

***The Forecast
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In the journey of cultivating a healthy heart, both physically and spiritually, perseverance is a vital habit. The concept of "Don't Quit Too Early" is deeply rooted in spiritual wisdom, emphasizing the importance of steadfastness and resilience in the face of challenges. In a spiritual context, this habit encourages individuals to maintain faith and commitment even when the path seems arduous. It is a reminder that growth and transformation often require enduring trials and trusting in the process, knowing that rewards often come after the most difficult moments. This principle mirrors the natural processes of life, where seeds must endure the darkness of soil before they can sprout and bloom.

Spiritually, not quitting too early involves an unwavering trust in a higher purpose and the belief that every experience, no matter how tough, is a stepping stone towards greater understanding and fulfillment. It calls for a heart that is open to patience and persistence, recognizing that the true essence of strength is not in avoiding hardship, but in enduring it with grace. By holding on through tough times, individuals often find deeper spiritual insights, greater inner peace, and a more profound connection with the divine. This habit fosters a resilient heart that can weather life's storms and emerge stronger and more compassionate.

***Join us this Sunday for our final exciting message on
"Habits of a Healthy Heart – Don't Quit Too Early!"
Plan to be there and bring a friend!***



Habits of a Healthy Heart— Don't Quit Too Early!

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." — Galatians 6:9

Life's journey is filled with moments that test our resolve and challenge our faith. There are times when the path seems long and wearisome, and it feels tempting to abandon the course. However, one of the most important habits of a healthy heart is learning to "Don't Quit Too Early." This habit is a spiritual discipline that calls us to persist, even when the road ahead is tough and the rewards seem distant.

In the spiritual realm, perseverance is more than mere endurance; it is a steadfast trust in God's timing and purposes. The Bible frequently encourages believers to hold on and not lose heart. Galatians 6:9 reminds us that there is a due season for everything and our efforts will bear fruit if we remain faithful. This scripture is a powerful reminder that quitting too early means forfeiting the blessings that God has prepared for us.

Consider the farmer who sows seeds with faith, knowing that the harvest will come after a period of waiting and nurturing. Similarly, our spiritual lives require us to sow seeds of faith, kindness, and love, trusting that God will bring them to fruition in His perfect time. When we face difficulties, it is essential to remember that God's timeline often differs from ours. His plans for us are filled with hope and a future, but they unfold according to His wisdom.

Embracing the habit of not quitting too early nurtures a heart that is resilient and anchored in faith. It teaches us that true spiritual maturity involves trusting in God's process and timing. As we cultivate this habit, we become more attuned to His presence and more equipped to face life's challenges with grace and unwavering faith. Remember, the journey may be tough, but the reward is eternal. Don't quit too early; God's blessings are often just around the corner.

A prayer for you during the waiting time for your due season...

"Heavenly Father, thank You for the reminder that perseverance is a vital part of a healthy heart. Help me to trust in Your timing and purposes, especially when I feel weary. Give me the strength to continue on the path set before me, knowing that You are with me every step of the way. May I not grow tired of doing good, but remain steadfast, confident that You will bring forth a harvest in due season. Amen!"

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

May 14, 2024

Budget \$2635.00

Cashin Cashout– Sonshine Kids \$200.00

Food Pantry \$40.00

Total Deposit \$2875.00

Don't forget... Instead of getting the Forecast by mail, you can have it emailed to you.
Just contact the church office!

Lock up/ Hall Monitor 5/19 Stan Langdon 5/26 Charles Vassar

Counter 5/20 Kathy Caskie 5/28 Margaret Upole

Kids Church 5/19 Lisa York 5/26 Nadine Stephenson

Grass Cutting– 5/18 Pam / Roger Cooke 6/1 Stan Langdon



VBS– August 5th– 9th

If you want to volunteer please let Dreama know. Planning is already happening. We are looking forward to a great week.

Mark 16:15 KJV

**AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, GO YE INTO
ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH THE
GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE.**

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Missions Outreach—Pam Cooke 660-4226

Aluminum Cans

Recycle your cans at HBC and help Support missions! Bring them to HBC and place them in the gym or the church office. All money collected goes to missions.

Pray for our Missionaries

Sangeo Park (American People) RC, YH, MM, GM (Asian Pacific Rim People) KK, TS (Central Asian People) MC, CH, ML (European People) CB, JH (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) SR (South Asian People) Shawna Bell, AS (Sub Sharan African People) Nate Frantz (IL) Timothy Zhou (LA) Diego Mendieta (NJ) Rondie Taylor (WY)

Serve the City

There are many opportunities to serve. See www.stcpeninsula.com or Pam Cooke and she will send you in the right direction.

BIG SERVE WEEK June 25– 29th

Save the Date– More information will be available on the website soon. There are many ways you can serve!

Community Dinner– Friday, May 31st

We would love to have your help at our next Community Dinner. Our Dinner is growing in size! The Olive Garden will be providing the food and we will need people to serve, clean up and help our guests. The Small Jazz Band will be playing also. If you can help in any way, please see Pam Cooke.

WMU Project for May

The Mission Project for this month is Carenet Pregnancy Center. Collecting new and used baby clothes up to 12 months, socks up to 12 months, teething rings, pacifiers, bibs, diapers and wipes, shampoo and soap, diaper rash cream , diaper bags and monetary donations.

Food Pantry /Food Bank Help

If you can help with the Food Pantry /Bank on Tuesday and Thursdays for Food Distribution or on Fridays to bag Veggies, please let the church office know. We are looking to add people to our team. Contact the church office!

Happy Birthday in May

5/12 Jonathan Michie 5/19 Don Moore
5/14 Melodie Ntumngia 5/20 Joe Wircenske
5/14 Lynwood Wells 5/22 Winifred Ntumngia
5/15 Mary Ann Schell 5/27 Debra Jones
5/17 Tommie Peake 5/30 David Gibson



Calendar

Tuesday, May 14th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, May 15th

9:00am Writing Cards for Sedgefield Staff

7pm Bible Study in person and online

Thursday, May 16th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Friday, May 17th

6:30pm Karaoke Night

Sunday, May 19th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Start of Associational Mission
Emphasis Week

Tuesday, May 21st

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, May 22nd

7pm Bible Study in person and online

Thursday, May 23rd

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, May 26th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

The Church office will be closed
Monday, May 27th for
Memorial Day

"Who Do You Say I Am?"

"A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher...You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any nonsense about his being a great human teacher." –

C. S. Lewis



Jesus is with His disciples in a place called Caesarea, Philippi. He turns to His disciples and asks them, *"Who do people say that I am?"* *"John the Baptist", "Elijah", "Jeremiah", "one of the prophets."* The answers pop forth like kernels of popcorn heating over a stove. Then Jesus makes the question personal, *"Who do you say that I am?"* It is no longer about what other people think; now it is personal. Every man must decide for himself.

Every man, not only present then with Jesus, but everyman who has ever lived on earth must also decide for himself. In fact, **THIS IS** the most important question anyone will ever face: *"who do you think Jesus is?"*

Peter's response to Jesus' personal inquiry was quick and unhesitating (v.16): *"You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God!"* "Christ" as used in those days was the Greek form of the Hebrew word, "Messiah." "Son of the living God" implies a nature superior to that of human; it implies deity, God. Peter throws in an interesting adjective when he says, living God. Jesus is not a dead god like idols worshiped in Caesarea, Philippi; rather Peter states that Jesus is the living God, the real God, the God Who Is.

How does Jesus respond? Note that Jesus does not rebuke Peter and say, "I am not God; I am merely a prophet." Rather, Jesus receives Peter's statement and even blesses him for his proclamation. At the end of His earthly ministry, the Jewish high priest asks Jesus point blank, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Living God?" Again, Jesus does not flinch; rather, He boldly affirms His own status as Messiah, His own title as Son of God, His own deity, even though it will result in His crucifixion.

In today's terms, we need to "man-up" to the truth! Jesus was so much more than just a good teacher or a religious prophet. Jesus IS God in a human body, the 2nd person of the Godhead.

As C.S. Lewis framed it, Jesus is either, 'Lord, a liar or a lunatic.' Personally, I believe He proved Himself as Lord by rising from the dead. We must either accept Jesus on His terms as God or we must reject Jesus completely. One option leads to the forgiveness of sins, friendship with God and eternal life; the other option leads to eternal separation from God.

Who do YOU say Jesus is?

***What If Going To Church Was Not
So Much About “Me?”***

*"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also
to the interests of others." - Philippians 2:4*

What if when we went to church...

...Instead of going to be encouraged...

We went to encourage others...

...Instead of hoping to sing my favorite song...

We hoped to sing “their” favorite song...

...Instead of looking to be served...

We intentionally served others...

...Instead of waiting to be welcomed...

We welcomed others first...

...Instead of asking to be prayed for...

If we sought to pray for others...

...Instead of going to receive a blessing...

We went to be a blessing...

What difference would it make in our church experience?

Of course, church is ultimately not about
either of us... it’s about Jesus!

But, church is also where people who want to make much of Jesus
gather to grow, fellowship and worship Jesus...

So, I wonder how our church experience would be made different,
if we approached it considering the interest of others...

I challenge you to think of and add to the list above
What if... Instead of... When we went to church....

Just wondering...





From the HBC Vision Team

In times of prosperity, it is easy to give from our abundance. However, it is in times of hardship that the true spirit of generosity shines brightest. The story of the widow's mite reminds us that it is not the size of the gift, but the heart behind it that matters most to God. As we each reflect on what we can offer, let us be inspired by this example of selfless giving. Our collective contributions, no matter how small, come together to create a powerful impact.

We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider how they can contribute to our church during these tough economic times. Whether through a monetary donation, volunteering time, or offering a specific skill or service, every act of giving strengthens our community. Let us continue to support one another, lift each other up, and trust in God's provision. Together, we can overcome these challenges and emerge even stronger in our faith and fellowship.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for being a vital part of our church family. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and commitment... And we know that He will!

***With gratitude and blessings,
Your HBC Vision Team***

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."





**PENINSULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS 2024**

May 19th – 26th, 2024

We ask our churches to set aside some time during May each year for a focused prayer for the work of the PBA. This year's focus dates are May 19th – 26th. Please pray for our staff as we continue to serve our churches.

Each year, we also take up a special offering beginning in the month of May for projects and ministries directly related to our churches.

Associational Mission Goal \$8,000

Allocation: We will distribute funds evenly between these causes:

Church Planting We are planning a learning cohort for church planters and potential church planters. These funds will be used for resources for these church planters and their churches.

New Ministries in Existing Churches These funds will assist churches in planning new ministry endeavors that will lead to better connections with the communities around their church facilities.

Church Transitions (Legacy Churches and Church Mergers) These funds will help congregations that are considering disbanding and using their resources for other Kingdom endeavors; or for congregations considering a merger with another congregation for more effective Kingdom ministry.