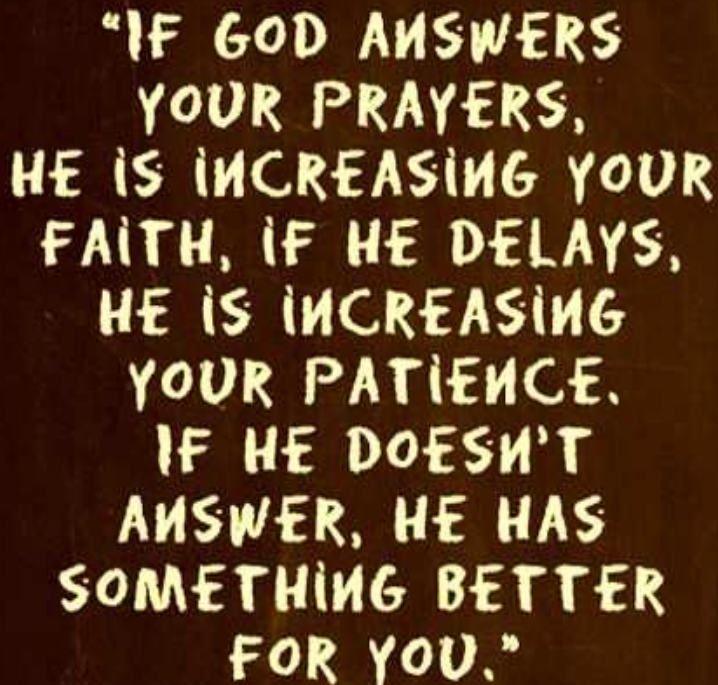


***The Forecast***  
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**"IF GOD ANSWERS  
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In moments of silence when it seems God has not answered our prayers, we may find ourselves grappling with doubt and frustration. It's easy to feel abandoned or unheard, yet it's in these very moments that we are called to deepen our trust.

Use this time to reflect on God's past faithfulness in your life, remembering how He has moved before. Seek His calming peace in worship, prayer, and the support of your faith community. It's a time to cultivate hope, believing that God's silence does not equate to His absence.

Trust that God is at work behind the scenes, shaping your heart and aligning circumstances for His perfect purpose. Your perseverance will be a testament to your faith, paving the way for a deeper understanding of His love and plans for you.



## ***When God Doesn't Do What You Ask***

*James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him. "Teacher," they said, "we want You to do for us whatever we ask." — [Mark 10:35](#)*

The disciples were on their way to Jerusalem. Struggling to understand all Jesus was telling them about what awaited Him, James and John made one of the Bible's boldest statements to Jesus. It is also one of the worst!

Jesus had just told them that He must go to Jerusalem to be handed over and condemned to death. This was not the first time they had heard Jesus talk like this. The good news, He told them, was that He would rise again.

Like many of the Jews at the time, James and John thought they were coming into their glory. God was going to throw off their enemies. Restore Israel. Bring peace. And they were going to be, or at least wanted to be, right at the center of it all.

Barely missing a beat, James and John's first response to what Jesus had just told them was, "*We want you to do for us whatever we ask*" ([Mark 10:35](#)). To me, that seems to be at the same time, both a naive and bold request.

Of course, they wanted Jesus to exalt them to a position of power or status. They wanted to rule with Jesus. And yet Jesus reminded them that they must first suffer for Him.

God was not going to do what they wanted. Instead, He was going to fulfill His higher plan for all mankind.

It's easy to poke holes in James and John's request and miss the more discreet ways we try to sell our own agendas to God. We too come to Jesus with our big plans, expectations, and self-centered dreams. When God doesn't do what we want, we are tempted to get angry, lose faith, or take matters into our own hands.

The Bible says, "*Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the lord's purpose that prevails*" ([Proverbs 19:21](#)).

Today, position your heart and mind to do what God wants. Walk humbly and keep your eyes focused solely upon Jesus. Remember that He is the One leading you.

When God doesn't do what we want, I have come to believe that , He is usually doing something better.

On the grace journey together with you, Pastor Lynwood

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

February 11, 2025

Budget \$3500.65

Cash in Cash out– Faith Recovery \$25.00

Cash in Cash out– Sonshine Kids \$25.00

Cash in Cash out– Coffee \$9.00

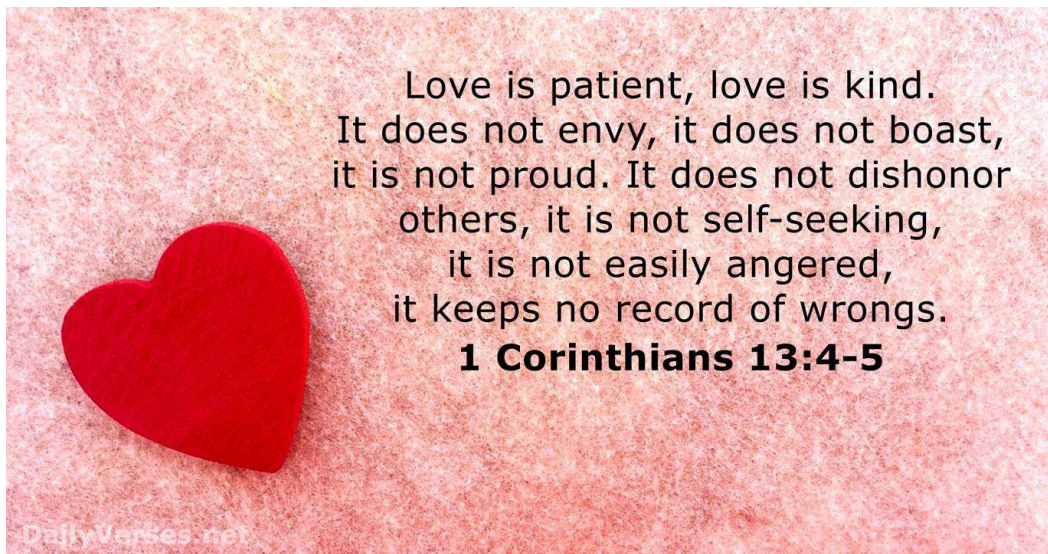
Cash in Cash out– Food Pantry \$25.00

Total Deposit \$3584.65



Give, and it  
will be given to  
you.

Luke 6:38

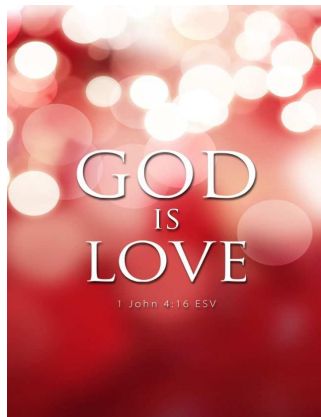


## Happy Birthday in February

2/10 Margaret Upole

2/14 Curtis Whiting

2/17 Debbie Marfa



## Schedules

### Lock up/ Hall Monitor

2/16 Roger Cooke

2/23 David and Lisa Falls

### Counter

2/17 Margaret Upole

2/23 Joe Wircenske

### Kids Church

2/16 Lisa York

2/23 Tori Holt

## Calendar

### Tuesday, February 11th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

### Thursday, February 13th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

### Sunday, February 16th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Full Food Distribution after church.

Free and open to the public

### Tuesday, February 18th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

### Thursday, February 20th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

### Sunday, February 23rd

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Produce Giveaway after Worship

### One City Marathon– Newport News

The One City Marathon is Sunday, March 2nd. Please be aware that travel will be affected in the Hilton Area. Some of the roads will be closed for this event. Please make a note of the date and be careful coming to church.



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

Thursday, March 20th 12pm-1pm  
Understanding and responding to  
Dementia Related Behaviors , presented by  
Doug Panto, Community Programs  
Manager, Alzheimer's Association

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***

Rachael Koch (American People) Kim North (Asian People Pacific Rim People) KB, LP (Central Asian People) Matthew Haynes, Carolyn Miller, Robin Pinston (European People) CG (South Asian People) Arthur Hisey (AZ) Francisco Garcia (CA) Micheal Nerger (PA)

### ***February's Community Dinner is Friday, February 28***

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.

### ***WMU Mission Project for February—Faith Recovery***

Collecting : Paper towels, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Personal Hygiene items and money.



## ***Peace***

There once was a King who offered a prize to the artist who would create a painting that best demonstrated peace. Many artists tried. The King looked at all the paintings, but there were only two he really liked and he had to choose between them.

One painting was of a beautiful and calm lake scene. The lake was a mirror reflecting the towering snowcapped mountains all around it. Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy white clouds. Most who saw this painting thought that it was the perfect picture of peace.

The other painting had mountains too. But these were rugged and bare. Above was an angry sky from which rain fell, and lightning danced. Down the side of one mountain tumbled a turbulent waterfall.

When the King looked, he saw that behind the waterfall grew a tiny bush from a crack in the rock. Within the bush a bird had built a nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water, sat the mother bird in her nest.

The King chose this picture as the one best demonstrating peace.

People grumbled at the King's choice. The king responded to the people saying that he chose the second picture because peace did not mean being in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. The King explained that true peace meant to be in the midst of all those things and yet still be calm in heart.

We live in a fast-paced world full of turmoil. Perhaps even now you are experiencing significant challenges that threaten to knock your world off balance and threaten to rob you of peace. Still, as the story points out, the absence of turmoil isn't the real meaning of peace.

Like the King in the story, our King, Jesus, knows the meaning of peace. He hasn't chosen to take us out of this world, or to remove all of the sources of trouble, but rather to protect us and offer us the peace that only He can give.

In John 16:33 Jesus says, *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

Is your world feeling disrupted? Are you looking for peace? It is not in the easy times that we tend to look and find Christ, but usually the more turbulent ones. Turn to Jesus, who will be your shelter in times of storm

## ***Guard Your Heart***

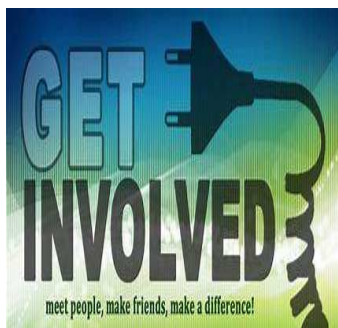
The Bible says, *“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.” (Pro 4:23)*



You are the overseer of your heart. Each day you must monitor what goes on there. You can't blame your bad attitude, resentment and unforgiveness on others. You are responsible! When somebody offends you, it's up to you whether or not you let bitterness take root. You can't control what other people do, but it's the "inside" part – the part you can control – that God holds us accountable for. You get to decide whether or not irritation turns into anger, anger into resentment, and resentment into retaliation.

The reason weeds take over a garden is because the gardener doesn't pull them up fast enough. When your garden is choked by weeds you can't say, "I don't know how it happened!" "Look diligently," you will see them moving in. The only way to stay free of the weeds the enemy wants to sow in your life is to be attentive to the condition of your heart.

When you're faced with a hurtful, offensive situation, refuse to let a wrong attitude take root and produce bad fruit. Instead, ask God to help you replace those destructive thoughts with mercy and forgiveness towards the people who hurt you.



### ***Getting Everyone in the Game***

God blessed the early Church – the first community of believers we read about in Acts – like no other. They grew exponentially. The first church was a mega-church on the very first day of its existence; 3,000 people came to faith in Christ!

The early Church made a monumental difference in the world. You want to make a difference too, right? If our churches are going to have an influence similar to the early Church, we need to do what the early Church did. This means we need to mobilize every member as a minister.

On the Day of Pentecost, Peter preached: *"In the last days, God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams'" (Acts 2:17, emphasis added).* Young, old, sons, daughters – everyone had a part in the early Church.

And God has a place for everyone in his Church today, too. If you're in the family of God here at HBC, he expects you to do your part! God can use whatever talent you have for his glory if you will simply offer it to Him



## ***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, before anyone else, 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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LOOK AT ALL THESE PUPPIES AND KITTENS THAT I HAVE ... HOW CAN YOU NOT LET ME IN?