

***The Forecast
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As Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a humble donkey that first Palm Sunday, the crowd erupted in joyous praise, laying palm branches before Him, shouting “Hosanna!” They were celebrating the arrival of their long-awaited King.

Yet, in the midst of this grand celebration, Jesus knew the heart-wrenching journey that awaited Him. He knew that the shouts of joy would soon turn to cries of condemnation. The same crowd that praised Him would be the ones to demand His crucifixion. With every step the donkey took, Jesus was fully aware that He was riding toward His suffering—the ultimate sacrifice for the salvation of humanity.

In this moment, Jesus embodied a love so deep that He was willing to face rejection, betrayal, and unimaginable pain, all for the sake of those He came to save. As we reflect on this, let us be inspired by His courage and love, remembering that even when the journey seems difficult, Jesus’ love remains our guiding hope.

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



Palm Sunday And The Shadow Of The Cross

As Jesus rode into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday, the crowd's shouts of "Hosanna!" and the waving of palm branches filled the air, creating a scene of celebration and anticipation. It was a moment of triumph, a moment where Jesus was hailed as the King, the Messiah—the Savior the people had long awaited. Yet, beneath the surface of this outward celebration, there was a profound sorrow in Jesus' heart. He knew that the same crowd that now praised Him would soon demand His crucifixion. He knew that this moment, while glorious, would mark the beginning of a week that would culminate in His suffering and death on a cross.

Imagine the weight of that knowledge as He rode through the streets of Jerusalem, the noise of the crowd echoing in His ears. How did He feel? He must have felt the love of His Father, knowing He was fulfilling God's perfect plan for the salvation of the world. Yet, He also must have felt the burden of the loneliness He would soon experience—the betrayal by His closest friends, the denial by Peter, and the abandonment of His disciples.

Jesus had come to save, to redeem, but He knew the price of that salvation would be steep. As He approached the city, He wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace...but now it is hidden from your eyes" (Luke 19:42). How deeply Jesus must have longed for His people to recognize the peace He offered, to embrace Him not just as King but as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of a week that demonstrates both the love and the cost of Jesus' mission. The crowds shouted in joy, but Jesus was already moving toward the cross. He knew that through His sacrifice, humanity would have the opportunity for eternal life, but that it would require His suffering and death. There's a deep and profound mystery in this love—a love that moves forward, not in spite of the cross but because of it.

As we reflect on this day, we are reminded that Jesus, fully aware of the pain awaiting Him, chose to enter Jerusalem anyway. He chose to love, to serve, and to lay down His life for us. What an example of selfless love! This Palm Sunday, let us not only wave our palm branches in celebration but also pause in gratitude, knowing that Jesus' journey to the cross was an act of deep love for each one of us. May this thought fill us here at HBC with awe and inspire us to live with that same selfless love toward others.

"Lord, we thank You for Your sacrifice and for the profound love You demonstrated by entering Jerusalem that day. Help us to understand the depth of Your love and to live our lives in response to it. Amen."

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

April 8, 2025

Budget \$6305.00

Annie Armstrong \$50.00

Cash in Cash out Kids \$225.00

Cash in Cash out– Peninsula Rescue Mission \$25.00

Food Pantry \$25.00

Total Deposit \$6630.00

Budget Deposit in Memory of Emma Fischer \$10,000.00

Total Deposit \$10,000.00

March Recap

Budget Deposits \$31,472.69

Budget Expenses \$23,313.85

Designated Deposits \$8,157.85

Designated Expenses \$6,978.35

Money Market \$34,344.77

Building Fund \$33,565.28

Savings \$28.96

Outreach \$5,150.53

PDF/ RR \$16,503.73

PDF \$3,724.92

RR \$12,402.40

Deacons \$376.41

Designated Account \$37,353.53

Thanks to everyone who gives to support the work at HBC. God has blessed us and put us here in Hilton Village for a reason. We are making a difference in our community.

God is doing great things and you can be a part!

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Collected to Date \$ 1130.00



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!



Kids Easter Celebration

Saturday, April 12th 11am-2pm ages 4-12

Invite Kids for a great time as we celebrate JESUS!

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

Schedules

Lock up/ Hall Monitor

4/13 David and Lisa Falls

4/20 Pam Cooke

Counter

4/14 Margaret Upole

4/21 Kathy Caskie

Kids Church

4/13 Tracy Venable

4/20 Lisa York

Grass Cutting

4/13 Stan Langdon

4/27 Chas Johnson



Calendar

Tuesday, April 8th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

6:30pm Vision Team

Wednesday, April 9th

1pm Egg Stuffing

Thursday, April 10th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

Saturday, April 12th

11am-2pm Kids Easter
Celebration

Sunday, April 13th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sunshine Kids

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

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!



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!

Missions Outreach

***If you have any questions on Missions Outreach Activities
call Pam Cooke 757-660-4226***

Pray for our Missionaries

BS, TZ (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) DD (South Asian People)
Pamela Walker (LA) John Turner (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.

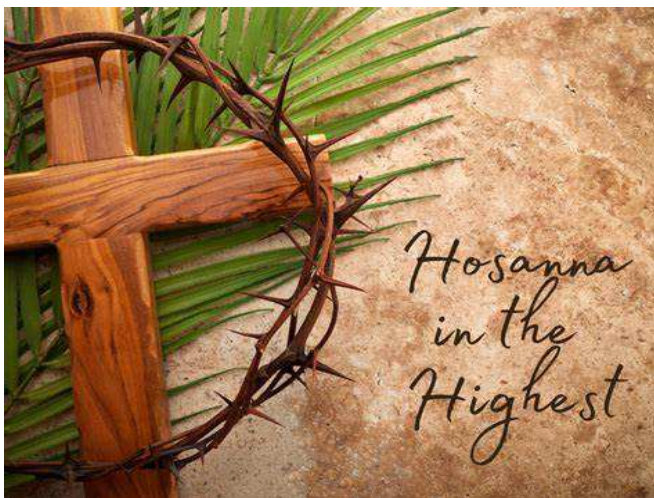
Southeastern Correctional Ministry- “Soles for Souls” Walk

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.



God did not lead you into this present suffering, but he *has* promised he'll stay with you there.

He's promised to mend every broken thing.

This is the hope of resurrection.

For Those Are Suffering

One of the most comforting truths of our faith is this: that God does not abandon us in our suffering.

And one of the biggest lies of our enemy and our own human misconceptions is this: That God *caused* the suffering and brought evil upon you.

Yes, we all suffer. Some of the most faithful Christians I know have endured great pain and suffering. And yes, I know that because God is Redeemer, He can bring great good out of great suffering. But the God I know did not *give* you cancer, harm your kid, tempt the gunman, or send the hurricane to your city.

If that were the case, imagine how this would feel: the God you really needed to comfort you during your time of trial ... has been identified as the one who brought this hell upon you. It simply doesn't ring true.

If you are in emotional or physical pain today, know that God is not the source of your suffering. He is the source of your comfort, strength and your redemption!

Think They're The Only Ones Here!

One day, 3 men died and went to heaven. "Religion?" God's secretary asked the first man.

"Jewish," the man replied. "Okay, go to room 23, but be very quiet when you go past room 8," the secretary said.

"Religion?" he asked the second man. "Catholic." "Go to room 10, but be very quiet when you go past room 8."

"Religion?" he asked the third man. "Lutheran," the man replied' "Go to room 71, but be very quiet when you go past room 8."

"Why must I be quiet when I go past room 8?" the man asked

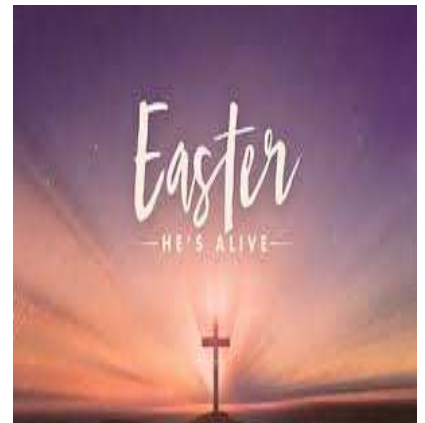
The secretary replied, "Oh, the Baptists are in room 8, and they think that they are they only ones here."





What Is Easter & Why Do Christians Celebrate It?

“Jesus replied, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.’” John 12:23-25



Christians celebrate Easter in remembrance of Jesus’ resurrection from death, three days after being hung on a cross. “Luke tells us, having done all of his historical research,” that for forty days, Jesus gave many infallible proofs, “and Paul himself,” John Piper explains, “*said that five hundred people had seen him alive, and some of those are still alive, if you want to go talk to them (1 Corinthians 15:6).*” The substitutionary sacrifice of Christ paid the price for the sins of humanity, once for all. Another scholar explains why Jesus’ resurrection is so important: “*It literally changed everything. And that is not only why we celebrate Easter, but it is why we gather every Sunday morning, because every Sunday morning is resurrection Sunday.*”

The Holy Spirit lives in every believer, because of the events we celebrate at Easter. No longer are we slaves to sin but free through the blood of Jesus. “*For God so love the world,*” the Apostle John wrote, “*that He gave His one and only Son.*”

Forgiveness was always God’s plan. “Easter is the ultimate rescue story,” writes Melissa Kruger. And though death has been defeated, Jesus will return. Easter celebrates what has been done, and what is still yet to come



“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.

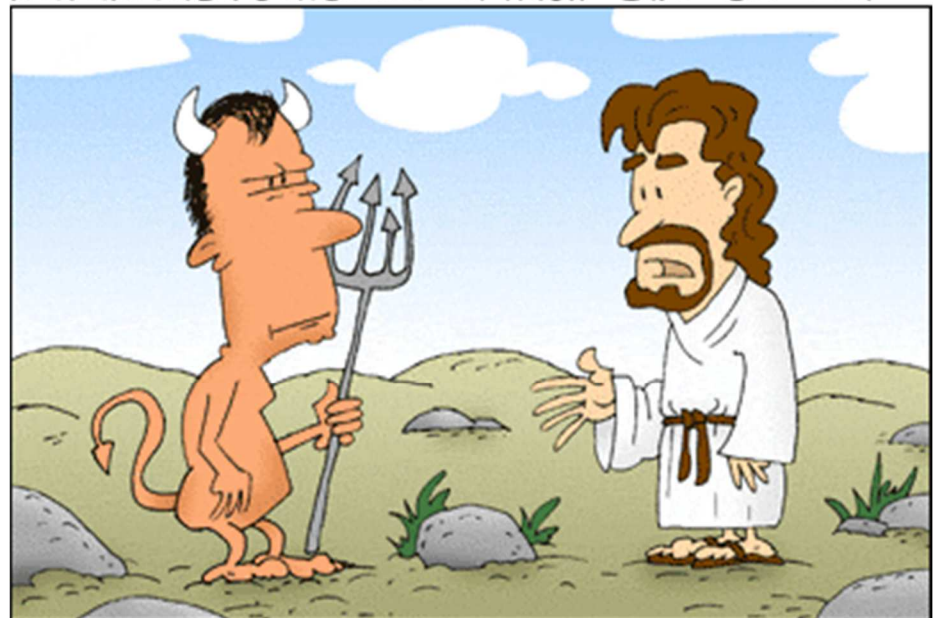
In the world today, we must not be discouraged by the struggle it takes to build Christ’s church. The forces of the devil will try to overcome it, but Jesus will prevail ([Matthew 16:18](#)). Remember what Jesus said: *“Seek first [God’s] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given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

God is doing some exciting new and powerful things through the faithful people of God at HBC!

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

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Thanks to Steve Doyal (See Matthew 4:1-11)

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