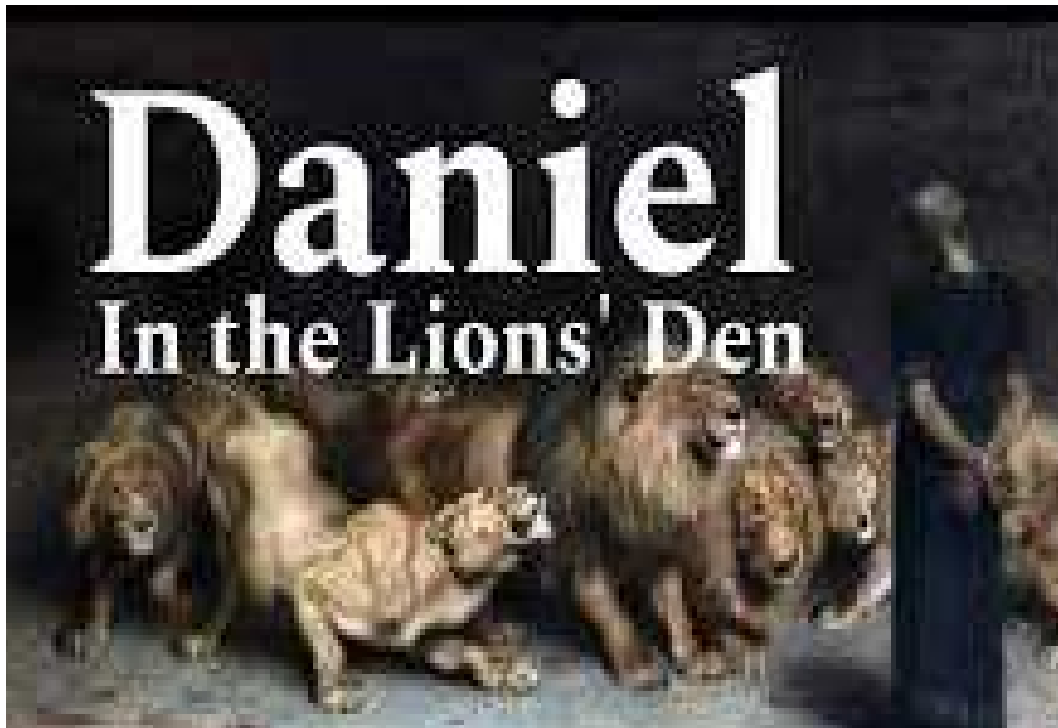


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² “My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.” ²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.” Daniel 6:22-23

In Daniel 6, we find Daniel facing one of the most terrifying moments imaginable: being thrown into a den of lions simply for remaining faithful to God. When a decree was made forbidding prayer to anyone but the king, Daniel chose to continue his daily practice of praying to God, even though he knew it could cost him his life. His choice wasn't motivated by defiance but by devotion. He trusted that his God was worth any risk.

God honored Daniel's faith and sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions. This miraculous act of deliverance demonstrates that God is with us, even when we're in "dens" of our own, surrounded by fear, doubt, or opposition. Daniel's story reminds us that when we choose faith over fear, God's presence and power can work mightily in our lives.

Join Us This Sunday In Our Exciting New Series – “Unshakeable!” Our Guest Speaker Is Robert Overman – Come And Support Him As He Shares The Message!



Daniel in the Lions' Den: A Testimony of Unwavering Faith

In the stillness of a starry night in ancient Babylon, Daniel, a devoted servant of the Lord, found himself surrounded by the fierce growls of lions. Imagine the dim light casting eerie shadows on the den's walls, the gleam of the lions' eyes reflecting a primal hunger. Yet, amidst this harrowing scene, Daniel stood firm, his heart a fortress of unwavering faith.

Daniel's journey to the lions' den began not with a roar but with whispers of jealousy and betrayal. His peers, envious of his favor with King Darius, concocted a scheme to trap him. They knew Daniel's faith was his compass, guiding him to pray thrice daily to his God, even when faced with a decree that worship should be reserved for the king alone.

Despite knowing the consequences, Daniel chose faith over fear. He knelt by his window, facing Jerusalem, his prayers ascending like incense to the heavens. It was this moment of serene defiance that sealed his fate, yet also demonstrated his profound trust in God's protection.

As he was cast into the lions' den, one could imagine Daniel's mind not filled with panic, but with the psalms of David, perhaps whispering, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." The lions, powerful yet subdued, prowled around him, but did not attack.

This miraculous act was not merely a display of divine intervention but a testament to the power of steadfast faith. When dawn broke, King Darius, who had spent a sleepless night in anguish, rushed to the den. His voice, trembling with hope, called out, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

Imagine the king's relief and astonishment as Daniel replied, "My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight."

Daniel's deliverance serves as a beacon of hope, reminding us that even in the darkest, most perilous circumstances, God's light can guide us through. His story encourages us to remain steadfast in our faith, to trust that God's presence will shield us from the lions that threaten to devour our spirit.

So, when faced with trials and tribulations, remember Daniel. Stand firm in your faith, for God's love and protection are unwavering, even in the lion's den.

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

November 5, 2024

Rev. Lynwood Wells, Pastor

Budget \$6050.00
World Hunger \$25.00
Cash in Cash out—Kids \$75.00
Food Pantry \$50.00
Total Deposit \$6200.00

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

Lauren Zavaglia (American People) KH, Jeri Whitfield (Asian Pacific Rim People) ST, RW (European People) JH (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) JL (South Asian People) Russell Taylor (FL) Silvio Rodriquez (NJ) Jeff Dankenbring (OR)

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 October 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.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, November 18th , Hilton Presbyterian, 34 Main Street, 1pm-6pm, you can walk on or go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter HiltonAC to make an appointment.

Calendar

Tuesday, November 5th

No Food Distribution

Wednesday, November 6th

No Bible Study

Thursday, November 7th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Sunday, November 10th

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

Tuesday, November 12th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, November 13th

No Bible Study

Thursday, November 14th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Sunday, November 17th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and In person

Worship at HBC

Produce Giveaway

Happy Birthday in November

11/5 Bella Moriah

11/7 Barbara Caffacus

11/8 Mary Hall

11/10 Gloria Ammons

11/11 Joe Whiting

11/13 Barry Surber

11/15 George Savedge

11/21 Jessica Moore

11/24 Richard Childs

11/24 Joshua Michie

11/26 Ray Moody

11/27 Annabelle Stuart

11/30 Pam Cooke



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. It will be a lot of fun, entertainment including music, games and quizzes. Save the date! More information is coming!

Lock up/ Hall Monitor 11/10 Roger Cooke 11/7 Lisa and David Falls

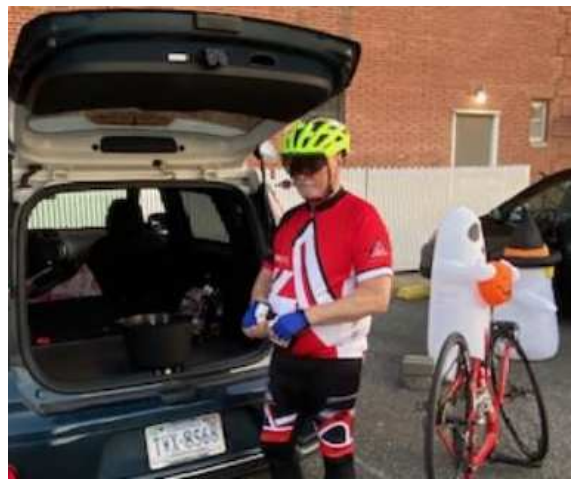
Counter 11/11 Margaret Upole 11/18 Joe Wircenske

Kids Church 11/10 Tracy Venable 11/17 Lisa York

Trunk or Treat— A great success! Over 600 kids came through and that is not including parents and fur babies! We had 16 cars and it was a great time. These are only a few of the pictures from the night!

Thanks to ALL who donated candy, brought their cars and helped with set up, clean up and made this night a super night!







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)

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.



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!

We are still looking for helpers. Please contact Dreama if you are interested in helping!

***There will be a meeting of all workers on Tuesday, November 19th at 6pm. The meeting will be brief, but it will be helpful for all to attend so that you can know what will be taking place.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Pack a shoebox online!

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.

When God Seems Slow In Responding....



I have been struggling on several levels in my prayer life lately, seeking God for answers that seem so slow in coming.

As a result, I have been drawn quite a bit recently to the story of Lazarus' death in John 11. One verse that jumps out at me says that when Jesus heard that Lazarus was ill, "*He stayed two days longer in the place where He was...*" (John 11:6)

He stayed away from Mary and Martha and Lazarus... longer? Nobody does that. If you hear that someone you love is in trouble, you get over to them fast.

Three times in the surrounding verses we read how deeply Jesus loved these three friends. So why did He stay away? We can totally understand why Martha's face had a big question mark. "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

This is the hardest moment in any crisis. From our perspective, the problem is growing, the prayers are rising, but the provision is not coming. We draw a dotted line from delay to deception and conclude that God doesn't love us and then spend many dark, disappointing nights believing our own lie.

Here's an important truth gleaned from this situation. God doesn't love the way we love. What appears unloving may in fact be the greatest kindness of all.

We expect God to work our solution on our timetable. Can you imagine the complexity of the tapestry God is weaving in the universe? We're over here in our limited little corner without a clue about what's going on in the bigger picture! Faith says that what God is doing is right, even when we don't understand. I believe the whole tapestry will unfold for us someday.

But for now I have to believe in spite of what I see, that He is after my good and His glory in every situation. I must trust that what appears unloving may in fact be His greatest kindness. God is at work in your times of crisis. Whatever is challenging and stretching you right now in your family, your workplace, or in your personal walk with God, He is at work in that.

He is building your faith in every circumstance. He knows all about that thing that is breaking your heart. Will you believe He is



Bad Things... Good People

If I decided how my days were to go, I would never write in "crisis." I would never write, "Get sick" here or "Have my tire go flat" there, or "Have this unexpected disaster take place." I would just write in all the good stuff. I would plan for everything to go my way.

But guess what? We're not in charge of our lives. God is. I love what the prophet once admitted to the Lord: *"O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps"* (Jeremiah 10:23, NKJV). The fact is, God will allow so-called "bad things" to happen to us in the course of our days. But as time goes by, you will find that the significant things you learn in life didn't really come from the good times and the mountaintop experiences. They came from those times of crisis in which you were more dependent on God. Many of the most difficult days will, in retrospect, turn out to be unbelievably valuable, because it is through those so-called "bad times" that you will learn some of life's most important lessons.

When you put your faith in Jesus Christ, you come under His protective care. God is fully aware of everything that happens to you, and thankfully He is never asleep on the job. He pays careful attention to the smallest details of your life and is in complete control of all circumstances that surround you. He knows what's happening in your life right now – knows it better than you do. And His presence and provision will be all you need to make it through.

The Last Impression

While traveling on a mission trip to Latin America, a pastor was going to use a translator when preaching. But to identify with his audience, he wanted to begin his sermon by saying in Spanish, "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen." He arrived at the church a little early and realized he did not know the Spanish words for ladies and gentlemen. Being rather resourceful, he went to the part of the building where the restrooms were, looked at the signs on the two doors, and memorized those two words.



When the people arrived and he was introduced, he stood up and said in Spanish, "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen." The congregation was shocked. He didn't know whether he had offended them or perhaps they hadn't heard him or understood him. So he decided to repeat it. Again in Spanish he said, "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen."

One person in the congregation began to snicker. Pretty soon the entire audience was laughing. Finally, someone told him that he had said, "Good evening, bathrooms and broom closets!"



God...Is He In Your Will?

God Word commands us, *“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust does corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust does corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your*

treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matt. 6:19-21).

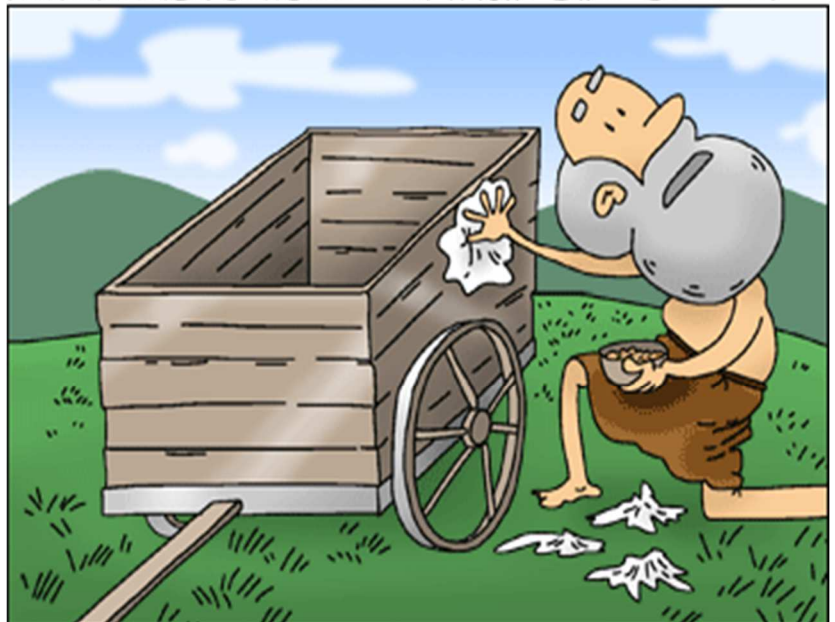
By planning ahead in writing your will and choosing to leave part of your estate to the ongoing work of God’s Church, you can continue to fulfill God’s purpose even after your death. Sometimes I like to ask, *“You want to be in God’s will... Shouldn’t He be in yours?”*

Your Last Will and Testament can stand as a final act of good stewardship. Oftentimes a designation of the tithe, or simply one-tenth of your estate will far exceed beyond many tithes and offerings given at their present value. When we specify a portion of our inheritance to God first, we honor not only Him but our family and friends as well.

God Himself has told us that everything belongs to Him: *“The earth is the LORD’S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein” (Psa. 24:1).* As good stewards, we must seek God’s will in deciding what we do with His gifts. We know that God accomplishes His purpose through those who seek to do His will, and that He has *“has put in [our] hearts to fulfill His will”* even after we are gone! (Rev. 17:17).

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!

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Thanks to Kerry Hodgkinson

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RAIN? 40 DAYS AND NIGHTS? RIGHT AFTER I FINISHED A MOST THOROUGH WAX JOB ON MY WAGON?