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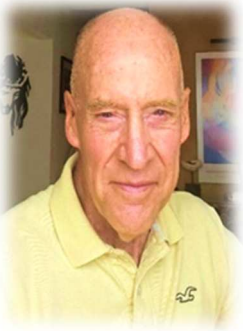
In our fast-paced world, weariness often creeps in—whether from the demands of work, relationships, or personal struggles. Jesus offers us a powerful invitation to find rest in Him.

Jesus doesn't just call the strong or the perfect; He invites the weary and burdened. This is a reminder that it's okay to acknowledge our struggles. We don't have to have it all together to come to Him. His arms are open, welcoming us exactly as we are.

The rest Jesus offers is more than a momentary escape; it's a deep, soul-level peace that transcends our circumstances. When we lay our burdens at His feet, we allow Him to carry what we cannot. This is an invitation to exchange our worries for His peace.

What burdens are you carrying today? Are you willing to come to Jesus and lay them down? Consider how you might take practical steps to find rest in Him—through prayer, Scripture reading, or simply being still in His presence. He invites you to come directly to Him!

***This week we conclude our exciting series
"He Promises." You don't want to miss this Sunday!***



Tired of Being Tired?

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

In a world that constantly demands more from us, it's easy to feel like we're running on empty. Whether it's the pressure of work, relationships, or simply trying to keep up with the daily grind, weariness begins to seep into our bones. The kind of tiredness that no amount of sleep seems to cure—the weariness of the soul.

Jesus sees this. He acknowledges it. He doesn't wait for us to have everything figured out before offering His rest. Instead, He extends a simple, yet profound invitation, *“Come to me.”*

What does it mean to come to Jesus when we're tired? It's more than just finding a break from our routines. It's an invitation to lay down our burdens—physical, emotional, and spiritual—at His feet. In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus speaks directly to those of us who are weary. He doesn't offer a quick fix or a temporary solution. He offers something much deeper: rest for your souls.

The yoke Jesus speaks of symbolizes a partnership. In ancient times, a yoke was a tool used to connect two animals, so they could work together to carry a load. By asking us to take His yoke upon ourselves, Jesus isn't promising a life free of challenges, but He's assuring us that He will carry the load with us. And because of His love and gentleness, His yoke is light.

Jesus' promise is unlike anything else the world can offer. While we often feel the need to perform, to strive, and to prove our worth, Jesus reminds us that He is gentle and humble in heart. He doesn't demand perfection; instead, He asks for trust. Trust that His way is better. Trust that in His presence, we can let go of the burdens that weigh us down.

What are you carrying today? What has you so tired? Is it the demands of your daily responsibilities, the pressure to be strong, or perhaps the hidden worries no one else sees? Jesus invites you to bring those burdens to Him. He is waiting with open arms to give you rest that reaches the deepest parts of your soul.

How can you surrender your weariness to Jesus today? Maybe it's through intentional prayer, giving Him the burdens you've been carrying alone. Maybe it's through Scripture reading, where you can soak in His promises. Or perhaps it's simply sitting in silence, being still in His presence, and allowing Him to minister peace to your heart.

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

September 24, 2024

Budget Offerings \$1195.04

Total Deposit \$1195.04

With Sympathy

We want to express our deepest sympathy to Mary Anne Schell and Pat Schell on the passing of Mary Kay Schell (Mary Anne's daughter in law and Pat's Sister in Law) Please be in prayer for the family during this difficult time.



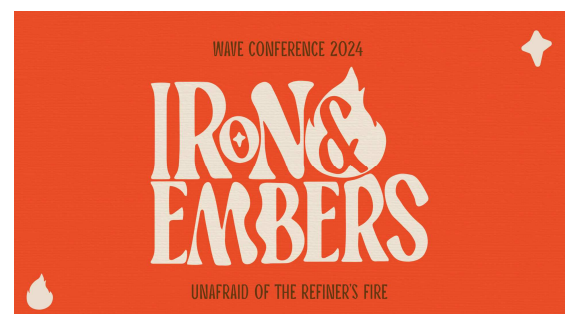
Wave Conference

Wave Church

VA Beach

October 2nd October 3rd 7pm nightly

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.



Calendar

Tuesday, September 24th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, September 25th

7:00m Bible Study

In person or Facebook Live

Thursday, September 26th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Friday, September 27th

5:30pm– 6:30pm Community
Dinner

Food Bank Giveaway Free and
open

to the public

Sunday, September 29th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Food Bank Giveaway after worship

Free and open to the public

Children's Christmas Workshop

Saturday December 14th

10am– 2pm

If you plan on helping please let
Dreama know now. Plans are being
made!

Tuesday, October 1st

12:00pm-1pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, October 2nd

No Bible Study

7:00PM Wave Conference

Thursday, October 3rd

12pm– 1 pm Food Distribution

7:00pm Wave Conference

Sunday, October 6th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and In person

Worship at HBC

Produce Giveaway

Happy Birthday in September

9/24 Roger Cooke

9/27 Jason Moriah

9/29 Betty Jean Allen

9/29 Kathy Devol

9/29 David Falls



Happy Birthday in October

10/2 Robbie Ayscue

10/5 Dave Peake

10/6 Charles Shofner

10/11 Delores Morgan

10/14 Brinley Moriah

10/17 Marilyn Hargrove

10/26 Tim Humphreys

10/30 Don Krause

Missions Outreach

If you have any questions on Missions Outreach Activities

call 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

RK (Asian Pacific Rim People) LB, JD, KS (Central Asian People) RC (European People) MH, AK (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) German Granillo (AZ) Jeremiah Williams (AZ) Micah Bartig (MO)

Community Dinner, Friday, September 27th

We will be having our monthly Community Dinner on Friday, September 27th from 5:30pm-6:30pm. If you would like to help see Pam Cooke or Tara Borton (Food Bank Distribution)

Trunk or Treat- Thursday, October 31st 5:30pm– 7:30pm

Trunk or Treat is right around the corner and we need your support! If you plan to come and decorate your car (and yourself if you want) , please sign up on the Mission Outreach table. If you are unable to attend we would appreciate a candy donation. We tend to see around 500 Trick or treaters and we want to be prepared.

Sedgefield Elementary

We will be supporting Sedgefield Elementary in October! Snacks are taken care of, but please visit the Mission Outreach table to get cards and names of employees for you to take home, write an encouraging note and return by October 20th

WMU Mission Project for October

The WMU Mission Project for October is Sonshine Kids

The Alma Hunt Offering

Collected to Date \$925.00

Lock up/ Hall Monitor 9/29 David and Lisa Falls 10/6 Pam Cooke

Counter 9/30 Margaret Upole 10/7 Kathy Caskie

Kids Church 9/29 Tori Holt 10/6 Tracy Venable

Grass Cutting 10/5 Jon and Barbara Michie 10/19 Don Moore /Joe Caskie

The Ultimate Showdown

It all started when King Ahab turned his back on God and built a statue to Baal, the god of rain. In a moment of true irony, that's when the rain stopped. Three and a half years later the people began calling out both for rain and God. That's when Elijah showed up for the ultimate showdown: Elijah and the One True God vs 450 prophets of Baal.



Elijah and the prophets of Baal each built an altar and prepared a sacrifice. There was just one catch – no fire. It was to be a burnt offering, but both sides would pray and ask their God or god to bring down fire. The prophets of Baal went first. They prayed, they chanted, and they called out – but nothing happened. Hours passed without a response. Elijah suggested they pray louder (maybe their gods had gone to sleep), but still they had no answer. Finally, it was Elijah's turn.

Taking his time, Elijah built the altar and prepared the sacrifice, soaking the altar in water (a precious commodity after 3.5 years of drought). He did this just to make sure there would be no possible human explanation for what God would do. Then Elijah prayed. Immediately fire fell from the sky consuming not just the offering, but the stone altar and all the water. Talk about an incredible demonstration of God's power. Awesome!

Elijah trusted God even when it didn't make sense, even when it meant going against what was popular – and God showed up. What about you? When life becomes difficult or doesn't make sense, will you remain grounded in your faith or will you turn to false idols of our day?



The Last Impression...

A church deacon sat visiting with one of the shut-in members when the woman seemed to go into cardiac arrest. The deacon rushed to the phone and called 9-1-1, asking that they send an ambulance to the house immediately.

The operator asked, "What's the address, sir?"

The deacon wasn't sure of the exact address, but he knew she lived in the last house on Eucalyptus Lane.

The operator asked, "Can you spell that for me, sir?"

After a long pause, the deacon asked, "Um, how about if I carry her over to Oak Street and you can pick her up there?"

Making Yourself Available

A man was going up to bed, when his wife told him he'd left the light on in the garden shed – she could see it from the bedroom window. But he said that he hadn't been in the shed that day.

He looked, and there were men in the shed, stealing things. He rang the police, but they told him that no one was in his area, so no one was available to catch the thieves.

He said OK, hung up, counted to 30 and rang the police again. "Hello. I just rang you a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed? Well, you don't have to worry about them now, I've just shot them all."

Within five minutes there were half a dozen police cars in the area, an Armed Response unit, the works. Of course, they caught the burglars red-handed. One of the policemen said to this man: "I thought you said you'd shot them!"

He replied, "I thought you said there was no one available!"

The same thing happens frequently in our lives. Someone asks us to do something and we respond, "We don't have the time." Often, what we mean by that is, "We don't regard this as important enough." The truth is, we find (or make) the time to do whatever we regard to be important.

Someone has said you can tell a person's priorities by looking at his checkbook. There is a great deal of validity to that. We are willing to spend money on the things we think are important. But perhaps a greater indicator of our priorities would be our planning books – a record of how our time is spent.

For all of us, choices must be made. We don't have time to do everything, so we must choose those things which are of greatest importance to us. Just be careful that your choices are those things which are also most important to God.

The greatest men and women in the Bible were not those with the greatest resources or talents, but they were men and women who made themselves available to be used by God whenever He called.

May God never hear us say, "Sorry, but I'm not available!"

"Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." Ephesians 5:15-17





Become a Tither!

It's estimated that less than one-tenth of all those who attend church give a tenth of their income to God's work, even though the Bible clearly teaches that the first tenth of all we earn belongs to God. *"A tithe of everything...is holy to the Lord."* (Lev. 27:30)

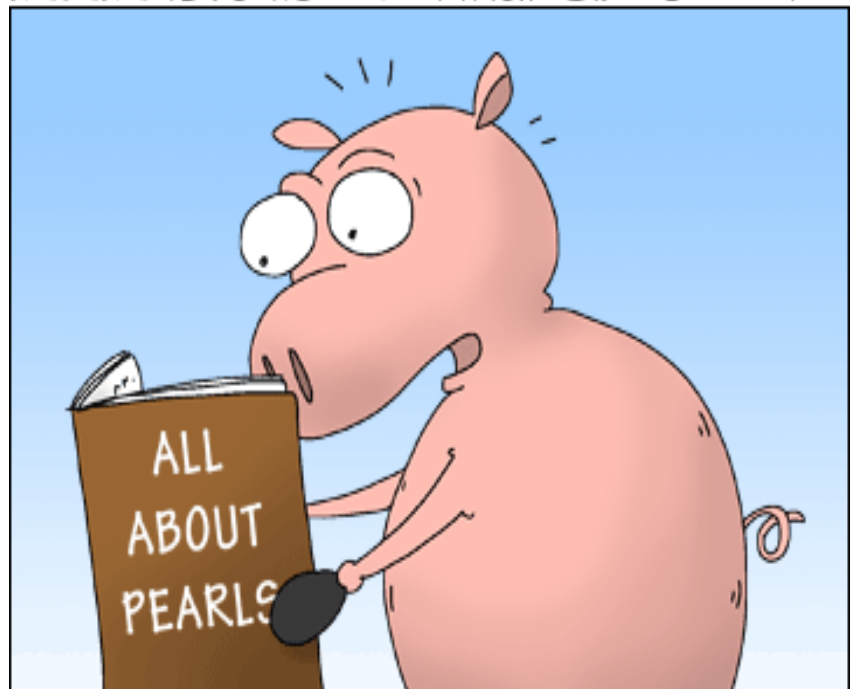
Today it is estimated that two-thirds of the church's income comes from people aged 69 or older. That's alarming! We need to teach our children the responsibility and rewards of tithing. Perhaps you think tithing only applied to those who lived under the Old Testament law, like the Pharisees. No, Jesus said, *"...unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees... you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven."*

The tithe is a minimum. Your love and faith should determine the maximum. Abraham paid tithes 600 years before the law (Genesis 14:20), then Jesus endorsed it saying we "ought" to tithe (Matthew 23:23), and the writer to the Hebrews confirmed that it is still God's plan (Hebrews 7:4-5).

As believers, we are the spiritual seed of Abraham, and as such, his blessings have been promised to us (Galatians 3:14). But if you want what Abraham had, you've got to do what Abraham did – and he was the first man in Scripture to tithe! Giving God the first tenth of your income makes Him number one in your priorities. His Word says, *"Bring the whole tithe... Test Me in this...and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of Heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."* (Malachi 3:10)

Thank you for your faithful prayers and generous giving to HBC... As we continue to obey God, listen to His voice, and work together, we continue to accomplish great things for His Kingdom !

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(See Matthew 7:6)

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