

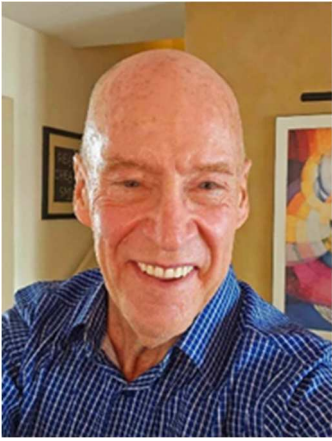
***The Forecast  
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We are reminded that our prayers are powerful and significant, even if we don’t always see the immediate results. God is always at work, whether we perceive it or not. Daniel’s example shows us that persistence in prayer and humility before God align us with His will, and in due time, His response will come. Keep praying, for God hears you and is working on your behalf!

***Join us Sunday for the last message in our  
“Unshakable” series. We will discuss what to do as we wait for answers  
to prayer that might be delayed.***



## *When Answers To Prayer Are Delayed...*

*"Then he said to me, 'Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.'" Daniel 11:12*

This verse offers a powerful insight into the nature of prayer and spiritual warfare. When Daniel prayed, God heard him immediately. However, there was a delay because the angel delivering the message faced opposition from spiritual forces. This teaches us that prayer is not just about what happens immediately in the physical world; it also engages us in a much larger, unseen spiritual battle.

When we pray, our words are heard by God the moment they leave our hearts. But prayer also stirs things in the unseen realm—God's angels may be dispatched to assist us, but they are often met with resistance. This does not mean God is slow to act, but rather that prayer is part of a larger cosmic struggle. God always responds—sometimes instantly, sometimes in ways we don't understand at first, but He is always faithful to respond.

When we pray, we can be assured that God is at work behind the scenes, even when we can't see the immediate results. Sometimes God is preparing us, or there are greater spiritual forces at play that need to align before we see His full answer.

Daniel waited twenty-one days for an answer, but when it came, it was exactly what he needed to hear. God's timing is not our timing, but His timing is always perfect. When we pray, we surrender our sense of timing and trust that God's timing will reveal itself at just the right moment

There may be times when you feel as though your prayers are bouncing off the ceiling, or when God feels distant. Perhaps you've been praying for something specific—health, a loved one's salvation, wisdom for a decision—and it seems like there's no answer. But like Daniel, we must trust that our prayers are heard, and that God is working even when we can't see the full picture.

God is always present, always listening, and always at work—even in the invisible realms. And like the angel's message to Daniel, ***God's response will come in due time!*** Until then, continue to pray with faith, knowing that your words are not wasted. They are part of a divine conversation with the Creator of the universe, and in ways beyond your understanding, He is moving on your behalf

Yes, our God is always at work, whether we perceive it or not. Daniel's example shows us that persistence in prayer and humility before God align us with His will, and in due time, His response will come. Keep praying, for God hears you and is working on your behalf.

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

November 19, 2024

Rev. Lynwood Wells, Pastor

Budget 1760.00

Food Pantry \$100.00

Total Deposit \$1860.00

## Calendar

### Tuesday, November 19th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

6:00pm Christmas Workshop

Meeting

### Thursday, November 21st

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

### Sunday, November 24th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

### Tuesday, November 26th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

### Thursday, November 28th

Happy Thanksgiving

Church office closed

### Friday, November 29th

5:30– 6:30pm Community Dinner

Food Pantry Giveaway

### Sunday, December 1st

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and In person

Worship at HBC

Food Bank Giveaway after worship

Free and open to the public

### PBA Senior Adult Event

Stevens Memorial Baptist Church is hosting a Senior Adult Rally on Thursday, December 5th from 12 noon to 3pm. Lunch will be \$5.00. You can pay at the door but you MUST register by calling

Mike Haywood 757-508-7557 before 11/27. It will be a lot of fun, entertainment including music, games and quizzes.

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## ***Missions Outreach***

***If you have any questions on Missions Outreach Activities***

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

### ***Pray for our Missionaries***

Jennifer Dove, MH, Angela Jolly, Julianne Sutton (European People) JS (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) Jeremy Proemsey (CA) Tyrell Brown (MD) Alex Robinson (MT)

### ***November's Community Dinner is Friday, November 29th.***

Tabernacle Baptist East End will be preparing the meal but we can use help in the Food Distribution and in clean up. Please see Pam Cooke to help with dinner clean up and Tara Borton to help with the Food Bank.

### ***WMU Mission Project for November—Food Pantry***

The WMU Mission Project for November is the Food Pantry. We are blessed to be a part of the Food Bank but there are items that we need for our church pantry. Spaghetti noodles, jelly, instant potatoes, cold cereal, plastic and paper bags. Thanks for your continued giving.

### ***PORT***

Our week of PORT is January 15th—the morning of January 22nd, 2025. The sheets to sign up to help are located in the back of the church. Please take time to stop by and sign up to work. We need everyone to be a part as we reach out to those who are homeless.

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) Women's clothes are not needed at this time.

### ***Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes***

Thanks to everyone who built a shoebox online. We were able to send 9 shoeboxes! These shoeboxes are special because they are sent to kids that are in a remote hard to reach area. Pray now for the kids that will be receiving these shoeboxes. Some have never received a gift ever! May they come to know that Jesus loves them so much!



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Plan now to attend a special combined service of HBC and Journey here on December 15th at 6:30pm.

The Christmas Project is a rocking Christmas Concert featuring family friendly music from a range of decades and genres.

It going to be a special evening. Light refreshments will be served after. Mark your calendars to attend now.

**Happy Birthday in November**

- 11/21 Jessica Moore
- 11/24 Richard Childs
- 11/24 Joshua Michie
- 11/26 Ray Moody
- 11/27 Annabelle Stuart
- 11/30 Pam Cooke





## Children's Christmas Workshop

Saturday, December 14th

10am– 2pm

Ages 4-12 years old

Fun for everyone! Food! Crafts! Games! A visit from Santa...  
And a birthday Party for Jesus!

Invite Kids to come ! It is so much fun! There are fliers in the Connection Center  
Get some and hand them out!

### Fun Things the Kids have planned in December

Every Sunday in December the kids are going to be doing some fun things.

December 1- Red and Green Sunday- Everyone is wearing their Red and Green to start the Christmas month off!

December 8- Red and White– Candy Cane Sunday- The kids are wearing red and white and candy canes. Its gonna be a “sweet’ Sunday

December 15- Ugly Sweater Sunday

**We are inviting ALL THE ADULTS to join us on Sunday December 15th and wear your ugly sweater to church.** It will be fun.....join in the fun with the Kids and wear your “UGLY SWEATER OR SHIRT”!



December 22nd- Crazy Hair Sunday- Do something crazy with your hair, wear a special crazy hat it will be so much fun!

If you have any questions, see Dreama



## ***It Takes Just One***

In 1520, one person stepped off a Spanish ship in Mexico and caused the deaths of thousands of people. The man was a soldier under the leadership of Pánfilo de Narváez, and he had smallpox. The soldier didn't know it, but wherever he went he exposed the citizens to a new disease. As a result of the ensuing smallpox epidemic, many thousands of

Mexican citizens died.

One man. That's all it took. His contact with the unsuspecting Mexican people led to a horrible, painful scourge. The devastating effects of that disease traveled from one person to another, infecting a large segment of the population.

The spread of any deadly disease is similar to the spread of a spiritual sickness that sometimes strikes churches—the disease of gossip and unedifying words (Ephesians 4:29, 30, 31, 32).

It's not unusual for a happy and well-adjusted congregation of people to be infected after just one person introduces gossip. Soon dissension is running rampant among people who had been eagerly working together, and the church finds itself spending more time on damage control than on ministry.

Each of us should be careful not to spread the sickness of gossip. Instead, let's use our words to strengthen and encourage one another.

“A careless word may kindle strife,  
A cruel word may wreck a life;  
A timely word may lessen stress,  
A loving word may heal and bless.”—Anonymous

## ***Adam's Suit***

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed between the pages.

'Momma, look what I found,' the boy called out.

'What have you got there, dear?' his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: 'I think it's Adam's suit!'



## *Dealing With Anxiety*



*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7*

Whether we are lifelong Christians, or new Christians who have just come to know the love of God, especially during these difficult days, we can all struggle with the same thing: dealing with anxiety and trusting God.

Even beyond the accentuated concerns of the Covid19 virus, we have all had situations in our lives when we have struggled to put our trust in God. Whether it's a situation at work, a prayer that God hasn't seemed to answer, or a big decision we have to make, we have all found ourselves searching for the right answer on our own instead of trusting that God has a plan.

I didn't have the privilege of growing up in what I would consider a Christ-centered home. My dad was a good and honorable man, but he was very quiet about his beliefs and was never a church goer as such. My mother was of a quieter temperament herself by nature, however she did see the need and blessing of church attendance. So, I was enrolled in the nursery and grew up in the church with various role models there to guide me in the development of my faith.

So, I am especially grateful for the local church where I grew up because it was there where I found godly examples of how to put my trust in God and how to put my faith in him. But, like most people, even with that good spiritual foundation, I have found myself in seasons of spiritual dryness and lacking trust in God with situations in my life.

Trusting God's plan often doesn't happen automatically. It's a choice and a commitment I have to make daily to focus on God in my situations and to thank him for what he has done and what he will do.

Proverbs 46 tells us to *“trust in the Lord with all our heart and lean not on our own understanding.”* No matter our circumstances, our gaze should remain the same: focused on the power of the Christ and wanting his will to be done in our lives.

As for the freedom from anxiety and the peace we are seeking, it will never be found in terms of our intellectual pursuits alone. The peace Christ offers is that which “surpasses understanding” according to Philippians 4:7. It by passes our minds and goes deep into our spirits where the core of our emotions may be found. It is here that our bondage to fear and anxiety are broken and we are set free by the power of Christ!





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