

**The HBC Weekly Forecast**  
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Last week, we looked at the story of Thomas—a disciple who wrestled with doubt, and yet, Jesus met him with patience and grace. This Sunday, we turn to another disciple who had his own crisis of failure. **Peter**, one of Jesus’ closest followers, had made bold promises. He had vowed that even if everyone else deserted Jesus, he never would. And yet, on the night of Jesus’ arrest, Peter denied Him—not once, but three times.

Imagine how heavy that must have weighed on Peter’s heart? After all the miracles he had witnessed, after walking on water, after declaring that Jesus was the Messiah... in the moment of crisis, Peter failed.

Maybe you know that feeling and there have been moments in your life where you’ve fallen short—where fear, shame, or regret have made you wonder if God could still use you. Maybe you’ve asked yourself, “Is my failure too great for God’s grace?”

The good news is that Jesus does not leave us in our failures. This morning, we’ll see how Jesus goes after Peter—not to condemn him, but to restore him. By the shore of the Sea of Galilee, in the very place where Peter first followed Him, Jesus extends an invitation once again:  
“Follow Me.”

***Plan Now to Join Us for Our Second Sunday After Easter...  
Let’s Learn How to Live as People of the Resurrection.  
Think of Who You Can Invite and Bring Them to Church!***



## ***After the Resurrection We Discover Failure Is Not Final!***

Easter is not the conclusion of the story—it is the beginning of a new way of living. The stone was rolled away not only from a borrowed tomb, but from the hearts of those who would believe. The resurrection of Christ is not merely an event to remember once a year; it is a reality to inhabit every single day. To live as people of the resurrection is to wake each morning with the quiet confidence that death does not have the final word, that despair is never ultimate, and that God is always at work bringing life out of what seemed lost.

The same power that raised Jesus from the grave now speaks into our fears, our failures, and our wounds. We carry scars, yes—but we are no longer bound by them. Resurrection living does not deny the presence of pain; it declares that pain does not get the last say. In a world that often settles for survival, we are called to live with holy expectation—that something new, something redeemed, is always possible through Christ.

It also means we become bearers of light in places still shadowed by darkness. After the resurrection, Jesus did not retreat—He came near. He spoke peace. He restored hope. He sent His followers into the world with a message that would change everything. In the same way, we are called to move toward others, not away from them—to bring grace where there is guilt, compassion where there is hurt, and truth where there is confusion. Resurrection people do not hoard hope; they give it freely.

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Living as people of the resurrection reshapes how we see ordinary life. Every act of kindness, every word of encouragement, every quiet moment of faith becomes a testimony that Christ is alive. The empty tomb teaches us that nothing done in love is ever wasted. Even in the unseen places, God is working. Even in the waiting, He is preparing something greater. Resurrection life is not always loud—but it is always powerful.

So after Easter, we do not go back—we go forward. We walk with a different step, a deeper peace, and a steadier hope. We are no longer people of the grave, but people of the risen Savior. And because He lives, we live differently—with courage in our hearts, light in our eyes, and the unshakable assurance that the best is not behind us, but ahead.

*On the grace journey together with you, Pastor Lynwood*

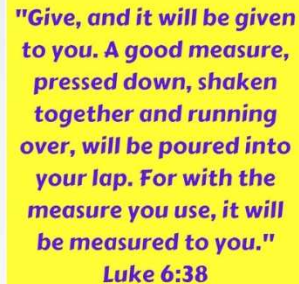
# Hilton Baptist Church

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

April 14, 2026

## **"The Year of the Miraculous"**

Budget \$1733.00  
Annie Armstrong \$50.00  
Food Pantry \$40.00  
Total \$1823.00



"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."  
Luke 6:38

### **Lynwood's 25th Anniversary**

We will be celebrating Lynwood's 25 Anniversary on May 17! If you would like to show your appreciation to our pastor, you can certainly bring a gift, write a card, or donate a love offering. You can bring them with you on May 17 to our luncheon or you can bring them in early to Dreama.

We will have a 'finger food' luncheon afterwards in Prior Hall. There is a signup sheet on the Mission Outreach table if you would like to bring something.

We are so excited to celebrate Pastor Lynwood on this very special occasion! Please join us!

If you have any questions, contact Pam Cooke 757-660-4226

### **Lock up and Hall**

4/19 Charles Vassar

4/26 Robbie Ayscue

### **Counter**

4/20 Margaret Upole

4/27 Kathy Caskie

### **Kids Church**

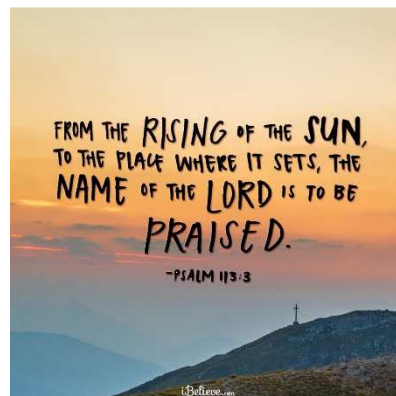
4/19 Lisa York

4/26 Tori Holt

### **Grass Cutting**

4/18 Journey Church

5/2 Stan Langdon



## **Weekly Prayer Focus**

Many have shared what a blessing the 40 days of prayer has been. Because of this, we will continue with a weekly prayer focus. Each week, the Forecast will include a scripture along with specific areas of the church to pray for. We encourage you to incorporate these into your daily prayer time.

We will begin by using C.H.U.R.C.H as an acronym to guide our prayers for the church and its needs.

This week is **C- Christ Centered Living and Commitment.**

Pray that we would be a church centered on Jesus in all we do—our worship, teaching and daily lives, and that each of us would have a deeper commitment to His Word, remaining faithful in our walk with Him.

*Colossians 2:6-7 “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”*

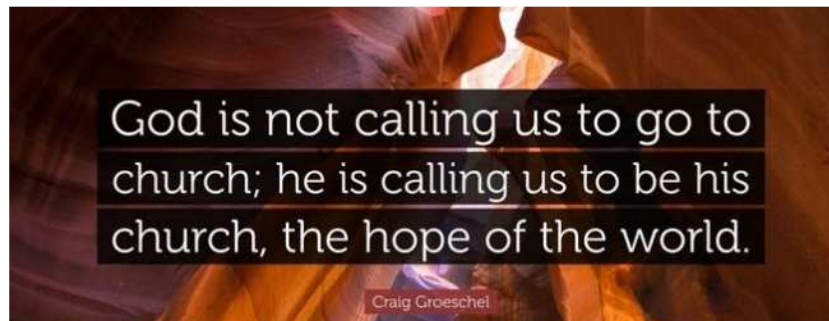
### Reflections

A man once shared how he was going through one of the hardest seasons of his life. He felt discouraged, alone, and unsure of where to turn. One Sunday, he almost stayed home—but something nudged him to go to church anyway.

That morning, the message pointed him back to Christ. A kind word from a church member reminded him he wasn't alone. The worship lifted his heart. Before he left, someone prayed with him—and for the first time in a long time, he felt hope again.

Later, he said, “I didn't just go to church that day... I experienced the Church.”

When we are Christ-centered and committed, we point others to Jesus. Let us pray that we will be the church on Main Street in Hilton Village, faithfully serving our community with the love of Christ.



## Calendar

### **Tuesday, April 14th**

Food Distribution

### **Thursday, April 16th**

Food Distribution

### **Saturday, April 18th**

10:15am Southeastern Correctional

Ministry Walk

Sandy Bottom Park

### **Sunday, April 19th,**

10am Live and Online Worship

10am Sonshine Kids and Youth

11:15am Produce Giveaway in gym.

Free and open to the public

### **Tuesday, April 21st**

Food Distribution

### **Thursday, April 23rd**

Food Distribution

### **Friday, April 24th**

5:30-6:30pm Community Dinner

6:00pm Food Pantry called by tables. Free and open to the public

### **Sunday, April 26th**

10am Live and Online Worship

10am Sonshine Kids

11:15am Food Giveaway in gym,

Free and open to the public

## **Missions Outreach**

**If you have any questions about Missions Outreach Activities, please contact Pam Cooke 757-660-4226**

### **Pray for our Missionaries**

KS (Central Asian People) AC (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) LS (South Asian People) SN (Sub Saharan African People) Abdul Qadir Anwari, Christ Synseal (NC) Shengmin Jiang (CA) Eshaq Alizada (CO) Wanderson Goncalves, Gabe Veazey(GA) Jose Santos (IN) Timothy Gardner (NC) Thomas Kulp (NM) Joshua Clark (TX) Jared Hogston (Va) Yonas Debella (WA)

### **WMU Monthly Mission Project**

April's Mission Project is Peninsula Rescue Mission- they have provided a list of some of the things that they are needing most at this time.

ChapStick, duffel bags, Tennis Shoes (size 10 and above, they can be gently used or new) Crew To shirts (Medium and Large, most guests are large) Bus Day passes (for work and appointments) and monetary.

### **Community Dinner**

Our next Community Dinner is April 24, 2026. If you can help in any way contact Pam Cooke or if you can help with the Food Pantry contact Tara Borton.

### **Food Pantry Needs**

If you would like to pick up anything for the food pantry we could use:  
Pancake Mix, syrup and Jelly.

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.

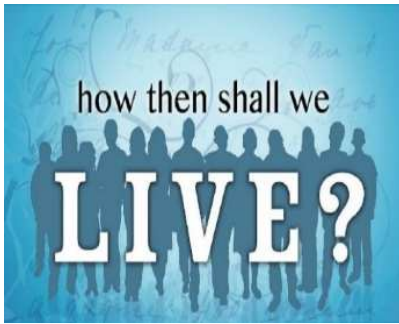
"Jewish," the man replied. "Okay, go to room 23, but be very quiet when you go past room 8," the secretary said.

"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"  
"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."





## **Grace!**

That special “someone” came up and embraced you. They gave you a kiss on the cheek unexpectedly. You remember how exceptional the feeling was. You asked them why. And they simply replied..., “*Because I love you...*”

We can dress it up with theological terms, clothe it with religious dogma, explain it in foreign Greek words such as “*agape*” for love, and “*charis*” for grace, or romantic Latin phrases such as, “*Amor in perpetuum vivit dei gratia*” meaning, “Love lives forever by the grace of God...” (I know that last one had to impress you!)

But when all is said and done, it all boils down to, “*Because I love you...*” *That’s GRACE... pure and simple.*

And I am feeling these days that in our pursuit of deeper revelations, more meaningful experiences with God, deeper relationship connection with the divine persona above us and the human community around us, we might most fundamentally be best served by returning to step one – *GRACE!*

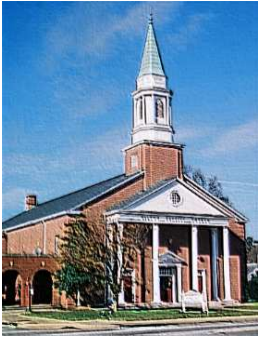
And we ask “*Why?*”... “*Because, I love you!*” God responds.

That is what God said to humanity when he entered our flesh through an infant presence in Bethlehem’s manger and exited through the agony of Calvary’s cruel cross, and then poured out His Holy Spirit from heaven upon all flesh at Pentecost.

And how will He respond today – in such a time as this? Perhaps resonating with the words penned by songwriter Gloria Gaither:

*I then shall live as one who's been forgiven.  
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.  
I know my name is clear before my Father;  
I am His child and I am not afraid.  
So, greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother;  
The law of love I gladly will obey.*

*I then shall live as one who's learned compassion.  
I've been so loved, that I'll risk loving too.  
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;  
I'll dare to see another's point of view.  
And when relationships demand commitment,  
Then I'll be there to care and follow through!*



## ***“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.

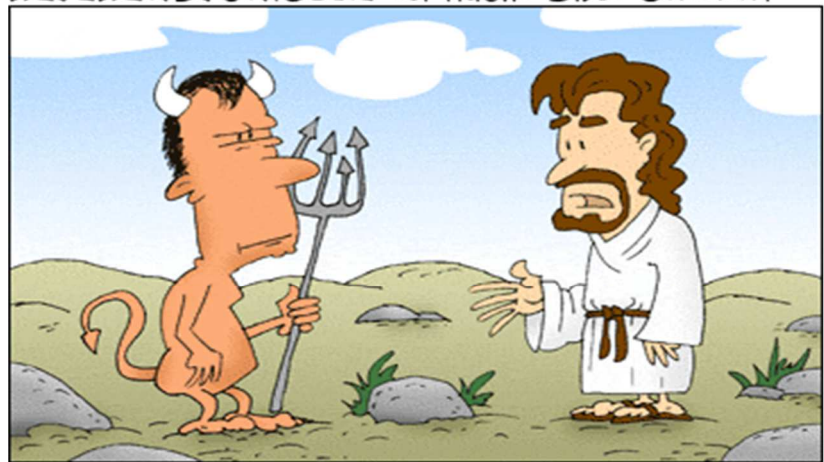
In the world today, we must not be discouraged by the struggle it takes to build Christ’s church. The forces of the devil will try to overcome it, but Jesus will prevail ([Matthew 16:18](#)). Remember what Jesus said: *“Seek first [God’s] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given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