of Jesus.

The work you did was not just a task—it was a ministry of love. 1 John 3:18 reminds us, *"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."* And in the midst of the cold winter nights, you loved with your actions. You gave up your time, energy, and comfort to ensure that others would have warmth and nourishment, both physically and spiritually.

I also want to thank each of you for the way you worked together as a body of believers. Philippians 2:4 calls us to *"look not only to our own interests but also to the interests of others."* As we worked side by side, we demonstrated what it looks like to put others first, to serve humbly, and to work as one team with one mission. The unity and love displayed during this week were a powerful testimony of God's presence among us.

Your efforts have made an eternal impact. The homeless who came to us for food and shelter not only received their immediate needs met, but they also encountered the love of Christ through each of you. You showed them that they are valued, loved, and seen—not just by us, but by the God who created them.

As we continue our journey of faith, may we remember that the hands and feet of Jesus are not distant or removed; they are present in every act of kindness, every meal served, every person who chooses to love without expectation. I am so proud of each of you for being the hands and feet of Jesus in such a powerful way this week.

May God continue to bless you, encourage you, and strengthen you for all the ways you serve Him in our community. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for being His hands and feet.

In Christ's love, gratitude and grace, Pastor Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

January 21, 2025

Budget \$2305.00
Initial Offering \$29.00
Use of Building \$150.00
Cash in Cashout– Coffee 45.00
Food Pantry \$330.00
Port \$50.00
Total Deposit \$2869.00

Calendar

Monday, January 20th

PORT

Tuesday, January 21st

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12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, January 22nd

PORT Ends this morning.

Thursday, January 23rd

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Sunday, January 26th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sunshine Kids

Product Giveaway after Worship

Tuesday, January 28th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

Thursday, January 30th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

Friday, January 31st

5:30pm– 6:30pm Community
Dinner

Sunday, February 2nd

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sunshine Kids

Full Food Distribution after church.
Free and open to the public

Happy Birthday in January

1/13 Cathy Childs

1/13 Dreama Johnson

1/18 Al Dillon

1/23 Barbara Michie

1/30 Carolyn Schaubach

Happy Birthday in February

2/2 Tammy Ortery

2/4 Bob Spiers

2/10 Margaret Upole

2/14 Curtis Whiting

2/17 Debbie Marfa

Schedules

Lock up/ Hall Monitor

1/26 Charles Vassar

2/2 Robbie Ayscue

Counter

1/27 Kathy Caskie

2/2 Joe Wircenske

Kids Church

1/26 Debra Sink /Tori Holt

2/2 Kathy Caskie

**Mennowood Retirement Community invites everyone to attend
the following FREE Events**

Thursday, February 4th 12pm– 1pm Broken Heart Syndrome Workshop
Presented by Marcella Williams, Community Outreach for Altmeyer Funeral Home.

All events are free and open to the public but you need to make reservations.

RSVP to Michele at the Mennowood 757-249-0355 or mryba@mennowood.com



Missions Outreach

***If you have any questions on Missions Outreach Activities
call Pam Cooke 757-660-4226***

Pray for our Missionaries

Elena Key, Jaime Pagan, Carrie Walburn (American People) , SC, eric Kuykenall (Asian Pacific Rim People) ST (Central Asian People) MA, Rob Darnell, DJ (European People) ZM, DS, CU (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) TB (South Asian People) Katie Nalls , Christopher Schilt (Sub– Saharan African People) Jesus Ramos (FL) Andrew Nguyen (NV)

January's Community Dinner is Friday, January 31st

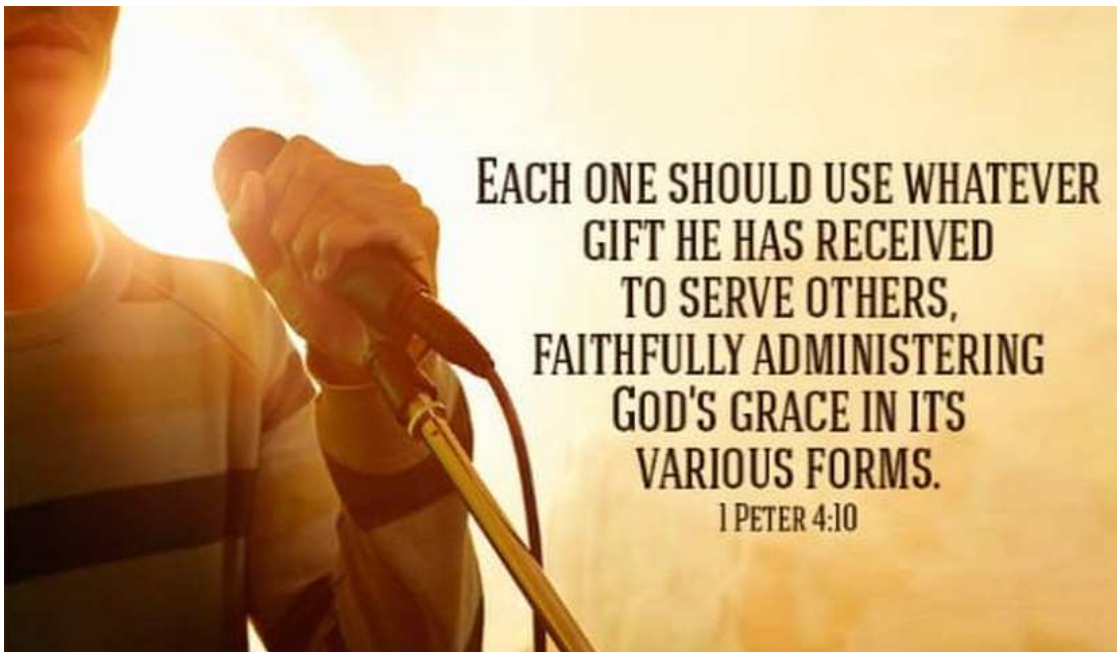
We need your help! We need help with preparation, serving and clean up. Please see Pam Cooke if you can help. If you want to help with the food bank giveaway, contact Tara. We need you to come and love and help with our Community.

Sedgefield Elementary School Outreach

We will be collecting valentine treats and writing cards to the staff and teachers of Sedgefield Elementary School for Valentines Day. Please check the Mission Outreach Table to find the cards to write. They will need to be returned by Sunday, February 9th

PORT

Thanks to all who helped in anyway with the PORT program. You are very appreciated! It has been a long successful week ! We have been able to help many of our less fortunate community this week. Special thanks to Pam and Roger for all their work!





“The Glory Of Heaven!”

“Heaven”—a word that fills the pages of history. It’s a word used by poets and songwriters, politicians and pagans. In some contexts, Heaven simply means the sky above or a wonderful experience. It symbolizes ideas with important meaning, even for atheists.

For some, Heaven is a code word for their vision of God or concepts like fate or the future. George Washington, for example, issued an order in September 1776, declaring that the country could be saved only with “the blessing of Heaven.” Benjamin Franklin told the American Constitutional Convention in June 1787 to implore “the assistance of Heaven.”

Heaven is central to many civilizations. When he arrived in China in the 13th century, Marco Polo was impressed by “the City of Heaven,” which he called the greatest city in the world.

But Believers should remember that Heaven is not an idea or concept. It’s real, and it’s our eternal destination. The Bible tells us that:

Heaven is God’s “holy dwelling place” where He is enthroned and worshiped, (Deuteronomy 26:15),

There we will spend eternity with Him (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

There, Jesus has prepared a place for us (John 14:1).

There, we should store our treasure (Matthew 6:20).

There, we’ll receive our rewards (Matthew 5:12).

In fact, Heaven is where we have our real citizenship – already! (Philippians 3:20).

Some, like the Apostle John, actually have caught a glimpse of Heaven. John describes it in Revelation 21:

“And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.¹² It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel... The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass.” Revelation 21:10-12,18

The reality is that nothing in this life can prepare us for the glories of Heaven. Paul said that God has prepared something so wonderful, it’s beyond our comprehension! Today, don’t allow the problems of today blind you to the blessing of what God has promised to those who trust and believe in Him. Think about Heaven and all that God has prepared for you!



The Last Impression...

Ol' Fred had been a faithful Christian and was in the hospital, near death. The family called their preacher to stand with them.

As the preacher stood next to the bed, Ol' Fred's condition appeared to deteriorate and he motioned frantically for something to write on. The pastor lovingly handed him a pen and a piece of paper, and Ol' Fred used his last bit of energy to scribble a note, then suddenly died. The preacher thought it best not to look at the note at that time, so he placed it in his jacket pocket.

At the funeral, as he was finishing the message, he realized that he was wearing the same jacket that he wore when Ol' Fred died. He said, "You know, Ol' Fred handed me a note just before he died. I haven't looked at it, but knowing Fred, I'm sure there's a word of inspiration there for us all."

He opened the note and read, "Please step to your left – you're standing on my oxygen tube!"

"I Thought He Was Talking To You..."

At the height of a political corruption trial, the prosecuting attorney attacked a witness. "Isn't it true," he bellowed, "that you accepted five thousand dollars to compromise this case?" The witness stared out the window, as though he hadn't heard the question.

"Isn't it true that you accepted five thousand dollars to compromise this case?" the lawyer repeated. The witness still did not respond.



Finally, the judge leaned over and said, "Sir, please answer the question." "Oh," the startled witness said, "I thought he was talking to you."

I seem to have the same trouble when I'm preaching. Everybody thinks I'm talking to everyone else! :-) It's easy to listen to a sermon thinking, "Boy, I sure hope brother so-and-so is listening to this one!" (I know, I've done it myself). It is crucial, though, that we listen to all messages that come from the word of God with the thought, "What does this have to say to me?" because only when I make personal application can I learn and grow.

"Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." (Matt.7:3-5)



***Start Off The New Year Of 2025 Right...
With A Special Gift Of Faith!***

As we are beginning a bright and hopeful New Year, we want to plant our seed early on for the blessings we hope will receive during the next 12 months. To accomplish this, let us consider sowing a special seed in our giving at the very outset of the year in an expression of our faith in His faithfulness.

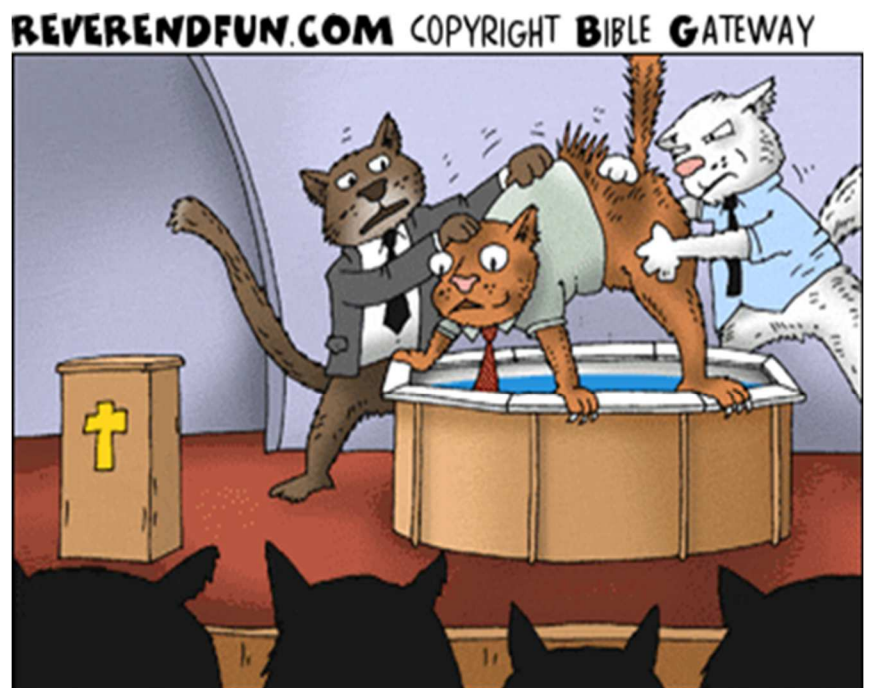
As this year lies before us, we are positioned as never before to blaze a fresh, new direction in both our worship and our facilities. The vision that Pastor Lynwood and Vision Team are mapping out will be a bold one and will be shared over the next few months.

Let us pray now and together for the wind of the Holy Spirit to stir up the flame inside each one of us for the faith we will need to accomplish what's set before us. Through His grace and through His goodness, we truly believe that HBC's best days are yet to come. Join your faith with ours to believe God for the same for your life as well!

**“Give Your Best To God And
Expect His Best Back To You!”
God provided for us through 2024...
Let's expect miracles in 2025!**

***In 2025 Remember And Be
Faithful in You Tithes and
Offerings...***

***Sow Abundantly and Reap
an Abundant Harvest Back.
Give God the Glory!***



Thanks to Pam Winn

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TROUBLE IN CAT CHURCH