

The HBC Weekly Forecast
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Imagine being one of the disciples, standing there as Jesus tells you, "It is for your good that I am going away." How could that possibly be good? They had walked with Jesus, talked with Him, eaten meals with Him, and seen Him perform miracles with their own eyes. How could His leaving be better than His staying? But Jesus was pointing them to a deeper reality—one they couldn't yet fully grasp. No longer would they have to wait for Jesus to arrive in a town or gather around Him on a hillside. The Spirit would be with them always, guiding them, strengthening them, and speaking truth into their hearts.

Yet, even now, we struggle to embrace the reality of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We long for something visible, something tangible—something like the disciples had when they walked with Jesus in the flesh. We say things like, "If only I could have been there to see Him," or "If only I could hear His voice out loud." But Jesus Himself tells us that we have something even better: the Holy Spirit, living in us, leading us, comforting us, and empowering us. The question is—are we relying on Him? Or are we still trying to follow Jesus in our own strength?

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



Experiencing the Power and Presence of the Holy Spirit

There are moments in the life of every believer when strength runs thin, clarity fades, and the path forward feels uncertain. It is in those very moments that the quiet, powerful presence of the Holy Spirit becomes not just a doctrine we affirm, but a reality we experience.

The Spirit of God does not merely visit us in passing—He is given to dwell within us, guiding, comforting, and strengthening from the inside out. He whispers truth when the world shouts confusion and brings peace when circumstances threaten to overwhelm.

The power of the Holy Spirit is not always loud or dramatic, but it is always transformative. He reshapes our hearts, renews our minds, and gives us courage we did not know we possessed. When we feel weak, He becomes our strength. When we lack words, He intercedes with a depth beyond human expression. The same Spirit who hovered over creation, who raised Christ from the dead, now lives within every believer—this is not symbolic power, but living, active, divine presence at work in us.

And in that presence, we are never alone. The Holy Spirit walks with us through every valley and celebrates with us on every mountaintop. He reminds us of God's promises when we are tempted to forget, and He gently draws us back when we begin to drift.

If we will slow down, listen, and yield, we will discover that His presence is not distant—it is near, constant, and sustaining. In every ordinary moment, there is an extraordinary power available to us—the very presence of God, alive within us, leading us into a life that is full, faithful, and forever changed.

Even more, the Holy Spirit does not simply sustain us—He sends us. He empowers us to live beyond ourselves, to love when it is difficult, to forgive when it feels impossible, and to serve with a generosity that reflects the heart of Christ. Through His presence, our lives become vessels of grace to others, carrying hope into weary places and light into darkened hearts.

What we could never accomplish in our own strength, God accomplishes through us, turning ordinary lives into testimonies of God's extraordinary power and abiding presence.

On the grace journey together with you, Pastor Lynwood

Hilton Baptist Church
Lynwood Wells, Pastor
May 5, 2026

“The Year of the Miraculous”

Budget \$6480.00
Associational Missions \$125.00
Cash in/ Cash out Sunshine Kids \$25.00
Food Pantry \$105.00
Total Deposit \$6735.00

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

5/10 Joe Caskie
5/17 Dave and Lisa

Counter

5/11 Kathy Caskie
5/18 Margaret Upole

Kids Church

5/10 Tracy Venable
5/17 Tracy Venable
Lisa York

Grass Cutting

5/16 Chas Johnson
5/30 Jon and Barbara Michie

Weekly Prayer Focus

C- Christ Centered Living and Commitment

H – Hearts for God and for Others

U- Unity

This week's prayer focus is :

R- Repentance and Renewal

Pray that we, as individuals and as a church, would have hearts that are quick to repent and turn from sin. Ask God to search our hearts, reveal anything that is not pleasing to Him, and help us walk in holiness. Pray for spiritual renewal—that God would refresh our love for Him, restore our joy, and revive our passion to serve Him.

Calendar

Tuesday, May 5th

Food Distribution

Thursday, May 6th

Food Distribution

Sunday, May 12th

Mother's Day

9am Discipleship Class

10am Live and Online

Worship

10am Sonshine Kids

11:15am Food Giveaway

in gym, Free and open to the public

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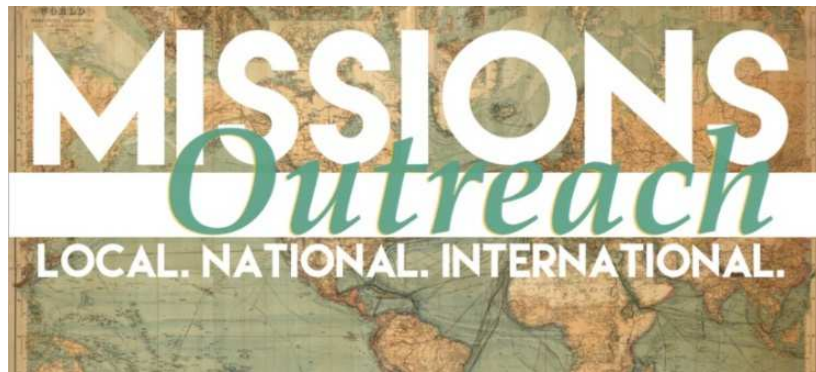
25th ANNIVERSARY

Discipleship Class

In case you were not aware, we have a Discipleship Class that meets every Sunday Morning at 9am in the Conference Room (old Faith Class) The class is for all ages. Stan Langdon is the teacher. If you have any questions, just see Stan. We have plenty of room for you in the Class!



This Sunday at 10am



Missions Outreach

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

Pray for our Missionaries

Serena Tail (American People) HK (Asian Pacific Rim People) DS, EW (Central Asian People) Caroline Gandy, Dm (European People) PR (Global Strategic Advance) JT (South Asian People) Jose Rodriguez Milo (FLO) William Bowlin (LA) John Ames (MA) Sangkuk Kim (ON) Kyle Bueermann, Carol Reyes Mendoza (TXO) Luke Bylsma (UT)

WMU Monthly Mission Project

May's Mission Project – Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center

We are collecting baby care items, including shampoo, conditioner, lotion, diaper rash cream, and pacifiers. *Please note that Dollar Tree items are not requested for this project by Carenet.* Thank you for your support in helping meet the needs of needy families in our community.

Community Dinner

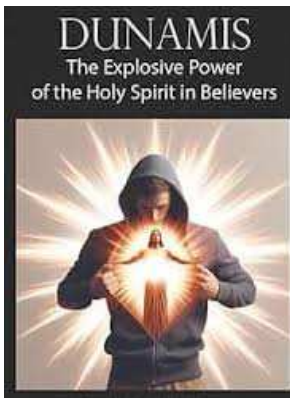
Our next Community Dinner is Friday, May 29th. If you can help in any way, see Pam Cooke or Tara Borton (Food Pantry).

Special thanks to Jeanne Surber

Due to the temperature in the sanctuary, Jeannie Surber has thoughtfully provided quilts throughout the seating area for anyone who may need them. We sincerely appreciate her kindness—what a blessing!

Found Keys

If anyone has lost a set of keys, please see Dreama. There is a Toyota Key on it in case you are looking for them.



The Dunamis Power

The Holy Spirit brings more than just a gentle breeze of comfort—He arrives with “*dunamis*” power (Greek for “dynamite”), the very dynamic, all--powerful force of God.

This is not merely human effort amplified—it’s divine energy transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary. It was this power that emboldened timid disciples, turning them into bold witnesses who turned the world upside down.

This same power is available to us today, not just for our spiritual edification, but to empower us to live out God’s calling.

When the Holy Spirit’s power is at work, obstacles that once seemed insurmountable are no match. This *dunamis* power isn’t loud for the sake of noise; it’s quiet in its confidence, yet unstoppable in its impact. It grants wisdom when we lack it, boldness when we feel afraid, and strength when we feel weak.

As we yield to the Spirit, His power doesn’t only work in us but also through us. We become instruments of healing, words of life, and hands of compassion in a world that desperately needs both. Let us not shrink back from this divine power, but lean into it, allowing God’s Spirit to propel us into His purposes.

Directions to the Post Office...

There is a story of Billy Graham about when he was visiting a city for one of his crusades. He had finished writing a letter, and began to look for a place to mail it.

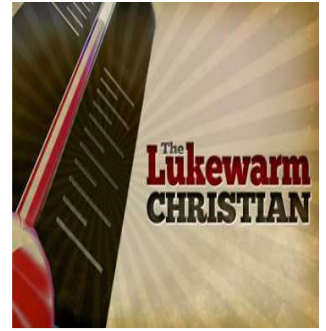
Walking around the city for a while, he came across a young boy. He asked the boy if he knew how to get to the post office.



The boy gave Billy Graham the directions and before leaving, Billy said to the boy, “Come on over to the arena tonight and I’ll tell you how to get to heaven.”

The boy looked at him and replied, “How can you know how to get to heaven? You don’t even know the way to the post office.”

Two Inconvenient Truths Of Lukewarm Christianity



First is the truth that your relationship with Christ is your responsibility; it is your journey.

Our Lord appointed the Holy Spirit as a helper in this journey, and He also gave some other human helpers, but you gravely misunderstand this faith if you believe it is a helper's job to spoon-feed you the depth of revelation and intimacy needed.

The true element of communion is never a rose or a light airy white wine. It is always crimson and rich in color to remind us of the truth in the blood it represents.

Second is that living according to a truth-driven lifestyle is a necessity for anyone hoping to change the lukewarm temperature in their spiritual life.

Nobody can sustain intimacy with the Father, authority before man, and relevance in this age devoid of a daily choice to not be swayed off of the rock of truth. It doesn't just "simply happen," rather, it is a worthy experience which must be fought for and pursued. We must teach ourselves to believe that lifestyles and experiences outlined to us by the Bible are not polite suggestions. They are requirements of the faith.



The Last Impression...

There was once a handyman who had a dog named Mace. Mace was a great dog except he had one weird habit: he liked to eat grass - not just a little bit, but in quantities that would make a lawnmower blush. And nothing, it seemed, could cure him of it.

One day, the handyman lost his wrench in the tall grass while he was working outside. He looked and looked, but it was nowhere to be found.

As it was getting dark, he gave up for the night and decided to look the next morning. When he awoke, he went outside and saw that his dog had eaten all the grass in the area, around where he had been working, and his wrench now lay in plain sight, glinting in the sun.

Going out to get his wrench, he called the dog over to him and said...
Are you ready for this?.....

“A grazing Mace, how sweet the hound, that saved a wrench for me.”



Holy Spirit Empowered Giving

There is a kind of giving that rises above calculation—a grace-filled generosity that flows not from obligation, but from the quiet, powerful work of the Holy Spirit within us. When the Spirit moves in the heart of a believer, He reshapes our understanding of ownership and provision. What we once clung to tightly, we begin to hold with open hands.

Holy Spirit-empowered giving is not driven by pressure, but by partnership with God Himself, who invites us into the joy of participating in His provision for others. In those moments, giving becomes worship, an act of trust declaring, “Lord, You are my source.”

What’s remarkable is that Holy Spirit-empowered giving never leaves us depleted. Instead, it draws us deeper into the abundance of God. As we release what is in our hands, we make room for Him to entrust us with more—more grace, more joy, more provision.

The cycle of giving and receiving becomes a testimony of His faithfulness. We find that we cannot outgive God, because every act of Spirit-led generosity returns to us in ways both seen and unseen. And in the process, our hearts are transformed, becoming vessels through which His love flows freely into the world.

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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CAN YOU SCROLL BACK UP?