

The Forecast
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The Power That Raised Jesus Lives in You... TODAY!

The same power that raised Jesus from the dead isn't distant—it's alive and active within you. Wherever you're feeling worn out, defeated, or stuck, God's resurrection power can breathe life again. Whether it's a dream that's died, a heart that's broken, or faith that's flickering, His power brings restoration. Today, dare to believe that what feels final is but a moment before God's resurrection power sweeps into your life

We often think God's mighty power and presence is only for the miraculous moments—but remember, God's power shows up in everyday occurrences all the time,. It's in the strength to forgive, the courage to keep going, the quiet peace in the storm. Wherever you're weak, that's exactly where His power is ready to meet you. Let today be the day you expect your miracle—not just in the big things, but right in the middle of your need.

7:00 pm - Good Friday Musical & Dramatic Worship
With Communion Before The Cross
“The Most Beautiful & Meaningful Service Of The Year!”



The Empty Tomb and the Limitless Life

Early on a Sunday morning, the world changed forever. The tomb that once held Jesus—sealed shut, guarded by soldiers, and shrouded in hopelessness—was now open, empty, and echoing with eternal promise.

What seemed like the end was only the beginning. What looked like defeat was actually the greatest victory in history. And from that empty grave, a declaration rose up that still speaks today:

“With God, nothing shall be impossible.”

When Jesus was crucified, His followers were shattered. Dreams died. Hope bled out on the cross. Fear whispered that it was over. This is the importance of remembering Good Friday and observing it together,

But faith, even when buried under the weight of sorrow, still held on. And on the third day, faith met fulfillment. The stone was rolled away—not just from a tomb, but from every heart that ever dared to believe again.

The resurrection isn't just a moment in history; it's a movement that continues in you. It's God saying: *"What looks dead in your life is not beyond My power to raise."*

You might be facing situations that seem sealed like that tomb—closed, impossible, beyond repair. Maybe it's a dream you've buried, a relationship that's crumbled, a diagnosis that feels final, or a season of life where hope seems distant. But take heart: the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is alive in you (Romans 8:11)..

There is no chain faith cannot break, no grave it cannot speak life into. When you truly grasp the meaning of the resurrection, you stop measuring your life by what you see and start living by what God has said. Faith is not wishful thinking—it's confident trust in the God who brings life out of death and victory out of the darkest valleys.

So live like the tomb is empty.

Pray like resurrection power is real.

Dream like nothing is too far gone.

Love like hope has conquered all!

Because when your life is lived by faith in Christ, you're no longer bound by what's probable—you're fueled by what's possible. And in Him, all things are possible (Matthew 19:26).

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

April 15, 2025

Budget Offering \$3386.50

Budget Memorial In memory of Joyce Spiers \$50.00

Budget Memorial in memory of Llyod Ware \$50.00

Rental of Church \$125.00

Annie Armstrong \$550.00

Cash in Cash out– Love offering Dreama \$100.00

Food Pantry \$100.00

Total Deposit \$4361.50

Happy Birthday in April

4/13 Tara Borton

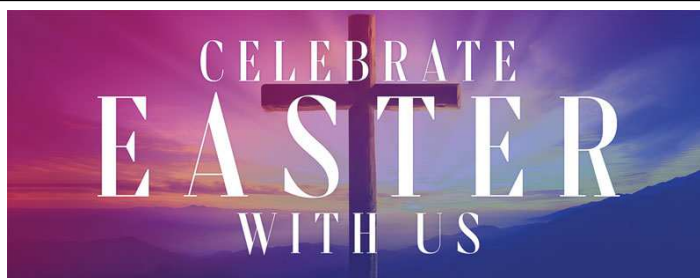
4/17 Pat Painter

4/20 Nicholas Gibson

4/22 Dot Cook

4/26 Lillian Clopton

4/29 Wayne Tawney



Friday, April 18– 7pm Good Friday Service

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

What a great time to invite your friends and family to come to church!

We can celebrate we serve a risen Savior!

Schedules

Lock up/ Hall Monitor

4/20 Pam Cooke

4/27 Stan Langdon

Counter

4/21 Kathy Caskie

4/28 Joe Wircenske

Kids Church

4/20 Lisa York

4/27 Jordan Williams

Grass Cutting

4/27 Chas Johnson

5/11 Journey Church

Missions Outreach

If you have any questions on Missions Outreach Activities

call Pam Cooke 757-660-4226

Pray for our Missionaries

Carol Johnson (American People) KN (Asian Pacific Rim People) LB, QQ (Central Asian People) Kara Bauman, DD (European People) ND, AG, MN, WR, BS (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) Danel Armendariz (AR) Richardo Maritinez Poumain (CA) Carlos Daiz (FL) Jonathan Chasteen (MA) Jamal Hyman, James Jim, Diwei Shi (NCo Shawn Kemp (TX)

April Community Dinner is Friday, April 25th 5:30pm-6:30pm

We are needing help with clean up all through the dinner. Please contact Pam Cooke if you can help. We give away food that night, if you can help with Food Distribution, please contact Tara.

We had approximately 155 guests last month and we can use your help! God has given us the resources to help those who are in need. Let us work together to share the love of Jesus with our community.

WMU Mission Project for April— Peninsula Rescue Mission

We are collecting for the PRM in the month of April. This is a list of things that they need: Sugar, ground coffee (caffeinated) , loaves of bread, Any kind of meat (we can freeze and deliver it to them that way), salad dressing (no ranch) and diced tomatoes. Please place your items in the Missions Outreach Corner.

Southeastern Correctional Ministry- “Soles for Souls” Walk

Sandy Bottom Park , Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

Check in 10:00am, Walk 10:15, Lunch 11:30am

SCM is a non– profit organization that ministers to the inmates in the correctional facilities in and around the Hampton Road area. Volunteers provide weekly Bible teaching, Christian counseling and other programs.

You can get additional information on in the Mission Outreach Corner.



Big Serve Week

June 17th through June 21st.

Visit the Serve the City website or see Pam Cooke!

Calendar

Tuesday, April 15th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Thursday, April 17th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Friday, April 18th

7pm Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 20th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sunshine Kids

Produce Giveaway after Worship

Celebrate Jesus! He is Alive!

Tuesday, April 22nd

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

Thursday, April 24th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

Friday, April 25th

5:30pm– 6:30pm

Community Dinner

Full Food Distribution

Free and open to the public

Sunday, April 27th

9:00am Discipleship Class

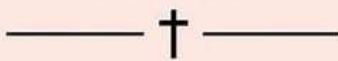
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Happy Birthday
Pastor



Save the Date!

Sunday, May 18th

After morning worship

Guess who is turning 70! Pastor Lynwood

We will be having a Potluck covered dish dinner on Sunday, May 18th immediately following morning worship. Meat and drinks are being provided. Just bring the side dishes and we will put them all together to CELEBRATE HIM! We will be having cake so you do not need to bring desserts.

Lets have a great time together as we celebrate Pastor Lynwood. Mark your calendars now!



Vision Team Meeting 4/8/2025

Meeting called to order and opened in prayer by Tim Humphreys

Tara Borton– Finance

- ◆ Our Budget is tight and we are thankful for a donation made for \$10,000 in memory of Emma Fischer.
- ◆ We need to concentrate on how to grow the church.

Robbie Ayscue– All is good

Christy Kuhlne– It was approved to let a group that Christy is in use the church on August 22nd from 6pm-9pm called “ A Night of Hope”

Stan Langdon– Discipleship– The numbers are fluctuating but all is going ok.

Dreama Johnson-

- ◆ Ann Nichols recently called the church and wanted to be removed from the membership, the Vision Team voted and all approved.
- ◆ AA Meetings are going well on Monday and Wednesday. It was voted that they could use the church on Fridays also.
- ◆ A list of things that needs to be done when someone is using Prior Hall was handed out. Anyone that uses Prior Hall will get these when using Prior Hall.
- ◆ The Peninsula Piece Makers Guild would like to have their Symposium at the church in October 2026. It was approved.
- ◆ A Family has donated up to \$5000 to have cameras installed at the church and a new intercom system put in. Appointments will be made the week after Easter to get estimates.
- ◆ It was approved to have a Yard Sale at the church and use the back parking lot. We will rent spaces for anyone that would like to sell things. A date is to be decided.
- ◆ Church of Purpose will no longer be using Prior Hall on the first Tuesday of the month.
- ◆ A thank you card was read from the cleaners to the church . They were appreciative of the gift we gave them.
- ◆ Our next Vision Team meeting will be July 8th

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Pam Cooke– Mission Outreach

- ◆ Jermiah from Faith Recovery will be coming sometime after easter to address the congregation about the program and give thanks for the donations.
- ◆ There will be a PORT planning meeting soon that she will attend.
- ◆ Serve the City Big Serve Week is June 17th-June 21st
- ◆ Community Dinners are almost covered. Josh Michie is thinking of doing the June Dinner.
- ◆ In October, because October 31st falls on the last Friday of the month and we have Trunk or Treat we will have the dinner on Friday, October 24th
- ◆ At the last Community Dinner we had 155 people. It was suggested that we use the sanctuary for the dinner. It was decided that we will keep the dinner in Prior Hall and as a table gets done, that table will be called to go shop in the Pantry. This should help move the people through quicker.

Tracy Venable– Nothing

Roger Cooke– People Support– Nothing

Roger Cooke– Facilities

- ◆ It was discussed about the windows in the back of the sanctuary behind the baptismal. Stan and Roger will look at them and see if they can be filled in and covered to eliminate the air coming through them.
- ◆ It was noted that there is a small leak on the second floor that they will look into.

Pastor Lynwood

- ◆ Lynwood met with the other clergy of the Hilton area that day. There is a rumor that First United Methodist is closing. This is a rumor and they are not closing.
- ◆ We need to build relationship for the church. He played a video about Fresh Expressions Dinner Church and asked the team to pray about the possibility of the church starting this on a trial basis.
- ◆ We will be getting the Hilton area church information about our Food Distribution.

Tim Humphreys

Reminded everyone about the Potluck Lunch on Sunday, May 18th, for Lynwood's 70th birthday.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Lynwood.



And They Crucified Him...

A medical doctor provides a physical description:

The cross is placed on the ground and the exhausted man is quickly thrown backwards with his shoulders against the wood. The legionnaire feels for the depression at the front of the wrist. He drives a heavy, square wrought-iron nail through the wrist deep into the wood. Quickly he moves to the other side and repeats the action, being careful not to pull the arms too tightly, but to allow some flex and movement.

The cross is then lifted into place. The left foot is pressed backward against the right foot, and with both feet extended, toes down, a nail is driven through the arch of each, leaving the knees flexed. The victim is now crucified.

As he slowly sags down with more weight on the nails in the wrists, excruciating fiery pain shoots along the fingers and up the arms to explode in the brain — the nails in the wrists are putting pressure on the median nerves. As he pushes himself upward to avoid this stretching torment, he places the full weight on the nail through his feet. Again he feels the searing agony of the nail tearing through the nerves between the bones of his feet.

As the arms fatigue, cramps sweep through his muscles, knotting them deep relentless, and throbbing pain. With these cramps comes the inability to push himself upward to breathe. Air can be drawn into the lungs but not exhaled. He fights to raise himself in order to get even one small breath.

Finally, carbon dioxide builds up in the lungs and in the blood stream, and the cramps partially subsided. Spasmodically, he is able to push himself upward to exhale and bring in life-giving oxygen.

Hours of limitless pain, cycles of twisting, joint-renting cramps, intermittent partial asphyxiation, searing pain as tissue is torn from his lacerated back as he moves up and down against rough timber. Then another agony begins: a deep, crushing pain deep in the chest as the pericardium slowly fills with serum and begins to compress the heart.

It is now almost over. The loss of tissue fluids has reached a critical level. The compressed heart is struggling to pump heavy, thick, sluggish blood into the tissues. The tortured lungs are making frantic effort to gasp in small gulps of air. He can feel the chill of death creeping through his tissues.

Finally, he allows his body to die. All this the Bible records with the simple words, *“and they crucified Him”* (Mark 15:24).



The Power of the Cross Draws Us Together

Good Friday is not just another day—it is the day the world stood still, heaven held its breath, and love was poured out in full. When we attend a Good Friday service, we step into sacred space and sacred memory. We gather with others to pause, reflect, and remember the price Jesus paid for our redemption. In the stillness of that moment, we are reminded that His suffering was not in vain—it was personal. The nails were driven for us. The cross was carried for us. And the love that held Him there still reaches for us today.

In the hustle of our lives, it's easy to rush past the gravity of what Christ endured. Good Friday services provide a holy interruption—a chance to slow down and let the weight of the cross settle on our hearts. As we hear Scripture read, sing songs of the cross, and see the symbols of His sacrifice, we are drawn back to the heart of our faith. These services aren't just rituals; they are heart awakenings. They give us space to confess, to worship, and to recommit our lives to the One who gave everything for us.

Attending a Good Friday service isn't just about personal reflection—it's also about standing together as the body of Christ. We gather not only to remember, but to declare: we are not ashamed of the cross. When we show up on Good Friday, we proclaim to our hearts, to the world, and to one another: "We will not forget. We will remember. And we will follow."



“God’s House vs. Our House”

“Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?” — [Haggai 1:3-4](#)

After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, they began to prosper. They started rebuilding the temple which had been ruined by the Babylonians. But the people of other religions who lived in the land sent letters to Babylon and complained that the Jews were preparing to revolt. For that and other reasons, the rebuilding of the temple stopped.

It seems that the Jews began with a will to rebuild the temple, but when opposition arose, they faltered and lost focus. They transferred their energy to building and beautifying their own houses. It took the searing words of Haggai to call them back to the priority of rebuilding God’s temple.

In the world today, we must not be discouraged by the struggle it takes to build Christ’s church. The forces of the devil will try to overcome it, but Jesus will prevail ([Matthew 16:18](#)). Remember what Jesus said: *“Seek first [God’s] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well”* ([Matthew 6:33](#)).

It’s not that God necessarily wants us to live in a bleak apartment without beautiful paneling. But if that’s what it takes to build God’s kingdom, we must be willing to sacrifice. Our treasures are in heaven!

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