

# THE BEACON

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

**February, 2026**

Greetings HCC,

I woke up as I typically do in the middle of the night last week, but this time I couldn't get back to sleep. My mind was whirling. I've learned to read my body. I can feel anxiety coming on and when I'm 'next level' anxious, I have a hard time returning to sleep. Sometimes I feel tension in my jaw by the end of the day. That's when it is really bad. Well, my jaw wasn't tight, but I knew I wouldn't be falling back to sleep anytime soon so I headed down to the living room, turned on the light and grabbed my journal.

On page 15 of the "How's Your Soul?" study guide we were given a Weekly Challenge to just be with Jesus in a quiet place for 10 minutes. Well, the Gillman house is pretty quiet at 4:30 AM so I sat down with the Lord and used the prompts given in the Challenge. I also invited the Lord into my thoughts and asked Him, "Why am I anxious?" and "What are your thoughts about my thoughts?". I sat with the Lord and rehashed the circumstances that had triggered my anxiety. As possible answers came to mind, I wrote them in my journal next to my prompts.

In time, the anxiety lessened. As I sat with the Lord I was reminded of his love, his power, and that everything that happens must first pass through his hands. My soul was troubled for a time (I call it a "spot-up shower") but it returned back to being at peace. What happened to change the state of my soul? It returned to God. While I was lying in my bed, my thoughts were whirling, but God was not the main character in the circumstances I was mulling over. When I paused and brought God back into the circumstances my mind was thinking of, things changed.

Pastor Judah Smith asked the question: When is my soul home? The answer? My soul is home when it returns to God.

**CONTINUE...**

How's your soul? Hopefully we are growing in our ability to answer that question and in the health of our soul. I want to thank all of our small group leaders. The small groups are the "secret sauce" to our yearly campaigns. Isn't it encouraging to hear other people share about their walk with the Lord!

God bless,  
John Gillman



**Our App and Facebook are the two best places to be notified of any cancellations during the winter months.**



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Download the  
**App Now**

**Do you have a youth? See the last page for upcoming events and opportunities.**

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## JOHN'S TIDBITS

1. Thank you for praying! I appreciate all the prayers that were lifted up during our January prayer and fasting emphasis. Lord hear our prayer!
2. HS Seniors the HCC Scholarship application is now available on our church app and website.
3. It is well with my soul.

**This is the study guide book we are using if you want to grab one for yourself.**



**JOIN US ON SUNDAY  
MORNINGS AT  
9AM OR 10:30AM**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

*You can be a part of*

Find an event and get connected!

01

## Cookie Decorating

February 16<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3pm.  
Contact Keely Long to RSVP  
your child(ren).  
(573)819-5099

02

## Church Directory

We need to update our  
Church directory. You  
can send in your own  
picture to Kim Mobley  
this month.

03

## Chili Cookoff Fundraiser

Go enjoy a bowl of chili  
and Bingo February 7<sup>th</sup> at  
the Lion's Club to support  
Harrisburg Prom.

04

## Church T-Shirts

Preorder your "How's  
Your Soul" t-shirt by the  
first week of February.  
Link on the app.

05

## Marriage Retreat

Juniper Springs near Hallsville.  
February 6-8

## Seeking Help

We are in need of a 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade  
teacher to add to our Sunday  
School rotation. If interested,  
reach out to Kim Mustin.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Youth Edition

Get your YOUTH Connected.

**Small Groups**

**01**

Grades 3-12 small groups begin February 13. Contact Corey to know where your child would fit in best.

**Colorado Camp  
CoMo**

**02**

June 21-26  
Entering grades 9-13.  
\$450/student Church Scholarship Available

**Feed My Starving  
Children Opportunity**

**03**

March 7th  
23 slots  
Grace Bible Church  
More details to come.

**All in Women's  
Conference**

**04**

Happening in March.  
This event is great for teens and pre-teens as well.

**VBS this Summer**

**05**

We will NOT have our typical college summer staff this year so we will be seeking all youth involvement for another EPIC VBS event.

**Who to Contact?**

Corey Whitaker will be a great contact for you.

Also, connect in the APP in our youth group chat to stay up to date!