



Looking BACK at 8 years together Looking FORWARD another 8 years ahead

1. In the past 8 years, HBC has:
 - a. Celebrated _____ Salvations and _____ Baptisms
 - b. Witnessed _____ Baby Dedications
 - c. Allowed me to perform _____ weddings, and preside over _____ funerals

2. In the past 8 years:
 - a. Our Standard of Truth has been _____
 - b. Our Directive/Purpose has been **The Great Commission** (Matthew 28:18-20)
 - c. Our Motto has been based on _____
 - d. Our Vision has been to create, grow, and empower _____
 - e. Our Goal has been to make these things available to _____

3. In the past 8 years:
 - a. We have gained _____ active members (testimony, class, official recognition)
 - b. We have lost 9 members to others churches, 7 to other cities, 2 to death, and 11 who have simply stopped going to church.
 - c. We have a current active membership of 45, and a roster of _____ + attenders.
 - d. Our highest attendance was 102 on Easter, and our lowest attendance was 27 at the height of the Wahkiakum County Covid outbreak.

4. In the past 8 years:
 - a. I have prepared and delivered _____ sermons
 - b. We have has guest speakers, students, members, and video guests deliver _____ sermons.
 - c. We began posting audio sermons in podcast for on PodBean and Apple Podcasts, and video sermons on You Tube.
 - d. We've gone from a \$69,000 budget to a \$100,040, **not once** operating in the red.

Philippians 1:3- 6 I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ... confident of this, that **he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.**

Galatians 6:9 **Let us not become weary** in doing good, for **at the proper time** we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Acts 20:24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to **finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me**—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us **run with perseverance the race marked out for us**

Col. 3:23-24 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you **will receive an inheritance** from the Lord...

The common thread in all of these passages is this:

There is no _____ to the Christian life, or the church age, or our instruction for life, until the return of Christ and/or our entrance into _____.

Rev. 3:1-2 “To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; **you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.** Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for **I have found your deeds unfinished** in the sight of my God.

Rev 3:15-16 I know your deeds, that **you are neither cold nor hot.** I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I **am about to spit you out of my mouth.**

The Lessons for our church, and you as its members – are these:

1. If we choose to be happy and content with what’s already been accomplished, then we will look good from the outside, while we are _____ on the inside. (Sardis)
2. If we stop seeking God’s will, obeying his obvious commands, and moving forward in faith, then we will _____ to be a place of healing and refreshment, and simply become a church that exists, but offers _____ to the kingdom of God. (Laodicea)
3. This is why the next 8 years are so critical. We will either _____ into comfort and complacency, or _____ forth into 50 more years of faithful service and gospel ministry.