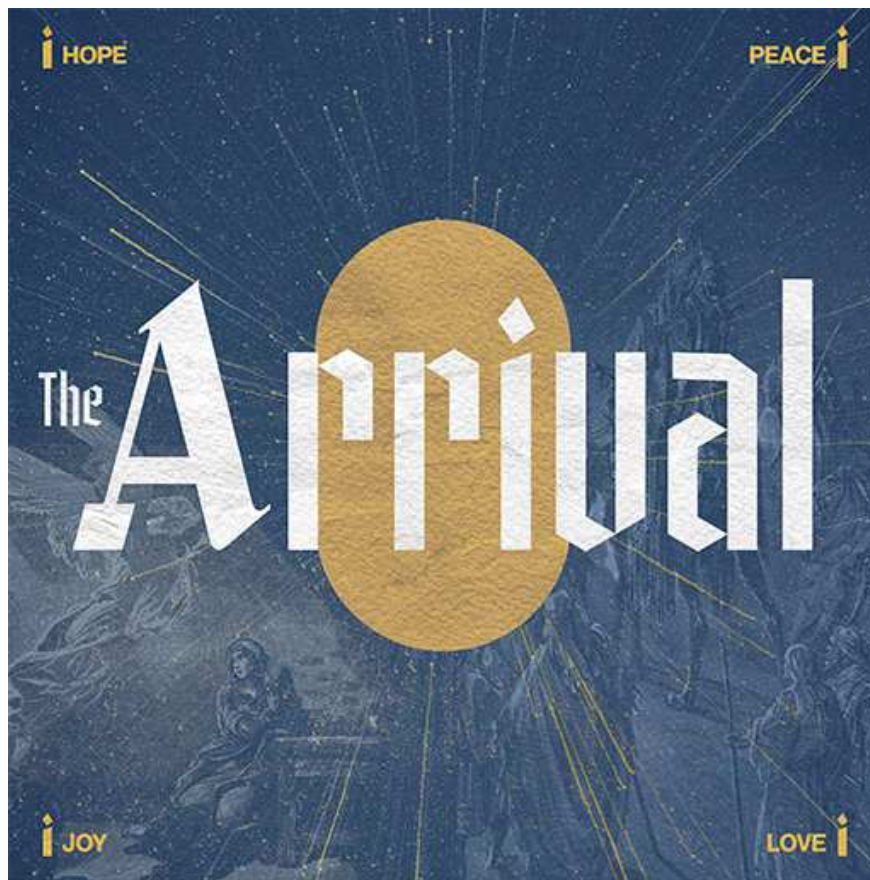


The HBC Weekly Forecast
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Step into the breathtaking story of Jesus' birth with this new inspiring message series, *The Arrival*. More than a seasonal tradition, this series invites us to reimagine the wonder, hope, and promise that unfolded on that holy night. From the humble manger to the angelic proclamation, Groeschel unpacks the extraordinary truth: God became man to bring light into our darkest moments.

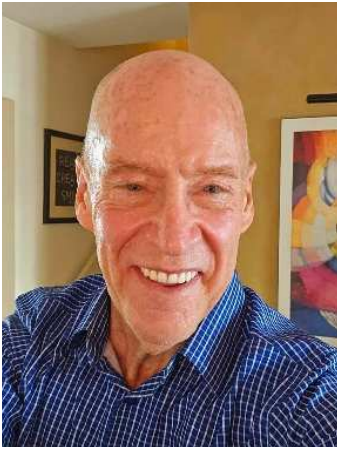
Join us as we celebrate the ultimate arrival: Emmanuel, God with us. Let the message of *The Arrival* stir your heart to reflect on the life-changing impact of Christ's birth and the promise of His presence in every season. This Christmas, don't just hear the story—live it.

Get ready for a series that will deepen your understanding of Jesus' arrival and renew your hope in the One who came to save us all.

Join us live at HBC 10:00 this Sunday for this exciting new message series on Jesus' birth called "The Arrival."

Also make plans to attend "The Christmas Project" on December 15th at 6:30pm. This is a spectacular concert where traditional Christmas music meets a Mannheim Steamroller sound in styles for all ages.

Let's pack the church!



The Arrival: A Devotional Reflection on the Birth of Christ

When Jesus arrived in a manger in Bethlehem, it wasn't just the fulfillment of prophecy—it was the ultimate act of love. God didn't send a warrior or a ruler to assert His power. He sent a baby, fragile and dependent, to reveal His heart for humanity. Our new series, *The Arrival*, reminds us that the story of Jesus' birth is not only about what happened in a stable over 2,000 years ago but about what happens in our hearts today when we encounter Emmanuel, God with us.

The arrival of Jesus changes everything. His birth wasn't surrounded by the grandeur of palaces or the applause of nations but by the simplicity of shepherds and the humility of a carpenter and his wife. This reminds us that God's kingdom often begins in the unnoticed and the overlooked. Are there areas in your life that feel small or insignificant? Take heart—God specializes in using the ordinary to accomplish the extraordinary.

In the silence of that first Christmas night, heaven and earth met. Angels declared peace, shepherds witnessed glory, and wise men journeyed to worship. Each of these responses challenges us today. Will we seek Him with the same urgency? Will we worship Him with the same abandon? The story of *The Arrival* invites us to approach Jesus not as a distant figure in history but as the living Savior who longs to dwell with us.

The miracle of the manger is that Jesus' arrival brought hope where there was despair, light where there was darkness, and life where there was death. What are you longing for this Christmas? Peace in chaos? Joy in sorrow? Restoration in brokenness? The arrival of Jesus assures us that God is near, and His love is always enough.

This season don't let familiarity rob you of wonder. Pause and reflect on the incredible truth that God came down to meet us where we are. Let the message of *The Arrival* renew your faith, ignite your worship, and remind you that the same Savior who came to a stable longs to enter the manger of your heart. Will you make room for Him today?

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

November 26, 2024

Rev. Lynwood Wells, Pastor

Budget \$3615.00

Associational Missions \$135.00

Lottie Moon \$525.00

Cash in Cash out– R & R \$400.00

Cash in Cash out– Sonshine Kids \$25.00

Food Pantry \$25.00

Total Deposit \$4725.00

Calendar

Tuesday, December 3rd

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Thursday, December 5th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Sunday, December 8th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Produce Giveaway

Tuesday, December 10th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

Thursday, December 12th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

Saturday, December 14th

Children's Christmas Workshop

10am– 2pm

Sunday, December 15th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and In person

Worship at HBC

Ugly Sweater or Shirt Sunday

**Wear your favorite Ugly
Sweater/ Shirt to church**

Food Bank Giveaway after worship

Free and open to the public

6:30pm Combined Service

The Christmas Project Music

Please remember we are no longer collecting aluminum cans. If you would like to take your cans to Dominion Recycling, just mention Hilton Baptist Church and you will get a better rate and then you can donate to missions

Schedules

Lock up/ Hall Monitor

12/8 Charles Vassar

12/15 Robbie Ayscue

Counter

12/9 Margaret Upole

12/16 Joe Wircenske

Kids Church

12/8 Kathy Caskie

12/15 Lisa York



Happy Birthday in December

12/3 Beverly Tawney

12/5 Chas Johnson

12/14 Diane Figuenick

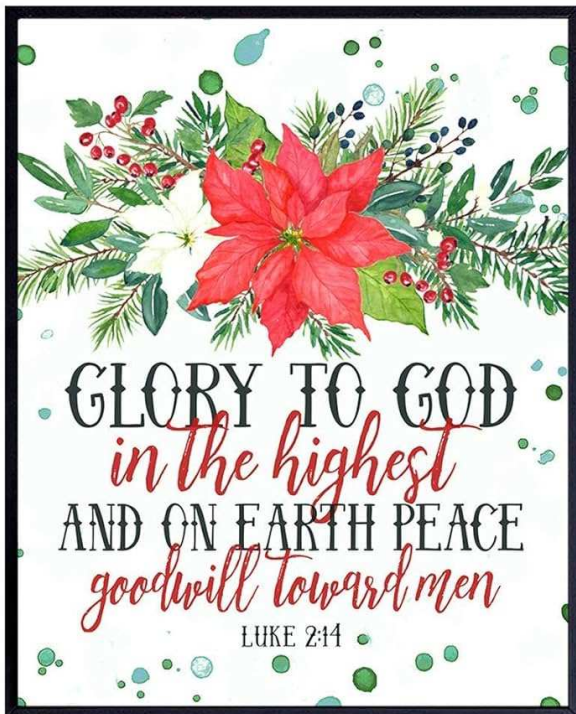
12/19 Jessica Surber

12/20 Joyce Spiers

12/25 Karen Simpson

12/27 Myra Ntungia

12/30 Brenda Egnot



HBC 100th Anniversary Mugs

We have lots of the Anniversary Mugs available to anyone that wants them. They are located in the Connection Center. Take as many as you would like.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Southern Baptist churches collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the sole purpose of supporting International Missions. Every penny of the offering goes to the International Mission Board's overseas budget, thus supporting our missionaries and their work.

Collected to date \$725.00

Missions Outreach

If you have any questions on Missions Outreach Activities

call Pam Cooke 757-660-4226

Pray for our Missionaries

Mike Brungardt (American People) BG, SP (Asian Pacific Rim People) LH (Central Asian People) Beverly Holmes (European People) SD, SR (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) AL (South Asian People) Nathan Schoen (Sub-Saharan African People) Tiffany Smith (LA) Austin Jackson (MO) Steven Chang (PA) Jonathan Attaway (TX)

November's Community Dinner is Friday, December 27th

Journey Church is 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 December Grace Inside's chaplains are dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs of all residents of Virginia's state prisons. The chaplains provide one-on-one pastoral care, conduct worship services and work with the Department of Corrections staff in offering rehabilitative programs. Chaplains are also responsible for scheduling all religious programs conducted by volunteers representing many faith traditions.

PORT— 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.

LINK Food Pantry— LINK is needing non– perishable items for their food pantry. If you can help with a donation, please bring them to the church and place them in the Mission Outreach corner. This will be a much needed blessing to many people.



Children's Christmas Workshop

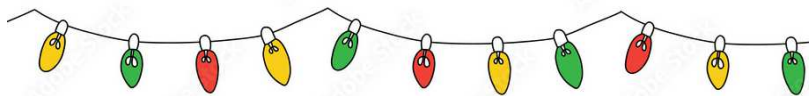
Saturday, December 14th

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 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

A Christmas Word from Pastor Lynwood's heart to yours...

As we come to the conclusion of 2024, I want to take this opportunity to say a special word of "Thanks!" to God and to each of you in the HBC Family for the privilege of serving as your pastor. It has been a wonderful 24 years for me!



With each new birth, wedding graduation and other wonderful life celebrations we have shared my heart and life have been enriched. With each departure and funeral, a part of me has been buried and taken along as well. That's the beautiful circle of life God has given us here on our earthly journey, and especially more so, in the household of faith we call our HBC church family.

The upcoming year of 2025 promises to be a year of growth and community connection like we have never before experienced. Through these many years together we have so much for which to be grateful. Yet, I believe our greatest opportunities still lie ahead of us. We must move forward together and in faith! Other wise our future will slip through our fingers like sand and be lost to the wind.

My prayer for you and yours, and our church as we close of 2024, is that we will continue to grow and work together in the grace, love and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ – so that when our journey is done, we will hear... "Well done, good and faithful servants!"

Much Love to you, this Christmas and always, Lynwood

**THE
CHRISTMAS
PROJECT**

A Rockin' Christmas Concert

**Sunday, December 15th
6:30pm - 8pm**

I'm Not A Perfect Christmas Tree!

*"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." -
2 Corinthians 12:9-10*



Several years ago, about this time, I reconnected with an old girlfriend on Facebook . We used to date when we both lived in Tulsa. I met her one Christmas when she was setting up the Christmas tree at a local mall. I remember being fascinated at how perfect the tree appeared; especially since I knew it was a live one. I commented on the fact of how beautiful it was (and it didn't hurt matters that she was too!)

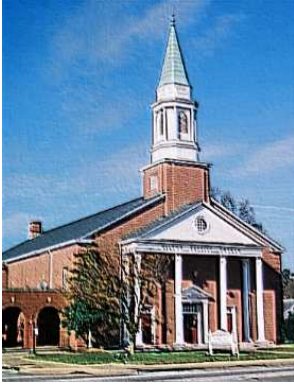
That's when she let me in on a little secret. That tree got lots of help. In fact, to make sure it looked perfect and even from all sides, existing branches had been cut off, extra ones were collected, and each branch was cut and trimmed. Then, holes were drilled in the tree trunk and extra branches were placed in just the right spots. The tree was made to look flawless because the mall thought that dressing up the tree would make it more attractive to shoppers who came to see it.

When I think about that holiday season and the message of Christ, I'm convinced that the mall had it all wrong. I think God looks at us more like Charlie Brown's Christmas tree. You know the one I mean. A tree that is far from perfect: skimpy, left behind and unwanted. A tree that has lots of gaps in the branches and need extra help getting decorated.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that demonstrated His incredible power by working through him even in the midst of His weaknesses. It is also these weaknesses that reminded Paul to rely on the Lord, for he knew he could not succeed without the power of God in his life.

It is tempting to rely on our own strength or think we can do everything on our own based on the talents, energy and effort we give to something. However, God wants us to realize instead that we need to rely on Him to be our strength. When we rely on Him, we will not only find ourselves stronger, but we will also continue to grow and move to deeper Christian character when we allow God's strength to work in us.

So when you face situations that are difficult and challenging, reject the lies the evil one would whisper in your ears. Be encouraged. God will make His power perfect in you... And the good news is that it will be just as you are, with flaws and all!



Is Hilton Baptist Church on Your Christmas Gift List?

As we come to the end of 2024, we want to finish strong in our finances.. To accomplish this, we need to receive a generous outpouring of offerings before December 31st.

Christmas is a time when we remember how God poured His very best into the poverty of our humanity. And because He gave the very best gift He could give, we celebrate our salvation with joy today. In the gift of His Son Jesus, we received the hope of all mankind.

How will you respond to the gift of His amazing grace in your life? What do you believe God have you do to honor Him as 2024 comes to an end?

The faith we as a church are willing to demonstrate in wrapping up December will help set the goals we can aim for in 2025. Each day we celebrate our past, we must likewise, in faith, create our future. Imagine an HBC where people are drawn by our love, faith and generosity – and want to come and be a part of a growing, vibrant church family.

The harvest of that dream for the close of 201 is made possible by the seeds of our faith and financial gifts we sow now – Let's celebrate all God has done for us this Christmas by doing all we can for Him!

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

