

***The HBC Weekly Forecast***  
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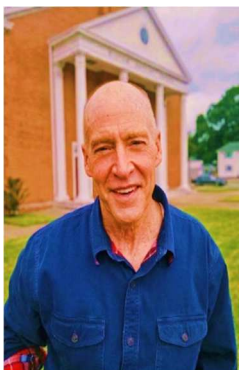


Waiting on the promise of the Holy Spirit is, first, an act of trust. After Jesus was resurrected and just moments before he ascended, Jesus told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit's coming. In that waiting, they were learning to lean not on their own plans or strength, but on the timing and faithfulness of God. In waiting, we acknowledge that God's work is not by our impulse, but by His Spirit.

As we wait, we cultivate our readiness to receive. Waiting is not passive idleness; it is the faithful posturing of our hearts in a holy anticipation. In prayer and expectancy, we allow God to shape us so that when His Spirit comes, we are prepared not just to receive but to move in step with His will His presence and His mighty power.

Finally, when the Holy Spirit is poured out upon us, He comes with a revelation of purpose. The disciples received power to be witnesses, not just for personal experience. When we wait on the Holy Spirit today, we trust that He will not only fill us, but send us out, empowered to love, serve, and bear witness to Christ in the world.

***Plan now to join us this Sunday morning and a fresh new experience in the Holy Spirit... And bring a friend!***



## *Waiting on the Promise of the Holy Spirit*

There is a sacred kind of waiting that runs quietly through the pages of Scripture—a waiting that is not empty, but full of promise. When Jesus told His disciples to remain in Jerusalem until they were clothed with power from on high, He was not asking them to delay their purpose, but to deepen it. In that upper room, between the promise and its fulfillment, they learned that the work of God is never rushed ahead by human effort. It is received, in stillness and trust, from the hand of God Himself.

Waiting on the Holy Spirit is, at its heart, an act of surrender. It asks us to lay down our timelines, our urgency, and even our sense of control. We are not naturally inclined to wait—we prefer to move, to act, to fix. But the Spirit is not summoned by striving. He is welcomed by yielded hearts. In the quiet space of waiting, God gently loosens our grip on self-reliance and teaches us to depend on Him more deeply than before.

Yet this waiting is not passive. The disciples did not scatter into distraction; they gathered in prayer. They leaned into one another, lifted their voices to God, and held fast to His promise. True waiting is attentive. It listens. It prepares. It expects. It is the posture of a soul that believes God is about to do something, even if it cannot yet see how or when.

And then, in God's perfect timing, the Spirit came. Not as a subtle suggestion, but as a rushing, life-altering presence that transformed fear into boldness and uncertainty into clarity. What waiting could not produce, the Spirit supplied in a moment. Power. Courage. Witness. It was not earned—it was given. And it was given to those who had learned to wait.

So it is with us. There are seasons when God calls us not to strive harder, but to wait longer—to trust that His promise has not failed simply because it has not yet arrived. In those moments, we are being shaped. Our faith is being refined. Our hearts are being made ready to receive what only He can give.

And when He moves—and He will—we will recognize that the waiting was not wasted. It was preparation. It was invitation. It was grace. For those who wait upon the Holy Spirit do not wait in vain; they wait in hope, knowing that the God who promises is the God who fulfills.

*On the grace journey together with you... Lynwood*

## Hilton Baptist Church

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

April 28, 2026

### **“The Year of the Miraculous”**

Budget \$1927.00

Annie Armstrong \$100.00

Total Deposit \$2027.00

#### **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**

5/3 Roger Cooke

5/10 Joe Caskie

#### **Counter**

5/4 Margaret Upole

5/11 Kathy Caskie

#### **Kids Church**

5/3 Kathy Caskie

5/10 Tracy Venable

#### **Grass Cutting**

5/2 Stan Langdon

5/16 Chas Johnson

This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Psalm 118:24

## **Weekly Prayer Focus**

**C-** Christ Centered Living and Commitment

**H** – Hearts for God and for Others

Our prayer focus this week is

**U- Unity**

Pray that our church would be united in heart and purpose, striving together in love to glorify God. May we set aside differences, encourage one another, and walk in the Spirit with a bond of peace. Let our unity be a testimony to others, showing the love of Christ in all we do. As it says in Ephesians 4:3, “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

### **Prayer Service- Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.**

The Holy Spirit’s presence was so powerful Sunday Morning as we had a special healing service. There are testimonies of great things that happened during that special time. Someone mentioned that they had had back pain for many years and since that time, the pain was gone. Praise the Lord! He is our healer.

Keep praying and believing for a miracle! Don’t stop, He is waiting for us to ask Him. He is ALL we need. We must have faith and keep believing.

**REJOICING IN HOPE; ENDURING  
IN TROUBLES; CONTINUING  
STEADFASTLY IN PRAYER;**

Romans 12:12

**Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> Community Dinner** WOW! It was a great dinner. We served 155 people dinner and were able to help so many people with food through our food pantry. Thanks to Billy and Jessica Surber and Jeanne Surber for a great meal! To all the volunteers that helped in the kitchen and also in the food pantry, you guys are amazing! God is doing great things. If you are not a part and would like to be, please reach out to the office and we will get you in touch with the right person to be plugged in to serve. Mark your calendars for Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> and come and be a part. Let’s show the love of Jesus to our community!

## Calendar

**Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Church office Closed**

**Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Food Distribution

**Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Food Distribution

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

10am Live and Online

Worship

10am Sonshine Kids and

Youth

11:15am Produce Giveaway

in gym. Free and open to

the public

**Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

Food Distribution

**Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Food Distribution

**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Mother's Day**

10am Live and Online

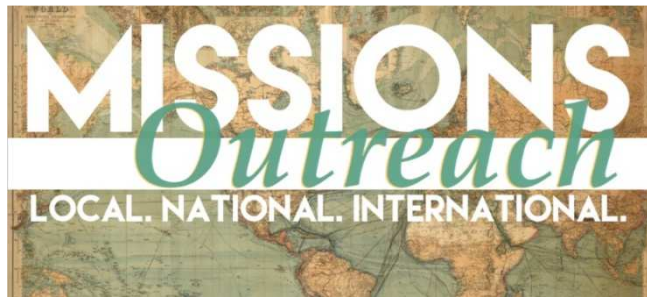
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### **Missions Outreach**

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

### **Pray for our Missionaries**

James Wells (American People) KT (Asian Pacific Rim People) LG< AN (Central Asian People) ED (European People) BM, LW (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) Nathan Boynton, SS (Sub-Saharan African People) Brandon DeLage (AZ) Sangmin Lee (CA) Pam Whitehead (GA) Andrew Cooper (MD) Maikel Noa (NE) Tyler Williams (NY) Nicholas Sweerin (TN) Paul Litmato, Ryan Sturgis (VA)

### **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 Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. If you can help in any way, see Pam Cooke or Tara Borton (Food Pantry).



## ***Rushing Winds & Tongues of Flame***

There are moments when heaven does not whisper but moves with unmistakable force. At Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit was marked by the sound of a rushing mighty wind and the sight of tongues of flame resting upon the disciples. The wind spoke of life and power—like the breath of God at creation—filling what had been still and uncertain. The fire spoke of presence and purity, the holy nearness of God settling not on a mountain or a temple, but upon ordinary people. In that moment, heaven declared that God was not distant—He was dwelling among and within His people.

That same Spirit still comes, though not always with outward signs as dramatic. The rushing wind reminds us that God can move suddenly, stirring what has grown quiet, awakening hearts that have grown weary. The tongues of flame remind us that His work is not merely to comfort, but to consecrate—to refine, to illuminate, and to set our lives ablaze with holy purpose. When the Spirit fills a life, He brings both power and transformation: power to speak, to serve, to stand; and transformation that reshapes the inner life into something radiant with the presence of Christ.

So we do not chase the wind or seek the flame for their own sake—we seek the Spirit who gives them meaning. We open our hearts, asking not for spectacle, but for substance: a fresh breath of God to revive us, and a holy fire to steady and purify us. And when He comes, in quiet assurance or undeniable stirring, we will know that the same God who moved at Pentecost is still moving today—breathing life, kindling faith, and sending His people into the world with courage and grace.

## ***“The Last Laugh...”***

An Armenian, an Aruban, an Albanian, a Greenlander, a Micronesian, a Virgin Islander, a Georgian, , a Cambodian, a Qatari, an Azerbaijani, a Romanian, a Chilean, a Kyrgyzstani, a Jamaican, a Filipino, a Ukrainian, a Dutchman, a Ecuadorian, a Costa Rican, a Swede, a Bulgarian, a Serb, a Swiss, a a Belgian, a Singaporean, an Italian and a Norwegian ... All decide to go out eat at the new restarant one night,



The doorman, scrutinizing the group , stops their entrance saying.....

"Sorry, folks... You can't come in here without a Thai."



The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not merely a doctrine to be explained, but a promise to be received—a holy nearness of God that fills, awakens, and empowers the life of the believer. In the book of Acts, when the Spirit was poured out, ordinary men and women were clothed with extraordinary grace. Fear gave way to boldness, hesitation to clarity, and weakness to strength. This baptism was not

an end in itself, but the beginning of a Spirit-formed life—one marked by the active presence of God dwelling within His people.

When the Spirit came at Pentecost, the disciples spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. This was not confusion, but divine expression—a sign that the gospel was breaking beyond every boundary of language, culture, and nation. Speaking in tongues, whether as a sign to the gathered church or as a personal language of prayer, reminds us that the Spirit is always drawing us beyond ourselves. He gives voice where we have none, intercedes where words fail, and lifts our hearts into communion with God that is deeper than intellect alone can reach.

Yet we must understand this clearly: the baptism of the Holy Spirit is not defined by a single outward expression, but by a transformed life. The same Spirit who gives utterance also gives holiness. He refines our desires, steadies our hearts, and conforms us to the image of Christ. Where the Spirit truly fills a life, there will be evidence—not only in moments of spiritual expression, but in the quiet, steady fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, and faithfulness.

There is also a sacred humility that must accompany our seeking. We do not come demanding an experience or comparing ourselves to others, but as those who are quietly hungry for God Himself. The Spirit is not a spectacle to be pursued, but a Person to be received. And where He is welcomed with sincerity, He is faithful to meet us—sometimes in ways that are unmistakable, and sometimes in ways that are gently, deeply transformative.

And so we seek—not for signs alone, but for fullness. We ask that the Spirit would breathe upon dry places, rekindle what has grown dim, and awaken within us a fresh love for Christ. We open our hearts not only to speak as He gives utterance, but to live as He gives direction. For the true mark of the Spirit's baptism is not only that our lips are touched with heaven's language, but that our lives begin to reflect heaven's character.



## *When The Holy Spirit*

## *Directs Our Giving*

There is a quiet miracle that unfolds when the Holy Spirit governs the life of a believer: our giving moves beyond calculation and into trust. Left to ourselves, we measure and hold back, but the Spirit teaches us to give with a wisdom that is neither reckless nor fearful. What we offer becomes more than an amount—it becomes obedience. And in that obedience, we discover that God knows how to provide for both the one who gives and the one who receives.

The Spirit not only prompts generosity; He guides it. At times He leads us to give beyond comfort, and at other times He restrains us, reminding us that faithfulness matters more than impulse. In this way, our giving becomes quietly supernatural—shaped not by pressure, but by His leading. We begin to see that God is not asking us to run dry, but to trust Him as our source.

Over time, a steady rhythm forms. We give, and we are sustained. We release, and God provides. The Holy Spirit builds within us a confidence that we are not losing when we give—we are stepping into God's abundance. And in that place, both giving and receiving are transformed by His faithful hand.

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*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!*

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