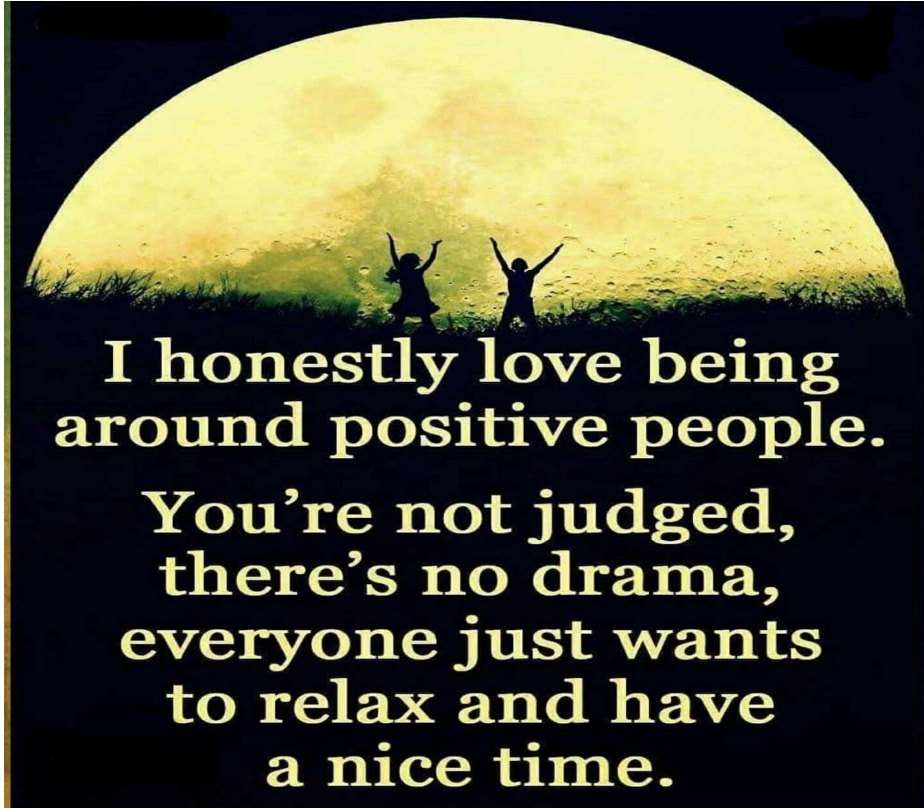


# *The Forecast*

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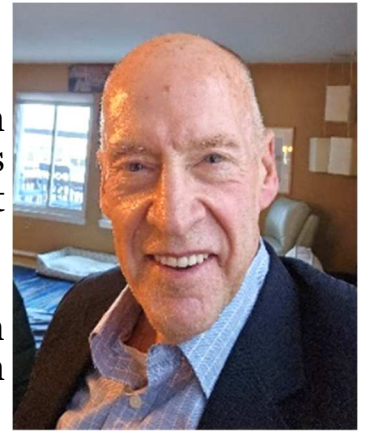
In Philippians 4:8, the Apostle Paul encourages us to focus on whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and admirable. To be a positive person is to anchor our thoughts and actions in these virtues, reflecting Christ's light in a world often overshadowed by negativity. Positivity isn't about ignoring life's challenges but about choosing to trust in God's goodness and sovereignty despite them. A positive person carries an attitude of gratitude, recognizing that every good gift comes from above (James 1:17) and finding joy in even the smallest blessings.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to shape our hearts and renew our minds, our positivity becomes a testimony to God's love. Positivity empowers us to see people as God sees them—with compassion and grace. It enables us to forgive, encourage, and build others up, rather than tear them down. By choosing to focus on what is life-giving, we reflect Christ's hope and draw others closer to Him. May we strive to be vessels of God's peace and joy, spreading positivity as a beacon of His unfailing love.

## ***Being A Positive People For God***

In Philippians 4:8, the Apostle Paul reminds us to meditate on things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and admirable. His words call us to embrace positivity not as a fleeting emotion but as a steadfast, faith-driven mindset.

Being a positive person means trusting in God's goodness even in the midst of challenges. It's about keeping our eyes fixed on Christ, the source of our joy and hope.



A positive attitude shaped by God's Word transforms how we experience life and how we impact those around us. Jesus, through His ministry, demonstrated unwavering positivity—even in the face of trials. He chose love, forgiveness, and hope, reflecting the heart of God in every encounter.

Likewise, when we allow the Holy Spirit to renew our minds daily, our positivity becomes a testimony to Christ within us. Proverbs 16:24 tells us, "*Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.*" Our words and actions, grounded in encouragement and grace, have the power to uplift and heal, spreading the peace and joy of the Lord in a weary world.

Being a positive person is also an act of deep faith. It is a declaration that we trust in God's plans, even when circumstances seem uncertain. As Jeremiah 29:11 assures us, God's plans are for our good, to give us hope and a future.

Positivity allows us to look beyond our immediate struggles and focus on the eternal promises of His love. It enables us to see others through His eyes—with compassion and a spirit of forgiveness. By choosing to love and encourage others, we reflect the light of Christ and draw them closer to Him. As we lean into God's strength and wisdom, our positivity becomes a way to glorify Him, pointing to His unfailing love and faithfulness.

May we here, in the HBC Family strive to be positive people who embody Christ-centered hope, gratitude, and resilience. Let us anchor our hearts in His truth and promises, shining as beacons of His light in the darkness, from our little church property at the corner of Warwic & Main even to the uttermost bounds of the earth.

Positivity is not only a gift for our own well-being; it is a powerful witness to the transformative love of God. Through Him, we can be vessels of joy, peace, and encouragement to all we meet, spreading His hope to the ends of the earth.

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

April 29, 2025

Budget \$4783.00

Cash in Cash out– Sonshine Kids \$10.00

Food Pantry \$110.00

Total Deposit \$4903.00

## Save the Date!

**Sunday, May 18th**

**After morning worship**

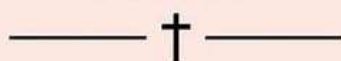
Guess who is turning 70! Pastor Lynwood

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!

## **Mission Outreach to Sedgefield Elementary School**

This will be our last Outreach for this school year for Sedgefield Elementary. There are cards and names on the back table . Please pick a couple up and write a word of appreciation . We will be collecting snacks also. All the cards and snacks are due back to the church on Sunday, May 25th.



Thanks for your support of Sedgefield. The staff has been so appreciative of all that we have done for them.

## ***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 Joseph, Alfredo Soto (FL) Richard Wadlow (MI)

### ***Community Dinner***

Thanks to all who helped in anyway to make the Community Dinner a great success. We served 116 people dinner and around 100 in the Food Bank.

Our next Community Dinner is May 30th. We are looking for help. If you would like to help with the guests see Pam Cooke and if you can help with the Food Bank please see Tara Borton. Journey Church will be cooking.

Lets join together and have a great time serving our community.

### ***WMU Mission Project for May–CareNet Pregnancy Peninsula***

This is a list of the things CareNet would like to have: Clothes, especially long outfits 0-12 months (They are low on boys clothes) Bath towels with hoodies, long sleeve onesies, pacifiers and teethers, monetary items are always welcome (Please no dollar tree items)

### ***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!



**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

**Tuesday, May 6th**

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

**Thursday, May 8th**

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

**Sunday, May 11th**

**Happy Mothers Day**

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

**Happy Birthday in April**

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



**Schedules**

**Lock up/ Hall Monitor**

5/4 Charles Vassar

5/11 Robbie Ayscue

**Counter**

5/5 Margaret Upole

5/12 Kathy Caskie

**Kids Church**

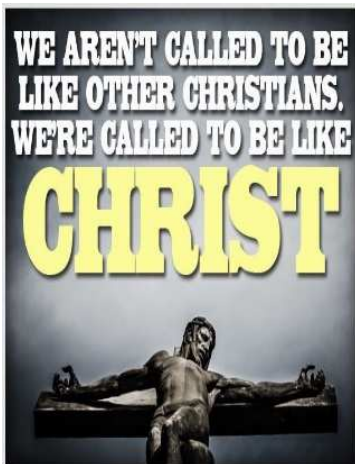
5/4 Kathy Caskie

5/11 Tracy Venable

**Grass Cutting**

5/11 Journey Church

5/25 Pam and Roger



## *Being Christ-like In Today's Culture...*

Does today's anti-Christian rhetoric make you mad? Ever get so fed up you'd like to give someone a piece of your mind? Christians have a message worth dying for. We have standards and convictions that place us at odds with our culture. But how can we be wise as serpents and as harmless as doves? How can we maintain our Christian composure in a confrontational age?

We can learn from Jesus. He was never weak, but never rude. He spoke clearly and confidently, yet without venom or virulence. The apostle Peter, sometimes a loose cannon, learned that lesson well. 1 Peter tells us to walk in His steps, to deal with opposition as Christ did.

**Speak Up – Respectfully** - That means speaking up when needed. Peter told us to “proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9. But Peter also reminded us to present our defense of the faith “with meekness and fear, having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed” (3:15-16). He warned us about grumbling (4:9) and to be submissive to governing authorities (2:13-14).

**Know When to Keep Quiet** - We can also learn from Jesus the fine art of keeping quiet. By example Jesus taught us that sometimes a closed mouth offers the loudest testimony. Our Lord's majestic silence still evokes dignity as we read of Him standing before Herod, Pilate, and the Sanhedrin, offering not a word of despair or defense. It was undoubtedly the glow on Stephen's face and his words of forgiveness that haunted the young Saul of Tarsus until he became Paul the apostle.

**Let Your Good Works Speak for Themselves** - Finally, we find peace amid the conflict when we let our good works speak for themselves. The world has a hard time finding fault in good works. When we feed the hungry, care for the unfortunate, adopt orphans, provide relief, and live out our faith, they are silenced.

As Christians, we must confront our culture and speak the truth in love. We're God's ambassadors in a hostile world. This is no time to go mute. Morals are spiraling downward, marriage is being attacked, the church is being marginalized, atheists are scorning the truth, and humanists are relentlessly advancing an ungodly agenda on a new generation. We have to speak up.

But we must do so as Christ did—and He was never ill-tempered, hot-headed, loose-lipped, or bad humored. We have to watch ourselves because the whole world is watching us; and when others see us, we want them to see Him.



## *It Is Uncomfortable Following Jesus*

If you aren't uncomfortable in your faith, you may not be following Jesus. Just consider those encountering Jesus when he was on his way to die.

Along the way, Jesus was met by a rich young man who asked how he could get into heaven. Jesus told him to sell everything and give his money to the poor because it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get into heaven. This teaching from Jesus was so radical that the disciples were left wondering who in the world could be saved. While they were still reeling from this, Jesus "comforted" them by saying,

*"Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first." Luke 18:29*

Do Jesus' teachings make you comfortable? If so, then you probably haven't heard all of his teaching. You might have read them or heard them preached, but somehow, you haven't really heard them.

Jesus was revolutionary. He shook his followers from their comfort, and he spoke against many of their pre-conceived notions about what it meant to be his follower and a true child of God.

Jesus came to seek and save the lost, but he didn't come to make you comfortable. He came to love you, but he didn't come to make you comfortable. In fact, until you are profoundly uncomfortable you probably can't experience the totality of God's love and grace and you can't lead others to experience Christ in his fullness.

If we are never challenged by God's word, we aren't reading all of God's word. And, if we are never uncomfortable with Jesus, we may not be following Jesus at all, but a savior of our own comfortable imagination.

As we journey daily in the walk of true discipleship, let us be reminded that a comfortable God is no God at all. Change only comes through challenge, and the God who can overcome death, hell, and the grave, didn't do so to leave the world unchanged. He came to set the world right and he gave his own life to accomplish that purpose.

Let's continue to grow comfortable in discomfort and truly committed to follow Jesus wherever he might lead!

## ***The Glove***

"You're so quiet, Son. What's on your mind?" asked Ben's father as he stopped at Ben's room to tell him good night.

Ben put his hands behind his head and stared at the ceiling above his bed. "Oh, I've just been wondering if I should be a missionary."



"You don't seem very excited about the idea," said Dad.

"It seems like such a hard job," said Ben, propping himself up on one elbow. "I have this feeling that I might not be any good at it. What if God calls me to do something I can't do!"

Ben's father thought for a moment, then reached over to Ben's desk and picked up his baseball glove. "What's this?" he asked.

Ben laughed. "Don't be silly, Dad! It's my ball glove."

Dad walked over to the corner of the room. He propped the glove against the wall, found a baseball, and threw it at the glove. Though the ball hit the center of the glove, it rolled to the floor. Dad picked up the glove and looked at it in disgust. "This glove is a total failure," he said, shaking his head.

Ben laughed and laughed. "Oh, Dad, you know it can't catch by itself! It has to have a hand inside."

Dad smiled at Ben. "You're just like this glove," he said. "God has a purpose for your life, Ben, just as there is a purpose for this glove. You put your hand inside the glove to give it guidance and strength – you give it power to catch the ball. In the same way, God will give you power to do whatever He calls you to do. Don't worry, Son, God will never prop you in a corner and leave you alone. It's His mighty hand that does the work when you are willing to be used."



## ***The Last Impression***

There was once a young man who, in his youth, professed his desire to become a great writer.

When asked to define "great" he said, "I want to write stuff that the whole world will read, stuff that people will react to on a truly emotional level, stuff that will make them scream, cry, howl in pain and anger!"

He now works for Microsoft, writing error messages.