Welcome to Hazelgreen Baptist Church. We are glad you’ve chosen to worship with us today. If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out the welcome card provided by our ushers.

We are an Independent Baptist Church that teach and preaches the Word of God.

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**Weekly Services & Meetings**

sunday school: 10:00 am – 10:45 am

sunday service: 11:00 am

wednesday night bible study: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

**Verse of the Week**

Psalm 25:14 - **14**The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

**Announcements/Dates to Remember**

**8/31/25:** Breakfast Table, 9:30–10:00 am

**8/31/25:** Church business meeting

**9/21/25:** Ladies’ Lunch, 12:30 pm, Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch; church provides dessert & coffee. Optional fall craft—sign up in foyer

**9/27/25:** HBC Free Rummage 'Sale', 9:00 am–12:00 pm. Open to all; bring gently used donations. Volunteers needed - sign up coming

**Order of Service 8/24/25**

Welcome & Announcements

Congregation #1: pg. 549 Higher Ground

Special Music: Tina Michael

Doxology – pg. 815

Offertory: Phoebe Ross – “All Hail the Power of Jesus”

Congregation #2: In Christ Alone (The Gettys on-screen)

Video: 7 Habits of Spirit-Filled Believers

Sermon: The Secret Things of God - Asst. Pastor Kevin Ross

Closing:

**Pastor’s Corner**

**The Bible tells us, “Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy” (Matthew 5:7).**

**So, what, exactly, is “mercy”.**

**Mercy can be defined as compassion in action.** The Good Samaritan story exemplifies mercy: someone aids a person in need, disregarding their own status. The act of helping reverses their roles and highlights compassion in action.

**Mercy also involves withholding judgment.** Mercy is not about ignoring faults but forgiving even when it may not appear deserved. Unlike strict fairness, mercy offers compassion beyond debates of right and wrong.

**There can be no mercy without truth.** As expressed in Psalm 85:10 "Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other," authentic mercy must be accompanied by honesty and integrity. Demonstrating mercy is considered a valuable quality, reflecting a Godly approach to interactions with others.

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