

***The Forecast***  
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Their plan seemed desperate; even downright criminal. To tear open the neighbor's roof while Jesus is teaching and ministering to the crowds who followed Him. You have to ask yourself, "What were they thinking?"

Perhaps you've heard the saying, "You get what you deserve." It's not really true. You actually get what you expect. Jesus was clear about this and, in one particular instance, He underscored this in a big way.

In the second chapter of Mark, we read about four faith-filled friends who had a huge expectation. They thought that if they could get their sick buddy to Jesus, He could make something impossible possible. Their expectation rose so high that they carried their friend to the house where Jesus was teaching. Yet they realized they'd gotten there too late. The crowd was so thick they couldn't get through.

Undaunted, they climbed up to the top of the house, dug through the roof, and lowered their friend down to Jesus. Their expectation led to action and resulted in a miracle!

***See you Sunday as we continue our exciting message series on  
"The Miracles of Jesus," and why they are important to your life today!"  
Plan now to attend & bring a friend!***



## ***When Jesus Sees the Faith of Friends...***

In the bustling town of Capernaum, news spread quickly that Jesus was at home. People flocked to see Him, filling the house to capacity and spilling out the doors. Amidst this crowd, a group of friends carried their paralyzed companion on a mat. Their determination to reach Jesus was unwavering, but the throng of people made entry impossible.

Undeterred, they climbed onto the roof, made an opening, and lowered their friend down to where Jesus was teaching. This powerful scene illustrates several profound truths about faith, community, and the transformative power of Jesus. By studying some of the details we too can learn better to operate in faith as God intended for us.

The friends' faith was not passive; it was active and persistent. They encountered significant barriers but refused to let them hinder their mission. Their actions speak volumes about the nature of true faith. Faith is not merely a mental assent to certain truths; it is a driving force that moves us to action, even in the face of daunting obstacles.

The paralyzed man's healing was a collective effort. His friends' determination and faith were instrumental in his miracle. This story emphasizes the importance of community and interdependence. In our spiritual journey, we often need the support, faith, and encouragement of others. Likewise, we are called to bear one another's burdens and be instruments of God's grace and healing in each other's lives. Each one of us is a piece in God's grand puzzle of life.

When Jesus saw the paralyzed man being lowered through the roof, He saw beyond the physical act. He perceived the faith of the friends and the deep desire for healing. Jesus' response to their faith was immediate and profound: "*Son, your sins are forgiven.*" Before addressing the physical ailment, Jesus addressed the man's deeper spiritual need. This reminds us that Jesus sees the heart and understands our deepest needs, even those we might not voice or recognize ourselves.

Jesus' authority is vividly displayed as He addresses both the spiritual and physical condition of the paralyzed man. By forgiving his sins and commanding him to rise, take up his mat, and walk, Jesus demonstrates His power to bring complete healing and wholeness. This healing illustrates that Jesus' mission includes both the restoration of bodies and the reconciliation of our souls to God.

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

July 23, 2024

Budget \$902.00

Pure Water Pure Love \$25.00

Total Deposit \$927.00



## ***In Sympathy***

*We would like to express our deepest sympathy to Kathy and Joe Caskie on the passing of Kathy's sister "Betty"*

*Please remember this family in your prayers in the your prayers as they go through this difficult time.*

## **Calendar**

### **Tuesday, July 23rd**

12pm—1pm Food Distribution

### **Wednesday, July 24th**

7pm— Church Meeting

### **Thursday, July 25th**

12pm— 1pm Food Distribution

### **Friday, July 26th**

5:30pm Community Dinner

Food Bank Distribution

### **Sunday, July 28th**

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live  
Worship at HBC

10:00am Sunshine Kids

### **Tuesday, July 30th**

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

### **Thursday, August 1st**

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

### **Friday August 2nd**

Produce Bagging— See Tara Borton for more information

### **Sunday, August 4th**

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sunshine Kids

Ages 4-12 Years

August 5th-9th  
6:00pm - 8:30pm

2024 Vacation Bible School  
"Show Casing Christ Character"

ALL FREE!!!!

Call 757-595-3300  
to register

Dinner Served  
Nightly



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

Kids are already registering!

Help is still 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!

**Lock up/ Hall Monitor** 7/28 Joe Caskie 8/4 Roger Cooke

**Counter** 7/22 Margaret Upole 7/29 Joe Wircenske

**Kids Church** 7/28 Deborah Sink 8/4 Kathy Caskie

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



**Happy Birthday in July**

7/21 Tracy Venable

7/27 Wayne Tawney

/7/23 Sue Monfalcone

7/31 Cindy Gibson

7/27 Wayne Tawney

7/31 Lisa York





***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***

WP, DS (Asian Pacific Rim People) CB, NJ (Deaf People) Graham Griffin (European People) CE ( Northern African and Middle Eastern People) VG ( South Asian People) Amy Eardensohn (Sub- Saharan African People) Jilliam Hornsby (AL) Bobby Mangold

***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.

***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!

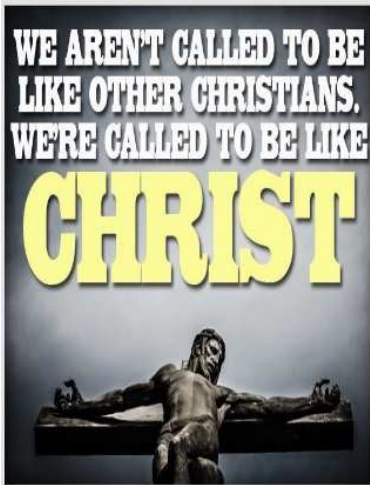
***Community Dinner, Friday, July 26th***

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!

***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



## ***Being Christ-like In Today's Culture...***

*Does today's anti-Christian rhetoric make you mad? Ever get so fed up you'd like to give someone a piece of your mind? Christians have a message worth dying for. We have standards and convictions that place us at odds with our culture. But how can we be wise as serpents and as harmless as doves? How can we maintain our Christian composure in a confrontational age?*

*We can learn from Jesus. He was never weak, but never rude. He spoke clearly and confidently, yet without venom or virulence. The apostle Peter, sometimes a loose cannon, learned that lesson well. 1 Peter tells us to walk in His steps, to deal with opposition as Christ did.*

***Speak Up – Respectfully*** - That means speaking up when needed. Peter told us to “proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9. But Peter also reminded us to present our defense of the faith “with meekness and fear, having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed” (3:15-16). He warned us about grumbling (4:9) and to be submissive to governing authorities (2:13-14).

***Know When to Keep Quiet*** - We can also learn from Jesus the fine art of keeping quiet. By example Jesus taught us that sometimes a closed mouth offers the loudest testimony. Our Lord's majestic silence still evokes dignity as we read of Him standing before Herod, Pilate, and the Sanhedrin, offering not a word of despair or defense. It was undoubtedly the glow on Stephen's face and his words of forgiveness that haunted the young Saul of Tarsus until he became Paul the apostle.

***Let Your Good Works Speak for Themselves*** - Finally, we find peace amid the conflict when we let our good works speak for themselves. The world has a hard time finding fault in good works. When we feed the hungry, care for the unfortunate, adopt orphans, provide relief, and live out our faith, they are silenced.

*As Christians, we must confront our culture and speak the truth in love. We're God's ambassadors in a hostile world. This is no time to go mute. Morals are spiraling downward, marriage is being attacked, the church is being marginalized, atheists are scorning the truth, and humanists are relentlessly advancing an ungodly agenda on a new generation. We have to speak up.*

*But we must do so as Christ did—and He was never ill-tempered, hot-headed, loose-lipped, or bad humored. We have to watch ourselves because the whole world is watching us; and when others see us, we want them to see Him.*



## *It Is Uncomfortable Following Jesus*

If you aren't uncomfortable in your faith, you may not be following Jesus. Just consider those encountering Jesus when he was on his way to die.

Along the way, Jesus was met by a rich young man who asked how he could get into heaven. Jesus told him to sell everything and give his money to the poor because it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get into heaven. This teaching from Jesus was so radical that the disciples were left wondering who in the world could be saved. While they were still reeling from this, Jesus "comforted" them by saying,

*"Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first." Luke 18:29*

Do Jesus' teachings make you comfortable? If so, then you probably haven't heard all of his teaching. You might have read them or heard them preached, but somehow, you haven't really heard them.

Jesus was revolutionary. He shook his followers from their comfort, and he spoke against many of their pre-conceived notions about what it meant to be his follower and a true child of God.

Jesus came to seek and save the lost, but he didn't come to make you comfortable. He came to love you, but he didn't come to make you comfortable. In fact, until you are profoundly uncomfortable you probably can't experience the totality of God's love and grace and you can't lead others to experience Christ in his fullness.

If we are never challenged by God's word, we aren't reading all of God's word. And, if we are never uncomfortable with Jesus, we may not be following Jesus at all, but a savior of our own comfortable imagination.

As we journey daily in the walk of true discipleship, let us be reminded that a comfortable God is no God at all. Change only comes through challenge, and the God who can overcome death, hell, and the grave, didn't do so to leave the world unchanged. He came to set the world right and he gave his own life to accomplish that purpose.

Let's continue to grow comfortable in discomfort and truly committed to follow Jesus wherever he might lead!

## *The Glove*

"You're so quiet, Son. What's on your mind?" asked Ben's father as he stopped at Ben's room to tell him good night.

Ben put his hands behind his head and stared at the ceiling above his bed. "Oh, I've just been wondering if I should be a missionary."



"You don't seem very excited about the idea," said Dad.

"It seems like such a hard job," said Ben, propping himself up on one elbow. "I have this feeling that I might not be any good at it. What if God calls me to do something I can't do!"

Ben's father thought for a moment, then reached over to Ben's desk and picked up his baseball glove. "What's this?" he asked.

Ben laughed. "Don't be silly, Dad! It's my ball glove."

Dad walked over to the corner of the room. He propped the glove against the wall, found a baseball, and threw it at the glove. Though the ball hit the center of the glove, it rolled to the floor. Dad picked up the glove and looked at it in disgust. "This glove is a total failure," he said, shaking his head.

Ben laughed and laughed. "Oh, Dad, you know it can't catch by itself! It has to have a hand inside."

Dad smiled at Ben. "You're just like this glove," he said. "God has a purpose for your life, Ben, just as there is a purpose for this glove. You put your hand inside the glove to give it guidance and strength – you give it power to catch the ball. In the same way, God will give you power to do whatever He calls you to do. Don't worry, Son, God will never prop you in a corner and leave you alone. It's His mighty hand that does the work when you are willing to be used."



## *The Last Impression*

There was once a young man who, in his youth, professed his desire to become a great writer.

When asked to define "great" he said, "I want to write stuff that the whole world will read, stuff that people will react to on a truly emotional level, stuff that will make them scream, cry, howl in pain and anger!"

He now works for Microsoft, writing error messages.