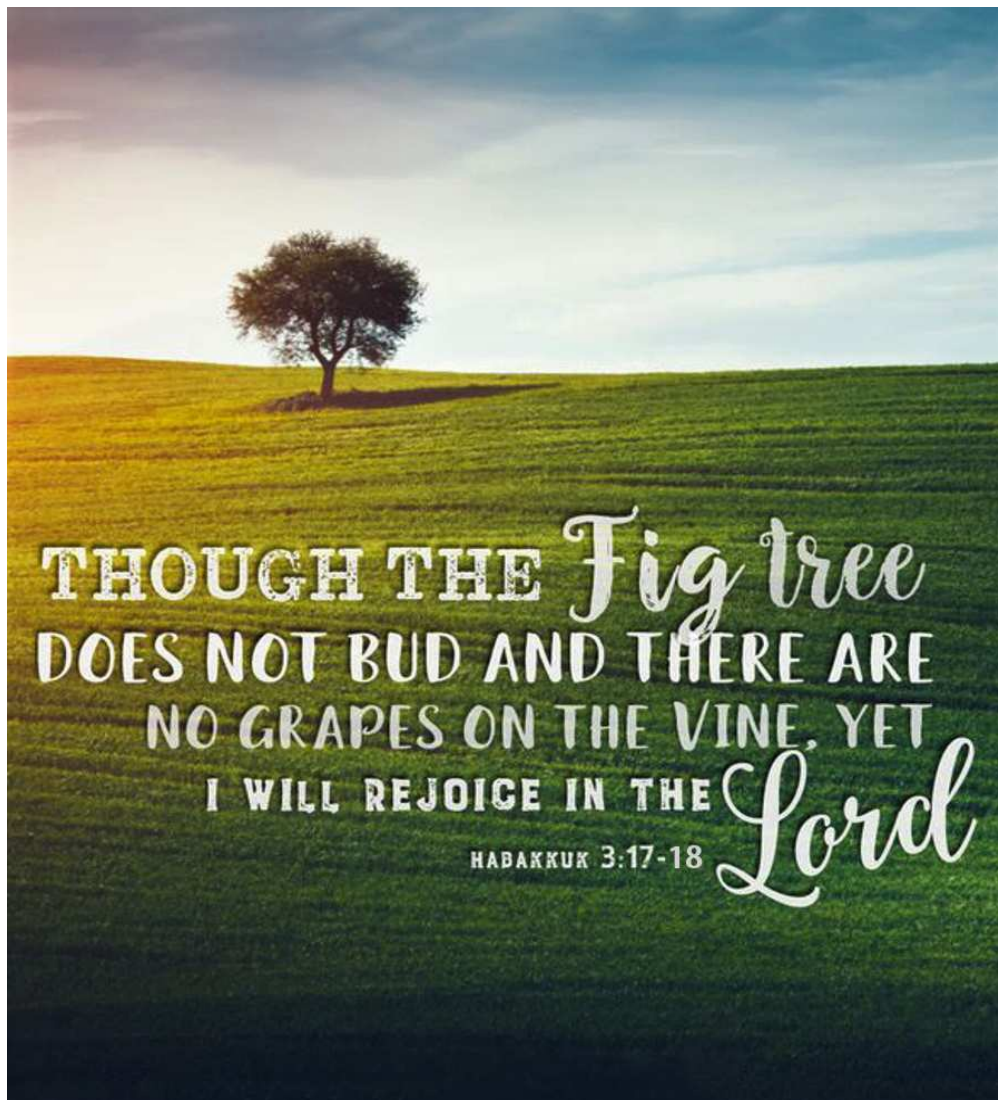


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Even when everything around us seems to fall apart—when the fig tree doesn't blossom, the vines bear no fruit, and the fields yield no food—Habakkuk reminds us of an unshakable truth: our joy is not rooted in circumstances but in the Lord. Habakkuk 3:17-18 is a bold statement of faith, choosing to rejoice in God even in the midst of loss and barrenness. This is the essence of true worship—praising God not just for what He gives, but for who He is.

Life will bring seasons of scarcity and sorrow, but like Habakkuk, we can choose joy because our God is unchanging. He remains our strength, our salvation, and our ever-present help. When everything else fades, He is still enough. Rejoicing in the Lord is an act of defiance against despair, a declaration that our hope rests not in what we see, but in the One who holds all things in His hands.



Yet I Will Rejoice

*"Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior."
Habakkuk 3:17-18*

Faith is easy when life is full—when blessings overflow, when prayers are answered, when hope is rewarded. But what happens when the fig tree does not bud, when the vines are barren, and when every source of provision dries up?

This is where Habakkuk's declaration shakes us to the core. His words rise from the depths of a faith that is not dependent on circumstances but anchored in the unchanging character of God.

Habakkuk lived in a time of great uncertainty. He saw injustice and destruction sweeping the land. His heart wrestled with God's ways, questioning why the wicked seemed to prosper while the righteous suffered.

Yet, after his dialogue with God, he arrived at a profound resolution—regardless of what he saw with his eyes, he would trust in the Lord with his heart.

This is not a passive resignation but an act of defiant joy. *"Yet I will rejoice."* This is a choice—a decision to find joy, not in what is seen, but in who God is. The source of Habakkuk's joy is not in material blessings but in the unshakable reality that God is still sovereign, still good, still a Savior.

For us, these verses challenge our response to hardships. Will we only praise God when He answers the way we expect? Will we trust Him when the harvest fails, when finances dwindle, when relationships break, when dreams shatter?

True faith declares, "Yet I will rejoice," not because the pain is absent but because God's presence is constant.

Habakkuk's words remind us that joy is not found in circumstances but in communion with the One who never fails. His faith points to Jesus, the ultimate Savior, whose victory on the cross secures our hope beyond this world's trials.

Matter what we lose, we cannot lose Him. And because of that, we can rejoice!

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

March 11, 2025

Budget \$4112.13

Annie Armstrong \$50.00

Annie Armstrong \$30.00 in memory of Joyce Spiers

From the Faith Class

Cash in Cash out– Dreama Love Offering \$600.00

Cash in Cash out– Coffee Fund \$3.00

Food Closet \$36.00

PORT \$287.87

Total Deposit \$5108.00



Schedules

Lock up/ Hall Monitor

3/16 Charles Vassar

3/23 Robbie Ayscue

Counter

3/17 Joe Wircenske

3/24 Margaret Upole

Kids Church

3/16 Tracy Venable/Pam Cooke

3/23 Jordan Williams

Happy Birthday in March

3/10 Scott Schaubach

3/11 Betty Howell

3/17 Christy Kuhlne

3/25 Lana Ntumngia

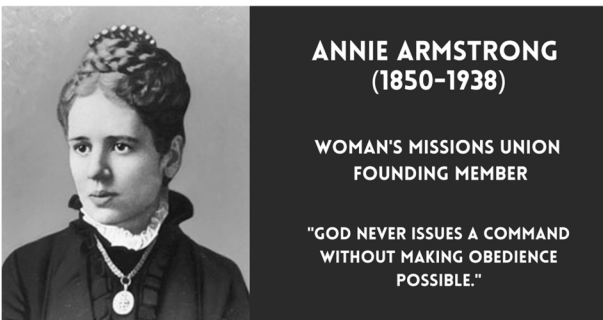
3/25 Billy Surber

3/31 Kirk Crippen



*With Sympathy to the family of
Lloyd Ware that passed away last week.
Please remember the family during this
time of loss.*

*Funeral: Thursday at Weymouth
Funeral Home, 11-12 visitation
with the funeral at 12pm*



**ANNIE ARMSTRONG
(1850-1938)**

WOMAN'S MISSIONS UNION
FOUNDING MEMBER

"GOD NEVER ISSUES A COMMAND
WITHOUT MAKING OBEDIENCE
POSSIBLE."

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Collected to Date \$ 80.00



Kids Easter Celebration- Saturday , April 12th
11am-2pm ages 4-12

Looking for volunteers to help- Please let Dreama know if you can help! Plans are already being made

Also, we are collecting candy for plastic eggs. It can be any kind of candy it just needs to fit inside a plastic egg. You can place your donations in the Mission Outreach

Corner or in the office.

Projects with a Purpose- Anyone that would like to come out and help stuff the eggs we will be meeting Wednesday, April 9th at 1pm to get ready for the egg hunt.

If you have any questions, please see Dreama .



Missions Outreach

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

Pray for our Missionaries

BJ (Asian Pacific Rim People) MM (Central Asian People) Steven Cooke, BJ (European People) AC, LG, RW (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) GS (Sub- Saharan African People) Elizabeth Slack (CO)

March Community Dinner is Friday, March 28th

The Dinner for March is the last Friday of the month. We can use your help! If you can help with clean up or the dinner see Pam Cooke. If you can help with the Food Giveaway, see Tara.

Desserts are needed! Cupcakes, brownies or any kind of dessert. If you can make something, sign up on the Mission Outreach Table or let Pam know. Olive Garden is supplying the meal.

WMU Mission Project for March- Food Pantry

These are the items needed: Bread, jelly, canned tuna, canned chicken, ketchup, mustard, mayo, hot sauce pancake mix and syrup. We really need plastic bags that do not have holes in them.



All Things Work Together for Good

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

Rom 8:28

This verse of scripture has been a source of strength and guidance for many down through the years. It helps us gain a biblical perspective of our problems and to look at life through a wide-angle lens.

Consider carefully what Paul did and didn't say. He did not say that pain and suffering are good. He did not say that evil is good. He did not suggest that we should enjoy sorrow. Paul understood as much as anyone else what it felt like to suffer (2 Cor 11:23-28) and he was not trying to give his Christian brethren a simple solution to all of life's problems. What then was Paul saying?

Paul was saying that God (in His providential care) is able to make all things (both the good and the bad) work together for our good and His glory.

Joseph understood this important truth and he expressed it in a statement to his brothers. In Genesis 50:20, we read, *“But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.”*

Having gone from being thrown into a pit and nearly killed by his brothers, and now risen to a position of ruler in Pharaoh's household, literally Joseph said – *“You had evil in mind when you plotted against me. There was sin in your hearts when you threw me in the pit to die and then sold me into slavery. You wanted to do me harm. But God wanted to do me good. God was providentially working behind the scenes, planning out what would ultimately bless both you and me.”*

The bottom line is this: Life is not always easy to understand. Sometimes it is very difficult for us to comprehend all that God is doing. Yet, just because we do not understand, that does not mean that it doesn't make sense. It only means that we lack the ability to understand. Often we can't see the whole picture. We look at life through a zoom lens rather than from a wide-angle.

The Bible tells us that one day in heaven, we will see everything clearly. Our knowledge will be complete and we will see that God's way was always best and that He was with us every step of the way. This week as we conclude our *“Death To Selfie”* message series, we will see that we have *“naming rights”* as to what we call the circumstances we face in life.



One Week to Live

What would you do if you knew you had only week to live? Would you go away? Would you go home? Would you do some last minute sinning, or some last minute repenting? Would you be sad? Angry? Hopeful? Afraid? How would you spend those final hours?

Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. (John 13:1)

When Jesus had one week to live, he chose to wash his disciples' feet. He did the work of a common slave, ministering to those who were closest to him. He washed their feet (John 13), he comforted them (John 14), he encouraged them (John 15-16), prayed for them (John 17), and then he died for them. He spent the last week of his life fulfilling his purpose; he spent the last week of his life being a servant.

"...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28)

You and me, we have a week to live: this week — and most probably hundreds more. I want to spend this week fulfilling my purpose, doing that which is most important in terms of eternity: serving Christ by serving others.

"Bear" Necessities

A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday and head to the hills to do some bear hunting. As he rounded the corner on a perilous twist in the trail, he and a bear collided, sending him and his rifle tumbling down the mountainside. Before he knew it, his rifle went one way and he went the other, landing on a rock and breaking both legs.



That was the good news. The bad news was the ferocious bear was charging at him from a distance, and he couldn't move.

"Oh, Lord," the preacher prayed, "I'm so sorry for skipping services today to come out here and hunt. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish: Please make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me. Please, Lord!"

That very instant the bear skidded to a halt, fell to its knees, clasped its paws together and began to pray aloud right at the preacher's feet, "Dear God, bless this food I am about to receive...."



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.*

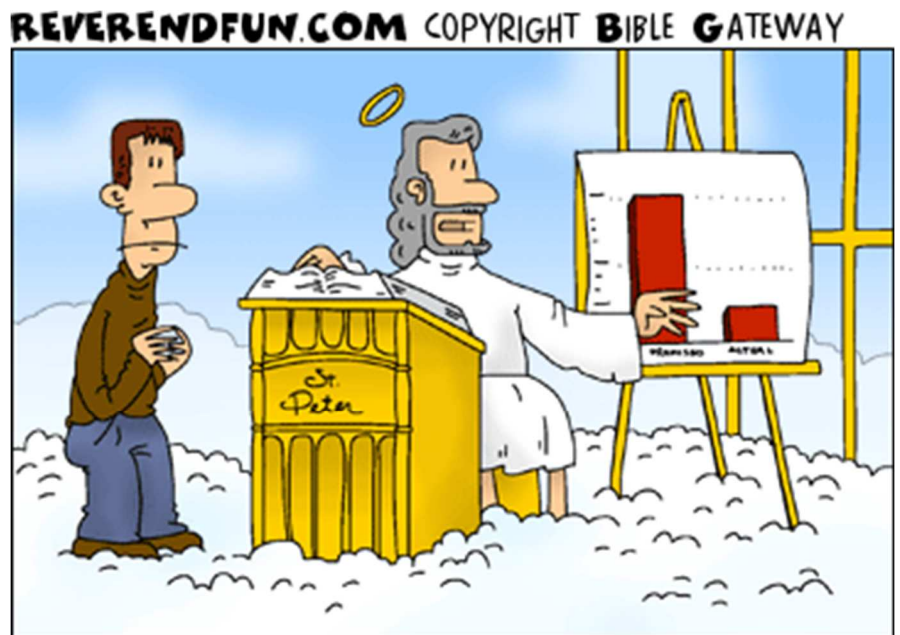
It says, *"Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest .."*. We give to God first, before anyone else, right off the top of our income. And here is the promise, *"Then your barns will be completely filled, and your vats will overflow with new wine"*.

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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