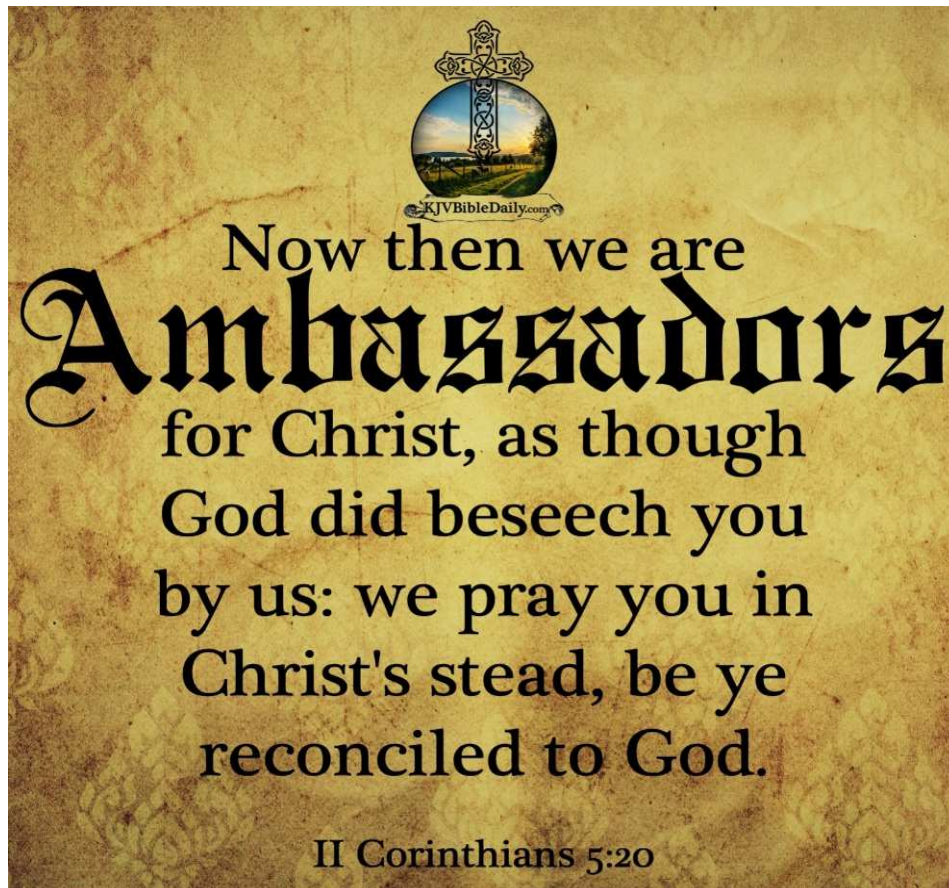


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In 2 Corinthians 5:20, Paul writes, *“We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.”* This underscores our responsibility to communicate His message of reconciliation and hope. It reminds us that our lives can be a powerful testament to the transformative love of Christ.

To live as an ambassador, we can start by deepening our relationship with Him through prayer and scripture, allowing His Spirit to guide us. As we go about our day, we should ask ourselves: How can I represent Christ in this moment? Whether in a conversation, a challenge, or a simple act of kindness, we have the opportunity to shine His light in the world.

Let us embrace this calling, remembering that we are not alone—God equips us to fulfill this role. Through our lives, may others see a glimpse of His love and be drawn to Him

Our exciting new series is: “Who Do You Think You Are?”
You don't want to miss one message! Why not bring a friend?
Are you signed up for Trunk-Or-Treat? We need more cars!



Called To Be Ambassadors

“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.” 2 Corinthians 5:20

The term “ambassador” carries significant weight. In the earthly realm, ambassadors represent their countries, acting on their behalf and carrying the authority of their government. As followers of Christ, we are called to a similar role. Our identity as ambassadors means that we are not just passive believers; we are active participants in God’s mission. Consider the implications of being an ambassador for Christ. This role implies a relationship with Him that is both intimate and profound. We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation—an invitation to experience God’s love and grace. Each day, we can reflect His character and make His appeal known in our words, actions, and attitudes.

The verse emphasizes the appeal of reconciliation. In a world often marked by division, conflict, and misunderstanding, our call is to be agents of peace. Reconciliation is more than just a momentary agreement; it is a deep, transformative process that restores relationships.

As ambassadors, we are called to embody the spirit of reconciliation, starting with our relationship with God and extending to others. Reflect on the areas in your life where you may need to seek reconciliation—perhaps with a friend, family member, or even within yourself. God’s heart is for us to experience wholeness, and we can extend that same invitation to others.

Being an ambassador requires us to be aware of how we represent Christ in our daily lives. It calls us to reflect His values and priorities. How can we embody the love, mercy, and truth of Christ in practical ways? This could mean showing kindness to a stranger, being honest in our dealings, or standing up for justice.

Consider the following questions:

How do my words reflect Christ’s message?

In what ways can I show love and grace to those around me?

Am I willing to step out of my comfort zone to share the Gospel?

Remember, our role as ambassadors is not based on our perfection but on our willingness to allow God to work through us. It’s about living out our faith authentically, acknowledging our shortcomings, and relying on the Holy Spirit for guidance.

Personal Application

Take a moment to think about your sphere of influence. Who has God placed in your life that needs to hear the message of reconciliation? It could be a coworker, a neighbor, or even a family member. Pray for opportunities to share God’s love with them.

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

October 15, 2024

There is no count today, Dreama is on vacation.

Dreama will be on Vacation from the afternoon of Sunday October 13th and will return to work on Monday, October 21st. The church office will be closed. If you have an emergency you can still call the church number and she will answer the phone.

There will be no food distribution during the week she is gone.

Please make plans accordingly.

September Financial Recap

Budget Deposits \$18,307.59 Budget Expenses \$\$21,931.46

Designated Deposits \$2021.53 Designated Expenses \$1562.78

Money Market \$59,861.02

Building Fund \$46,300.86

Savings \$2892.77

Outreach \$10,667.39

PDF/ RR Account \$16,102.93

PDF \$3724.92

RR \$12,001.60

Deacons \$376.41

Designated Account \$33,680.90



Give, and it
will be given to
you.

Luke 6:38

Lloyd Ware has been moved to
Magnolia Manor
101 John Rolfe Drive Room 206
Smithfield, VA 23430

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Drop Pastor Lynwood a card or a
note to let him know how much you
appreciate him!

Calendar

Tuesday, October 15th

No Food Distribution

Wednesday, October 16th

No Bible Study

Thursday, October 17th

No Food Distribution

Friday, October 18th

6:30pm Karaoke

Sunday, October 20th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and In person

Worship at HBC

Produce Giveaway

Tuesday, October 22nd

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, October 23rd

No Bible Study

Thursday, October 24th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Sunday, October 27th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sunshine 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!

Happy Birthday in October

10/14 Brinley Moriah

10/17 Marilyn Hargrove

10/26 Tim Humphreys

10/30 Don Krause



Lock up/ Hall Monitor 10/20 Charles Vassar 10/27 Robbie Ayscue

Counter 10/21 Joe Wircenski 10/28 Margaret Upole

Kids Church 10/20 Tracy, Lisa York and Tori Holt 10/27 Debra Sink

Grass Cutting 10/19 Don Moore /Joe Caskie

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

MB, DH (Asian Pacific Rim People) ME, KY (Central Asian People) JH, RH (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) Tesfay Halie (AB) Juan Vaca Saucedo (CA) Kevin Vandock (MI) Som Tamang (OH) Victor Lopez (TX)

Community Dinner, Friday, October 25th

We will be having our monthly Community Dinner on Friday, October 25th from 5:30pm-6:30pm. The kids and Kids leaders will be preparing and serving. If you would like to help see Pam Cooke or Tara Borton (Food Bank Distribution) We had 93 guests for dinner last month. God is doing great things.

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 Sunshine Kids

Food Pantry Our September Totals

Sunday Distributions 410 People, Community Dinner 183 people, Tuesday and Thursday Giveaways 267 people. Thanks to everyone who helps in this important ministry. God is working in mighty ways.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

This year we are going to be packing Shoeboxes online instead of purchasing the items and packing them ourselves.

Shoeboxes built online go to the ends of the earth to children in some of the hardest-to-reach places—whether deep jungles, city slums, steep mountainsides, or one of more than 1,000 remote Pacific islands. Many of these areas are resistant to the Gospel, for cultural or religious reasons, and are home to numerous unreached people groups, some of whom have never heard the Name of Jesus Christ. Online boxes are carefully prepared, abiding by strict customs regulations to safeguard partners who will deliver the gifts, as well as the boys and girls who receive them.

Here are the instructions to pack a Shoebox. We ask that you use the link below or the QR code so that HBC will get credit for the boxes.

There is a ‘team’ site to use to pack shoeboxes just for HBC!!

Go to... <https://sampur.se/3XCdUMI> or scan the QR Code

Click on the green box “Build a Shoebox Online Now”

Click on the green box “Start Building”

Choose a ‘girl’ or ‘boy’

Choose the child’s age

Click the ‘Essentials’ into the shoebox, then click ‘Next’

Choose 1 Wow Item, then click ‘Next’

Choose 3 Small Toys, then click ‘Next’

Choose 2 Accessories, then click ‘Next’



You may ‘Add a Note’ (this can be a personal note, or you can use the one they suggest). You can also upload a photo. You may also click ‘No thanks, continue’

On the next screen you can ‘build another box’ or ‘continue’

After you continue, a pop-up box will ask if you would like to support this program on a monthly basis or support the discipleship program.

This is not required. Click ‘Done’

The last screen reviews your gift(s), asks for your billing information (your personal address) and your payment information.

If you do not want to build your own box, you can still donate money and we will build it for you in your name.

If you have any questions, please see Pam Cooke or the church office.



People **O**ffering **R**esources **T**ogether
Emergency Winter Shelter

We Need You... Yes You!

PORT

January 15th – January 22nd, 2025 at HBC

The following are things that we are collecting for the PORT Clothes Closet.

Men's Boxer Briefs

Women's underwear- All sizes

Thermals – All sizes

Socks

Bras- All sizes

Shoes (please no sandals)

Men's Coats

Jeans- All sizes

T Shirts- All sizes (it does not matter if it has a print on it)

Men's long sleeve shirt's (Medium and Small are needed the most)

Clothes can be used but please be sure that they are in good condition and clean.

We do not need women's clothes currently. We have some that we have boxed up that we need to use before we take anymore in.

Please place your clothes in the back of the church in the Mission Outreach area or in the church office.

Any clothes that we get that we do not use we will take to Torrie Closet. This is a place that allows people that need clothes to come and get them and will not charge them. This is a ministry we have given clothes and other items to before.

If you have any questions, please see Dreama



Be Heir to the King!

There is an Irish legend about a king, who had no children to succeed him on the throne. So, he had his messengers post signs in every town and village of his kingdom inviting qualified young men to apply for an interview with the king. This way the king hoped to be able to choose a successor before he died. Two qualifications, especially, were stressed. The person must have a deep love for God and a deep love for his neighbor.

A young man saw one of the signs. He indeed had a deep love for God and neighbor. He felt a kind of inner voice telling him to apply for an interview. But the young man was so poor that he didn't have decent clothes to wear to an interview. He also didn't have any money to buy provisions for the long journey to the king's castle.

So the young man prayed over the matter. He finally decided to beg for the clothes and the provisions he needed. When everything was ready, he set out. After a month of travel, one day the young man caught sight of the king's castle. It sat high on a hill in the distance.

At about the same time, he also caught sight of a poor old beggar sitting by the side of the road. The beggar held out his hands and pleaded for help. "I'm hungry and cold," he said in a weak voice. "Could you give me something warm to wear and something nourishing to eat?"

The sight of the beggar moved the young man. He stripped off his warm outer clothes and exchanged them for the tattered old coat of the beggar. He also gave the beggar the provisions he had been carrying in his backpack for the return journey. Then, somewhat uncertainly, he walked on to the castle in tattered clothes and without enough food for his return trip.

When the young man arrived at the castle, guards met him at the gate. They took him to a visitors' area, and after a long wait, he led into see the king. He bowed low before the throne. When he straightened up, the young man could hardly believe his eyes. He said to the king. "You were the beggar beside the road." "That's right," said the king.

"Why did you do this to me?" asked the young man. The king said, "I had to find out if you really did love God and neighbor." And then the king told him he had proved himself and was the new heir. What a surprise!

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me..." Matt. 25:34,35

It Happens to the Best of Us!

A pastor was building a fence while the neighbor's 12-year-old son watched. The pastor smiled and said, "Are you interested in carpentry?" "No," the boy replied. "I just want to hear what a preacher says when he hits his thumb with a hammer!"



You are the only Bible some people will ever read, and they're watching to see how your life lines up with what you profess. Some are hoping for confirmation of the life-changing power of Jesus; others for a chance to say, "See, Christians are all hypocrites!" We want to set a good example, but sometimes we fall short. God uses those failures to "...make it clear that our...power is from Him, not...ourselves." (2 Corinthians 4:7 NLT)

God doesn't gloss over the shortcomings of even the most notable saints. They're "examples... written down as warnings for us..." (1 Corinthians 10:11) Abraham, the "friend of God," lied about Sarah being his wife (Genesis 12:10-20). Moses, the mighty leader, got angry and disobeyed God. David, a man after God's heart, committed adultery and then tried to cover his tracks with murder (2 Samuel 11:15). Peter, head of the church, denied Jesus not once but three times (Luke 22:54-62), and John Mark gave up and went home during a missionary trip (Acts 15:38).

So don't get discouraged when you stumble. Get up, admit your mistake, apologize to the people involved, ask God for forgiveness, forgive yourself, learn from what happened, and move on.



THINK

Alan Redpath once formed a "mutual encouragement" fellowship at a time of stress in one of his pastorates. The members subscribed to a simple formula applied before speaking of any person or subject that was perhaps controversial.

T – Is it true?

H – Is it helpful?

I – Is it inspiring?

N – Is it necessary?

K – Is it kind?

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or of praise, think about such things" Phil 4:8



“God’s House vs. Our House”

“Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?” – [Haggai 1:3-4](#)

After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, they began to prosper. They started rebuilding the temple which had been ruined by the Babylonians. But the people of other religions who lived in the land sent letters to Babylon and complained that the Jews were preparing to revolt. For that and other reasons, the rebuilding of the temple stopped.

It seems that the Jews began with a will to rebuild the temple, but when opposition arose, they faltered and lost focus. They transferred their energy to building and beautifying their own houses. It took the searing words of Haggai to call them back to the priority of rebuilding God’s temple.

In the world today, we must not be discouraged by the struggle it takes to build Christ’s church. The forces of the devil will try to overcome it, but Jesus will prevail ([Matthew 16:18](#)). Remember what Jesus said: *“Seek first [God’s] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well”* ([Matthew 6:33](#)).

It’s not that God necessarily wants us to live in a bleak apartment without beautiful paneling. But if that’s what it takes to build God’s kingdom, we must be willing to sacrifice. Our treasures are in heaven!



We Need You & Your Car For Trunk-Or-Treat!

This is one of the most effective and fun outreaches of the year... Be prepared to pass out 400 or more candies and dress up in your own costume – It’s so much fun! Call the church office today to register!