

The Forecast
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TRUSTING GOD

WHEN IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE



When life doesn't make sense—when prayers seem unanswered, doors remain closed, and suffering lingers—doubt can creep in. But doubt doesn't have to drive us away from God; it can draw us closer. Like Thomas, we can bring our questions to Jesus, knowing He meets us with grace.

God is not threatened by our doubts. He understands our struggles and invites us to trust Him, even when the answers remain unseen. Faith is not the absence of doubt; it is choosing to believe **in the midst of it**.

Today, if you're wrestling with uncertainty, don't run from God—run to Him. He can handle your doubts, and in the end, you may just find your faith stronger than ever.

***"Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have believed." – John 20:29***

Trusting God When Nothing Makes Sense



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”

— Proverbs 3:5

There are moments in life when nothing makes sense—when prayers seem unanswered, doors remain closed, and the path ahead is covered in uncertainty. It’s in these moments that trusting God feels the hardest, yet it is also when we need Him most.

Job knew this kind of struggle. He lost everything—his family, his health, his livelihood. His friends gave him all the wrong answers, and even his wife told him to curse God and die. Yet, in the middle of his pain, Job held onto one truth: God was still sovereign. He may not have understood the why, but he knew the Who.

Joseph also faced a life that didn’t make sense. Betrayed by his brothers, sold into slavery, falsely accused, and imprisoned—nothing seemed to align with the dreams God had placed in his heart. But God was weaving a greater story. When the time was right, Joseph was lifted from the prison to the palace, not only to fulfill his own purpose but to save many lives.

When we are caught in the fog of confusion and pain, it’s easy to believe that God has forgotten us. But scripture reminds us that God’s ways are higher than ours (Isaiah 55:8-9). His perspective is eternal, seeing beyond our present struggles to the redemption He is bringing. What we see as detours, He sees as divine appointments. What feels like delay is often a little extra preparation.

Consider Mary and Martha when their brother, Lazarus, died. They called for Jesus, but He didn’t arrive until four days after Lazarus had been buried. To them, it made no sense—why would Jesus, who loved them, delay His coming? Yet in that very delay, Jesus revealed something greater: His power over death itself. Sometimes, God allows a situation to seem hopeless so that His glory may be revealed in a way we never imagined.

God’s faithfulness is not measured by our understanding of His timing. It is measured by His unchanging nature. Even when we don’t see the outcome, we can trust His heart. He has never failed His people, and He won’t start now. Keep walking forward, even when the road is unclear. He is guiding every step.

“Lord, when I don’t understand what You are doing, help me to trust that You are still in control. Give me the faith to believe that You work all things for my good, even when I cannot see the full picture. Amen.”

On the grace journey together with you. Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

March 4, 2025

Budget \$4000.00

Cash in Cash out Dreama Love Offering \$540.00

Cash in Cash out– Sonshine Kids \$25.00

Food Pantry \$25.00

Total Deposit \$4590.00

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to the Spiers Family on the passing of Joyce Spiers , Saturday, March 1st. Joyce will be remembered by everyone here at HBC as she has been a member for 65 years.

The arrangements are :

Funeral., Friday, March 7th at 1:30pm at WJ Smith and Son on Harpersville Road, Newport News. There will be a time to greet the family after the service. Burial is private.

Please remember Bob and the entire family during the time of loss.





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 .

Schedules

Lock up/ Hall Monitor

3/9 Stan Langdon

3/16 Charles Vassar

Counter

3/10 Kathy Caskie

3/17 Joe Wircenske

Kids Church

3/9 Tracy Venable/ Lisa York

3/16 Jordan Williams

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

Red Cross Blood Drive— Hilton Presbyterian Church

34 Main Street

1:00pm– 6:00pm

Because of the weather in January and February , the Red Cross has had to cancel a lot of the Blood Drives across Virginia. They are encouraging people to give blood in the month of March. If you are able, please give this month on March 13th.

Calendar

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

Tuesday, March 11th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

Thursday, March 13th

The Church Office will be closed.

Dreama will be having surgery

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

Sunday, March 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

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

Kyle Roy, EZ (American People) ME, SJ, CL, Brandon Pirtle, LT, HW (Asian Pacific Rim People) KS (Central Asian People) Earl Pinkston (European People) JC (South Asian People) James Pope, Adrian Villalobos (CA)

March Community Dinner is Friday, March 28th

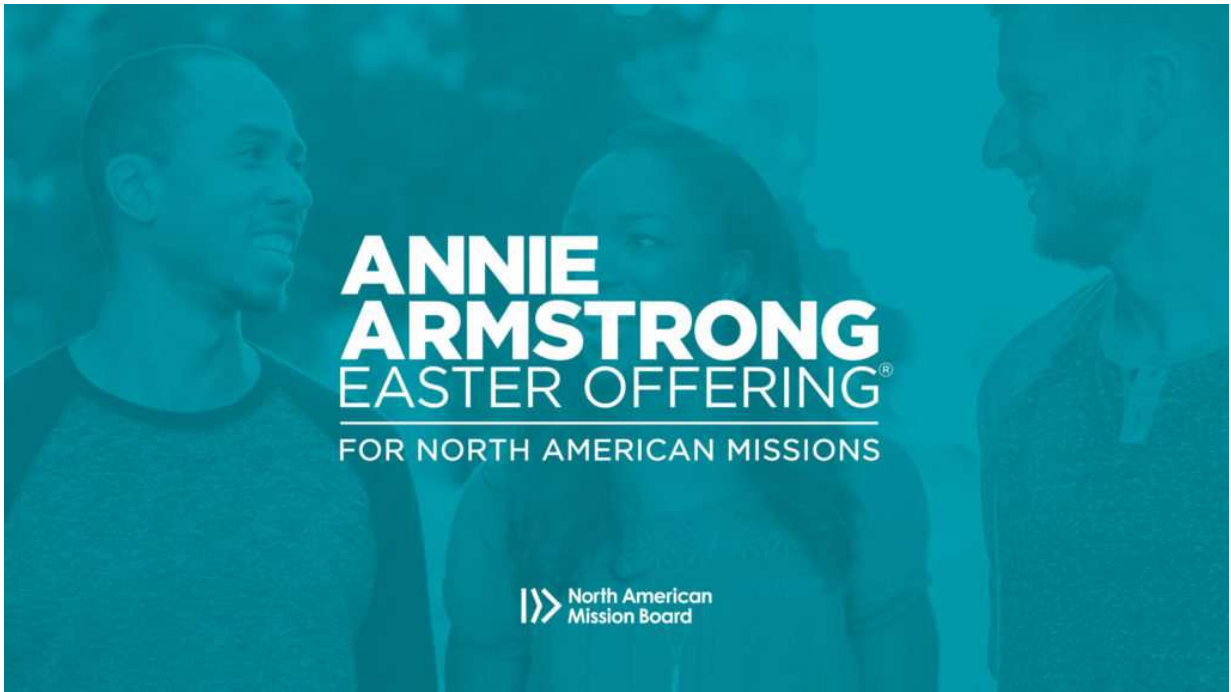
First of all , many thanks to everyone that had a part in helping with the community dinner for February. It was a great success. 120 people attended and we were able to give food to over 100 households. God is so good.

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. We are looking for a great time.

Thanks again for all you do to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

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.



Week of Prayer for North American Missions

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

We honor Annie Armstrong's life and work when we give to the annual offering for North American Missions. Annie Armstrong lead women to unite in mission endeavors that lead to the formation of the Women's Missionary Union (WMU). Annie Armstrong was a woman of prayer, interceding for missionaries and those helping discover Christ.

100% of the offering is used for Missionary salaries and supplies



**ANNIE ARMSTRONG
(1850-1938)**

**WOMAN'S MISSIONS UNION
FOUNDING MEMBER**

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



With Jesus I Can Make It...

“That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, ‘Let us go over to the other side.’” (Mark 4:35)

Jesus gets into a boat with his disciples and tells them, “Let’s go to the other side.” They are on their way when all of a sudden, a squall comes up, and the waves begin to rock the boat so violently that even the disciples who are fishermen and thus accustomed to rough waters, begin to fear for their lives.

Through all this, Jesus is asleep on the boat! So they awaken him and ask him if he doesn’t care that they might drown. The Lord gets up and rebukes the wind and the waves as if he were talking to a person. Then he asks his disciples a poignant question, “Do you still have no faith?” He may be asking us the same question today.

For some of us, crossing to the other side could represent a season in our lives with decisions and adjustments to be made as we are going to school or getting married or beginning work in a profession. Getting to the other side could also represent a year in our lives; perhaps it’s a difficult year filled with the pain of illness or the death of a loved one.

It could even be just a day in our lives when we are facing an exam in school, a job interview, office layoffs, or test results at a doctor’s office. And in all of this, we may wonder if we’ll make it to the other side.

The thing is that life has unexpected turns where a storm can come up without warning and, all of a sudden, we’re in trouble. And at times we also feel as those disciples felt: “Lord, don’t you care that we’re about to drown?”

Jesus challenged the disciples, asking them if they had no faith. Notice that the Lord wasn’t questioning their faith for not having spoken to the storm themselves, just as he had done. Only Jesus could have done that. In fact, this was one of the attesting miracles, which proved the divinity of Jesus, for only God has power over the wind and the waves.

So why did Jesus admonish his disciples? He admonished them for their fear, and for believing that they would drown even though Jesus himself was in the boat! He wanted them to know – and he wants each of us to know – that if he is in the boat, the boat is making it to the other side.

Yes, there will be trouble, and the storms can really get frightening at times, but those storms aren’t catching the Lord by surprise, and he is going to take us safely to the other side!

Bad Things... Good People

If I decided how my days were to go, I would never write in "crisis." I would never write, "Get sick" here or "Have my tire go flat" there, or "Have this unexpected disaster take place." I would just write in all the good stuff. I would plan for everything to go my way. There would be no traffic on the freeways. It would always be green lights and blue skies.

But guess what? We're not in charge of our lives. God is. I love what the prophet once admitted to the Lord: *"O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps"* (Jeremiah 10:23). The fact is, God allows so-called "bad things" to happen to us in our lives. But as time goes by, you will find that the significant things you learn in life didn't really come from the good times and the mountaintop experiences. They came from those times of crisis in which you were more dependent on God. Many of the most difficult days will, in retrospect, turn out to be unbelievably valuable, because it is through those so-called "bad times" that you will learn some of life's most important lessons.

When you put your faith in Jesus Christ, you come under His protective care. God is fully aware of everything that happens to you, and thankfully He is never asleep on the job. He pays careful attention to the smallest details of your life and is in complete control of all circumstances that surround you. He knows what's happening in your life right now better than you do. And His presence and provision will be all you need to make it through.

The Last Impression



While traveling on a mission trip to Latin America, a pastor was going to use a translator when preaching. But to identify with his audience, he wanted to begin his sermon by saying in Spanish, "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen." He arrived at the church a little early and realized he did not know the Spanish words for ladies and gentlemen. Being rather resourceful, he went to the part of the building where the restrooms were, looked at the signs on the two doors, and memorized those two words.

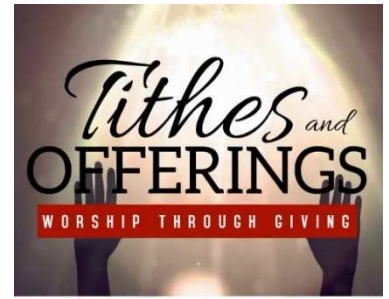
When the people arrived and he was introduced, he stood up and said in Spanish, "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen." The congregation was shocked. He didn't know whether he had offended them or perhaps they hadn't heard him or understood him. So he decided to repeat it. Again, in Spanish he said, "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen."

One person in the congregation began to snicker. Pretty soon the entire audience was laughing. Finally, someone told him that he had said, *"Good evening, bathrooms and broom closets!"*



Demonstrating Our Love for God Through Our Giving

Giving is more than just a financial transaction; it's a spiritual act of worship. When we give, we acknowledge that everything we have is a gift from God. By offering a portion back to Him, we show our trust in His provision and our desire to honor Him with our resources. Our giving becomes a reflection of our relationship with God—a way of saying, "I love You, Lord, and I trust You."



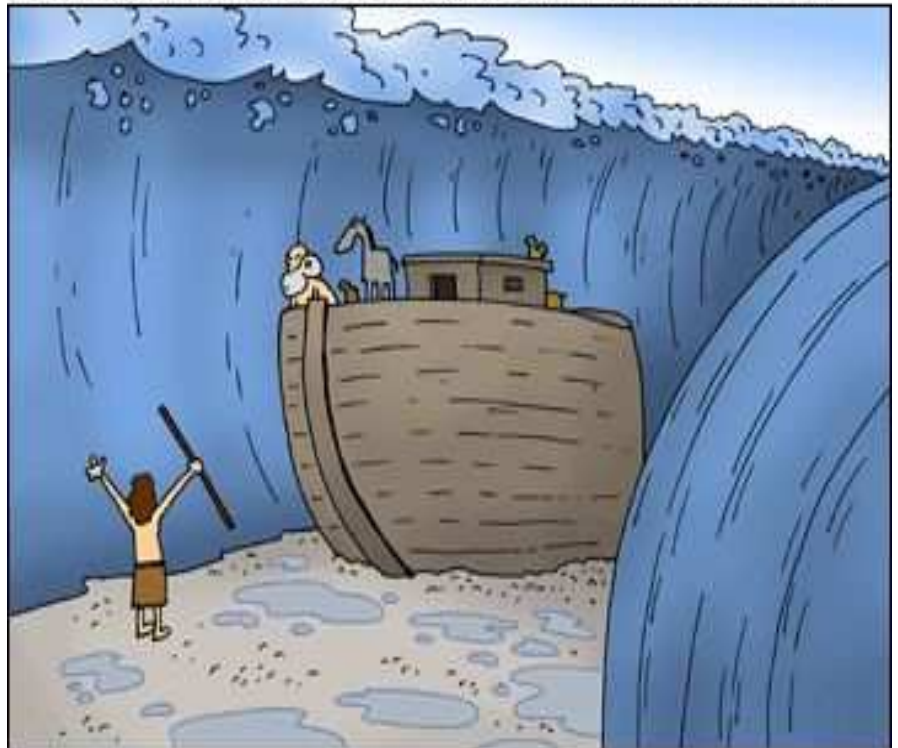
When we give out of love, it transforms our perspective. We no longer see giving as an obligation, but as an opportunity to participate in God's work. Whether we're giving to the church, to those in need, or in service to others, our generosity becomes a powerful testimony of our love for God. It shows that our hearts are aligned with His, caring for the things He cares about and desiring to see His kingdom advance.

As you consider how to demonstrate your love for God, reflect on your giving. Is it done with a joyful heart, out of love and gratitude? Remember, God doesn't measure the size of our gift, but the size of our heart. When we give from a place of love, we not only bless others, but we also draw closer to the heart of God, deepening our relationship with Him and reflecting His love to the world around us.

God is doing some exciting things through the people of God at HBC...

Please remember your commitments and giving and be part of the miracle!

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