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Weekly Newsletter

September 8, 2014

The Parable Of The Soils

*“Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow.
And as he sowed...” Mark 3:3*

In Mark 4, Jesus uses a parable to explain how various individuals react to the Word of God. And while it is often referred to as the “parable of the sower,” I think it may be better described as the “parable of the soils.”

Seeds represent the Gospel shared through God’s Word and soil represents the person hearing the Word. Some people hear the Word but immediately allow Satan and sin to take away what they has heard. Others hear the Word and have joy because of it, but because they don’t have a rooted relationship with God the joy is short lived. A third group hears the Word, but allows culture to overcome the truth that is offered. Finally, there are those who hear the Word, accept it, and believe its truth, developing a strong relationship with Christ and going out to make disciples.

As Christians, we can learn from each kind of person represented in this parable. The first example teaches us to guard ourselves from temptation and sin. 1 Peter 5:8 says, *“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”* We have to make sure our heart is soft and poised for a fruitful relationship with Christ rather than hardened by sin’s deceit.

Second, our lives must be centered upon our relationship with Christ. Consistent time in God’s Word, continual prayer and strong community help believers stay rooted in the joy that accompanies faith in God.

In the third example, we learn the importance of guarding our hearts from the worries of the world. Like weeds that grow slowly and choke the fruit of the earth, material desires, anxiety and deceitfulness can grow slowly and choke our spiritual lives.

Finally, the fourth individual represented in the parable depicts a person who hears the Word, believes the Word, and does what it says. As Christians, we are called to live in a way that produces a harvest. The ultimate goal is to glorify God and make disciples who make disciples.

God gives us seed abundantly and so we are to scatter it generously and with the energy of our faith. As someone once wisely said, *“Anybody can count the seeds in an apple... But only God can count the apples in a seed!”*

This is why I am often fond of sharing the work of the gospel in terms of the miracle of seed faith – What is the miracle you might be holding today?

Release your seed for the harvest you need!

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

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The Hilton Baptist Church Record

September 8, 2014

Hilton School of Music

Starting in October....

Piano, acoustic guitar and voice lessons are available. Susie Miran is the instructor. Contact the office for more information.



Living Proof Live Simulcast With Beth Moore

Saturday, September 13th
Temple Baptist Church
235 Harpersville Road, NN

9:30am until 4:15pm

\$15.00 per person

Www.templechurch.net



Sunday School and Worship Report September 7, 2014

Sunday School Enrollment.....115
Visitors..... 1
Total present.....63
One class did not report attendance
Contacts.....16
Worship Attendance ... 90

HBC Counting Report for September 7, 2014

8-145 Cash in/ Cash out...Bazaar.....\$125.00
8-200 Future Growth.....\$100.00
8-103 Drink Machine.....\$1.00
8-105 Associational Missions.....\$625.00
8-404 WMU More than Nets.....\$10.00
8- 250 Memorials- Edith Bradley.....\$50.00
8-403 Food Pantry.....\$125.00
8-102 Wednesday Night Dinner.....\$155.00
Total Designated Receipts.....\$1191.00
Total Budget Receipts.....\$5356.97
Total Budget Designated..Community Dinner.....\$66.42
Total Deposit.....\$6614.39
R& R Deposit.....\$25.00

August Recap
Budget Receipts \$19,978.62
Budget Expenses \$20,337.74
Designated Receipts \$3126.61
Designated Expenses \$2616.21

R & R Account Balance \$20,565.32
PDF \$9,658.18
R&R \$10,907.14

Money Market Balance \$71025.20
Breakdown
Savings \$30647.61
Outreach \$16,493.78
Building Maintenance \$19,705.11
Designated Replenish \$4178.70

OUR ON GOING
MISSION....



**Alma Hunt
State Missions**

Goal \$2000.00
Collected to date
\$770.00

SEPTEMBER

Marshall
Preschool

Underwear, Socks,
And Sweatpants

Lackey Free Clinic

Office Supplies,
Paper Cups, Plates
And money



Pray for Missions

Please pray for the
following

Missionaries this week:

- Judy Zach– Alaska
- Patrick Fry– Arizona
- Kyle Dykes– Connecticut
- Charlie Edmonds– Indiana
- Vijay Allampalli– New York
- Gregory Lockridge– Ohio
- Rhonda Johnson– Pennsylvania
- Margaret Cole– Tennessee
- Jamal Pourian– Washington
- JP– American People
- CE– East Asian People
- David Burk, GB– European People
- DH– Southeast Asian People
- Blake Kimbrough, TD– Sub Saharan African People
- Brian and Deidre

Donations are being accepted for PORT hygiene kits. You can place these items in the Missions Room if you are able to assist in purchasing them.

- Travel Size Toothpaste (100)
- Travel Size Deodorant (100)

“More Than Nets”

Give to the mission that helps prevent Malaria in Yendi.



Malaria has been eliminated from the United States and other developed countries. It is still a threat to more than 40% of the world’s population..

Mark your envelope...More than Nets. \$10.00 will provide one net!

Plastic grocery bags are needed for the Food Pantry.

You can place them outside the pantry door or in the office.



Don't forget to bring those printer cartridges, old cell phone, MP3 players and cameras and drop them off in the church office ! We will recycle them and get a little money for the church.

Please don't forget to save your Campbell's Soup labels and bring them to the church so we can send them to Bland Ministry Center.

This is just a simple thing we can do as a church to help their ministry.



Weekly Assignment Schedule

Greeters

September 14th– Joe & Kathy
Caskie

September 21st– Don Krause

Lock Up

September 14th– TBA

September 21st– Pam Cooke

Bus Ministry

September 14th– Charles Vassar

September 21st– Pam Cooke

Deacon of the Week

September 14th– Brian Fries

September 21st– Charles Vasser

Usher

September 14th- Joe Wircenske

September 21st– Paul Thorne/
Ray Moody

Nursery Helpers

September 14th– Faith Class

September 21st– Hope/Tribble Class

SS and Children's Church

September 14th- Kathy Devol/ Colleen
Devol

September 21st– Tracy Venable/
LeAnn Gardner

WNS Support

September 17th-Finance Team

September 24th– Faith Class

*If you can not be present for your date,
please contact a replacement person.*

This week at HBC

Monday, September 8th

2pm Singing Saints
Morningside

6:30pm Vision Team

Tuesday, September 9th

Happy Hearts

Wednesday, September 10th

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper

6:15 pm Children in Action

6:00 pm Youth

6:15pm Prayer Meeting

6:15 pm NC Practice

Sunday, September 14th

9am SundaySchool/ Life Groups

10am Worship Celebration

Children's Ministry

“Jesus Followers”

Happy Birthday from HBC

Last week

9/3 Donna Perkins

9/4 Larry Painter

Kevin Smith

9/6 Kathy Caskie

Mike Landino

Stuart Blake

Jeanne Surber

This Week

9/8 Robert Overman

9/9 Lisa Webb

9/12 Frank Schaubach

Nathan Sickafoose

9/13 Makayla Hawks



Happy 95th Birthday Hilton Baptist Church

May 4, 1919

Facts about our past

June 16, 1948 –Rev. John Tinnin resigned effective this date

December 12, 1948– Rev. Loyal Prior preached his first
sermon as pastor



Wednesday Night Supper

Beef Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Peas and Dessert

You will need to make a reservation with the office by Tuesday of
this week if you plan on attending.

Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00

Family of 4 or more \$15.00

NEW START TIME OF SERVING DINNER!

We will start serving dinner at **5:00pm** and end at 5:45pm.

Important Notice about DOORS at the church

When leaving the church...please be sure that the door is securely shut. We have old doors and sometimes you have to take an extra minute to make sure it is closed completely. There have been doors that have been found ajar recently.



September Activities

Sept 14th– 21 Week of prayer for Alma Hunt State Missions

Sept 16th– Red Cross Blood Drive 2pm– 6pm at HBC

Sept 20th– B– Men's Breakfast

Sept 26th– 5:30pm—7pm Community Dinner

Sept 27th– Bazaar

Sept 28th– Small Groups Start “I Don't Know What I Believe”

Worship Team Meeting

Sept 29th– 6:30pm Facilities Meeting

Singing Saints

Monday, September 15th

2pm Warwick Forrest

Monday, September 22nd

2pm Newport



Exciting New Small Group Study . Beginning on September 28th
Small Group homes are needed . See Dwight or Lisa Godwin or sign
up in Connection Center.

If you want one year of prosperity, grow grain. If you want ten years of prosperity grow trees. If you want one hundred years of prosperity, grow people.

Fall Craft Show- September 27th
VENDORS AND WORKERS WANTED

If you know of someone that would be interested in participating in our Fall Craft show, Have them contact the church office



There are spots open that need to be filled.

Please pass on this information !

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We at HBC use the Bazaar Craft Show as an outreach not just a event that we do every year. We have many positions that need to be filled in order for you make this a great success.

Please visit the Connect Center and sign up to help.

We really need people to be here to help and make connections to the vendors and also to the guests we will have that day.



"Double Irish Chain"

Hilton Baptist Church Craft Show

Quilt Raffle

(Queen Size with matching pillow cases)

Drawing to be held

Saturday, Sep. 27, 2014

\$1.00 per chance

If you need more information on anything about the weekend of the Bazaar contact the Dreama in the church office or Denise Vassar.

It will take our whole Hilton Family !

We are looking for you!

Raffle Tickets- Tracy Venable has the raffle tickets for the quilt, please see her and get them today and help sell them!



Passionate About God's Will

"So we continued the work... from the first light of dawn till the stars came out."

Nehemiah 4:21

In the face of overwhelming odds, Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem in just 52 days.

How? Because he had a single-minded passion to do so! Facing the greatness of his need, Nehemiah looked beyond his present situation and focused on the greatness of his God

Some of us are afraid to pray, "Lord, I'll do what you want me to do." We fear that he might send us somewhere we don't want to go or asks us to do something we don't feel ready or qualified to do.

That when we discover that we've got it all wrong!

The Bible says God's will is *"good, and acceptable, and perfect"* (Romans 12:2). What is there to be afraid of in that formula?

Now, while God's will for us is "good," it's not necessarily easy! But, He gives us a passion for it. Jeremiah said that when he tried to stop speaking about the Lord, God's Word became *"like a burning fire shut up in my bones."* (Jeremiah 20:9) You can't contain a fire that God lights. When He sets your heart ablaze, you begin to see things you never saw before and get excited about them.

Not only does God enable our present and future. He redeems our past. He can even take your chapters of regret and write a story of grace, if you are willing to surrender them to Him.

But it's not likely you'll experience much of a passion for anything if you're just sitting on the sidelines waiting for something to happen. James says *"Don't just be a hearer of God's word, be a doer."* (James 1:22)

Remember there is very little difference between a deep rut and a grave, and when you are caught only spinning your wheels you often find yourself simply digging your hole deeper!

One of the greatest secrets of true discipleship is discovering that you'll get a passion for God's will once you begin doing it! You'll think, "this is what I was made for."

Then when you discover that you have a compelling reason for doing something, and you know that God is watching and smiling on you, it makes all the difference!



Unfolding the Rosebud and Discovering God's Will For Our Lives

A young, new preacher was walking with an older, more seasoned preacher in the garden one day and feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was inquiring of the older preacher. The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the WILL OF GOD for his life and for his ministry.

Because of his high respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to TRY to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact. It wasn't long before he realized how it was impossible to do so.

Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud while keeping it in tact, the older preacher began to tell the following poem...

Unfolding The Rosebud

It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God's design;
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine.

The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
God opens this flower so sweetly,
When in my hands they fade and die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design,
Then how can I think I have wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?

So I'll trust in Him for His leading
Each moment of every day.
I will look to Him for His guidance
Each step of the pilgrim way.

The pathway that lies before me,
Only my heavenly Father knows.
I'll trust Him to unfold the moments,
Just as He unfolds the rose.



Will You Wait?

God has provided the Holy Spirit to teach His children about His will for them (John 14:26). Yet so have we find ourselves feeling lost or abandoned as we seek God's answer or will for our lives.

So, why do we have trouble understanding what the plan is? Here are three possible reasons...

We make decisions based on emotion. When life presses in on us, our instinct is to move away from the source of the stress or pain. Our need to remove turmoil and difficulties from our lives takes precedence over God's plan. We figure He could not want us to feel this way, so we act and hope we are in His will. Our emphasis is on ourselves rather than on God's will.

We focus only on the immediate.

Many times we come to God troubled about the choices we or our loved ones face. We do not see how this situation could possibly be His will. Our short-term focus prevents us from seeing God's long-term purposes.

We conduct a superficial search.

In our desire for an answer, we can treat finding God's will like a checklist: Read the Bible; pray; fast; serve; worship; give. Then, satisfied with what we have done, we press the Lord for His answer now. But we have neglected to give God the time and stillness needed for hearing from Him. (Psalm 46:10) Investing time with God is a necessity, not a luxury, and listening without distractions is essential.

How much Bible study is required to find out what God wants for us? What amount of prayer? What quantity of time? The answer is simple: however long it takes to hear from God. He will answer.

The question is: ***Will you wait?***

"Hear the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to You do I pray. In the morning You hear my voice, O Lord; in the morning I prepare [a prayer, a sacrifice] for You and watch and wait [for You to speak to my heart]." - Psalm 5:2-3 (Amplified Version)

And of course...

*³¹ But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.
Isaiah 40:31 King James Version (KJV)*

A Glass of Milk

One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry.

He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water. She thought he looked hungry so brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe you?"

"You don't owe me anything," she replied. "Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness."

He said, "Then I thank you from my heart."

As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Year's later that young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room. Dressed in his doctor's gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life.

From that day he gave special attention to the case. After a long struggle, the battle was won. Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge and the bill was sent to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all.

Finally she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She read these words...

"Paid in full with one glass of milk"

(Signed)

Dr. Howard Kelly

Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed: "*Thank You, God, that Your love has spread abroad through human hearts and hands.*"





God Makes It Grow

Paul wrote his first letter to the Corinthian church to correct several problems. The Corinthian's needed instruction in marriage, Christian freedom, worship, and various issues which tended to cause division. He rebuked the church for quarreling about whom they followed: *"You are still worldly... For when one says, 'I follow Paul,' and another, 'I follow Apollos,' are you not mere men?"*(1 Corinthians 3:3,4).

Apollos was a good teacher, but Paul reminds us that all ministers of the Gospel – all preachers, teachers, parents, and anyone else who desires to share Biblical truths – are simply servants through whom God accomplishes His work. We become worldly and fail to live according to the Spirit of God any time we become followers of a specific minister or feel personally responsible for someone's growth and maturity.

1 Corinthians 3:5-6 says, *"What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe – as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow."*

We must always remain exclusive followers of Jesus Christ! Though He may use many others to assist in the process, God must receive ALL the credit and glory for our growth. In the same manner, God uses each of us to ASSIST in the growth of others. We can teach truth with our words and demonstrate truth with our lives, but we can never cause someone to accept the truth or even grow to a deeper understanding. Our instructions are to plant the seed of His Word and water with discipleship, prayer, and encouragement at every opportunity; *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us"* (2 Corinthians 5:20).

As we plant and water, it's normal to want to see some growth. We may desire to see blossoms overnight, but God is growing a mighty shade tree with deep roots and wide branches that will not break in the wind – and this kind of growth takes time. We may NEVER see the eternal results of our effort, but we must patiently continue to plant and water, and trust God to accomplish His work; *"My Word will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I have sent it"* (Isaiah 55:11).

Each of us knows someone who needs to know our Heavenly Father in a more personal way. There are great ministry opportunities placed in our path every day. Let's obediently follow by being well nourished and casting forth the seed and water of His Word without becoming discouraged. Let's remember we are the servants through whom He works, but let's ALWAYS remember that God makes it grow!



***A Very Special “Thank You!” Letter To The HBC Family
From The International Missions Board
of the Southern Baptist Convention***

Dear Pastor Lynwood,

Thank you for leading your church to contribute generously to the 2013 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO) for world missions!

Your generous and faithful gifts provide the resources needed for our 4,810 missionaries (and their 4,000 children) to live, function and evangelize the unreached peoples of the earth. This past year, Hilton Baptist Church family gave at the level we call the *“Tengchow Challenge”* which recognizes church that have between \$50 and \$74.99 **per capita** based on your reported average Sunday morning worship attendance.

The 1, 795 churches that met the *“Tengchow Challenge”* represent .04% of the 45,000 churches that comprise the Southern Baptist Convention. This group of churches gave over \$21.4 million or 14% of the 2013 LMCO. This is a significant group of churches and we are *very* grateful for you.

Why a *“Tengchow Challenge?”* Tengchow is the village in China where Lottie Moon set up her residence and began her missionary service to bring the gospel to the Chinese people. Residing in Tengchow was the next step after her surrender to missions in Cartersville, GA. The *Tengchow Challenge* is the second milestone level of missionary giving that we celebrate with churches.

On behalf of our 4,810 missionaries and their families, thank you for your partnership in the Gospel.

Rejoicing in Jesus,

Davis Clippard - John 3:30
Associate Vice President- Development
Office of the President

***Thank you HBC Family for your tremendous and faith support of all our
missionary outreaches! – Pastor Lynwood***



Square Watermelons

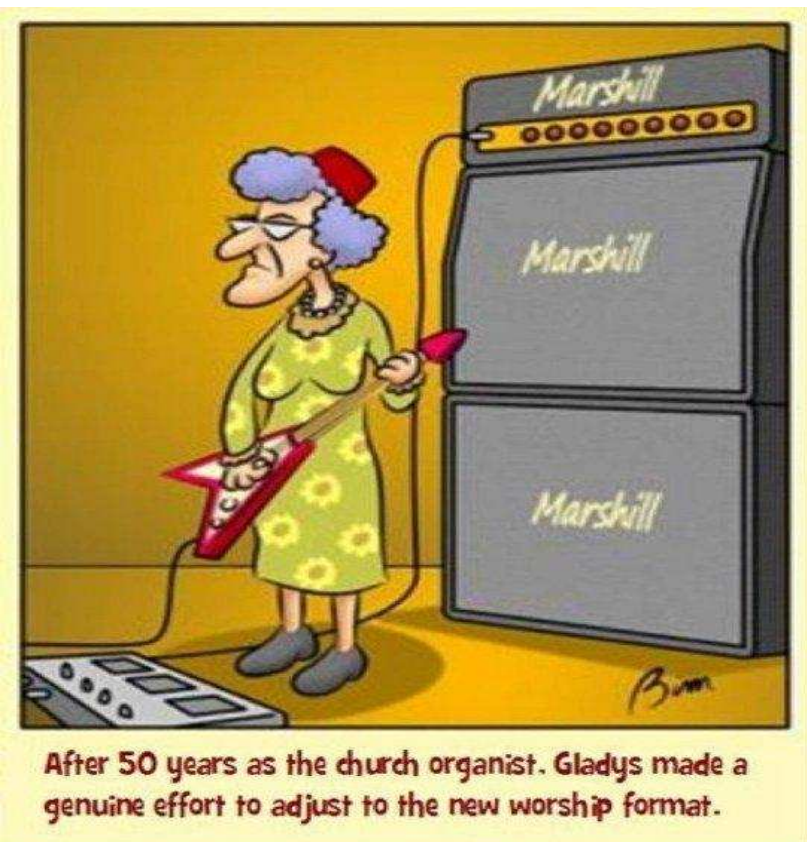
“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will” Romans 12: 2

Did you know there are now farmers in Japan who are producing full-grown watermelons for shipment – only these are no ordinary melons – they’re square! They are placed in tempered-glass cubes while they were still growing. Why would anyone want a square watermelon? Quite simply, they’re much easier to pack for transportation, and store in a refrigerator.

It’s interesting to think of how a naturally round watermelon can become square because of the shape of the container in which it’s grown.

Much like these watermelons, the forces in the world around us exert their influence on us and attempt to shape us! If we meditate on God’s Word daily, it will shape our thoughts and help us grow to be more like Christ. Then we will act in a manner that pleases him. The pressures of this world will continue to try to shape our character. But they will not succeed if God’s Word is changing us from within!

If we neglect our spiritual life, allow ourselves to get carried away with materialism, feed our minds on mindless media, run with the wrong crowd, and forget God, then these things will shape our lives – not just for time, but also for eternity.



After 50 years as the church organist. Gladys made a genuine effort to adjust to the new worship format.

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!