

The HBC Weekly Forecast
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After the wonder of Resurrection Sunday has settled into memory, we are not meant to return to ordinary living as though nothing has changed. The risen life of Jesus Christ calls us into a new way of being—steady, hopeful, and quietly radiant. Easter people are those who carry the certainty that death does not have the final word, that despair is never ultimate, and that God is at work even when the world feels uncertain. We live with a deeper calm, not because life is easier, but because we know the end of the story. The empty tomb becomes not just an event we celebrate, but a truth we inhabit—shaping our words, our patience, and our courage.

To live as resurrection people is to move through the world as witnesses of life—choosing forgiveness over bitterness, light over cynicism, and faith over fear. It means we refuse to let darkness define our outlook, because we have seen what God can do with a sealed grave. In quiet acts of kindness, in enduring hope, in steady trust when answers are not immediate, we reflect the risen Christ to those around us. Easter is not a single morning; it is a daily posture of the soul. And as we walk forward, we do so with this quiet conviction: because He lives, we live differently—freer, fuller, and always leaning toward the light.

Plan Now to Join Us for Our First 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 Easter, Let's Live as People of the Resurrection!

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.

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 7, 2026

“The Year of the Miraculous”

Budget \$8932.00
Designated Budget Offerings \$100.00 Rent of Space
Annie Armstrong \$100.00
Cash in Cash out- Love offering Dreama \$100.00
Cash in Cash out- Sonshine Kids \$25.00
Cash in Cash out- \$25.00
Food Pantry \$ 25.00
Port \$250.00
Total Deposit \$9557.00

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 sign up 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

Schedules

Lock up and Hall

4/12 Stan Langdon
4/19 Charles Vassar

Counter

4/13 Kathy Caskie
4/20 Margaret Upole

Kids Church

4/12 Tracy Venable
4/19 Lisa York

Grass Cutting

4/18 Journey Church

5/2 Stan Langdon

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.

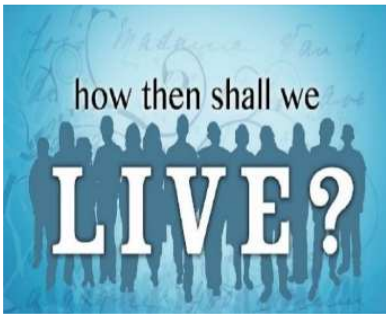
"Religion?" he asked the second man. "Catholic." "Go to room 10, but be very quiet when you go past room 8."

"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.

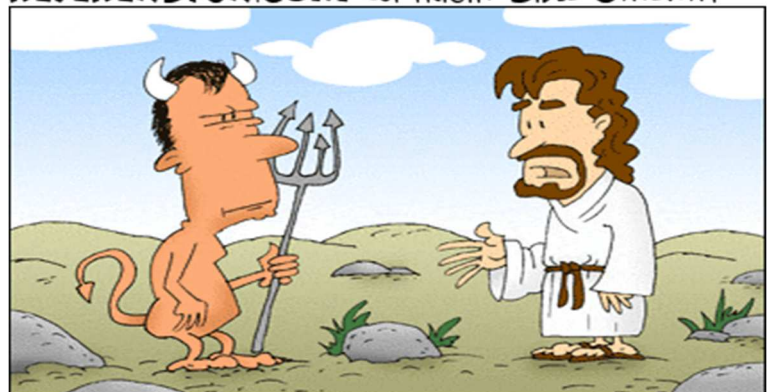
In the world today, we must not be discouraged by the struggle it takes to build Christ’s church. The forces of the devil will try to overcome it, but Jesus will prevail ([Matthew 16:18](#)). Remember what Jesus said: *“Seek first [God’s] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given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