

February 8, 2026, 2026

Welcome to **HBC**
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Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD
Psalm 33:12;

FEBRUARY In the Year of Our Lord 2026

HBC Spring Banquet
Sharing God's Love

Good Food, Great Fellowship, And More
If you are single, invite a friend,
Married, invite another couple to attend

February 15th at 5 pm
HBC Fellowship Hall—\$14.00 per person

Food Delivered from Cracker Barrel
Choose either Roast Beef or Meat Loaf

Sign Up by February 8th
TODAY!
Choose meat dish at sign up!

Recently Carol Holmes shared a Sunday School lesson prepared by her mother, Mable Cumby. It was recently discovered in a hutch. Written around 1970, the lesson is 6 pages in length, 32 handwritten lines of very legible print per page. Mable entered heaven July 26, 1986. The scripture text came from John 9 - healing of a blind man.

Opening Comment:

Our lesson for today asks the question "Who is Blind?" An old saying we have heard often is a good answer to this question. "There is none so blind as he who refuses to see or he who will not see". How true this is like the Pharisees we see only what we want to see.

On page 2:

This lesson leaves us with the question, "Who is blind?" And that's a timely question for us in the last quarter of the 20th Century. Are we spiritually blind? The purpose of this lesson is to show what spiritual vision is, how it lights up a life, and how we can acquire it. The three major aims of this lesson are to convey the meaning of Spiritual vision and contrast it with spiritual blindness, to show how we can develop a deeper spiritual vision.

From page 5:

Spiritual vision is acquired by following Jesus. This means we seek the will of God in our decisions and actions. At first our efforts may be shallow and faltering. We will fall short. But slowly we become more perceptive and certain. Gradually we begin to look at events as if we were looking through the eyes of Christ.

Concluding Notes:

Many of us are more like the disciples than we are like Jesus. We have excellent sight when we are looking for problems and weaknesses; we are blind when it comes to seeing solutions and strengths. Faith in God is like a good pair of eyeglasses, enables us to see what we could not see otherwise. With faith that God is as Jesus revealed him to be, we can see beyond failure to success, beyond death to life, beyond what we are to what we ought to be and can be.

Closing Prayer:

Father, open our eyes so that we can see who you are, who we are, what life is, and how we can live it best. Give us a vision to see beyond self-interest, faith to look at facts, and insights to perceive that you are active in our lives. And help us to be the "light of the world" so that others can see what you have shown us. Amen