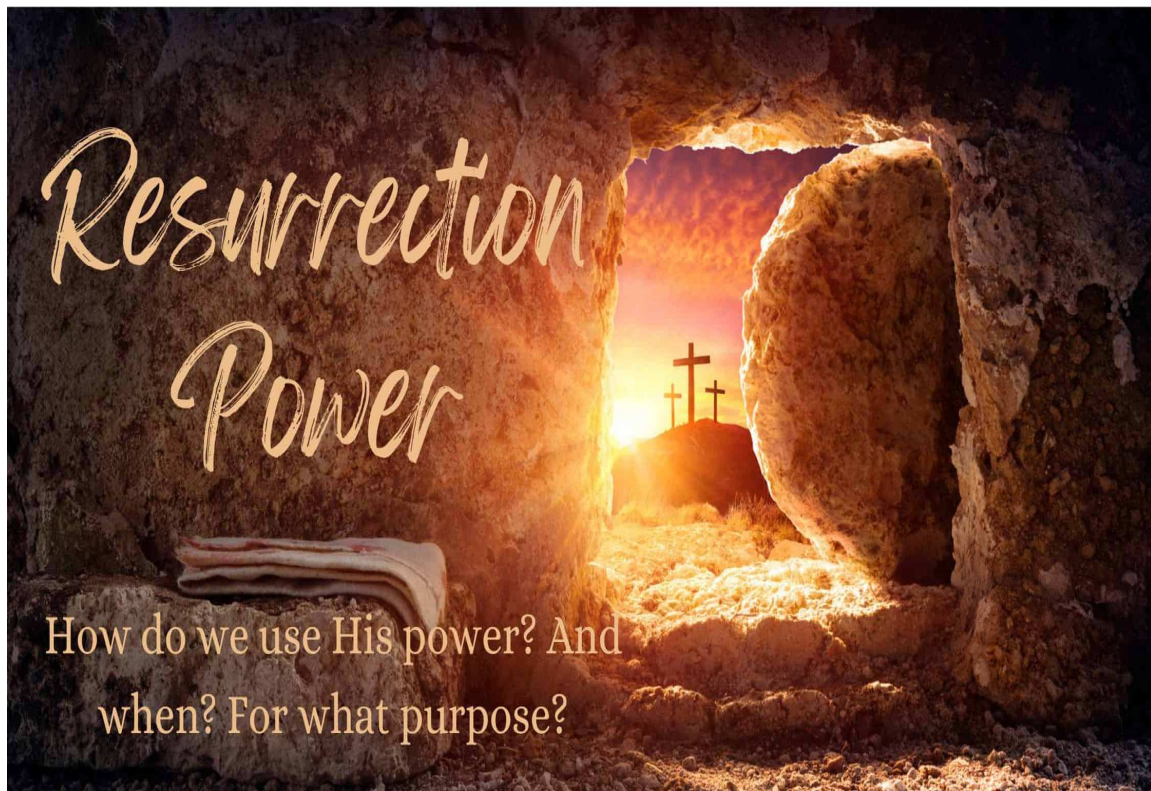


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There was a morning unlike any other. The stone was rolled away, the tomb lay empty, and death had lost its grip. In that moment, everything changed—not just for eternity, but for every single day we now live. The resurrection of Jesus is not only a historic event to celebrate; it's a present power to walk in. Because He lives, we are no longer bound by fear, shame, or defeat. We rise with Him—not just after this life, but here and now, into newness, boldness, and victory.

Too often, we live as if we're still in the grave—dragging chains Christ already shattered. We strive, we stress, we settle for spiritual survival. Living in resurrection power means choosing to believe, even when the odds are against us. It means loving when it's hard, forgiving when it hurts, and stepping out when it's scary—because we know the grave has no final word. We don't just carry the hope of Christ; we embody it. We are resurrection people, called to reflect a risen Savior in a world desperate for life.

So today, rise. Rise above what's been holding you back. Rise into who God has already declared you to be. Walk in the light of the empty tomb. The same Jesus who conquered death now lives in you—and that changes everything!

***Community Dinner @ 5:15 pm This Week – Come And Enjoy A Wonderful Meal & Get To Know Our Neighbors!***



## *Living In Resurrection Power*

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not just an event to be remembered—it is a power to be lived. Christ is risen—and because He is risen, everything changes. Resurrection power is not a distant theology; it is a present reality that transforms our identity, our perspective, and our purpose.

The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead now dwells in us (Romans 8:11), empowering us to rise above the darkness that tries to hold us down. We are no longer victims of our past or prisoners of our pain. We are alive with purpose, washed in grace, and clothed in strength.

The resurrection teaches us that even in our darkest hour, God is not done. He brings beauty from ashes, joy from mourning, and life from what once seemed lost. In every trial, there is a victory unfolding because Christ has overcome.

So, live like the grave is empty—because it is. Speak life. Love deeply. Forgive freely. Dream again. Let the power that rolled away the stone roll away your doubt, fear, and complacency. The world needs more than people who believe in the resurrection. It needs people who *live* it. You are not just saved for eternity—you are empowered for today.

Living in resurrection power means refusing to live a life of spiritual complacency. Jesus did not rise so that we could coast through life surviving—He rose so we could thrive, full of His Spirit, overflowing with His presence. This power ignites our prayers, fuels our worship, and gives strength to our witness. We begin to expect the miraculous, to believe for the impossible, and to walk with a confidence that comes not from ourselves, but from the living Christ within us.

It also redefines our suffering. When we face trials, we don't despair as those without hope. The resurrection assures us that pain is never the end of the story. Every cross we carry has a resurrection on the other side. This gives us endurance, not because we are strong, but because He is risen. The resurrection empowers us to press on when things are hard, knowing that God is working through even the broken places to bring new life.

And finally, living in resurrection power calls us into mission. We don't hoard this life-changing truth—we proclaim it. We become bearers of light in dark places, messengers of hope to the weary, and vessels of grace in a hurting world.

Just as Jesus stepped out of the grave, we are called to step out of comfort, out of fear, and into the world with the message that love has won, sin is defeated, and life—real life—is found in Him!

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

April 22, 2025

Budget \$1145.00  
Cashin Cash out –Kids \$50.00  
Cashin Cashout– Coffee \$2.00  
Food Pantry \$50.00  
PORT \$517.00  
Total Deposit \$1764.00

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."  
**2 Corinthians 9:7**

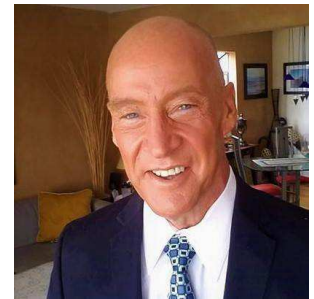
## Save the Date!

**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.



Happy Birthday

**Pastor**



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

## Schedules

### Lock up/ Hall Monitor

4/27 Stan Langdon

5/4 Charles Vassar

### Counter

4/28 Joe Wircenske

5/5 Margaret Upole

### Kids Church

4/27 Tori Holt

5/4 Kathy Caskie

### 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***

RR, KS (Asian Pacific Rim People) DH, HH, CO (Central Asian People) JA , Christine Jones, (European People) GS (Global Strategic Advance) CM (South Asian People) David Clement (CA) Joey Hay, Joel Jospeh, Alfredo Soto (FL) Richard Wadlow (MI)

### ***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 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

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Full Food Distribution after Service, Free and open to the public

### Tuesday, April 29th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

### Thursday, May 1st

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

### Sunday, May 4th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Produce Giveaway after Worship

### Happy Birthday in April

4/22 Dot Cook

4/26 Lillian Clopton

4/29 Wayne Tawney

### Happy Birthday in May

5/1 Maddie Jordan

5/2 Robert Caffacus

5/3 Pauline Schofner

5/4 Joyce Greene

5/6 Kizzyann Moriah

5/12 Jonathan Michie

5/14 Melodie Ntumngia

5/14 Lynwood Wells

5/15 Mary Anne Schell

5/17 Tommie Peake

5/19 Don Moore

5/20 Joe Wircenske

5/22 Winifred Ntumngia

5/27 Debra Jones

5/30 David Gibson





## ***Realizing Limits***

*“We know in part and we prophesy in part... For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.”*  
*1 Corinthians 13:9-12*

In many ways, our culture is obsessed with “super heroes.” These have inspired video games and comic books, and have been portrayed in films and TV programs. They have entertained men and women for generations.

These characters always seem to know what to do and have the right answers. Their powers enable them to do extraordinary things. And they never seem to make mistakes.

These heroes are joined throughout society by the illusion of “perfect” people. The brilliant scientist with far-seeing understanding. The genius with encyclopedic memory. The “super athlete.” The all-wise teacher. The brave soldier who always wins the battles.

The problem, of course, is that no one really is perfect or “super human.” The fact is that “there is none righteous, no, not one.” That all of us “have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:10, 23).

This is true for old and young. For new believers and experienced veterans of the faith. None of us has a perfect understanding of the present, or an accurate picture of the future.

Paul reminded the church in Corinth that “we know in part and we prophesy in part.” In other words, no one knows everything. Everything we think and say is based on a partial understanding. Regardless of our experience, education, or intelligence, we all “see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror”. Eventually, we will see, know, and understand everything, but not until we cross over, go beyond the veil of our flesh and see Jesus face to face.

Remember these truths when you think about others, and your own life. Meditate upon their reality. Humble yourself before God, and resist any pride. Accept His forgiveness, and trust His unchanging Word. Always look to Him, for He alone is perfect, and always correct.

Think about praying the following with a heart of faith...

*“Father, I acknowledge that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.  
I humble myself before You. Give me the right attitude. I pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit throughout the world.  
In Jesus’ name. Amen.”*



## ***Worship with Your Whole Heart***

*I will cry to God Most High, Who performs on my behalf and rewards me [Who brings to pass His purposes for me and surely completes them]!  
(Psalm 57:2 Amplified Bible)*

Great worship leaders know to come into the presence of God with their entire being, prepared to give thanks and praise (see Deuteronomy 10:12). They don't just roll out of bed, throw water on their face, and run a comb through their hair before church. They know that the anointing comes from a sincere pursuit of loving God with their whole heart.

Likewise, as you approach God in the morning, come to Him with a heart full of worship, expressing your awe of Him for His faithfulness toward you. He promises that He will never forsake you, but will be with you all day long (see Joshua 1:5).

**Find Quiet Time** - The [reverent] fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even than much fine gold; they are sweeter also than honey and drippings from the honeycomb. (Psalms 19:9-10 Amplified Bible)

Sometimes I set aside the entire day just to be with God. I stop everything and seek Him. I know I am not going to hear from God if I don't get quiet on purpose by that time set aside for Him.

It is so important to have some "down time" to be alone and just sit quietly. You may think you don't have time, but if somebody was giving out thousand-dollar bills at the mall, you would find time to get there. Don't use the time to try to figure out something; just be still and available to the Lord's attention.

**Increase Your Days** - Behold, the Lord's eye is upon those who fear Him [who revere and worship Him with awe], who wait for Him and hope in His mercy and loving-kindness, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. (Psalms 33:18-19 Amplified Bible)

When I talk about seeking God early, many people think they will have to get up at three o'clock in the morning! I am not trying to tell you how to do it. I am not even suggesting that you pray for an hour. I am just saying that some way, somehow, if you want to start your whole day right, you must find time to seek God's wisdom in the morning.

Time with God adds years to your life! God is eager to give us insight and understanding. His Word says, "*For by me [Wisdom from God] your days shall be multiplied, and the years of your life shall be increased.*" (Proverbs 9:11 Amplified Bible)



## ***Bringing Every Thought Captive***

Most of the struggles that we face in life are really inner ones. The outward battles are normally a result of deep inner conflicts that have been built over a lifetime.

If we are to truly experience victory over habits and wrong patterns of actions, then we must learn to undergo a transformation of our inner thoughts and feelings.

The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 10:5, “We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” Paul was speaking of the spiritual battle that every Christian faces. He understood that the greatest conflicts of life are spiritual ones, and that the battleground is always the mind of the believer.

Before a person comes to know Christ in a deeply personal way, the Bible says that he is a captive or slave to sin. In other words, our entire outlook and view of life is built upon attitudes and thought patterns that are contrary to God’s plan for us. We build those patterns of thoughts over months and years.

When we come to know Christ, that doesn’t mean that we no longer have to deal with wrong thought patterns. It simply means that we are no longer slaves to those patterns. But we must learn to “take every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

God has given you weapons of spiritual warfare to overcome Satan’s stronghold on your life. Begin today to bring every thought captive unto the obedience of Christ because you can do it if you want to.

## ***The One Last Laugh...***

A couple was arranging for their wedding, and asked the bakery to inscribe the wedding cake with “1 John 4:18” which reads “There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.”

The bakery evidently lost, smudged or otherwise misread the noted reference, and beautifully inscribed on the cake...  
“John 4:18”...



*“..for you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband.”... (oops!)*