

**The Forecast**  
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Have you ever felt like your spiritual life has grown stagnant? May seem as if the once-vibrant flame of your faith has dwindled to a mere ember? Perhaps the busyness of daily routines has slowly chipped away at your devotion, leaving you feeling disconnected from the very source of life – God. If this resonates with you, fear not, for there is hope. Just as a sleeping giant can be roused, so too can the embers of your faith be fanned into a blazing fire once more.

Imagine receiving a personal letter from Jesus Christ Himself, a wake-up call urging you to reignite the passion that once burned within you. This is precisely the message conveyed to the church of Sardis in the book of Revelation. "Wake up!" Jesus exclaimed for they were allowing the essential aspects of their faith to wither away.

Like the church of Sardis, many of us find ourselves in a state of spiritual slumber, oblivious to the gradual erosion of our relationship with God. Yet, just as Jesus extended an invitation to those in Sardis, He offers the same opportunity to us today – a chance to awaken from our spiritual lethargy and reclaim the vibrancy of our faith.

***You don't want to miss this Sunday as Pastor Lynwood teaches on dealing with burnout & reigniting you passion!***

## ***When The Fire Goes Out...***

A devotional on spiritual burnout and rekindled passion for Christ

*“You have forsaken the love you had at first.  
Consider how far you have fallen!  
Repent and do the things you did at first.”  
— Revelation 2:4–5 (NIV)*



I didn't lose my faith. I just lost my fire.

One season I was on fire for Jesus—praying with joy, hungry for His Word. The next, I felt dry. Still reading, still praying, still showing up... but empty. I thought something was wrong with me.

Then I read those words from Revelation, and it struck me: Jesus wasn't angry—He was inviting me back. Back to love. Back to life. Back to *Him*.

### ***🕯 How to Rekindle the Flame***

Remember. Think back to when it all felt alive. Revisit your testimony. Reread old journal entries. Let those memories stir your heart again.

Repent. Not with shame, but with honesty. "Lord, I've drifted. I miss You." Repentance is just turning back toward God—and He's already running to meet you.

Repeat. Do the simple things you did at first: worship without a script, quiet moments in His Word, walking and talking with Him like a friend. The small sparks matter.

If You're Burned Out... You're not failing. You're not broken. You're just human. Be real with yourself and with God. He's okay with that.

*“A bruised reed He will not break,  
and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out.” — Isaiah 42:3*

He's not asking for performance—He just wants your heart. Bring Him your flicker, and He'll fan it into flame.

**🙏** Prayer of Renewal – *“Jesus, I'm tired. I've lost some of my passion, but I haven't lost my longing for You. Meet me here. Breathe on these embers. Rekindle the flame. Bring me back to first love. I'm Yours. Amen.”*

Don't give up. The fire will burn again. I promise you!

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

May 6, 2025

Budget \$7556.00

Budget Designated \$50.00 in Memory of Myrna Powell

Budget Designated– Rental of Church \$150.00

Associational Missions \$75.00

Cash in Cash out– Towels \$50.00

Cash in Cash out– Sonshine Kids in Memory of Myrna Powell

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Cash in Cash out–Sonshine Kids \$25.00

Food Pantry \$130.00

Total Deposit \$8111.00

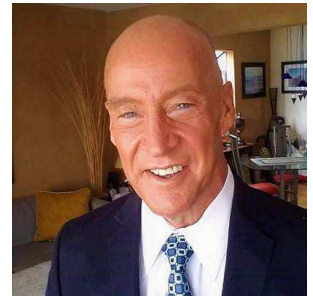
## **NEXT SUNDAY!**

**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.



## **Could you please help us out?**

Sometimes the office does not know if a church member is sick, in the hospital or even sometimes if there is a death. If you hear of someone that may need a contact, can you please call the church office and let Dreama know. We want to be sure that we reach out to those who need it. Even if you think we know, we might not, and it would be better for us to receive several calls instead of not knowing at all. Thanks so much for your help!

## ***Missions Outreach***

***If you have any questions on Missions Outreach Activities***

***call Pam Cooke 757-660-4226***

### ***Pray for our Missionaries***

AS (American People) SL, DL (Asian Pacific Rim People) BB, LG (Central Asian People) Caleb Beaty, Melissa Hinton (European People) MB. SR (South Asian People) MP ( Sub Saharan African People) Domingo De La Cruz (NJ) Jason Tres Reyes (ON)

### ***Community Dinner***

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)

### ***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.

### **Big Serve Week**

**June 17th through June 21st.**

Visit the Serve the City website or see Pam Cooke!



**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

**Tuesday, May 13th**

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

**Thursday, May 15th**

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

**Friday, May 16th**

7:00pm-9:00pm Karaoke

**Sunday, May 18th**

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Produce Giveaway after Worship

Lynwood's Birthday Lunch  
immediately following morning  
worship.

**Happy Birthday in May**

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**

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**Lock up/ Hall Monitor**

5/11 Robbie Ayscue

5/18 Joe Caskie

**Counter**

5/12 Kathy Caskie

5/19 Joe Wircenski

**Kids Church**

5/11 Tracy Venable

5/18

**Grass Cutting**

5/11 Journey Church

5/25 Pam and Roger

## **Southeastern Correctional Ministry- “Soles for Souls” Walk**

### **Sandy Bottom Park**

We had a great turn out at the walk this past Saturday. Thanks to all who walked and donated to this cause. About \$5000 was raised. Praise the Lord! This is an awesome ministry. Continue to pray for them, they do an awesome work!



## ***A Gentle Whisper***

*“After the fire came a gentle whisper.” 1 Kings 19:12*

Elijah was a man of God, a powerful and respected prophet. His prayers he called down fire on Mount Carmel to show all Israel that the Lord is God.



Elijah had seen the power of God in ways that few human beings have ever seen. He was a man of prayer who walked with God and obeyed the Lord. Elijah had spoken the Word of God boldly to kings and rulers.

Yet, like every other person, Elijah struggled in his relationship with God. He became downhearted as he ran from Queen Jezebel. He probably expected God to protect him in a miraculous way. But God showed that even his prophet may not expect that. Even so, God cared and provided for Elijah.

Sometimes God speaks when and where we least expect it. Elijah probably expected God in the wind, earthquake, and fire, but God wasn't in those heart-pounding experiences. Instead God spoke in a gentle whisper, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"--just a quiet question that cut Elijah to the bone.

God is a God of surprises. But if we expect to hear the gentle whisper of God, we must be silent. We must quiet our lives, our voices, and our thoughts so that we can hear. Often our inability to hear God is not about God's failure to speak but our failure to listen.

What is God saying to you today?

*“Lord, Help us not to settle for secondary priorities when they tempt us. Teach and help us to care for your house and work as we do for our own.” In Jesus’ name, Amen.*



### ***A Woman at the Post Office***

A Woman went to the Post Office to buy stamps for some letters she needed to mail.

"What Denomination?" Asked the clerk.

"Oh, my goodness! Have we come to this?" said the woman.

"Well give me 50 Baptist and 50 Catholic!"

## ***You Can Be Sure That God Will Reward You for Your Faith!***

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The phrase "recompense of reward" is from the Greek compound word "*misthapodoia*," the first part of this word- "mistha" which is the word for money, a person's salary, or a payment due. However, when it becomes the word "*misthpodosia*," it doesn't just refer to a payment, but to a recompense, reimbursement, settlement, or reparation".

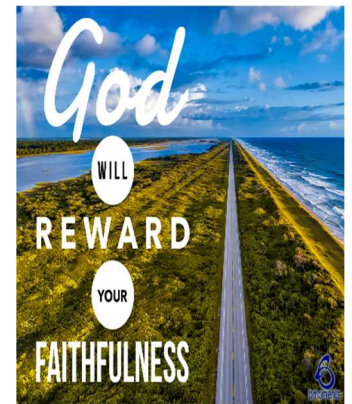
At this point, I have found that most Christians say something like, "I don't serve God for what I can get from Him", well yes, of course, our motive is not to get something from God, but we need to realize that God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. (Heb.11:6) What this means is that God is a rewarder, you can't serve Him and not be blessed by Him, so you need to be aware that He will reward you, not because you manipulated Him to do so, but because He is a rewarder.

God will always make a settlement with you for your past expenses (your investment for Him no matter what it was) be assured that you will rejoice at His reward to you, just when you need it!

God's reward for your doing His will may come in different forms that you may not expect but they will come!! Consider- *Heb.6:10 "For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints."*

Please realize that God has no shortage of riches in Heaven or on earth, and those riches are purposed to reward you, to recompense you, there is no need to be beggarly, please do not think and say,

"Oh, I don't need any reward from God". To think that way is to deny God's method and plan for you, He knows what reward He wants to supply to you, to deny His reward or refute it is to deny Him personally, not a good idea! Hello?







## ***“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  
commitments and giving and  
be part of the miracle!***



Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Exodus 33:20)

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