



John 3:16-21

16"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

WELCOME 8-26-2023

"[Love] believes all things" (1 Cor. 13:7). Love always expects the best of others. In Luke 15 Jesus tells a parable about a father who had two sons. The younger son asked for his share of the family inheritance, then left home and squandered it on sinful pursuits. When he realized his folly, he decided to return home and ask his father's forgiveness. So "he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him, and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet; and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and be merry'" (vv. 20-23). That's a beautiful illustration of love's eagerness to forgive, but it also implies another characteristic of love. While the son was still far away, the father saw him coming. How could that be? Because he was watching for his son—anticipating and longing for his return. Love forgives when wrongs are committed against it, but it also expects the best of others. That's what it means to believe all things (1 Cor. 13:7). That son had hurt his father deeply, but his father never lost hope that his son would return. I've known Christian women who has been married to an unbelieving husband for many years. Yet they continues to say, "He will come to Christ someday." They aren't blind to the situation, but their love for their husbands has transformed her earnest desire into an expectation. They believe he will turn to Christ because love always expects the best. Perhaps you have a spouse or child who is an unbeliever or has drifted away from the Lord. Don't lose heart! Expect the best and let that expectation motivate you to pray more fervently and set a godly example for your loved ones to follow.

Welcome to H.C.C.

SERVICE SCHEDULE & WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday Mornings

9:45 – Doughnuts

10:00 to 10:30 – Sunday School Class

All ages 0-100

10:45 – Noon - Sunday Morning Worship

In the Sanctuary (In-person & Online)

10:45 – Noon - Children's Church

Age 0 to Preschool in the nursery

Ages Preschool through 5th grade in the gym

There are clip boards in the foyer for those who wish to stay in the Sanctuary but would like the children's lesson.

Sunday Evenings

6:00pm – Sunday Evening Service

In the Sanctuary (In-person & Online)

6:00pm – Youth Slam

In the gym

Games, Food, and Devotions

Wednesday Evenings

7:00pm – Prayer & Bible Study

In the Sanctuary (In-person & Online)

7:00pm – Youth Midweek Service

Topical Lesson and Prayer followed by Open Gym

HCC Office Contact Info

Office hours: Monday - Wednesday 8:30 am – 1 pm
and Saturday 9 am – 1:30 pm.

Phone: (423)725-2541

Email: Info@hamptonchristianchurch.org

What you can do on our website:

*Tithe/Give *Submit Prayer Requests *Access Bulletins
*Access Livestream

This and more at hamptonchristian.org

****Offering last Sunday -\$2441.00**

7 Top Reasons to be at Hampton Christian Church Every Week!

Acts 2:42-47

*Study the Bible Together *Fellowship Together
*Break Bread Together *Pray Together
*Be Together *Give Together
*Worship Together

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 17 - Homecoming

Oct 13 & 14 - Church Directory

Oct 16 & 17 – Ark Encounter Trip

CHILDREN'S CHURCH ROTATION

1st Sunday: Danny and Mariah Arnett

2nd Sunday: Chad and Carla Baxter

3rd Sunday: Patsy and Gary Hurley

4th Sunday: Danny, Teresa, and Rylie McClain

5th Sunday: (Kids attend Main Service)

