

***The HBC Weekly Forecast***  
***Hilton Baptist Church. [www.HiltonBaptistChurch.org](http://www.HiltonBaptistChurch.org)***  
***101 Main Street, Newport News, VA 23601***



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 Yet God has never withdrawn His promise.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!***



## ***The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost... Now What?***

The first outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the Feast of Pentecost 2000 years ago was beautiful and dramatic. And there is something deeply beautiful and personal about beginning each day by simply whispering, “Holy Spirit, You are welcome here.” So often we rush into life carrying our burdens, anxieties, schedules, and distractions, while forgetting that God never intended for us to live the Christian life alone. The Holy Spirit was given not merely as a doctrine to believe, but as the very presence of God dwelling within us—comforting, guiding, strengthening, and transforming our hearts. When we welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives, we are opening the door to divine companionship. We are inviting heaven’s peace into our chaos and God’s power into our weakness.

The Holy Spirit does not force His way into our hearts. He comes gently, lovingly, and faithfully to those who desire Him. He speaks in quiet convictions, holy promptings, moments of peace, and renewed spiritual hunger. Sometimes His presence feels like a deep calm in the middle of a storm. Other times it comes as courage when we are afraid, wisdom when we are confused, or strength when we feel we cannot go another step. The more we welcome Him, the more sensitive we become to His leading. A hurried, distracted soul often misses His voice, but a surrendered heart begins to recognize His movement everywhere.

To welcome the Holy Spirit means more than attending church or praying occasionally. It means making room for God daily. It means pausing long enough to listen, surrendering attitudes that grieve Him, and allowing Him to shape our words, thoughts, and actions. The Holy Spirit brings conviction without condemnation, correction without rejection, and comfort without compromise. He reminds us that we are children of God and continually points us back to Jesus Christ. Where the Spirit is welcomed, hearts soften, bitterness fades, worship deepens, and spiritual life begins to flourish again.

Today, perhaps the greatest prayer we can pray is a simple one: “Come, Holy Spirit.” Invite Him into your fears, your family, your church, your decisions, and your hidden struggles. Welcome Him into the ordinary moments of life. For when the Holy Spirit fills a life, He brings light into darkness, hope into despair, and joy into weary places. God never intended us merely to survive this world—He desires for us to walk daily in the presence and power of His Spirit.

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

## **Hilton Baptist Church**

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

May 26, 2026

### **“The Year of the Miraculous”**

#### **Deposit**

Budget \$376.00

#### **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**

##### **Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

##### **Memorial Day**

##### **Church Office Closed**

##### **Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Food Distribution

##### **Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

Food Distribution

##### **Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

5:30- 6:30pm Community Dinner

##### **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

##### **Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Food Distribution

##### **Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Food Distribution

##### **Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

9am Discipleship Class

10am Live and Online

Worship

10am Sonshine Kids

11:15am Produce giveaway in

gym, Free and open to the

public

#### **Plastic Bags**

The food pantry collects plastic bags. It is requested, if possible, would you be able to double bag them before bringing them. This would help save a lot of time for the volunteers we have. Thanks for your help!



### **Congratulations to Billy Surber**

Billy Surber recently graduated from EPCI with an Associates in Culinary Arts.  
Way to go Billy!

### **Missions Outreach**

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

**Pray for our Missionaries** KM, Valeria Roy (American People) TM, PS, Allen Ulmer (Asian Pacific Rim People) BH (Central Asian People) Susan Boot, Wesley Gilliam , CR, Paula Wentley (European People) Madelyn Phillips (Sub-Saharan African People) Lanier Singleton (CA) Anry Aguila , Joshua Peoples (FL) Kebena Geleta (MN) Brian Veal (MO) Wes Costello (NY) Brett Middleton

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

### **Lock up and Hall**

5/31 Chas Johnson

6/7 Stan Langdon

### **Counter**

6/1 Margaret Upole

6/8 Kathy Caskie

### **Kids Church**

5/31 Tammy Ortery

6/7 Kathy Caskie

### **Grass Cutting**

5/30 Barbara and John Michie

6/13 Pam and Roger Cooke

## ***Be Filled With the Holy Spirit***

To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to live with the active presence of God shaping our thoughts, guiding our decisions, and strengthening our hearts from within. It is not merely an emotional experience reserved for special moments in worship, but a daily surrender of our lives to the Lordship of Christ. When the Holy Spirit fills a believer, He produces love where there was bitterness, peace where there was anxiety, and courage where there was fear.



Being filled with the Holy Spirit also means living with divine power beyond our natural abilities. The disciples who once hid behind locked doors became bold witnesses after the Spirit came upon them at Pentecost. In the same way, the Holy Spirit empowers ordinary believers today to forgive when forgiveness seems impossible, to endure trials with hope, and to serve others with joy and humility. The Spirit comforts us in sorrow, convicts us when we wander, and reminds us that we are never abandoned by God. A Spirit-filled life is not a perfect life, but it is a life continually strengthened and renewed by heaven's presence.

Perhaps most beautifully, to be filled with the Holy Spirit is to become a vessel through which the love of Christ flows into the world. The Spirit softens harsh hearts, awakens compassion for others, and creates within us a deeper hunger for prayer, worship, and holiness. When the Holy Spirit fills a person, there is often a quiet but unmistakable transformation—words become gentler, your prayer language deepens, faith becomes steadier, and the soul begins reflecting the character of Jesus more clearly. In a broken world, Spirit-filled believers become living reminders that God is still moving, still healing, and still pouring His grace upon all who seek Him.

### ***The Senior Citizen Workout***



A senior citizen woman told her friend, “I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor’s permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.”

She said, “So, I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour... But by the time I got my leotards on, the class was already over!”

## ***The Gifts and Fruit of the Holy Spirit***

After the Holy Spirit was outpoured on the day of Pentecost the disciple began to discover new attributes of living empowered lives like they never had before. This empowerment came through the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit.

| <b>Nine Fruits<br/>of the Holy spirit<br/>(Galatians 5:22-23)</b> | <b>Nine Gifts<br/>of the Holy spirit<br/>(1 Corinthians 12:4-11)</b> |
|---|--|
| <b>Love</b>   | <b>Wisdom</b>  |
| <b>Joy</b>  | <b>Knowledge</b>   |
| <b>Peace</b>  | <b>Faith</b>   |
| <b>Patience</b>   | <b>Healing</b>   |
| <b>Kindness</b>   | <b>Miraculous powers</b>   |
| <b>Goodness</b>   | <b>Prophecy</b>  |
| <b>Faithfulness</b>   | <b>Distinguishing between Spirits</b>                                |
| <b>Gentleness</b>   | <b>Speaking in Tongues</b>   |
| <b>Self-control</b>   | <b>Interpretation of Tongues</b>                                     |

Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

The nine “Fruit” of the Holy Spirit is the supernatural manifestation of the *personality* of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. For example, when you feel a genuine agape love for someone that you would not feel a natural love for. That would be the supernatural fruit of the Holy Spirit manifesting the “Love” of the Spirit. Or when you feel joy in the presence of God for no natural reason simply feeling joy flowing through you, that would be the fruit of the Spirit in Joy.

Then, there are the nine “Gifts” of the Holy Spirit. These are the supernatural manifestations of the *power* of the Holy Spirit. These are the signs and wonders which often confirm the word when it is preached or spoken... *“And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.”* Mark16:20 These are actions and words which supersede our natural human capabilities. They are confirmational that our God is present in His miraculous power.

Over the next 18 weeks, we are going to examine each of the “Fruit” and each “Gift” of the Holy Spirit to better understand what it truly means to be “Spirit-Filled” Christ followers, fully surrendered to Him!



## ***How the Spirit-Filled Believer Gives Their Best***

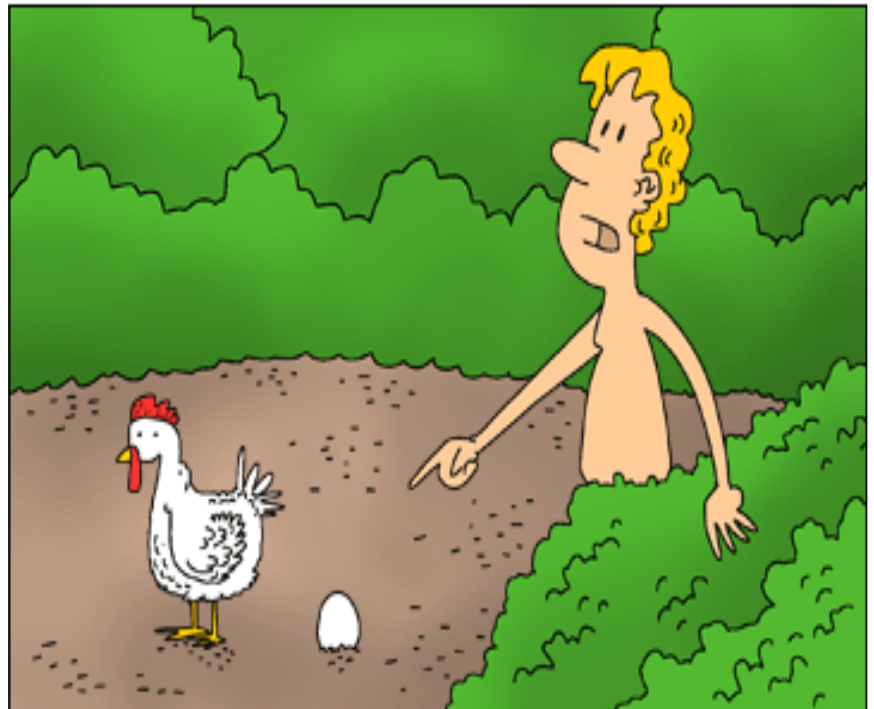
When the Holy Spirit fills a believer's life, He creates within us a desire to give God our very best—not what is leftover, convenient, or easy. The Spirit-filled believer sees every act of service, generosity, and worship as an offering unto Christ.

Like Mary pouring out her costly perfume at the feet of Jesus, we are moved to pour out our lives in love and gratitude. A Spirit-filled heart no longer asks, "What is the least I can do?" but instead cries, "Lord, how can I honor You most?" When the Holy Spirit reigns within us, sacrifice becomes joyful, obedience becomes heartfelt, and giving becomes the natural overflow of a life touched by God's presence.

Too often, people give their best energy to the world while offering God what remains. But the Spirit-filled believer remembers that Jesus gave everything at Calvary. He did not love us halfway, and we should not serve Him halfway. The Holy Spirit empowers ordinary believers to live with extraordinary surrender, giving God their finest devotion, deepest compassion, and strongest faith. And when believers once again give God their best, the church becomes alive with joy, power, and the unmistakable presence of Christ.

***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!***

REVERENDFUN.COM COPYRIGHT BIBLE GATEWAY



(See Genesis 1:1-2:3)

07-06-2015

**I MISSED IT ... WHICH ONE CAME FIRST?**