

The Forecast
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In Matthew 17:24-27, we encounter a fascinating story that beautifully illustrates Jesus' divine provision and sovereignty over all creation. When confronted with the issue of the temple tax, Jesus uses this opportunity to teach a profound lesson on his identity and the nature of God's provision.

When asked about taxes, Jesus addresses Peter's concern by questioning the practice of earthly kings who do not tax their own children but instead collect from others. However, Jesus, in his humility and desire to avoid unnecessary offense, instructs Peter to find the required tax in an extraordinary manner. By telling Peter to catch a fish that will have a four-drachma coin in its mouth, Jesus demonstrates his authority over creation and his ability to provide in miraculous ways.

As we reflect on this passage, let us be reminded of Jesus' divine authority, God's miraculous provision, and the importance of humility and faith. May we trust in God's ability to provide for our needs and be sensitive to the world around us, following Jesus' example in every aspect of our lives. Let's believe for the miraculous together!

Join us this Sunday as we continue to learn about the miracles of Jesus.
Be there and bring your family and friends--
let's experience the miraculous together!



The Miraculous Provision... Go Fish!

In the bustling days of Jesus' ministry, He often taught profound lessons through everyday occurrences. One such remarkable event is recorded in Matthew 17:24-27, where Jesus shows divine provision in an unexpected way.

Jesus and his disciples were in Capernaum when they encountered a situation requiring payment of the temple tax. Peter, the impulsive disciple, was approached about it. In those moments, Jesus, in His wisdom and compassion, taught a valuable lesson through a miraculous provision.

Jesus knew exactly what was needed and how it could be supplied. He directed Peter to go fishing, assuring him that the necessary funds would be found in the mouth of the first fish he caught. Peter, despite any doubts or confusion, obeyed Jesus' instructions. His faith in action led him to experience the miraculous provision firsthand.

This incident teaches us profound lessons about trust in God's provision. Sometimes, God provides in ways that defy logic or expectation. He knows our needs even before we ask, and His timing and methods are always perfect.

The miracle also underscores Jesus' sovereignty over all creation. The fish, seemingly insignificant in its role, became a vessel of divine provision. It reminds us that God can use any means to meet our needs, and nothing is too small or trivial for His attention.

As followers of Jesus today, we are called to trust Him completely with every aspect of our lives, including our needs. Just as Jesus provided for the temple tax through a fish, He continues to provide for us in ways both seen and unseen. Our task is to remain faithful, obedient, and trust His timing and method of provision are perfect.

The story of Jesus, the disciples, and the gold coin in the fish's mouth is not just a historical event but a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness and provision. It challenges us to deepen our trust in Him, knowing that He is aware of our needs and is always working for our good. May we approach each day with the assurance that our God is a God who provides abundantly, even in the most unexpected ways.

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

July 16, 2024

Budget \$2995.96
Sale of Van \$1000.00
Pure Water Pure Love \$175.00
Total Deposit \$4170.56

Baptismal Service

We will be having a Baptismal Service on Sunday, July 21st. If you have not been baptized and would like to be, please contact the church office.

June Recap

Budget Deposits \$20,933.34
Budget Expenses \$21,894.44
Designated Deposits \$2353.23
Designated Expenses \$1672.27

PDF/ RR \$15,602.53

PDF 3724.92

RR 11,501.20

Deacons \$376.41

Money Market Balance \$66,108.99

Building Fund \$46,300.86

Savings \$9,140.74

Outreach \$10,667.39

Designated Account \$35,327.53

Happy Birthday in July

7/21 Tracy Venable

/7/23 Sue Monfalcone

7/27 Wayne Tawney

7/27 Wayne Tawney

7/31 Cindy Gibson

7/31 Lisa York





Invite Kids to come and be a part! There are fliers in the Connection Center.

Kids are already registering!

Help is still needed!

*Bathroom attendant is needed

*Friday Night Help at 8:30pm We need several people who are willing to help clean up and get the church back in order for church Sunday.

Its gonna be a great time for Kids and Workers

See Dreama for more information!

Calendar

Tuesday, July 15th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Thursday, July 18th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Friday, July 19th

Produce Bagging– See Tara Borton for more information

6:30pm Karaoke

Sunday, July 21st

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Baptismal Service

Tuesday, July 23rd

12pm–1pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, July 24th

7pm– Church Meeting

Thursday, July 25th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

Sunday, July 28th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live
Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Food Distribution after
morning worship

[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](#)

Charlie Janney (American People) CC, DC, Dave Noblit, Jacob Theiss (Asian Pacific Rim People) JF (Central Asian People) JZ (Global Strategic Advance) JB (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) Tom Gensler (IL) Danielle Singer (IN) Aaron Downs (MN) Jonathan Howard (OH) Miquel Vasquez Lopez (ok) Mario Contemprato (Ontario)

[WMU Project for July– Pure Water Pure Love](#)

Pure Water Pure Love has a three fold mission: To supply missionaries with water filters , to provide the people they serve with wells that offer clean water, and to supply missions teams with water filters for use for short term missions trips.

Throughout the world, people are at constant risk of contracting a disease or parasites from the water. Many are forced to carry heavy jugs of water for miles just to be sure their families have clean, healthy weather. For others, the prospect of clean water is simply non– existent. With the help of hundreds of church, PWPL provides thousands of water filters to missionary families and helps fund clean water projects.

[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.

[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 also need people to help every Sunday after Food Distribution in the gym to get everything put up. WE CAN USE YOU! We need to add people to our team. No experience is necessary! Come and see if you would like to work with us!

[Community Dinner, Friday, July 26th](#)

We will be having our monthly Community Dinner 7/26 at 5:30pm. We can use your help. Not only do we feed people, we also give out Food Bank

Distribution. Can you help? Please see Pam Cooke or Tara Borton (Food Distribution) . God is doing great things!

Food Pantry/ Bank Totals for June

Total of people served on Sundays in the month of June 453

Total of people served at the Community Dinner 161

Total of people served Tuesdays and Thursdays 199

Total of people served 813

Thank you to all who give of their time and resources to this ministry. We have touched so many people!

Sedgefield Elementary School Drive

We will be collecting the following items for Sedgefield Elementary School. All items are due back to the church by August 18th.

Boxes of Tissues

Hand Sanitizer

Disinfectant Wipes

Carenet Pregnancy Resource

Dear HBC

Thank you for supporting local women in unplanned pregnancies. Your donation of baby items to Carenet is such a blessing. Your donation can encourage and bless these women so they can choose life!

Blessings, The Carenet Staff

Thanks to everyone who supported this important mission outreach.

Lock up/ Hall Monitor 7/21 Robbie Ayscue 7/28 Joe Caskie

Counter 7/22 Margaret Upole 7/29 Joe Wircenske

Kids Church 7/21 Lisa York 7/28 Deborah Sink

Grass Cutting– 7/27 Stan Langdon 8/10 Jon and Barbara Michie

Walking the Fence

“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm- neither hot nor cold - I am about to spit you out of my mouth.” — Revelation 3:15, 16



Everyone at one time or another has tried to keep his balance while walking on a fence. We go intuitively with a feeling of balance.

Sometimes we make it and sometimes we fall.

When it comes to obedience, far too many Christians try to “walk the fence.” They keep one foot in the Spirit while one foot flirts with the world.

These are some of the unhappiest people in the world.

Charles Spurgeon once said, “I never saw anybody try to walk on both sides of the street but a drunken man; he tried it, and it was awkward work indeed; but I have seen many people in a moral point of view try to walk on both sides of the street, and I thought there was some kind of intoxication in them.”

If God is God and Christ is our Savior, let us give our undivided attention and whole hearts to God. Simply know that it is best to be either hot or cold.

A lukewarm Christian never has the joy of knowing the fullness of God. Obedience is the key to real faith. This is real faith: believing and acting obediently regardless of circumstances.




The Last Impression...

A pastor, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service

Afterward the pastor asked the man where he had gone. “I went to get a haircut,” was the reply.

“But,” said the pastor, “why didn’t you do that before the service started?”

“Because,” the gentleman said, “I didn’t need one then!”



TAKE THE FIRST STEP
IN FAITH. YOU DON'T
HAVE TO SEE THE WHOLE
STAIRCASE, JUST TAKE
THE FIRST STEP.

Matthew Lema Koo, Jr.

Start With The Faith You Have!

“[The boy’s father said,] ‘If you can do anything, do it. Have a heart and help us!’ Jesus said, ‘If? There are no ‘ifs’ among believers. Anything can happen.’ No sooner were the words out of his mouth than the father cried, ‘Then I believe. Help me with my doubts!’”

(Mark 9:22–24 MSG).

Is it possible to be filled with faith and doubt at the same time? Yes! You can have faith that God wants you to do something and still be scared to death. Courage is not the absence of fear. Courage is going ahead and doing what you’re called to do in spite of your fear.

You have to begin with the faith you already have; it may be just a little, but you start there. A beautiful example of this is the man who brought his sick son to Jesus in Mark 9. Jesus looked at the man and said, “I can heal your son. If you will believe, I will heal him.” The father then makes a classic statement: “Lord, I do believe. Help me overcome my unbelief.”

Have you ever felt like that? “Lord, I have some faith. But I also have some doubts.” This man was filled with faith and doubt, yet despite his honest doubts, he went ahead and asked Jesus for a miracle. And he got his miracle—Jesus healed his son.

Mustard seed faith moves mountains. No matter how weak or how frail you think your faith is, it’s enough to get you through what you’re facing because your “little faith” is in a BIG GOD. Matthew 17:20 says, *“If you have faith as small as a mustard seed . . . Nothing will be impossible for you.” That’s not a lot of faith; in fact, it’s just a little faith. But what else does that verse teach? “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move,’ and it will move” (NIV).*

Mustard seed faith moves mountains. Don’t get this reversed; we tend to read this verse backward; we want it to say, “If you have faith like a mountain, you can move a mustard seed”—as if it takes enormous faith to do a very little task.

Everybody has faith; the difference is what you put your faith in. Sometimes people will tell me they don’t want to surrender to Jesus until all their questions are answered; they don’t want to make a commitment until everything is understood. *God wants you start with the faith you have*, and based on the example of the mustard seed, you don’t need a whole lot of faith to do great things for God. You just need a little.

So here’s a trustworthy equation: **Little Faith + Big God = Huge Results!** You take your little faith; “Lord, I believe! Help me with my unbelief!” And you place your faith in our big God. And then he’ll show you how he works out *huge* results!

Just a Lump of Clay

“That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” 2 Cor. 12:10



Martin Luther once said, “God created the world out of nothing, and so long as we are nothing, He can make something out of us.” And yet, it is so very hard to be nothing. We like to think we’re somebody and when people tell us we’re wonderful, we want to believe every word. It is human nature to look at our successes and achievements.

I’m not saying we should dwell on our failures or live with constant self-criticism. I’m convinced that God doesn’t want that from us. But neither does He want us proud.

The very best way to be a servant of the Lord is to become a lump of clay in His hands. His design for our lives is perfect – Only He can take an ordinary lump of life and make it beautiful. I’m reminded of that wonderful chorus we used to sing. “Something beautiful, something good. All my confusion, He understood. All I had to offer Him was brokenness and strife, but He made something beautiful out of my life.”

God knows just what each of us needs to shape us perfectly. To become a lump of clay in God’s hands means total surrender on our part. The words He longs to hear from us are: “Here I am Lord, break me, mold me, and make me into whatever you want.”

We need to ask God to remind us that we are lumps of clay. Then we need to place our lives with their flaws and needs in His strong, creative hands. He will make us useful and we will bless others with a touch of His love.

The Last Impression



I recently heard of a pastor who put sanitary hot air hand dryers in the rest rooms at his church and after two weeks took them out.

People asked him why and he confessed that they worked fine but when he went in there he saw a sign that read: “For a sample of this week’s sermon, push the button,” he decided they should come out!