

***The Forecast
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Have you ever doubted God's love for you? Doubts about God's love can creep in during difficult times, but they often serve as an invitation to deepen our faith. When you find yourself questioning His love, consider Romans 8:38-39, where Paul declares that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Just think how God demonstrated His love through the cross. Even when our feelings tell us otherwise, the cross is the ultimate proof of His unwavering love. When doubts arise, turn your eyes to Jesus and remember that His love is not dependent on our circumstances but is a steadfast anchor in every storm.

God's love is constant, even when life isn't. Trust in His unchanging loving nature, and let His love carry you through your doubts.

***This Sunday we begin an exciting new series
"He Promises." Plan now to bring family and friends!***



When Doubt Clouds Your Heart: A Journey Back to God's Love

Imagine Peter, the disciple who walked on water. For a brief, glorious moment, his eyes were locked on Jesus, and he defied the laws of nature. But then, doubt crept in. The winds howled, the waves roared, and Peter's focus shifted from the Savior to the storm. He began to sink, his faith faltering as fear and doubt took hold. Even one of Jesus' strongest disciples had doubts and fears.

When doubts about God's love arise, they often feel like those waves—threatening to pull us under. They can come in the form of unanswered prayers, difficult circumstances, or the silence of God when we need Him most. We wonder, “Does God really love me? How could He, if He's allowing this to happen?”

The story of Peter offers a powerful lesson for these moments of doubt. As Peter began to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” (Matthew 14:30). Immediately, Jesus reached out His hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” He said, “why did you doubt?” (Matthew 14:31).

When we doubt God's love, the first thing we should do is exactly what Peter did: cry out to Jesus. Doubt often thrives in silence, in the dark corners of our minds where we let it fester and grow. But when we bring our doubts into the light of God's presence, they lose their power. Crying out to God doesn't mean we have all the answers; it means we're willing to trust Him, even when we don't.

The second step is to refocus on the cross. Peter's mistake was taking his eyes off Jesus and focusing on the storm instead. When we doubt God's love, it's usually because we're looking at the “storm” in our lives—the pain, the uncertainty, the fears—instead of at Jesus. The cross is the ultimate expression of God's love for us.

Finally, when doubts about God's love arise, anchor yourself in His Word. Scriptures like Romans 8:38-39 assure us that nothing—absolutely nothing—can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Meditate on these truths, let them sink deep into your heart, and use them as weapons against the lies that doubt whispers.

If you find yourself in a season of doubt, take heart. Like Peter, you may feel like you're sinking, but remember that Jesus is there, reaching out His hand to you. Cry out to Him, refocus on the cross, and anchor yourself in His Word. God's love for you is steadfast, unchanging, and it's stronger than any storm you face. Let these truths guide you back to the safety of His embrace.

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

August 27, 2024

Deposit

Budget \$1602.00

Cashin Cash out– Coffee \$1.00

Total Deposit \$1603.00

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.



Prayer is needed!

So many people in our church have COVID. Please pray that God would restore the health of those that are affected. We know that God is the healer and HE has all things under control.

Lock up/ Hall Monitor 9/1 Charles Vassar 9/8 Robbie Ayscue

Counter 9/3 Margaret Upole 9/9 Kathy Caskie

Kids Church 9/1 Kathy Caskie 9/8 Tracy Venable

Grass Cutting 9/7 Pam and Roger Cooke 9/21 Stan Langdon

Happy Birthday in August

8/27 Baelfire Whiting

8/30 Jan Harvey

8/31 Pat Schell



Happy Birthday in September

9/4 Larry Painter

9/6 Kathy Caskie

9/6 Mary Ellis

9/6 Blake Stuart

9/6 Jeanne Surber

9/8 Robert Overman

9/12 Frank Schaubach

9/15 Jim Egnot

9/24 Roger Cooke

9/27 Jason Moriah

9/29 Betty Jean Allen

9/29 Kathy Devol

9/29 David Falls

Food Bank Giveaway

Friday, August 30th

6:15pm

Immediately following the
Community Dinner. This is
free event and open
to the public.



Calendar

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 Sonshine Kids

Food Bank Giveaway

Monday, September 2nd

Labor Day– Church office Closed

Tuesday, September 3rd

12:00pm-1pm Food Distribution

Thursday, September 4th

12:00pm– 1:00pm Food Distribution

Sunday, September 8th

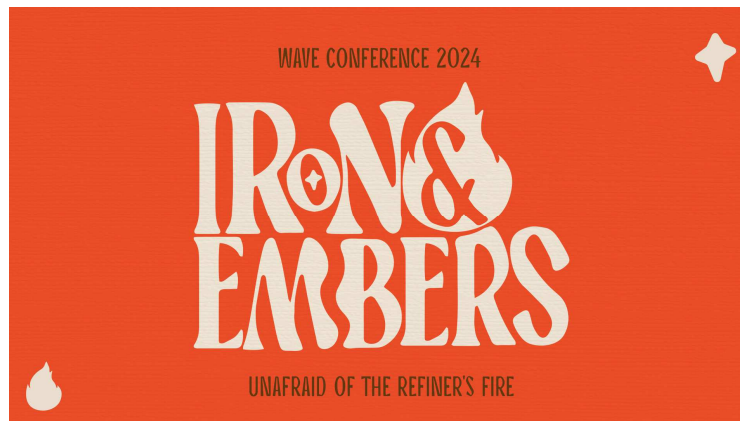
9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and In person

Worship at HBC

Produce Giveaway

Alma Hunt Emphasis Week



The Wave Conference is coming up soon. The evening services are free and open to the public. If you would like to go please let the church office know. We will car pool to Virginia Beach to Wave Church.

Wednesday, October 2nd 7pm

Thursday, October 3rd 7pm

Plan now to attend this special event!

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

Garry Wester (American People) CC, KH, DP, HT (Asian Pacific Rim People) RC, VK, MM, CM (Central Asian People) SH, Rachel Partridge, Aimee Turner (European People) JP (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) PI (Sub- Saharan African People) Marshall Morris (AZ) Kelvin Aikens (CA) Brandon Henson (GA) Alexander Bouffard (MD) Kristin LaVallie, Patrick Thompson (NY) Travis Byrd, Gary Lee (NC) Aaron Taylor (OH) Christian Aguilar (PA) Dustin Carson (VA)

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!



**American
Red Cross**

Hilton Area Blood Drive

MONDAY, September 11th

1:00pm– 6:00pm
blood or just come in.

You can register on line to give



Recently the Peninsula Piecemakers Quilt Guild held their annual retreat at HBC. 30 quilters were in the church everyday for three days working on many different projects. It was a great time. We are happy to be able to let them rent space in the church and they had so much room! These are just a few pictures of the event.





Lord Of The Dance

I want you to imagine that you and Jesus are walking down a road together. Along the way, the Lord's footprints go along steadily, consistently, rarely varying the pace. Your footprints are a disorganized stream of zigzags, starts, stops, u-turns, circles, departures and returns. For much of the way it seems to go like this, but gradually, your footprints come more in line with the Lord's, soon paralleling His consistently.

You and Jesus are walking together as true friends. This seems perfect, but then an interesting thing happens: your footprints that once etched the sand next to the Master's are now walking precisely in His steps. Inside His larger footprints is your small footfall, safely enclosed. You and Jesus are becoming one.

This goes on for many miles. Then gradually you notice another change. The footprint inside the larger footprint seems to grow larger. Eventually it disappears altogether. There is only one set of footprints. They have become one.

Again, this goes on for a long time. Then something awful happens. The second set of footprints is back and this time it seems even worse. There are zigzags all over the place, stops, starts and deep gashes in the sand. A veritable mess of prints. You're amazed and shocked. This is the end of your dream. Now you speak.

"Lord, I understand the first scene with the zigzags and so on. I was a new Christian, just learning and You walked on through the storms and helped me learn to walk with you."

"That is correct."

"Yes, and when the smaller footprints were inside of Yours, I was actually learning to walk in Your steps. I followed You very closely."

"Yes, you have understood everything so far."

"Then the smaller footprints grew and eventually filled in with Yours. I suppose that I was actually growing so much that I was becoming like you in every way."

"Precisely."

"But this is my question. Lord... Was there a regression or something? The footprints went back to two, and this time it was worse than the first."

The Lord smiles, then laughs. "You didn't know?" He says. "That was when we danced."

For He will turn your mourning into dancing!

The King's Highway

Once upon a time, a king had a great highway built for the people who lived in his kingdom. After it was completed, but before it was opened to the public, the king decided to have a contest. He invited as many of his subjects as desired to participate. The challenge was to see who could travel the highway the best, and the winner was to receive a box of gold.



On the day of the contest, all the people came. Some of them had fine chariots, some had fine clothing and fancy food to make the trip a luxurious journey. Some wore their sturdiest shoes and ran along the highway on their feet to show their skill. All day they traveled the highway, and each one, when he arrived at the end, complained to the king about a large pile of rocks and debris that had been left almost blocking the road at one point, and that got in their way and hindered their travel.

At the end of the day, a lone traveler crossed the finish line warily and walked over to the king. He was tired and dirty, but he addressed the king with great respect and handed him a small chest of gold. He said, "I stopped along the way to clear a pile of rocks and debris that was blocking the road. This chest of gold was under it all. Please have it returned to its rightful owner."

The king replied, "You are the rightful owner."

"Oh no," said the traveler, "This is not mine. I've never known such money."

"Oh yes," said the king, "you've earned this gold, for you won my contest.. He who travels the road best is he who makes the road better for those who will follow."

Remember those words of wisdom as you travel the road of life!

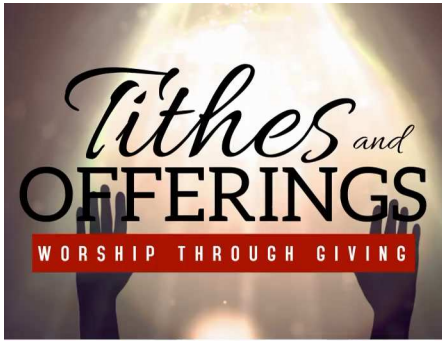


The Last Impression

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.



Demonstrating Our Love for God Through Our Giving

Giving is more than just a financial transaction; it's a spiritual act of worship. When we give, we acknowledge that everything we have is a gift from God. By offering a portion back to Him, we show our trust in His provision and our desire to honor Him with our resources. Our giving becomes a reflection of our relationship with God—a way of saying, “I love You, Lord, and I trust You.”

When we give out of love, it transforms our perspective. We no longer see giving as an obligation, but as an opportunity to participate in God's work. Whether we're giving to the church, to those in need, or in service to others, our generosity becomes a powerful testimony of our love for God. It shows that our hearts are aligned with His, caring for the things He cares about and desiring to see His kingdom advance.

As you consider how to demonstrate your love for God, reflect on your giving. Is it done with a joyful heart, out of love and gratitude? Remember, God doesn't measure the size of our gift, but the size of our heart. When we give from a place of love, we not only bless others, but we also draw closer to the heart of God, deepening our relationship with Him and reflecting His love to the world around us.

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

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

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



“Well, to be honest, from your radio sermons, I was expecting you to look a little more mature pastor...”