



# HAZELGREEN BAPTIST

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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

## Welcome and Announcements for 5/31/2026

Announcements

Congregation Song-“Come Let Us Return to The Lord”

Special Music- Barb Fennessy

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Offertory Music- Lisa Ivins

Congregation Song- “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” p

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Sermon- “Cannot Be My Disciple” Luke 14:25-35

Closing song-TBD

## Pastor's Corner

What does it mean to grieve The Holy Spirit? As far back as I can remember, The Holy Spirit would tenderly convict me of grieving Him by actions I committed. I was playing in a softball league (championship game) and flew out with men on base. What happened next was what grieved The Holy Spirit. I threw my bat against the back stop in anger. Immediately I knew that I grieved The Holy Spirit and sinned in public. Sunday, I was in front of the Church apologizing. Two weeks ago, The Holy Spirit convicted me of words that I said, words that were not needed to say. Immediately, The Holy Spirit was grieved and so was a member's heart. The peace that I have in my life was grieved. Again, I was reminded to apologize. This week as I thought of Trinity Sunday, I wrote a few lines on grieving The Holy Spirit. Hope it will be a help to us all.

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God” ([Eph. 4:30, NASB](#)) comes right after a warning against destructive speech ([Eph. 4:29](#)) and before a call to avoid “bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and slander” ([Eph. 4:31, NASB](#)). So behaviors that harm oneself, others, or creation, and actions or attitudes that foster malice and create hostility or division all grieve the Holy Spirit.

In fact, the passage begins by challenging Jesus' followers to flourish as God intended by recognizing that God called them to be his partners in the work of restoring all things ([Eph. 4:1](#)). Living like this involves “being diligent to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” ([Eph. 4:3, NASB](#)). If Jesus' followers tear each other down, they're contributing to the world's brokenness, which grieves the Holy Spirit. But when they seek to build each other up, they become loving signposts of the better way of life found in God's Kingdom.

[Ephesians 4:30](#) may also allude to [Isaiah 63:10](#), which says that the Israelites “grieved” the Holy Spirit when they turned away from God. Though God called them to reflect his justice and righteousness, they chose oppression and violence instead ([Isa. 5:7](#)). The Scriptures suggest that the Spirit experiences suffering and real sorrow when people are wounded and relationships fractured.

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