

The HBC Weekly Forecast
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The world today is overflowing with technology, information, and human achievement, yet beneath the surface there is a deep spiritual exhaustion that only God can heal. We see division where there should be unity, despair where there should be hope, and emptiness where there should be joy. More than ever, we desperately need a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our homes, our churches, and our nations. We do not merely need better programs, stronger personalities, or clever solutions—we need the living presence of God moving again upon human hearts. When the Holy Spirit comes, cold hearts are awakened, weary souls are renewed, and people once bound by fear and sin discover freedom, courage, and peace. The same Spirit who swept through the upper room at Pentecost is still able to breathe life into a dry and broken world today.

Perhaps the greatest tragedy of our generation is not that darkness exists, but that too often the church has learned to function without desperately seeking the power of the Holy Spirit. Yet God has never withdrawn His promise. Heaven still responds to hungry hearts. When believers humble themselves in prayer, repent sincerely, and seek God with expectation, the Spirit of God moves once more with conviction, healing, unity, and holy fire. A fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit would not only transform churches—it would transform families, communities, and entire nations. And maybe revival begins not in grand movements, but quietly, in ordinary hearts that cry out again, “*Lord, breathe upon us anew.*”

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



Those Days Just Before Pentecost...

In the days before Pentecost, the disciples lived in a sacred tension between memory and promise. They had seen the risen Christ with their own eyes. They had watched Him ascend into heaven with the assurance ringing in their hearts: *“You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.”* Yet now they waited. Jerusalem bustled around them, but in the upper room there was holy anticipation. One can almost feel their mixture of emotions—wonder, uncertainty, excitement, and prayerful longing. The cross was behind them, the resurrection had changed them, but something greater was still coming.

Perhaps Peter paced the room remembering his failures and Christ’s forgiveness. Perhaps Thomas thought about his doubts now turned into faith. Perhaps Mary and the others prayed quietly, clinging to the words of Jesus. They did not yet fully understand what Pentecost would bring, but they knew enough to wait upon God. Sometimes faith means standing in the space between what God has promised and what God has revealed. Those days before Pentecost were days of surrender, unity, and expectation.

What is remarkable is that the disciples did not abandon the waiting place. In earlier days they had scattered in fear, but now they stayed together in prayer. The resurrection had planted courage within them, and hope kept their eyes fixed toward heaven. Every whispered prayer, every psalm sung softly in that upper room, every moment of patient expectation was preparing their hearts for the fire of God’s presence. Heaven often does its deepest work in the waiting seasons of life.

And then Pentecost came—not as a gentle suggestion, but as a rushing mighty wind. The waiting was worth it. The fearful became fearless. The hesitant became bold witnesses. The same disciples who once hid behind locked doors stepped into the streets proclaiming Christ with power and joy. God had kept His promise exactly as He said He would. The waiting room became a launching place for revival.

There are seasons in our own lives when we stand in the days before Pentecost—times when prayers seem unanswered and promises seem delayed. Yet those seasons are never wasted when they are filled with prayer, trust, and expectation. God often prepares the vessel before He pours out the blessing. If we remain faithful in the waiting, we too will discover that God’s promises never fail, and that the winds of His Spirit still come to hearts that are watching, praying, and ready.

On the grace journey together with you, Pastor Lynwood

Hilton Baptist Church

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

May 19, 2026

“The Year of the Miraculous”



Lynwood's 25th Anniversary A Special Thank you

A special thank you to everyone who helped, brought items, shared kind words from your hearts, and attended the celebration of Lynwood's 25th Anniversary. Everything was made so special because of the love, effort, and thoughtfulness of so many. It was truly a wonderful day as we honored a very special pastor and celebrated God's faithfulness through his years of ministry. Thank you to everyone who played a part in making the day such a blessing.

Weekly Prayer Focus

C- Christ Centered Living and Commitment

H - Hearts for God and for Others

U- Unity

R- Repentance and Renewal

C – Christlike Compassion

This week our prayer focus is:

H- Hurting and Needy

Prayer Focus: Pray for those in our church and community who are hurting—physically, emotionally, spiritually, or financially. Ask God to bring comfort to the brokenhearted, healing to the sick, provision to those in need, and hope to those who feel overwhelmed. Pray that we, as the church, would be compassionate hands and feet of Jesus, ready to encourage, help, and love those who are hurting.

“Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ.” — Galatians 6:2 (KJV)

Pastor Lynwood's Quilt

Jeanne Surber is creating a special quilt for Pastor Lynwood in honor of his 25 years of faithful service as pastor. If you were not able to sign a quilt square, there are still squares available at the back of the sanctuary. Please take a moment to sign one, write a note of encouragement or appreciation, and leave it there. Jeanne will be collecting them over the next few weeks and lovingly creating a keepsake quilt to honor this special milestone in Pastor Lynwood's ministry.

Calendar

Tuesday, May 19th

Food Distribution

Thursday, May 21st

Food Distribution

Sunday, May 24th

9am Discipleship Class

10am Live and Online Worship

10am Sonshine Kids

11:15am Food Giveaway in gym,

Free and open to the public

Monday, May 25th

Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26th

Food Distribution

Thursday, May 28th

Food Distribution

Friday, May 29th

5:30- 6:30pm Community Dinner

Sunday, May 31st

9am Discipleship Class

10am Live and Online Worship

10am Sonshine Kids and Youth

11:15am Food Giveaway in gym.

Free and open to the public

Budget \$972.00

Budget Designated – Rent of Space \$125.00

Associational Missions \$40.00

Cash in Cash Out- Carenet \$25.00

Cash in Cashout- Southeastern Correctional

Ministry \$50.00

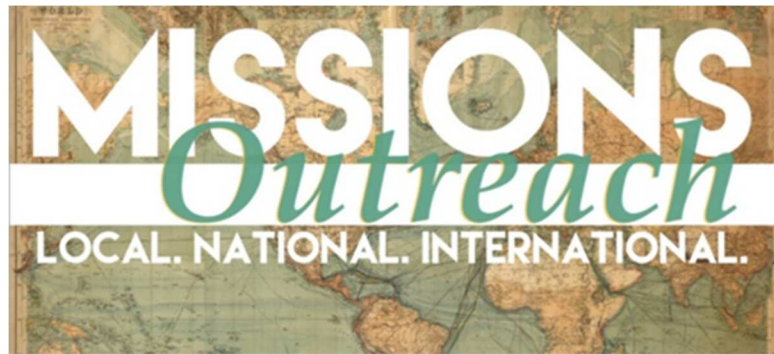
Cash in Cash out- Coffee \$2.00

Cash in Cash out- Lynwood \$50.00

Food Pantry \$50.00

Total Deposit \$1364.00





Missions Outreach

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

Pray for our Missionaries

ES, DJ, CW (Asian Pacific Rim People) MO (Central Asian People) WT (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) HE (Sub-Saharan African People) Kim Jeffrey (GA) Jonathan Drendel (KS) Desmond Ingram (MI) John Lewis (NL) Ernest Bonnett (OH) Kimberly McGibbon (ON) Homes Reeves (SC)

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).

Lock up and Hall

5/24 Pam Cooke
5/31 Chas Johnson

Counter

5/26 Kathy Caskie
6/1 Margaret Upole

Kids Church

5/25 Tori Holt 5/31 Tammy Ortery

Grass Cutting 5/30 Barbara and John Michie 6/13 Pam and Roger Cooke



The HBC Family Welcomes...

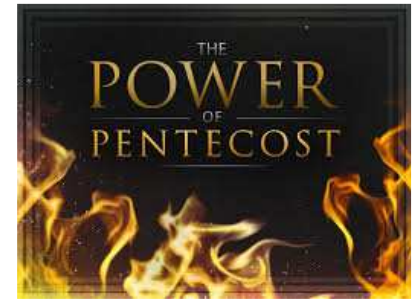
Pastor Kim Hoyt

This Sunday, May 24th

As Pastor Lynwood recovers from his recent surgery, we are pleased to welcome Pastor Kim Hoyt, from Journey Church, where she co-pastors with her husband Chris, to share a message that the Lord has laid on her heart for HBC!

Pentecostal Power

On the day of Pentecost, the frightened followers of Jesus were transformed into fearless witnesses by the power of the Holy Spirit. The same disciples who once hid behind locked doors suddenly stood boldly before the world proclaiming the risen Christ. Pentecost reminds us that God does not call us to live the Christian life in our own strength. He fills weak hearts with divine courage, weary souls with fresh fire, and ordinary people with supernatural purpose.



That same power is still available today. The Holy Spirit brings comfort to the broken, conviction to the wandering, strength to the weary, and revival to the church. When the fire of Pentecost burns within us, our prayers become alive, our worship becomes passionate, and our witness becomes powerful. May we not merely remember Pentecost as a moment in history, but experience it as a present reality—crying out for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit of God upon our lives, our churches, and our world.

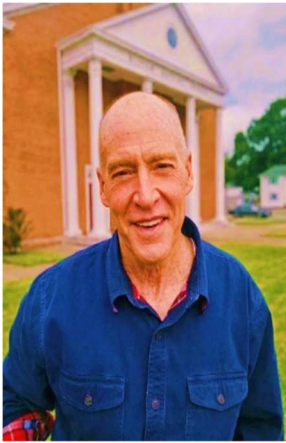
The Talking Centipede



A guy sees an advertisement for a "Talking Centipede" in a pet-shop window for \$100. He buys it, takes it home, opens the box, and asks the centipede if he wants to go for a sandwich. The centipede doesn't answer.

Thirty minutes later, he tries again, shouting, "Do you want to go for a sandwich?"

"The centipede pokes his head out of the box and says, "Pipe down! I heard you the first time. I'm putting on my shoes!"



A Hearty Full of Gratitude...

To my beloved church family at
Hilton Baptist Church,

Thank you from the depths of my heart for the beautiful and deeply moving celebration of my 25 years as your Pastor last Sunday. What a sacred and humbling day it was for me. As I looked across the congregation, I was overwhelmed with gratitude for the countless memories we have shared together through seasons of joy and sorrow, victories and valleys, baptisms and funerals, laughter and tears. Your kind, generous words, prayers, cards, and expressions of love touched me more than I could ever adequately express.

Serving this church has never simply been a job or position to me—it has been one of the greatest privileges and blessings of my life. To stand in the very church where I first came to know Christ as a child, and then to return years later to serve as Pastor for these past twenty-five years, is a testimony to the goodness and faithfulness of God. I am profoundly grateful for every person who has walked this journey with me, prayed for me, encouraged me, and allowed me the honor of being part of your lives and families. Sunday's celebration reminded me once again that the true beauty of the church is not found in buildings or programs, but in the people who love Christ and love one another.

I also want to express my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the day so meaningful and memorable. Every detail reflected love, thoughtfulness, and generosity. I was especially touched by the reflections, the fellowship, and the spirit of encouragement that filled the entire day.

Thank you for allowing me the joy of serving as your Pastor and friend. I love you deeply, and by God's grace, I look forward to continuing this journey of faith together in the years ahead.

With all my heart,

Pastor Lynwood

"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me."

I Corinthians 15:10



Tithing and Your Giving

The purpose of tithing is to teach us to always put God first in our lives. God doesn't need our money. He wants what it represents: our gratitude, our priorities and our faith. Look at these verses in Proverbs **3**. Do you see where it says, 'Honor the Lord by giving him the leftovers of all your income'... Now, you can see, that's NOT what it says at all.

It says, "Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest ..". We give to God first, right off the top of our income. And here is the promise, "Then your barns will be completely filled, and your vats will overflow with new wine".

As committed believers, we are called to give the first 10% to God. If we're going to be in debt, we will be in debt to other people, but should not be in debt to God. You and I are called to give back to God in gratitude, but also as a demonstration of our priorities. And, it is a demonstration of our faith in his promises.

In Malachi **3:10**, God says, "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse ...". That means the place where you worship. Then God says, "Put me to the test!" In a sense, "Test me and see how I will bless you for your obedience'. God says he will provide all that you need. He doesn't say he'll provide all that we greed, but all that we need.

God is doing some exciting new and powerful things through the faithful people of God at HBC...Please remember Your ommitments and giving and be part of the miracle!

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