

***The Forecast***  
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Have you ever felt like you just don't have enough? Not enough time, money, resources, or even faith? The story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 in the Gospel of Mark (Mark 6:30-44) speaks directly to this feeling. A vast crowd gathers, hungry and weary. The disciples see the problem and approach Jesus with a practical solution: "Send them away so they can buy food in the villages." Jesus, however, sees something more. He sees an opportunity to teach a profound lesson about abundance in the face of scarcity.

The key player in this story is often overlooked: a young boy with a meager lunch of five loaves and two fish. This small offering, freely given, becomes the catalyst for the miracle. Jesus asks the disciples to have the people sit down in groups. Imagine the scene – thousands arranged on the grassy hillside. Then, Jesus takes the boy's lunch, gives thanks, breaks the bread, and begins to distribute it. Miraculously, the food multiplies, reaching everyone. There's even leftover! The disciples initially focused on the lack, but Jesus showed them the power of faith and sharing.

When we face scarcity, whether physical or spiritual, let us remember the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Let us offer what we have, however small, trusting in God's abundant provision. And let us find sustenance in Jesus, the Bread of Life, who satisfies our soul's deepest longing.

***Join us this Sunday for our new exciting message series on  
"Expecting Miracles TODAY!"***



## ***Even The Smallest Seed Planted Can Produce An Abundant Harvest!***

Imagine a vast crowd, hungry and weary, gathered around Jesus. The disciples see the need, the impossibility of feeding them all. But a young boy steps forward, offering his meager lunch – five loaves and two fish. It seems insignificant compared to the task at hand.

Yet, Jesus takes the boy's offering. He doesn't dismiss it as insufficient. He asks the disciples to have the people sit down. This simple act – gathering in community – prepares them to receive not just food, but a miracle. Jesus blesses the small lunch, and as He does, it multiplies. There's enough, and more than enough, to feed the entire multitude.

This story teaches us several powerful lessons:

- **God uses the willing.** The boy, with his small act of faith, became an instrument of God's provision. We may feel our gifts are insignificant, but God can use them in mighty ways.
- **Faith over scarcity.** The disciples initially focused on what they lacked. But Jesus teaches us to trust in God's abundance, even when faced with limitations.
- **Sharing leads to multiplication.** The boy's willingness to share his lunch opened the door to a miracle. When we share what we have, even if it seems small, God's grace multiplies it for the benefit of others.

### **Reflection:**

- What are the "five loaves and two fish" you possess that you can offer to God?
- How can you cultivate a spirit of generosity and share your gifts with others?
- When faced in lack, how can you trust in God's abundant provision?

Remember, even the smallest offering, given with faith and a willing heart, can be used by God to work miracles in our lives and the lives of others.

Know this... This is not a "slot machine theology" nor is it some kind of bless me scheme. It is simply an awareness of understanding the principles of seed-faith living and practicing them in your life!

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

June 11, 2024

Budget \$3998.00

Designated Budget \$300.00 Use of Church

Cash In Cash out– Lackey Clinic \$100.00

Total Deposit \$4398.00

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

## 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!



**If you are a worker at a table , there will be a meeting on Tuesday, June 18th at 6:30pm. Please plan to attend this informational meeting.**

As we have therefore opportunity,  
let us do good unto all men,  
especially unto them who are  
of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:10 KJV

## Happy Birthday in June

/6/11 Dave Gwaltney

6/14 Scott Kuhlne

6/18/ Lloyd Ware

6/19 Tommie Wheeler



Jean Parker 6/22

Bill Duke 6/23

Doug Miller 6/27

Pat Simmons 6/27

## **Serve the City– Special Request**

For Big Serve Week coming up, Serve the City is in need of new and used flower pots. If you have any you would like to donate, please bring them to church by Sunday, June 23rd and place them in the Mission Outreach corner.

## **Serve the City**

There are many opportunities to serve. See [www.stepeninsula.com](http://www.stepeninsula.com) or Pam Cooke and she will send you in the right direction. ***BIG SERVE WEEK June 25– 29th*** Save the Date– More information is available on the website .There are many ways you can serve!



## **Calendar**

### **Tuesday, June 11th**

12pm–1pm Food Distribution

### **Wednesday, June 12th**

7pm Bible Study in person and online

### **Thursday, June 13th**

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

### **Sunday, June 16th**

### **HAPPY FATHERS DAY!**

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Food Bank Distribution after morning worship.

### **Tuesday, June 18th**

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

6:30pm VBS Meeting

### **Wednesday, June 19th**

7pm Bible Study in person and online

### **Thursday, June 20th**

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

### **Sunday, June 23rd**

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Live Worship

Combined Service with

Journey Church in their area

10:00am Sonshine Kids

## **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**

David Busby , Melissa Scott (Asian Pacific Rim People), LB, ER (Central Asian People) JK (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) David Rangel– Diaz (CA) Brian Zebarth (CO) Ethan Kitech, Domingue La Montagne (KY) Jeremy McKinney (MD) Guillermo Alegria (OK) Kevin Cabe (SC)

### **Community Dinner– This Friday, May 31st**

Thanks to all who helped make the Community Dinner and the Food Giveaway a great success at our last community dinner. Our next Community Dinner is Friday, June 28th from 5:30-6:30pm with the food giveaway immediately following. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be served. If you can help please contact the church office.

### **WMU Project for June**

The Mission Project for this month is Lackey Free Clinic. Lackey requests monetary support. Lackey helps those who do not have insurance. It is a wonderful clinic helping with the health, vision, eye and spiritual help of their patients. The clinic is Christ centered. Please pray for this important ministry. Mark your check or envelope.

### **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.

### **Item's needed for the Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry is in real need of the following: Hamburger Helper, Pancake Syrup, cereal and Pasta. We do take monetary donations for the items that we need to purchase. Just mark your envelope or check. Thank you to all who support this important ministry. May Update of People we served in the Food Pantry:

Sundays 257

Community Dinner 190 Homeless 4

Tuesday and Thursday's 212 Total for the Month of May 663

All Glory goes to God! Thanks to everyone who makes this a great success!



## God's Abundant Love!

*“God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love . . . he sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.” - 1 John 4:9–10*

Everything in life changes—relationships, jobs, fame. One minute you feel like a hero; the next minute you feel like a zero. But there's one thing in the universe that will never change: God's love.



Knowing that God still loves you no matter what happens — your failures, your brokenness, your sin — provides a rock solid foundation in your life.

Consider the small word “so” that goes before “love” in the Bible’s most famous verse, John 3:16. The verse says, “God so loved the world . . . ” (NIV).

God loves you with an extravagant, lavish love that can never be taken away. It's beyond comprehension. He loves you on your good days and your bad days. He loves you when it's raining and when the sun is shining.

God says he doesn't want you to just recognize this lavish love intellectually. He wants you to recognize it emotionally. Love is God's nature. God created the universe and everything in it for no other reason than so he could love it. And God created you so he could love you.

In fact, in Jesus, God shows us what real love, his love, looks like. *“God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love . . . he sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins” (1 John 4:9–10).*

Many people say they love you. God showed you how much he loves you. He loved you so much it hurt. He sacrificed his Son. When Jesus died for you, he was saying he loved you so much he'd rather die than live without you.

And the Bible says that's what real love, the kind of love that you can build your life upon, looks like. Real love makes sacrifices. Real love endures to the end. Real love gives all.

So if you have ever doubted God's love for you, focus on the extravagance what He has done for you. That's the kind of love only God has for you. And he's waiting with open arms to show you.

## ***For Those Are Suffering***

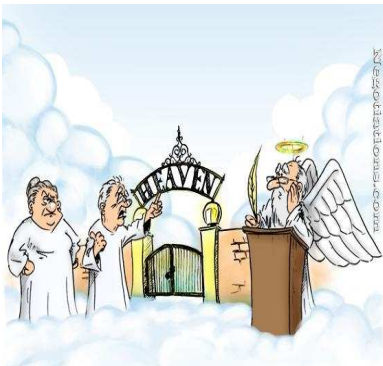
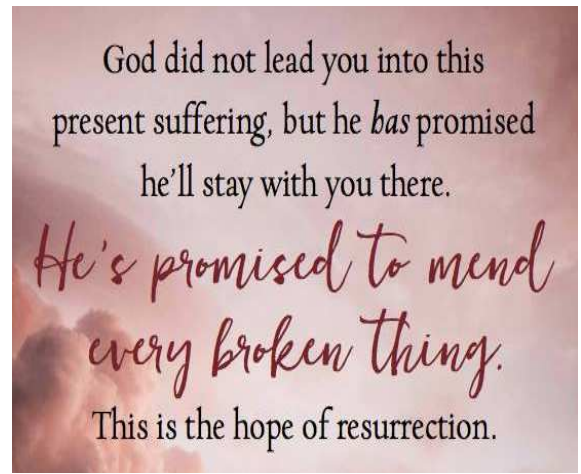
One of the most comforting truths of our faith is this: that God does not abandon us in our suffering.

And one of the biggest lies of our enemy and our own human misconceptions is this: That God *caused* the suffering and brought evil upon you.

Yes, we all suffer. Some of the most faithful Christians I know have endured great pain and suffering. And yes, I know that because God is Redeemer, He can bring great good out of great suffering. But the God I know did not *give* you cancer, harm your kid, tempt the gunman, or send the hurricane to your city.

If that were the case, imagine how this would feel: the God you really needed to comfort you during your time of trial ... has been identified as the one who brought this hell upon you. It simply doesn't ring true.

If you are in emotional or physical pain today, know that God is not the source of your suffering. He is the source of your comfort, strength and your redemption!



### ***Think They're The Only Ones Here!***

One day, 3 men died and went to heaven. "Religion?" God's secretary asked the first man.

"Jewish," the man replied. "Okay, go to room 23, but be very quiet when you go past room 8," the secretary said.

"Religion?" he asked the second man. "Catholic." "Go to room 10, but be very quiet when you go past room 8."

"Religion?" he asked the third man. "Lutheran"  
"Go to room 71, but be very quiet when you go past room 8."

"Why must I be quiet when I go past room 8?" the man asked.

The secretary replied, "Oh, the Baptists are in room 8, and they think that they are they only ones here."



## **“God’s House vs. Our House”**

*“Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?” – [Haggai 1:3-4](#)*

After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, they began to prosper. They started rebuilding the temple which had been ruined by the Babylonians. But the people of other religions who lived in the land sent letters to Babylon and complained that the Jews were preparing to revolt. For that and other reasons, the rebuilding of the temple stopped.

It seems that the Jews began with a will to rebuild the temple, but when opposition arose, they faltered and lost focus. They transferred their energy to building and beautifying their own houses. It took the searing words of Haggai to call them back to the priority of rebuilding God’s temple.

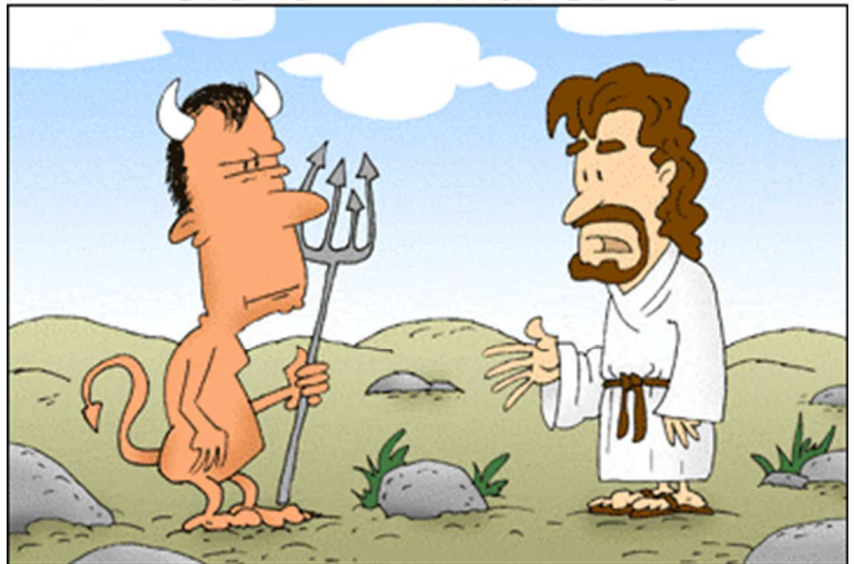
In the world today, we must not be discouraged by the struggle it takes to build Christ’s church. The forces of the devil will try to overcome it, but Jesus will prevail ([Matthew 16:18](#)). Remember what Jesus said: *“Seek first [God’s] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well”* ([Matthew 6:33](#)).

It’s not that God necessarily wants us to live in a bleak apartment without beautiful paneling. But if that’s what it takes to build God’s kingdom, we must be willing to sacrifice. Our treasures are in heaven!

***God is doing some exciting  
new and powerful things  
through the faithful people  
of God at HBC!***

***Please remember  
your tithing commitments  
and giving and be part of  
the ongoing miracle!***

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Thanks to Steve Doyal (See Matthew 4:1-11)

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