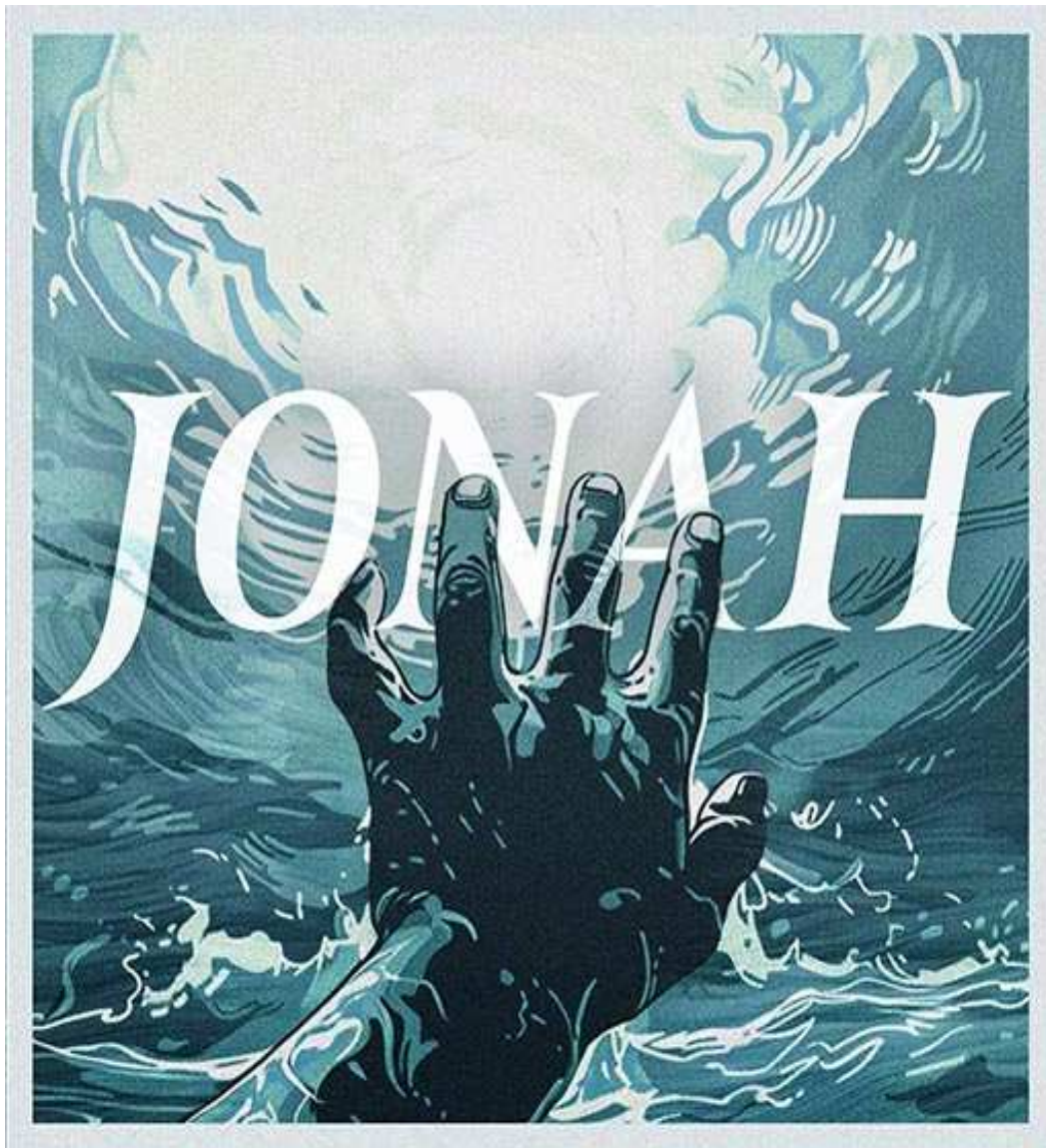


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The thought at times of seeking a do-over resonates deeply within many of us. We all have moments in our lives where we wish we could rewind time, make different choices, or escape the weight of our mistakes. Jonah's story encapsulates this universal longing for a second chance, but it also highlights a profound struggle: the tension between our desire for forgiveness and our difficulty in extending that same type of forgiveness to others.

We all want second chances but sometimes struggle to offer them. What if that reluctance is hindering our own fresh start? In our new message series, "Jonah," we will discover how one man found his own second chance in the most unexpected way.



Embracing Second Chances

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.”³ But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish... Jonah 1:1-2.

In the journey of life, we often crave second chances—those precious opportunities to rewrite our stories, to start anew.

Yet, how often do we find ourselves hesitant to extend that same grace to others? We can become so focused on the hurt and disappointment caused by someone else's actions that we forget the transformative power of forgiveness.

Jonah's story is a poignant reminder of this truth. When God called him to deliver a message of hope to Nineveh, Jonah initially ran away, overwhelmed by fear and doubt.

It was only after he found himself in the belly of a great fish—dark, isolated, and broken—that he experienced a profound moment of surrender. In that desperate place, Jonah cried out to God, and it was there that he received his second chance.

What if our reluctance to offer second chances is holding us back from experiencing our own fresh starts? Holding onto grudges can create chains that bind us to our past, preventing us from moving forward.

When we refuse to forgive, we trap ourselves in a cycle of bitterness, limiting the grace and joy that God longs to pour into our lives.

Imagine the freedom that comes with letting go of that burden. By choosing to extend grace, we open ourselves up to healing, both for ourselves and for those around us. Jonah's journey teaches us that our failures do not define us; instead, it is our response to those failures that shapes our future.

This Sunday as we delve deeper into Jonah's story in our series, let us reflect on our own journeys. Where do we need to extend grace? How can we embrace our second chances?

Remember, it's never too late to start over. God is always waiting with open arms, ready to guide us into the new beginnings He has prepared. The question is are you ready to take that important next step?

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

March 18, 2025

Budget \$3411.00

Budget Designated \$50.00 In Memory of Lloyd Ware

Annie Armstrong Easter offering \$750.00

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in Memory of Joyce Spiers \$50.00

Faith Recovery \$60.00

Dreama Love Offering \$640.00

Sonshine Kids \$30.00

Food Pantry \$390.00

Pure Water Pure Love in memory of Joyce Spiers \$50.00

Total Deposit \$5431.00

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Collected to Date \$ 880.00

February Recap

Budget Deposits \$17,148.69

Budget Expenses \$22,393.78

Designated Deposits \$3,334.00

Designated Expenses \$2,109.29

Money Market \$38,744.08

PDF/RR Account \$16,103.59

PDF \$3724.92

RR \$12,002.26

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Designated Account \$34,498.38

Happy Birthday in March

3/3/17 Christy Kuhlne

3/25 Lana Ntumngia

3/25 Billy Surber

3/31 Kirk Crippen

The heavens declare
the glory of God,
and the skies above
proclaim the work
of His hands.

Psalm 19:1 (NIV)





Kids Easter Celebration-

Saturday, April 12th 1am-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.

There are invites in the Connection Center. Invite kids, its going to be a fun time. 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

DP (Central Asian People) Phil Bartuska, KL (European People) KG (Northern African and Middle East People) KH (South Asian People) Julia Brodsky, Philip Cain , Carla Evans (Sub-Saharan African People) Kaen Malueg (CO) Trip Bumgarner (UT)

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.

Calendar

Tuesday, March 18th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Thursday, March 19th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Friday, March 20th

7pm-9pm Karaoke

Sunday, March 23rd

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Produce Giveaway after Worship

Tuesday, March 25th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

Thursday, March 27th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

Friday, March 28th

5:30pm-6:30pm

Community Dinner

Food Distribution after dinner.

Free and open to the public

Sunday, March 30th

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

Schedules

Lock up/ Hall Monitor

3/23 Robbie Ayscue

3/30 Joe Caskie

Counter

3/24 Margaret Upole

3/31 Kathy Caskie

Kids Church

3/23 Jordan Williams

3/30 Tori Holt



April Easter Celebrations

Friday, April 18– 7pm Good Friday
Service

Saturday, April 20th 10am Worship
Celebration– Jeus is Alive!

What a great time to invite your friends
and family to come to church!
We can celebrate we serve a risen Savior!



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)



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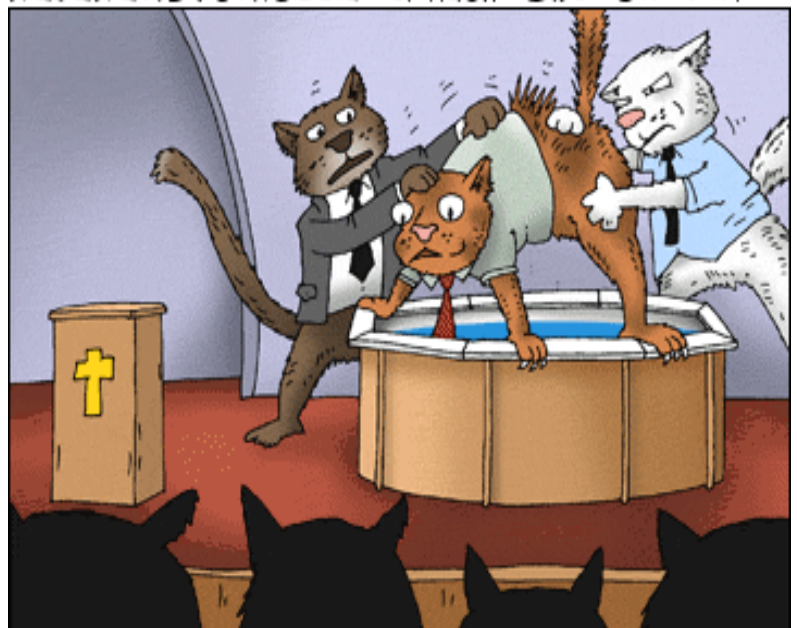
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