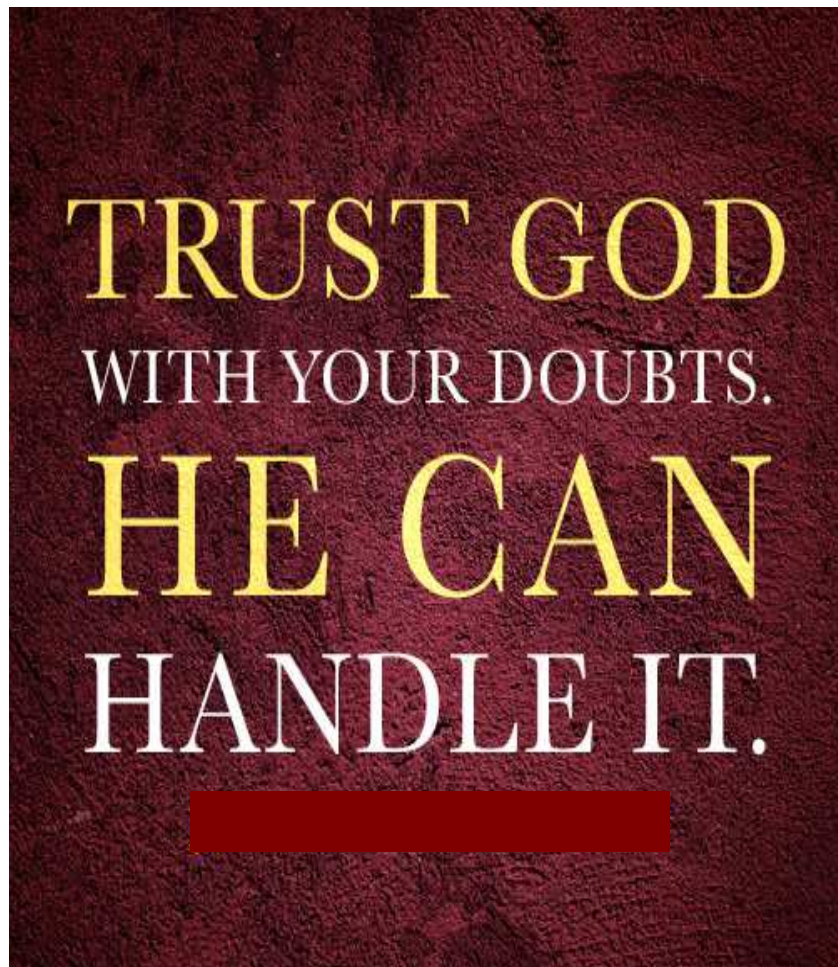


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God is not intimidated by our doubts. He is not afraid of our questions or unsettled by our struggles. Throughout Scripture, we see men and women of faith wrestle with uncertainty—Thomas needed to see the risen Christ's wounds, Job cried out for understanding, and David poured out his questions in the Psalms. Yet, in each case, God did not turn them away. Instead, He met them with grace, revealed His truth, and strengthened their faith.

God invites you to come to Him just as you are, with every question and uncertainty. Jesus welcomed the man who cried, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24), showing that faith and doubt can coexist in the journey toward deeper trust. If you are struggling, do not let doubt drive you away from God—let it draw you closer. Seek Him in prayer, in His Word, and in the wisdom of fellow believers. He is not fragile, nor is He distant. He is near, faithful, and able to strengthen your heart, even in the midst of uncertainty.



## ***God Can Handle Our Doubts***

Doubt is often seen as the enemy of faith, but the Bible tells a different story. Consider Thomas, often called "Doubting Thomas." After Jesus' resurrection, the other disciples joyfully declared, "We have seen the Lord!" But Thomas couldn't bring himself to believe. His heart was heavy with grief, and his mind demanded evidence. *"Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe"* (John 20:25).

Jesus did not rebuke Thomas for his doubt. He did not turn away or dismiss him as faithless. Instead, eight days later, Jesus appeared again, this time directly addressing Thomas' struggle. *"Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe"* (John 20:27). Thomas' response was immediate and heartfelt: *"My Lord and my God!"* Jesus didn't scold or shame Thomas. Instead, He gave him exactly what he needed to believe. Scriptures like this remind us that God does not fear our doubts—He meets us in them.

Abraham, the father of faith, also had moments of doubt. When God promised him descendants as numerous as the stars, Abraham and Sarah were old and childless. Sarah laughed at the idea. Abraham questioned how it could happen. Yet, God did not abandon them in their uncertainty. He reaffirmed His promise, and in His perfect timing, Isaac was born. Their doubts did not disqualify them from God's plan; instead, they became part of a testimony of His faithfulness.

Even John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, struggled with doubt. From prison, he sent messengers to Jesus, asking, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" (Matthew 11:3). This was the same John who had baptized Jesus and declared Him the Lamb of God! Yet, in the darkness of his prison cell, doubt crept in. How did Jesus respond? Not with condemnation, but with reassurance: *"Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor"* (Matthew 11:4-5). Jesus met John's doubt with evidence of His power and mission.

Our God does not turn away from us when we question, when we weep, or when we wrestle with uncertainty. He invites us closer, revealing Himself in ways that strengthen our faith. If you are struggling with doubt today, know this: God is not disappointed in you. He is not pushing you away. Instead, He is drawing near, inviting you to bring your questions to Him. Like Thomas, Abraham, Sarah, and John the Baptist, you are not alone. God can handle your doubts, and He will meet you in them with His unshakable love.

*On the grace journey together with you, Pastor Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

February 25, 2025

Budget \$1310.00

Cashin Cash out– Love offering Dreama \$2220.00

Total Deposit \$3530.00

## **January Recap**

Deposits \$18,509.22

Expenses \$23,788.42

Designated Deposits \$1265.00

Designated Expenses \$4286.94

Money Market \$44,466.71

Building Fund \$39,288.79

Savings \$29.32

Outreach \$5148.60

PDF/RR Account \$16,103.47

PDF \$3724.92

RR \$12,002.14

Deacons \$376.41

Designated Account \$32,774.11

## **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

## **Schedules**

### **Lock up/ Hall Monitor**

3/2 Pam Cooke

3/9 Stan Langdon

### **Counter**

3/3 Margaret Upole

3/10 Kathy Caskie

### **Kids Church**

3/2 Kathy Caskie

3/9 Tracy Venable

## **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.

## **Calendar**

### **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

### **Tuesday, March 4th**

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

### **Thursday, March 6th**

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

### **Saturday, March 8th**

Set your clocks UP one hour!

### **Sunday, March 9th**

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Produce Giveaway after Worship

## **Clothes Closet Needs for HBC**

### **Men's**

Underclothes S, M, L, XL, 2X and 3X-  
the men prefer boxer briefs

T-shirt's- (They can have print on them)

Any size- urgently needed S, M, L and 3X

Thermal Shirts- All sizes

Men's Shoe's- all sizes are needed – (really  
need 11 and above)

All size hoodies

Jeans – all sizes

Men's warm shirt's – all sizes are needed  
( we have No 3x at all)

Coats- all sizes

### **Women's**

No shirts, pants, shoes and coats  
are needed

Needed :

Women's underclothes, all sizes

Bras- urgently needs are 42 and above

Hoodies all sizes

Jeans- all sizes

Please remember we do not need SHORT  
Sleeve shirts! We need warm clothes.  
When these guests are looking at the  
clothes, they will actually say, this is not  
warm enough (even in layering)



### ***Missions Outreach***

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

### ***Pray for our Missionaries***

Shelley Blacksten, Joyce Pittman (American People) RH ( Asian Pacific Rim People)  
Katy Darnell, DP, SS (European People) HF ( Northern African and Middle Eastern  
People) CA, SM (South Asian People) JH (Sub-Saharan African People) Mark Warren  
(FL) Matthew Joiner (IL) John Wyman (KS) Jose Mendoza Vasquez ( OK) Kivan  
Quintana Povdeda (TX) Jonathan White (WV)

### ***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.

## ***Vision Team Meeting Recap– February 18, 2025***

### Tara Borton -Finance

\*We have had to borrow money from the money market for Insurance and all bills are paid.

Tara and Dreama shared the things that Journey Church has done for HBC.

\* During PORT the plumbing system was stopped up and Pastor Chris himself came out with Worley to unstop the system. They absorbed the cost of the repairs.

\*After PORT Journey had the carpet professionally cleaned where the main traffic of PORT was. The total cost was \$771.00 and Journey Church paid for the cleaning.

\*We had been having problems with the lights in the gym and continued to have problems even after trying to fix it. Worley's Home Repair (Pastor Chris is the Chaplain ) came in and installed new LED lighting at the cost of \$1125.00 and they absorbed the cost of the installation

\* HBC needed a new circuit run for a new refrigerator we received and Journey Church took care of the cost.

It was suggested if anyone would see Pastor Chris and Pastor Kim, we need to let them know how much we appreciate all that they have done. This has been a blessing to the church

### Dreama

\* Our trash service contacted us and they are going to credit us one of the extra pickups from PORT. Also they sent us a new contract and it is \$50.00 cheaper per month.

\* An AA Group has reached out to us to have a meeting at the church 3 times a week. The Vision Team decided that we would like to help them and we will reach back out to them and see about meeting schedule.

\* The Quilt Guild wants to use the Prior Hall on September 27th for their Anniversary Luncheon. The team fixed a price at \$250.00. Also we are going to look into changing the contract we have with them and will get the new one to them in the next few weeks.

\* It was approved to give the two cleaners we have cleaning the church each week a \$200.00 bonus. They have gone above and beyond with the cleaning since our PORT week.

\*Tommy Garner has given us a price on replacing the AC/ Heat unit for the gym at \$26,525.00. Tommy Garner, Zach Garner and Richard Jenkins are working on a solution for the sanctuary and will give us that information as soon as it is available.

\*The Kids Easter Celebration is Saturday, April 12th from 11am-2pm and VBS is scheduled for August 4th– 8th.

\* Emergency Contact List is almost completed. We are waiting on a couple of more people and then it will be located in the front office.

\*Closet Needs list was given out and will be shared with the church.

Pam Cooke– Mission Outreach

\* Everything is going well in Missions Outreach. The Community Dinners are covered until December. Serve the City are going to be a part of the Food Bank and will help with shopping and delivering food to the cars during the community dinner.

Robbie Ayscue

\* It has been brought to her attention again, that we do not give an altar call at the end of the service. Discussion was made about this topic by the Vision Team.

Christy Kuhlne– Nothing

Tracy Venable– Nothing

Tim Humphreys– mentioned that we might be changing karaoke to Nights of Worship.

Pastor Lynwood - feels like we need to have more of a worship experience this year. We need to be aware of the Lord's presence. And the worship nights would help us have time in the Lord's presence.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Lynwood





## ***Honest with God***

*“When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. But whenever Moses went in before the Lord...he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded.” Exodus 34:33-34*

Upon his descent from Mt. Sinai, the people throughout the Israelite camp could see the difference on his face. Whenever Moses spent time with God, his countenance changed. He looked different. The change was so massive that he had to put a veil over his face so the people were not overwhelmed by the impact of God’s presence.

But when Moses came before the Lord, he took the veil off. Removing the veil was symbolic of an honest relationship. Moses recognized that God knew him more intimately than he knew himself. When he was with God, he could be transparent. There was no reason to cover up.

Other Israelites might have had opportunities to have this relationship, but they held back. Only Moses (and Joshua) were willing. They exercised what I call a humble boldness in approaching their God. And God offers each of us the opportunity to have this kind of relationship with Him.

But how will we respond?

Some are like the other Israelites, content to watch. Hiding. Refusing to enter into His presence. But some are like Moses. Willing to spend time alone with God. Willing to take off their masks, and be intimate and honest with Him. Willing to go beyond studying God to really knowing Him.

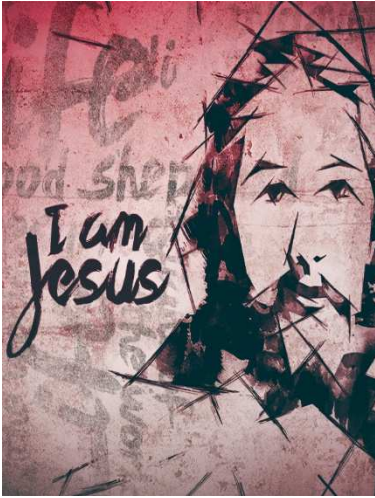
Ask yourself if you’re more like Moses or the other Israelites. How much do you really love spending time in His presence? Celebrating Who He is in heartfelt worship? Reading and studying His Word? Seeking His insights and wisdom?

In each of our lives we need to seek to enter into God’s presence. Take off every mask. Be honest with Him. Wait. Meditate on His Word. Share every concern. Every fear. Every worry. Every problem. Every question.

Listen to His voice. And be ready to be changed. Perhaps consider praying the following words...

*“Father, help me to have a more intimate relationship with You. You know my every thought, and everything I do. Thank You that I can be honest with You.  
In Jesus’ name. Amen.*





## ***I Am Jesus!***

To the dead man, Jesus was life.

To the prostitute, He was a second chance. To the searching,  
He was the long-awaited answer.

Discover what it means when He says, "***I Am Jesus!***"

In this new series beginning on March 30th, we will learn some of the different ways Jesus is represented in the Bible: as the Resurrection and the Life, as the Good Shepherd, and as the Light of the World!

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## ***The Last Impression***

A man had been in business for many years, and the business was going down the drain. He was seriously contemplating suicide and he didn't know what to do. He went to a minister to seek his advice.



The man told the minister about all of his problems in the business and asked what he should do. The minister said, "Take a beach chair and a Bible and put them in your car, and drive down to the edge of the ocean. Go to the water's edge. Take the beach chair out of the car, sit on it, and take the Bible out and open it up. The wind will blow the pages for a while, and eventually the Bible will stay open at a particular page. Read the Bible and it will tell you what to do."

The man did as he was told. He placed a beach chair and a Bible in his car and went to the beach. He sat on the chair at the water's edge and opened the Bible. The wind blew the pages of the Bible and then stopped at a particular page. He looked down at the Bible and saw what he had to do.

Three months later, the man and his family come back to see the minister. The man was wearing a \$1,000 Italian suit. His wife was all decked out with a full-length mink coat and their child was dressed in beautiful silk. The man handed the minister a thick envelope full of money and told him that he wanted to donate this money to the church to thank the minister for his wonderful advice.

The minister was delighted. He recognized the man and asked him what advice in the Bible brought this good fortune to him.

The man replied, "Chapter 11."



## ***Your Giving Is Appreciated!***

*So the children of Israel gave to the Levites from their inheritance, at the commandment of the Lord, these cities and their common-lands..." – Joshua 21:1-3*

The Levites were the spiritual leaders of the community, established by God as the ones through whom the people would present their acts of worship. As such, they "belonged" to God and would live on God's provision. But then, as now, that provision wasn't a direct act of God. He blessed the people who would use what they had to bless the Levites.

So cities were given within a tribe's inheritance for the sake of the Levites. The people were to contribute to the needs of the Levites as a demonstration of their own faith in God, and their desire for continued provision.

The Church works on a similar principle as our tithes and offerings are presented to the local church and those who serve there are cared for from those acts of worship. What an amazing and sacred relationship. God connects the people's desire to care for His purposes to the care for those He has called to serve Him.

That's what tithing is about – so much more than the hope of personal blessing. My giving acknowledges the spiritual leadership God has placed in my life, and when I give, I affirm that God has provided these servants in order to help me better fulfill His plans for my life.

***Thank you for your faithful prayers and generous giving of your time, talents and tithes and offerings to HBC...***

***As we continue to obey God, listen to His voice, and work together we will continue to accomplish great things for His kingdom!***

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