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Weekly Newsletter

January 13, 2015



The New Rules Of Resolution...

IT'S NOT TRYING, IT'S TRAINING!

We began this exciting series "*The New Rules of Resolution*," with the important message the truth about the transformation experience is that, "*It's A Process, Not A Project*." Last Sunday we focused on, "*It's Not Achieving, It's Receiving!*" This week we discover, "*It's Not Trying, It's Training!*"

The truth in life is, men and women do not go to battle simply by putting on a uniform and bearing a weapon. Before they enter a war-zone, they must first train for action. Sadly, any Christians have simply worn the uniform of Christ for years without training to be His disciple. Sure, they have tried to follow Jesus, but they haven't trained.

Training takes effort, determination, and commitment. It is strenuous and challenging. But it is the only way to grow. Many churches overlook this fact and create an atmosphere of "trying" instead of "training" –try to be good, try to be nice, try to be here, try not to embarrass us. That's a great policy for a social club, but not a great strategy to win the world. Churches who try but don't train are full of kind, respected people with no life transformation.

Training means putting our faith into practice. The disciple-maker must lead his disciple through life experiences. Every experience is an opportunity for learning. Paul knew the power of training through life experiences when he said, "*Imitate me as I imitate Christ.*" ([I Corinthians 11:1](#))

Try thinking of discipleship like teaching a child to ride a bike. What does that kind of teaching look like? Do you sit down at the table and go through a book on cycling? Do you lecture about balance? Do you start with a chart outlining the nuts, bolts, gears, and spokes? Very few fathers hand their sons the bicycle's user manual and say, "Good luck!" Instead, they place them on the bike and help them hold it steady as they learn to pedal. Then, slowly, they let go, until the child gets the hang of it.

This is how Jesus trained the twelve. He began by placing a few men's feet on the *pedals of ministry*. As He walked with these men, He gently moved them forward while *holding on to the seat*. After three-and-a-half years of coaching, He released them to *ride* as ministers of the gospel. Of course, they all crashed a few times, but just like riding a bike, they never forgot what He trained them to do.

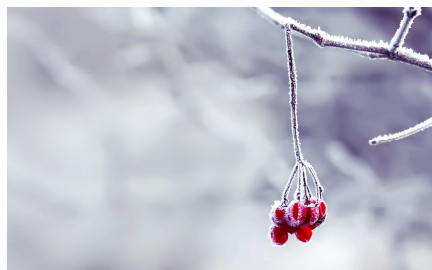
As the ancient proverb states, "*I hear, I forget; I see, I remember; I do, I understand...*" And don't we all want to know and better understand?

On the grace journey of training together with Him, Pastor Lynwood

Dear Nursery Volunteers,

*I thank you for your
faithful service with our
young children.*

You are such a blessing.



Inclement Weather

In the event of Inclement weather– your deacon will notify you of any changes in services. Also please check our Facebook page or our website. We will update these to reflect any changes in our normal church schedule.

Sunday School and Worship Report January 11, 2015

Sunday School Enrollment.....	110
Contacts.....	16
Visitors.....	0
Total present.....	63
Worship Attendance.....	88

HBC Counting Report for January 11, 2015

8-200 Future Growth.....	\$60.00
8-107 Lottie Moon.....	\$260.00
8-102 Wednesday Night	\$145.00
8-404 WMU– More than Nets.....	\$10.00
Budget.....	\$4201.54
Budget Designated Initial Offering.....	\$55.00
Refund from Insurance	\$33.92
Total Deposit.....	\$4790.46
R&R Youth Worker.....	\$25.00
Total collected to date for the Youth Worker.....	\$4863.00

December Recap

Budget Receipts	\$20,263.14
Designated Receipts	\$9799.72
Budget Expenses	\$23,945.14
Designated Expenses	\$7977.70

R & R Account \$27,026.15

PDF	\$11,205.50
R & R	10,982.65
Youth Worker	\$4838.00

Money Market \$71,081.07

Savings	\$30,703.48
Outreach	\$16,493.78
Building Maintenance	\$19,705.11
Designated Replenish	\$4178.70





**OUR ON GOING
MISSION....**



Pray for Missions

**Please pray for the
following Missionaries this week:**

Diane Smith– Alabama
Kim Simpson– British Columbia
Eric Barnes, Frank Hsu– California
Courtney Stovall– Georgia
Craig Carter– Kansas
Sachi Nishio– Maryland
Vivan Yi– Maryland
Babi Biswakarma– Massachusetts
Sarah Grout– Missouri
Bernard Burney– North Carolina
John Pope, Denise Smith– Ohio
Harper Kilian, Ann Lawton– Texas
Daniel Casper– Wisconsin
BS, DS
BB, David Blanton, DF, Shelly Foster
East Asian People
Amanda Darnell– European People
CW, KT, LJ– Northern African and
Middle Eastern People
AW, DW, SH– South Asian People
LS– Southeast Asian People
Amy Barbour, DL, Emily Ousley, SJ-
Sub– Saharan African People

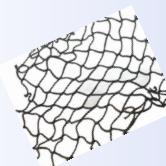


“More Than Nets”

Give to the mission that helps prevent
Malaria in Yendi.

Malaria has been eliminated from the
United States and other developed
countries. It is still a threat to more
than 40% of the world's population..

Mark your envelope...More than Nets.
\$10.00 will provide one net!



January

Carenet

Maternity and
Baby Needs
Church Pantry



Our Goal :
\$7000.00

Collected to date:
\$4445.00

ONE SACRED EFFORT

FIND YOUR PLACE
IN GOD'S STORY

MATTHEW 28:19-20

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2014 **LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®**
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS NOV. 30 - DEC. 7

Weekly Assignment Schedule

Greeters

January 18th– Roger & Pam
Cooke

January 25th– Moses Sabb

Lock Up

January 18th– Pam Cooke

January 25th– Bob Spiers

Bus Ministry

January 18th– Charles Vassar

January 25th– Don Krause

Deacon of the Week

January 18th– Robbie Ayscue

January 25th– Roger Cooke

Usher

January 18th– Paul Thorne/
Ray Moody

January 25th– Brian & Ruth Fries

Nursery Helpers

January 18th– Hope/ Tribble
Class

January 25th– NC/ New Visions

SS and Children's Church

January 18th– Tracy Venable/
Leann Gardner

January 25th– Cathy Childs/
Gloria Ammons

WNS Support

January 14th– Faith Class

January 21st– Worship Team

*If you can not be present for your
date, please contact a
replacement person.*

This week at HBC

Monday, January 12th

2pm Singing Saints
Warwick Forrest

Tuesday, January 13th

10:30am Happy Hearts

Wednesday, January 14th

5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:15pm Finance Team Meeting
6:15 pm Children in Action
6:15 pm Prayer Meeting
6:15 pm NC Practice

Saturday, January 17th

8:00am B– Men's Breakfast

Sunday, January 18th

9:00am Sunday School
10:00an Worship Celebration
Children's Church
“Jesus Followers”



Missing

We are missing a white oval
table cloth with a biased hem
that we use for communion.

If you have borrowed that
could you please return it as
soon as possible.

Thank you for your help in
this situation.

Mary Frances Beech has
changed her address from the
one that I published a couple
of weeks ago. Please make note
of the new address.

Bay Cove Residence
670 Bay Cove Drive
Suite 31
Biloxi, MS 39532

Happy Birthday from HBC

January

13– Cathy Childs

Janelle Kary

14– Mary Frances Beech



Happy 95th Birthday Hilton Baptist Church

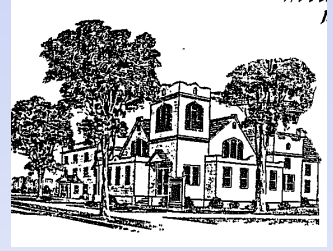
May 4, 1919

May 4, 1969– On Sunday afternoon

The church observed its 50th anniversary with a special program,

Two charter members were present- Mrs. C. L. Morris and

Mr. C. M. Smith



Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, January 19th

2pm– 6pm

St. Andrews Episcopal

Please come and support
the blood drive!



Singing Saints

Monday, January 19th

Morningside 2pm

Monday, January 26th

Newport 2pm



Port

February 11th– 18th

The following things are needed for PORT. If you want to donate any of these items, please place them in the gymnasium.

Needed for our Clothes Closet:

Men's and Women's

Warm Pants (they prefer jeans)

Warm shirts, sweatshirts (They request hoodies)

Winter Shoes (Boats, tennis shoes)

Coats

New socks, t- shirts and underclothes (men prefer boxers)

Scarves, hats and gloves

Needed for Hygiene kits:

Travel Size soap, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion and shampoo

Toothbrushes and washcloths

Please see Pam Cooke or contact the church office if you have any additional questions.



**Sign Up Sheets to work
PORT are in Prior Hall.
Please go down today and
sign up where you can
work!**

Meeting “The Man”

“Come, see a Man.” – John 4:29

When the woman at the well met Jesus, unlike all the other men she’d met, He addressed her real need. “[He said,] ‘Go...get your husband’... ‘I don’t have a husband,’ the woman replied. Jesus said...‘you have had five husbands, and you aren’t...married to the man you’re living with.’” (John 4:16-18)



Imagine meeting a total stranger for the first time and suddenly having a conversation about the most intimate details of your life! How threatening truth of Jesus’ words, and yet how tender and disarming was His approach. He didn’t come down on women or condemn her in any hurtful way. He demonstrated what it means to speak the truth, but to do so in great love.

Speaking of the truth... Isn’t it true the same could be said of each one of us? Whether in relations of so many other life challenges with which we struggle, it seems that because we’re weak, we keep getting into situations that leave us wounded. And those wounds can’t be healed by going from relationship to relationship. After meeting Jesus, this woman ran to tell everybody, “Come... meet a Man who told me everything!” (John 4:29)

Her answer wasn’t another man; she’d already tried that! Her answer was meeting the Man, and asking Him to fill the void in her life.

The Bible refers to this as putting “on the new self, which is being renewed in... the image of its Creator.” (Colossians 3:10)

If you’re sick of the way you’re living and want to change, remember, the woman at the well couldn’t “put off the old man” till she met the new One. When you’re attached to certain habits and relationships, it’s hard to break free in your own strength. You’ll only be able to disengage when you acknowledge Jesus as Lord of your life. Only by embracing the new will you find strength to say goodbye to the old.

So what does all this mean for you? It means coming to Christ as you are, asking Him to save you, and entering into a relationship with Him. James says, “Surrender to God... Resist the devil, and he will run from you.” (James 4:7)

When you do that, God will give you the strength to forsake those old patterns and begin a new life!

The Path Back to God

“When you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I’ll make sure you won’t be disappointed.”

Jeremiah 29:13

I don’t know where you are today. You may be far away from God. Maybe you haven’t been to church in years or maybe you’ve just been distant for a month or two. Maybe you’ve had one of those weeks where you thought, “I really don’t feel God’s presence in my life.” And yet we all long to be close to God. How do you get back to him?



This is the pathway back to spiritual transformation — the things you need to do to get back to God.

1. Get fed up with your life. - Nothing is going to happen in your life until you get dissatisfied with the way you are, until you can say, “I don’t like this. I’m tired of being stressed out all the time. I’m tired of being frustrated all the time. I’m tired of being overworked all the time. I’m tired of feeling distant from God.” Why does God let you get to this point? Because he loves you just the way you are, but he loves you too much to let you stay that way. He will not let you waste your life. Jeremiah 29:13 says, *“When you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I’ll make sure you won’t be disappointed”*

2. Own up to your sin. - Isaiah 59:2 says, *“The trouble is that your sins have cut you off from God. Because of sin he has turned his face away from you”*. Have you ever prayed and felt like God was a million miles away or like there was this veil between you and God? Where does that come from? Your sins have separated you from God. But if you feel far from God, guess who moved? God has always been there. He loves you unconditionally, and he’s waiting for you to own up to your sin so you can have a right relationship with him again.

3. Offer up yourself. -The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 3:18, *“We all show the Lord’s glory, and we are being changed to be like him. This change in us brings ever greater glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit”*. True transformation happens when your heart moves from self-centeredness to God centeredness. Are you there yet? That transformation doesn’t happen overnight. God is going to work on you your entire life. But there is a decision that starts the process.

“I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice” (Romans 12:1a). As we surrender ourselves more completely to God, we discover God reveals Himself more completely to us!

The Process of Change

The first Sunday in January, as we kicked off our start-of-the-year series, “The New Rules of Resolution” we mentioned that progress involves change.

In fact, you can’t make any progress unless things change. And that’s the essence of our problem – we know there are things in our lives that need to be different from the way we are living now, and it’s easy to talk and think about the changes needed in our life – especially at the beginning of the year...However, moving from **talk** to **walk** is a big challenge!



The good news is that we aren’t alone in this! Do you realize that the apostle Paul regularly found himself in this exact same scenario? Look at what he said to the church in Rome:

“I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do... for I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.” (Romans 7:15-19)

If we recognize that we need to change some things in the way we live, then we need to realize that there is a process involved in bringing about that change. In even simpler terms, it may be stated that we need to, “*change the way we change!*”



The Last Impression...

A recent study has shown some remarkable statistics on the cause of fatal accidents:

- 20% of all fatal accidents occur riding in automobiles.

- 17% of all accidents actually occur in your own home.

- 14% of all accidents happen to pedestrians on sidewalks and streets.

- 16% of all accidents happen while travelling in and airplane, boat or train.

But, here’s the great news - only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are related to previous physical disorders.

So – the safest place for you to be at any time is in church!

A Deeper Revelation Of Grace

Over the course of recent years in which I have preached a growing revelation of Grace, I have bumped heads with a fair share of people who really don't like to hear the Good News for some reason. Granted God Himself said that Jesus, the cross and the gospel will be a stumbling block, an offense for many people. I always wondered, "Why do people get offended by good news?" I believe it comes down to an identity crisis.



Many people, especially believers, who hear about grace for the first time react strongly against it because grace presents an identity crisis for them. For years they have been taught they aren't worthy of God's love, that they are sinful pitiful beings who need to throw themselves on the mercy of an angry judgmental God who utterly hates them for sinning and is about to punish and destroy them for being so useless.

They have been shown what God likes and what He hates. Then they are constantly weighed in accordance to their ability to do what God likes and to refrain from doing what God hates to determine their worthiness of His love. *"If you do what God likes, God will like you. If you do things that God hates, God will hate you too. God will love you more if you come to our church, give more than 10% of your hard-earned money away and live as a morally upright person in the community."* Religion fed them with a formula of do good to become worthy, do bad and become unworthy and they have found their identity in that balance.

When Grace comes along and says what you do makes no difference to how much God loves you because He loves and favors you above all else, their whole identity structure comes tumbling down. This makes them angry because somewhere deep inside they realize they have been lied to. For years they have found their identity in the product of their constant efforts to appear pleasing to God and man. They have found solace in thinking or believing their efforts are pleasing to God because of a bunch of rules they can keep.

Your identity should be found in Jesus, not in your works. You have been saved by grace through faith. Not through you own works. Jesus would not have died for you if you weren't worthy. He would not have died for you if He didn't already love you. His love for you is unconditional. That means your effort to be pleasing or worthy of His love is not a condition for His love. No amount of religious good works or pious performance can make you worthy.

You are worthy because Jesus gave His life for you upon the cross. That's grace, pure and simple. God has called you worth and now deserving if you accept His work and not your own efforts. You just have to read the Bible to see that. It is right there in black and white and sometimes red.

Running The Race

Paul was returning to Jerusalem at the end of his third and final missionary journey. By this time in his ministry, Paul had been a Christian for nearly twenty years. Twenty years since Jesus called Paul, "My chosen instrument to carry My name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel" (Acts 9:15). Twenty years of faithful service, and now... *"In every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me"* (Acts 20:23).



Paul was returning home, but his life was not to be easy. There were many trials ahead, but his life had a purpose far beyond his immediate surroundings. Acts 20:24 says, *"I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of, testifying to the gospel of God's grace."*

It was several more years before Paul wrote; *"I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation"* (Philippians 4:12); yet here, when facing certain hardship, Paul showed he had already learned the secret. The particular circumstances in Paul's life had become of minor importance. He knew his contentment was not based on current events, but on bringing glory and honor to God. His life had a wonderful purpose even in the face of great adversity and harsh conditions.

We were all created for the same purpose as Paul – to bring glory and honor to God! Our specific tasks may differ and change from time to time, but we each have the same unchanging purpose. Everything we do, say, and think should bring glory and honor to our Heavenly Father!

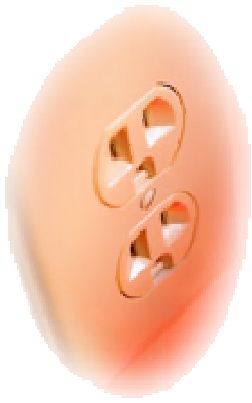
God's race is run in the deepest part of our heart, not in the flurry of activity. Running well is not defined by doing more; rather, we run a "successful" race as we do every little task we are given with the complete and absolute devotion of our heart.

His race is long and often difficult. There are many distractions which seek to slow us down and even pull us from the track; and at times we may even wonder why we're running. But being a participant in God's eternal race is infinitely more rewarding than standing on the sidelines and simply watching! He has called us to run – and to run well!!

We must run the path God places before us with all the strength He provides, and within the sure and calming protection of His grace. Let's run with the motivation of bringing Him glory and honor by loving Him with ALL our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Let's continue to run well, and with a burning desire to finish the race!

The Power of God



The story is told of a hospital's Intensive Care ward where patients always died in the same bed, on Sunday morning, at about 11 a.m., regardless of their medical condition. This puzzled the doctors and some even thought that it had something to do with the supernatural. No one could solve the mystery... as to why the deaths occurred around 11 a.m. on Sundays.

So a world-wide team of experts was assembled to investigate the cause of the incidents. The next Sunday morning, a few minutes before 11 a.m., all doctors and nurses nervously wait outside the ward to see for themselves, what the terrible phenomenon was all about. Some were holding wooden crosses, prayer books and other holy objects to ward off the evil spirits.

Just when the clock struck 11... Pookie Johnson, the part-time Sunday sweeper, entered the ward and unplugged the life support system so that he could use the vacuum cleaner.

The story isn't true (despite what you may have heard to the contrary). But the principle is an important one — where there is no power, the results can be deadly.

I am reminded of what Jesus said to the Sadducees when they came to him asking a question about the resurrection. They asked the question — involving a convoluted situation with a man who married seven women who all died — because they hoped to demonstrate to Jesus that there could not possibly be a resurrection from the dead.

Jesus response was this: *"You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God."* (Matthew 22:29). Any time we deny (or limit) the power of God — denying what He can do if He wants to — we find ourselves on dangerous ground. The New Testament is filled with passages which emphasize God's power. There is power in the gospel (Rom. 1:16), power in the message of the cross (I Cor. 1:18), and power in the resurrection of Christ (I Cor. 6:14).

If you're noticing that others are spiritually dying around you (or maybe even that you yourself are dying), maybe it's time to check the "power source." Are you connected to the One through whom our power comes?

Long with the Apostle Paul, my wish for you is that you be filled with a knowledge of *"the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,"* (Eph. 1:19-20).

*Don't underestimate (or unplug yourself from)
the great power of our God!*

Neither Poverty Nor Riches

Linda was on vacation, playing the slot machines. It was her first time in a casino, and she wasn't sure how the machines operated. "Excuse me," she said to a casino employee. "How does this work?" The worker showed her how to insert a bill, hit the spin button, and operate the release handle.

"And where does the money come out?" she asked. He smiled and motioned to a far wall before saying, "Usually at the ATM!"



That's the trouble with "get rich quick" schemes. There's only one person getting rich, and it's not you! The lure is strong, though. The temptation to come away with that big jackpot, to go home with your pockets full without putting forth much effort. It's easy to see that Paul was right when he said, *"Those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare"* (1 Timothy 6:9a).

Considering the constant temptation of money, it's not surprising that Jesus had much to say about the subject. It is significant, though, that Jesus didn't talk as much about what to do with our money as he talked about the right kind of attitude we ought to have toward it.

Solomon, in his pearls of wisdom contained in Proverbs, also had much to say about our attitude toward wealth. One of my favorite verses on the subject is this one: *"Give me neither poverty nor riches – Feed me with the food allotted to me; lest I be full and deny You, and say, "Who is the LORD?" Or lest I be poor and steal, and profane the name of my God"* (Proverbs 30:8b-9).

May you be sufficiently blessed... But may your riches (or your desire for them) never diminish your sense of need for God.

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



"IT WAS A PREACHING ACCIDENT. I PREACHED THE TRUTH AS I SAW IT, AND THEY THREW ME OUT ON MY EAR!"