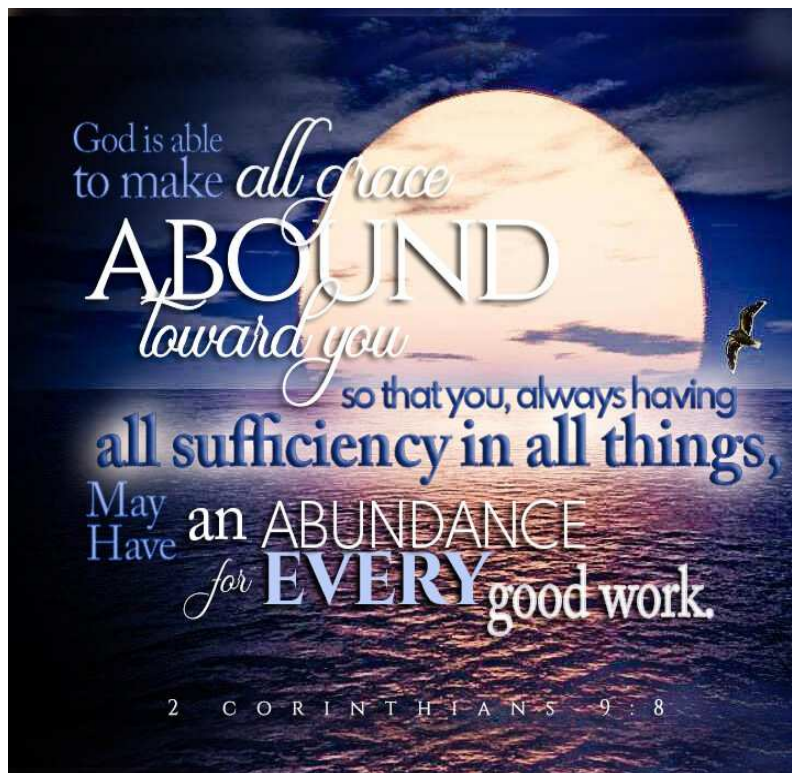


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In 2 Corinthians 9:8 Paul begins by affirming the promise that "God is able." Our confidence doesn't rest on our own abilities or resources but on the limitless power of God. He is the ultimate source of all blessings, both material and spiritual. When we trust in His ability rather than our limitations, we open ourselves to experience His abundance.

Then Paul emphasizes that God's provision is comprehensive—"in all things at all times, having all that you need." This isn't a promise of luxury, but of sufficiency. God ensures that we are equipped with everything necessary to fulfill His purpose. Whether in times of plenty or in need, God's grace is sufficient.

Finally, Paul explains that the purpose of God's abundant provision is not for self-indulgence but for service—"you will abound in every good work." The grace we receive is meant to overflow into the lives of others through acts of generosity, kindness, and service. As we give, God replenishes, enabling us to continue abounding in good works.

***This Sunday we complete our exciting series on "More Than Enough." Learn how principles of 2000 years ago are still changing lives today. Plan now to attend and bring family and friends.***



## *Grace To Embrace More Than Enough*

*"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8*

In the bustling rhythms of our daily lives, the concept of "more than enough" often feels elusive. We're frequently focused on scarcity, whether it's time, resources, or emotional energy. Yet, in 2 Corinthians 9:8, the Apostle Paul invites us to consider a different reality—one where God's grace provides not just enough, but more than enough.

This verse is nestled within Paul's discussion on generosity and giving. He emphasizes that God's ability to bless us is not limited by human constraints. When Paul talks about God's ability to bless us "abundantly," he's painting a picture of divine generosity that far exceeds our ordinary expectations.

Imagine a well that never runs dry, a river whose waters never cease to flow, or a feast that never ends. These images capture the essence of what it means to experience God's abundant blessing. It's not about a mere surplus but an overflow that touches every aspect of our lives and empowers us to bless others.

God's provision is comprehensive. This means that in every season of life—whether in times of abundance or scarcity—God's grace is present. It's crucial to grasp that this promise isn't about immediate material wealth but about an ongoing sufficiency for our needs and the capacity to engage in good works. This promise addresses not just physical needs but emotional and spiritual ones as well. When we understand that God's provision covers all our needs, we can approach life with a sense of security and peace, knowing that we're equipped for whatever comes our way.

The ultimate purpose of God's abundance is not for our own comfort but to equip us to overflow into the lives of others. Our blessings are intended to enable us to contribute to the greater good, to be a source of encouragement, and to participate in God's work on earth.

2 Corinthians 9:8 is a powerful reminder that God's grace is more than sufficient. It assures us that, regardless of our circumstances, God's provision is abundant and overflowing. Embrace this truth, let it shape your life, and allow it to propel you into acts of love and service that reflect the endless grace you've received. As you do, you'll discover that living in the abundance of God's grace is not just a promise but a profound, transformative reality.

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

August 20, 2024

Budget \$980.00

Cash in Cash out-Sonshine Kids \$50.00

Food Pantry \$50.00

Pure Water/ Pure Love \$25.00

Total Deposit \$1105.00

Deposit– Use of Building Quilters \$945.00

## **Ways to give**

Online at the website– Google pay, ACH Bank Draft, PayPal,  
Debit or Credit card

Text GIVE to 757-330-4799

Check or cash in the church

Scan the QR Code to give.

Venmo to hiltonbaptistchurch@gmail.com



Thanks to everyone who supports the work of Hilton Baptist Church. God is doing great things in our church.

## **With Special Thanks**

I want to thank my church family here at HBC for your kind words, cards and prayers during the time of my sister's home going. You have been such a blessing to me and my family. Now, I pray God's blessings on each one of you.

Kathy Caskie and Family



## ***Missions Outreach***

***Pam Cooke 757-660-4226***

### ***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***

JB, Vicki Dueker, Caleb Huhmann (Asian Pacific Rim People) KD, SO (Central Asian People) Shannon Garner (European People) KG (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) Eddie Landry, DM ( South Asian People) Sam Brittain , Jeffrey Johnson (Sub-Saharan African People) Kathryn Britton (CO) Blake Harcup (FL ) Leonid Marsan (IN) Donald Charles (NC) Doug Wampler (OH) Robeam Getaneh Solomon (TX)

***WMU Project for August***– Pure Water Pure Love

### ***Community Dinner, Friday, August 30th***

Thanks to all who came out and helped with the Community Dinner in July. We served about 98 people. The food distribution was a great success. We will be having our next monthly Community Dinner 8/30 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***

31 boxes of tissues, 17 packages of wipes, 28 bottles of hand sanitizer were donated to Sedgefield Elementary this week. Thanks for all who participated in this partnership!

### **Hilton Area Blood Drive**

MONDAY, September 11th

1:00pm– 6:00pm

You can register on line to give blood or just come in.



**American  
Red Cross**



## Calendar

### Tuesday, August 20th

12:00pm-1pm Food Distribution

### Thursday, August 22nd

Church office Closed

No Food Distribution

### Friday August 23rd

11:00am Produce Bagging– See Tara

### Sunday, August 25th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and In person

Worship at HBC

Produce Giveaway

### Tuesday, August 27th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

### Thursday, August 29th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

### Friday August 30th

Produce Bagging– See Tara Borton for more information

5:30– 6:30 Community Dinner

6:15 Food Bank Giveaway

### Sunday, September 1st

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sunshine Kids

Food Bank Giveaway

### Happy Birthday in August

8/27 Baelfire Whiting

8/30 Jan Harvey

8/31 Pat Schell



Lock up/ Hall Monitor 8/25 Stan Langdon 9/1 Charles Vassar

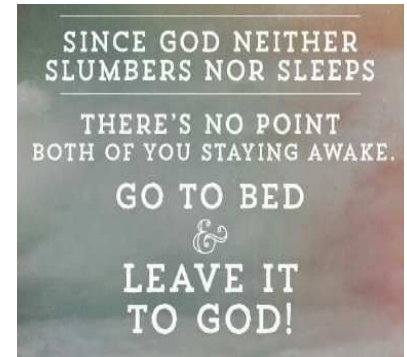
Counter 8/26 Joe Wircenske 9/3 Margaret Upole

Kids Church 8/25 Debra Sink 9/1 Kathy Caskie

Grass Cutting– 8/24 Don Moore/ Joe Caskie 9/7 Pam and Roger Cooke

## ***Peaceful Sleep***

*"Answer me when I call to you ... In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety."  
Psalm 4:1, 8*



David lay in bed, unable to sleep. As events flooded his mind, he could find no rest. He prayed but did not sense any answers. He certainly had not experienced peace. He responded with a simple prayer, wanting to be sure that God heard when he called.

Many men and women have had similar experiences and have gone through many dark nights without rest. These are times to remember lessons learned by David. As David eventually realized, we always can be confident that God hears our prayers. Talking with Him, we can be completely honest. We need to persevere in our prayers and actions and always continue to do the right thing as we trust in Him.

David was reminded that “the Lord has set apart the faithful for Himself.” His circumstances didn’t change immediately, but he knew that “the Lord will hear when I call to Him” (v. 3).

During those dark nights when he was troubled, David was to reflect and be still. He could look back and realize the many ways God had blessed him: “You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their grain and new wine abound” (v. 7 NASB).

Trusting in God, he found peace – the peace God promises to all who call on Him. It might not seem that He hears us, but we can be confident in Him. He is with us. We can trust in Him.



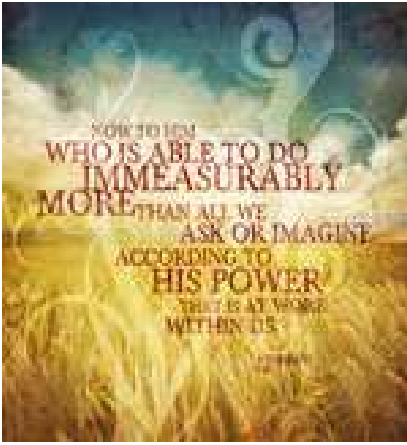
### ***Did You Hear The Story...***

A Jewish businessman in America decided to send his son to Israel to absorb some of the culture of the homeland. When the son returned, the father asked him to tell him about his trip. The son said, "Pop, I had a great time in Israel. By the way, I converted to Christianity."

"Oy vey," said the father. "What have I done?" He decided to go ask his friend Jacob what to do. Jacob said, "Funny you should ask. I too sent my son to Israel, and he also came back a Christian.

So they went to see the Rabbi. The Rabbi said, "What is happening to our young people? Perhaps we should go talk to God and ask him what to do." The three of them prayed and asked God what to do. Suddenly a voice came loud and clear from Heaven.

“Funny you should ask, *I also sent my Son to Israel...*”



## ***More Than We Ask Or Imagine***

A 60-year-old couple was celebrating their 40th year of marriage. During the celebration, a genie appeared and said, “Because you have been such a loving couple all those years, I would like to give you each one wish.”

The wife quickly chimed in, “I want to travel around the world.” The genie waved his arms and, POOF!, she had the tickets in her hand.

Next, it was the husband’s turn. He paused for a moment, then said shyly, “Well, I’d like to have a wife 30 years younger than me.” The genie waved his arms and, POOF! ...He was suddenly 90 years old!

We seem to be fascinated by stories of magic genies granting wishes (why is it usually three wishes?). Which of us hasn’t sat and wondered at some point in time, “If a genie granted me three wishes, what would I wish for?”

God is not, as some imagine Him, a magic genie waiting at our beck and call to give us everything we ask for (see James 4:3). But there is certainly that level of power and ability at His disposal. Listen to these words of Paul:

*“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21, NIV)*

God is able to do more than I ask of Him!

That’s pretty amazing, considering that I have some pretty difficult requests. Furthermore (and this is really mind-boggling), God is able to do more than I can even imagine!

I don’t know about you, but I can imagine quite a bit. Yet, Paul assures us that God is not only able to do all that we ask or imagine -- he is able to do more, immeasurably more!

When things in life are beyond my control, I find comfort in knowing that God has such power -- not the power of an imaginary genie but the power of a living awesome Father.

Sometimes we offer to pray for others saying, “It’s the least I can do.”

How wrong we are. Considering the power of God, it’s the most we can do!

## ***God Can Turn It Around!***

When a tragic accident left Will Mitchell with disfiguring burns, he decided to focus on his possibilities, not his problems. Although he'd lost his fingers, he learned to fly an airplane solo.

Then one day while flying from Colorado to California, ice caused his plane to crash. Paralyzed from the waist down (and you think you've got problems), Mitchell was understandably depressed about being confined to a wheelchair for life. Then a friend gave him the same advice he'd earlier given to her: "It doesn't matter what happens to you. What matters is what you decide to do about it."



So Mitchell adopted the "Triple-A Formula."

1. **Accept** *what has happened.* Otherwise you live in denial, or open yourself to resentment and self-pity.
2. **Appreciate** *what you can learn from it.* Built into every painful experience is the potential to be wiser, stronger and more effective for God.
3. **Adapt** *to the new opportunities it presents.* It was darkness that drove Edison to keep searching until he discovered a source of light (and it can do that for you, too). Since then, Will Mitchell has held public office, found love, and given hundreds of talks.

He says, "Before I was paralyzed there were 10,000 things I could do, now there 9,000. Should I focus on 1,000 things I can't do? No, I'd rather concentrate on 9,000 ways in which life is still good."

So, whatever we're facing today, it's not too big for God. It can be turned around through "His power that is at work within us." (Ephesians 3:20)



### ***The Last Impression...***

A man went to his doctor complaining about having weird dreams. "Doc, I keep having these bad dreams. One night I'm a wigwam, the next I'm a teepee, wigwam, teepee every night. Am I going crazy?"

The doctor replied, "No, you'll be just fine. You're just "too tense!" (get it?)