

The Forecast
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The principle "What you keep is what you have, but what you give to God, He multiplies," challenges the mindset of scarcity and replaces it with a kingdom perspective of abundance. Giving to God is not about losing but about sowing into His purposes. Seeds must leave our hands to produce a harvest, and in the same way, what we entrust to God grows beyond what we could ever imagine.

Whether it's resources we give to support others, time invested in His work, or talents used for His glory, God not only meets our needs but often exceeds them. In His economy, the act of giving is an act of faith that unlocks blessings, not only for us but for countless others!

Beginning Next Week, Wed. Jan. 15th – Wed. Jan. 22nd

HBC Will Host The P.O.R.T. Ministry
Providing Food & Shelter For The Area Homeless
People To Help Serve Are Still Needed and Invited To Serve Contact
Church Office At (757)595-3300



Welcome Into The New Year 2025!

It's with great joy in my heart that I welcome you into the year 2025. And it's my prayer that even as we look to God for guidance and instructions in this year, the grace to live in the accuracy of divine instructions will rest upon us, in the name of Jesus, amen!

Many people have lived in regrets and short of the realities of God's will for them over this past year, simply because they failed to seek and listen to the voice of God. And they wonder why their lives have produced little or no tangible results. If there's anything we are going to learn to do more than we have ever done, it is to trust God, listen to His voice and move forward in faith to accomplish those things He has called us to do,

Many people put their confidence in natural advantages and physical things they can see, but at the end of the year, their results are mixed with frustration and sorrow. And there are people who have maintained a habit and culture of doing things without considering the will of God and have been doing this same thing for many years and getting the same frustrating results, and never reasoned that there's a need for them to sit and think about what the problem really is.

The reason a lot of people may fall outside of the plan of God for their lives in this year in the upcoming year is because they will refuse to yield to God's Word and instructions. Many will be deceived by the devil to feel that the commands of God are wearisome and burdensome, so they will decide to rather do things by their own wisdom and intelligence, thereby forsaking the way of life and the path of truth. However, the word of God shows us the wisdom to apply as we live our lives on a daily basis;

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." Proverbs 3:5-6.

In this coming year of 2025, in order for each of us to live in the fullness of the plans and agendas of God for us, we must trust in the Lord with all our heart and depend not on our wisdom. Every time we are about to take any step, need ask for God's wisdom, and He surely will lead and guide us.

As I conclude, I encourage you to consciously make a decision to follow the word and voice of God in this upcoming year. Don't be like some other folks who rush into the euphoria of a new year, with no intention of living according to the direction of God for their lives. And it's my prayer that even as the Lord will be bringing you His instructions for different circumstances around your life, you will be blessed and enabled by His grace to live according to His desires for you. In the name of Jesus, amen!

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

January 7, 2025

Budget \$6350.18

Designated Budget Offerings \$5.00

Cash in Cash out– Sonshine Kids \$25.00

Food Pantry \$25.00

PORT \$10.00 (From Recycling)

Total Deposit \$6415.18

Calendar

Tuesday, January 7th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Thursday, January 9th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Sunday, January 12th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Fill Food Bank Distribution

Free and open to the public

Tuesday, January 14th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

Wednesday– January 15th

PORT

Thursday, January 16th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

PORT

Friday, January 17th

PORT

Saturday, January 18th

PORT

Sunday, January 19th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Produce Giveaway after worship

PORT



HAPPY NEW YEAR
2025

Happy Birthday in January

1/9 Matt Jordan

1/10 Mia Kuhlne

1/10 Heather Michie– Collins

1/13 Cathy Childs

1/13 Dreama Johnson

1/18 Al Dillon

1/23 Barbara Michie

1/30 Carolyn Schaubach

Schedules

Lock up/ Hall Monitor

1/12 Pam Cooke

1/19 Stan Langdon

Counter

1/13 Joe Wircenske

1/20 Margaret Upole

Kids Church

1/12 Tracy Venable

1/19 Lisa York

Mennowood Retirement Community invites everyone to attend the following FREE Events

Tuesday, January 14th 12pm-1pm “Extended Care Planning vs. Crisis Care Planning”
Presented by Oscar Alvarez, CFP of Pathway Financial Planning

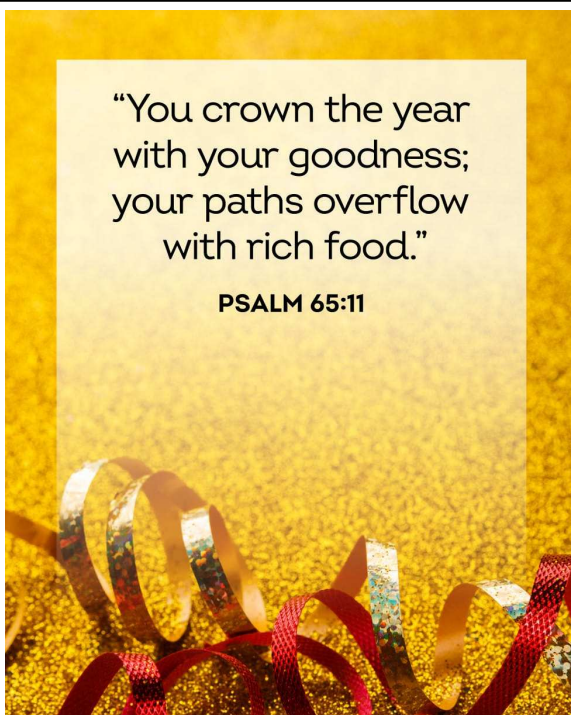
Tuesday, January 21st 12pm-1pm “Understanding Your Senior Living Options” Presented by Dawn Michelle, Certified Advisor with Choice Connections of Virginia.

All events are free and open to the public but you need to make reservations.

RSVP to Michele at the Mennowood 757-249-0355 or mryba@mennowood.com

“You crown the year
with your goodness;
your paths overflow
with rich food.”

PSALM 65:11



Missions Outreach

***If you have any questions on Missions Outreach Activities
call Pam Cooke 757-660-4226***

Pray for our Missionaries

Cheryl Derbyshire, AK, LM (Asian Pacific People) RC, GH, EP (Central Asian People)
Cara Stevens (European People) RS (Global Strategic Advance) Orlando Reyes (FL)
Jared Smith (GA)

January's Community Dinner is Friday, January 31st

We need your help! We need help with preparation, serving and clean up. Please see Pam Cooke if you can help. If you want to help with the food bank giveaway, contact Tara. We need you to come and love and help with our Community.

WMU Mission Project for January

PORT

PORT— Starts Next week! 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. Please pray for the workers of PORT and the guests that we will have.

Whatever you did for one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine,

you did for me.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS
for P.O.R.T. Homeless
Ministry!!!

(P.eople O.ffering
R.esources T.together)

**HELPING THE
HOMELESS &
GIVING HOPE**



January 15th - January 22nd

See Pam Cooke for Details or...
Call Church Office @ 595-3300

When God Has Other Plans...

"Having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia ... they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them." – Acts 16:6-7



Paul had a clear mission: to spread the Gospel, follow God's call, and deliver His messages. Throughout his journeys, he developed confidence that God was guiding him – until he approached Troas (in modern-day Turkey). Suddenly, God blocked every move. As a result, Paul didn't know what to do or where to go. He faced a future filled with unknowns.

He could have given in to frustration and doubt. But, just in time, God spoke to him in a vision and told him to go to Macedonia. This was a new direction but clearly God's will. Looking back, Paul could see why He had blocked his path. God wanted him to do something different than he had planned. God may block our path for reasons we don't understand at times. We may not have His peace. Doors may close in ways we didn't expect. We simply may not know exactly where to go.

When this happens, we need to remember Paul's example. Start by being faithful to what God has revealed. Obey His Word and the direction you have received. Always be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Pray and seek Him until you have His peace and He confirms to your future direction and the good things He has planned for you.

Remember, God is with you right now. Commit your ways to Him. Be confident that He will guide you. Have faith that He will supply your needs and know that He will direct your steps as you follow Him!



Learn to Wait

“My times are in Your hand...” – Psalm 31:15

As you walk with God, you’ll find you spend more time waiting than you do anything else. And when you receive what you’re waiting for, then you’ll begin waiting for something else! So if you don’t learn to wait with joy, you’ll live in frustration.

Paul writes, *“Let us not grow weary while doing good: for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart.”* (Galatians 6:9) “Due season” is when God knows the time is right, not when you think it is. God has a set time for accomplishing things in your life, so you might as well settle down and wait, because that’s when it will happen, and not before. God knows what you need, when you need it, and how to get it to you.

You ask, “And what am I supposed to do while I’m waiting?” Trust Him! One Bible teacher writes, “God has taught me to keep living the life I now have while I’m waiting for the things that are in my heart to come to pass. We become so intent on trying to undertake the next thing that we fail to enjoy and take care of the things at hand. I had a vision from God ten years before I began to see it fulfilled. During those years I believe I missed a lot of joy by trying to move forward outside of God’s timing. Learn to enjoy where you are, while you are waiting to get to where you want to be.”

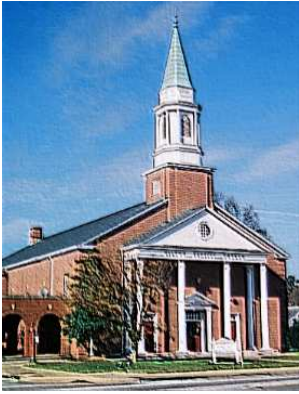
The Last Impression...

A man bought a donkey from a preacher. The preacher told the man that this donkey had been trained in a very unique way, (being the donkey of a preacher). The only way to make the donkey go, is to say, “Hallelujah!” The only way to make the donkey stop, is to say, “Amen!”



The man was pleased with his purchase and immediately got on the animal to try out the preacher’s instructions. “Hallelujah!” shouted the man. The donkey began to trot. “Amen!” shouted the man. The donkey stopped immediately. “This is great,” said the man. With a “Hallelujah” he rode off, very proud of his new purchase. The man travelled for a long time through some mountains. Soon he was heading towards a cliff. He could not remember the word to make the donkey stop. “Stop,” said the man. “Halt!” he cried. The donkey just kept going. “Oh, no... Bible!... Church!... Please Stop!!” shouted the man. The donkey just began to trot faster. He was getting closer and closer to the cliff edge. Finally, in desperation, the man said a prayer... “Please, dear Lord. Please make this donkey stop before I go off the end of this mountain, In Jesus name, AMEN”. The donkey came to an abrupt stop just one step from the edge of the cliff.

“HALLELUJAH!” shouted the man.



***Start Off The New Year Of 2025 Right...
With A Special Gift Of Faith!***

As we are beginning a bright and hopeful New Year, we want to plant our seed early on for the blessings we hope will receive during the next 12 months. To accomplish this, let us consider sowing a special seed in our giving at the very outset of the year in an expression of our faith in His faithfulness.

As this year lies before us, we are positioned as never before to blaze a fresh, new direction in both our worship and our facilities. The vision that Pastor Lynwood and Vision Team are mapping out will be a bold one and will be shared over the next few months.

Let us pray now and together for the wind of the Holy Spirit to stir up the flame inside each one of us for the faith we will need to accomplish what's set before us. Through His grace and through His goodness, we truly believe that HBC's best days are yet to come. Join your faith with ours to believe God for the same for your life as well!

**“Give Your Best To God And
Expect His Best Back To You!”
God provided for us through 2024...
Let's expect miracles in 2025!**

***In 2025 Remember And Be
Faithful in You Tithes and
Offerings...***

***Sow Abundantly and Reap
an Abundant Harvest Back.
Give God the Glory!***

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**STOP, DROP, AND ROLL DOESN'T WORK
HERE**