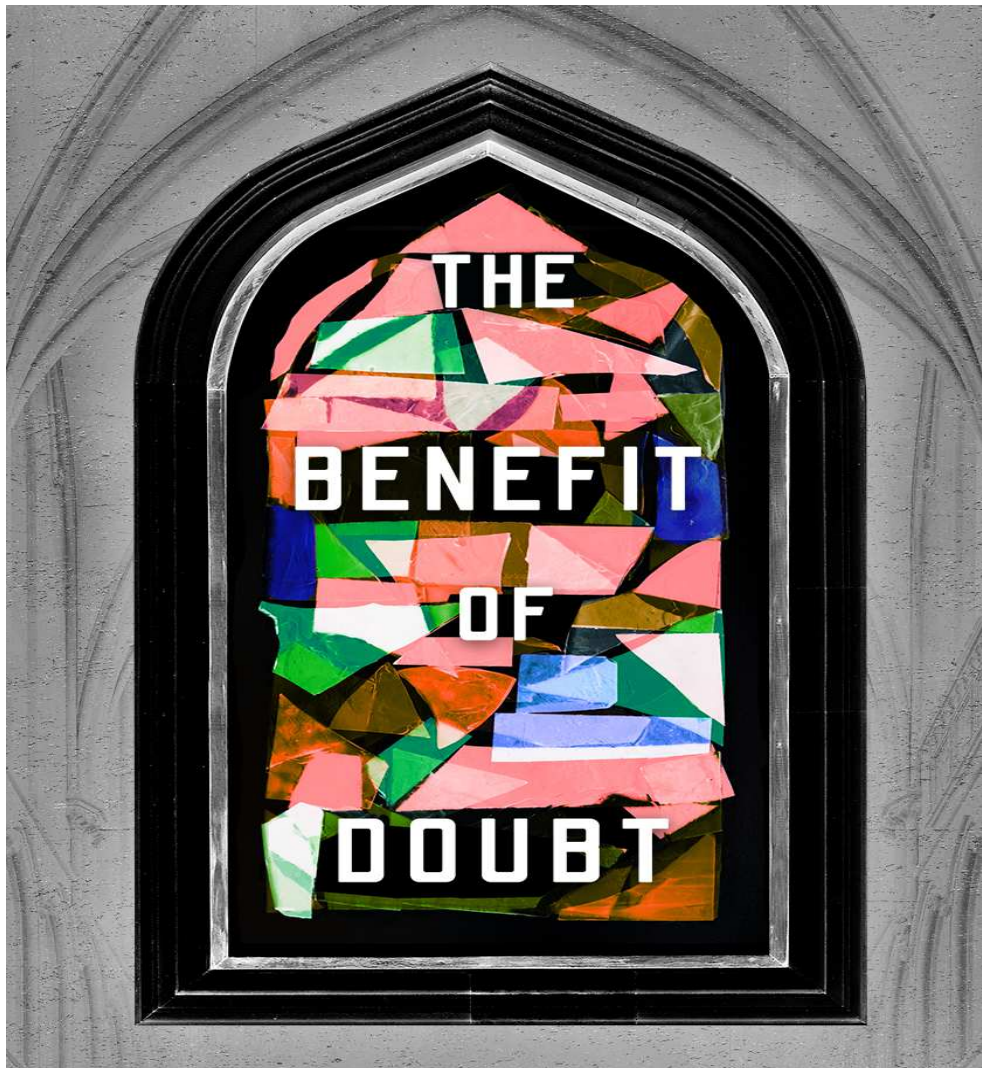


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Doubt, though often seen as a threat to faith, can actually be a catalyst for deeper spiritual growth. When we wrestle with questions about God, Scripture, or our beliefs, we are driven to seek truth with greater urgency. This pursuit can lead to a more mature and resilient faith, one that is not based solely on inherited traditions but on personal conviction.

Throughout Scripture, we see examples of those who questioned—like Thomas, who needed to see the resurrected Christ for himself. Jesus did not rebuke his doubt but met him where he was, leading Thomas to a stronger, firsthand faith

How about you? Are you ready to discover how doubting your faith may actually prove beneficial to your spiritual life?



## ***When Doubt Can Deepen Your Faith***

*"Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief!' Mark 9:24*

Doubt is often seen as the enemy of faith, but what if it is actually a gateway to deeper trust in God? What if in the midst of your certainty about God and his love for you, the winds of doubt cause the flames of your faith to flicker?

Many faithful believers experience moments of uncertainty—times when God seems distant, prayers feel unanswered, and struggles cloud our spiritual vision. Yet rather than being a sign of failure, doubt can serve as a catalyst for a more genuine and unshakable faith.

Consider Thomas, often called “Doubting Thomas,” who questioned the resurrection of Jesus. Instead of rejecting him for his skepticism, Jesus met Thomas in his doubts, inviting him to touch His wounds (John 20:27). That encounter transformed Thomas from a hesitant disciple into a bold witness of Christ’s resurrection. His doubt didn’t push him away from Jesus; it ultimately drew him closer.

Seasons of questioning force us to examine what we truly believe and why. They strip away shallow assumptions and lead us to seek God more earnestly. When we wrestle with our faith, we are not alone—God welcomes honest questions and meets us in our searching.

Like the desperate father in Mark 9, we can bring our doubts to Jesus and say, “I believe; help my unbelief!”

Faith is not the absence of doubt, but the decision to trust God in the midst of it. When we acknowledge our uncertainties and surrender them to Christ, we find that our faith emerges stronger, refined like gold tested in fire.

Occasional doubt is not a sign of weakness; it is an invitation to deepen our dependence on the One who is always faithful.

Are you experiencing doubts in your faith? Instead of suppressing them, bring them to Jesus in prayer. Ask Him to reveal His truth and strengthen your trust in Him.

Your doubts, surrendered to Christ, can become stepping stones to a deeper, more steadfast faith. Are you ready to take the first steps on the pathway that will lead you closer to the heart of God?

On the grace journey together with you, Pastor Lynwood

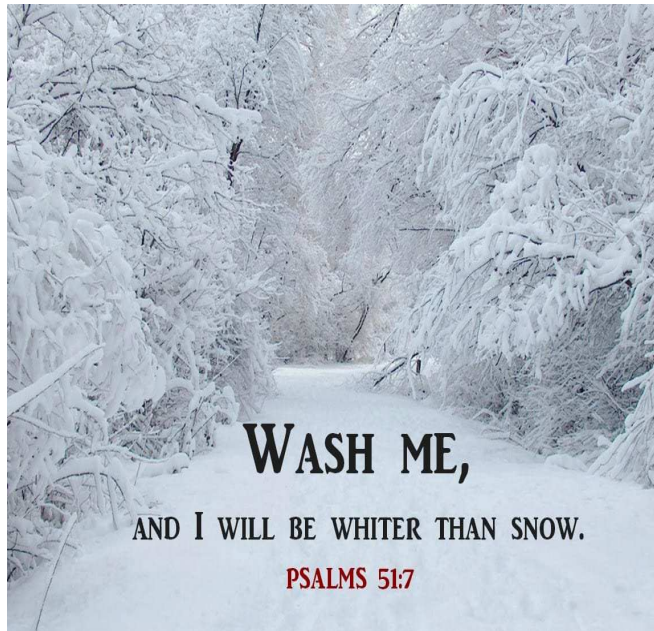
**The Hilton Baptist Church Record**  
**Lynwood Wells, Pastor**  
**February 18, 2025**

Budget \$1440.00

Designated Budget Offering- \$60.00 Use of building

Cash in Cash out- Faith Recovery \$100.00

Total Deposit \$1600.00



**Schedules**

**Lock up/ Hall Monitor**

2/23 David and Lisa Falls

3/2 Pam Cooke

**Counter**

2/24 Joe Wircenske

3/3 Margaret Upole

**Kids Church**

2/23 Tori Holt

3/2 Kathy Caskie

**Happy Birthday in February**

2/17 Debbie Marfa

**Happy Birthday in March**

3/2 Robert Caffacus

3/3 Donald Beard

3/10 Scott Schaubach

3/11 Betty Howell

3/17 Christy Kuhlne

3/25 Lana Ntumngia

3/25 Billy Surber

3/31 Kirk Crippen

## Calendar

### 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

### Tuesday, February 25th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

### Thursday, February 27th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

### Friday, February 28th

5:30-6:30pm

Community Dinner

Full Food Distribution. Free and open to the public.

### Sunday, March 2nd

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

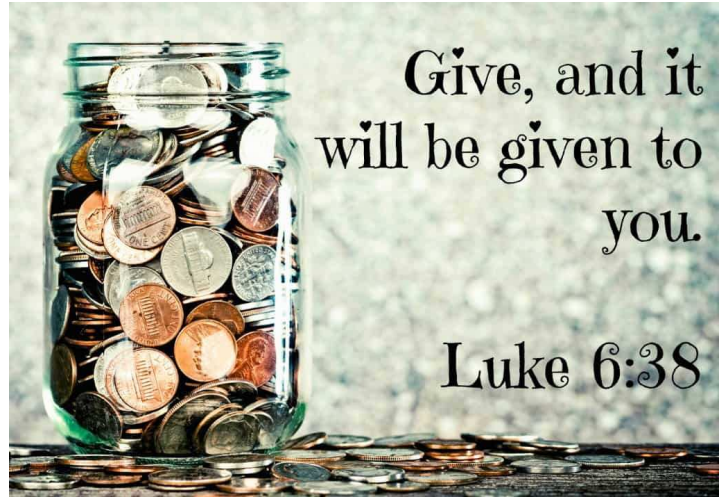
Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

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

### 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***

David Boyter (American People) HC (Asian Pacific Rim People) SM, Lauren Ulmer (European People) CC, BF, JP (South Asian People) MJ (Sub Saharan African People) Reid Olsen (CA) Luckenson Luma (NC)

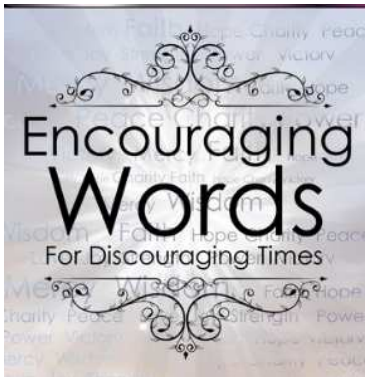
### ***February's Community Dinner is Friday, February 28***

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.



## **Words Of Encouragement!**

Words of encouragement often come through the experiences of another person's life. Sometime those experiences are painful. Other times they are the fruit of successful endeavors.

As you read and reflect upon the truths expressed here, allow them to saturate your soul. They may challenge you. They may heal you. Either way...I pray they will bless you!

*"Everyone has inside them a piece of good news. The good news is you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is." – Anne Frank*

*"The world breaks everyone, then some become strong at the broken places."  
Ernest Hemingway*

*"Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength."  
- Arnold Schwarzenegger*

*"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, "I will try again tomorrow." – Mary Anne Radmacher*

*"You must do the thing you think you cannot do." - Eleanor Roosevelt*

*"Difficulties are meant to rouse, not discourage. The human spirit is to grow strong by conflict." - William Ellery Channing*

*"Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its troubles. It empties today of its strength." - Corrie ten Boom*

*"In the end, some of your greatest pains become your greatest strengths." - Drew Barrymore*

*"It is time for us all to stand and cheer for the doer, the achiever – the one who recognizes the challenges and does something about it." – Vince Lombardi*

*"Nothing is more beautiful than the smile that has struggled through the tears." - Demi Lovato*

*"We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope."  
– Martin Luther King*

*"Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise!"  
Victor Hugo – The final chorus of the musical "Les Miserables"*



## ***When Tough Times Come***

God never makes a mistake. His way is perfect. His Word is flawless. These may feel like empty statements to some of you.

Your life experiences might be trying to tell you otherwise, illness is sapping your strength. A loved one was taken too early. Your spouse walked away from the marriage. Your company downsized. A child won't come home.

God never makes a mistake. Really? How can these troubles be part of God's perfect way and flawless Word?

I don't know what you are going through nor do I know why. But God does. He is not wasting your time. He is using hard times today to prepare you for what He wants you to do tomorrow.

Somehow, He will work everything out for good. You may not understand it in this life. The "good" may not be revealed until heaven. But God's work and word stands.

So, how do you respond when your heart feels like breaking? Let God hold it together. He works personally with His loved ones. He is our source of strength. He provides security. He trains us for the challenges and sustains us with His power. He can be trusted. There is no one besides the Lord. There is no Rock except Him.

## ***Pastor's Business Card***

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door.

Therefore, he took out a business card that he had printed, "*Revelation 3:20*" on the back of it for just such an occasion and stuck it in the door.



When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned.

Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10." Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock.*" Genesis 3:10 reads, "*I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked.*"



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