

Prayer List

Vivian Andrews	Sandra English
James Armstrong	Sharon Ezell
Mack Atchison	Martha Huff
Kenneth Babb	Jim Jennings
Ernest/Anne Bayne	Bill/Judie Kitchen
Brett Bentley	Michael/Sharon Lord
Lois Bentley	Jake/Nell Maddox
Richard/Susnn Bentley	Jeff McMullen
Morgan Bloodworth	Marcus McMullen
Davod Brooks	Sandra McMullen
Tilda Cooper	Michael Overman
Josephine Davis	Marlene Peavy
Eugenia English	Bonnie Stafford

In Military Service: Rudy Webb

Youth Mission Retreat: We are planning to take a group of students (Grades 6-12) for a weekend retreat of worship, service, and fun. The event is March Mission Madness; the dates are March 29-31. This is an annual youth event for youth groups in Georgia, so we will be working with youth from churches throughout the state. This year's Madness is in Americus and Plains. Friday and Sunday worship will be at the historic Rylander Theater in Americus. Saturday worship will be in Plains, at President Carter's home church. Saturday will consist of work at mission sites as well as an educational visit to Habitat for Humanity's Global Village. We will be lodging in two cottages at the local Baptist Associational camp. We will leave from HBC at 5:00 PM Friday, and return Sunday morning by 11:45 (near the end of morning worship). Please see Ken Turner or Doug Adkins if interested.



Sunday School

Every Sunday
9:45 AM

New class for young married couples not in another class led by Doug Adkins now meeting in Fellowship Hall.



Prayer Meeting Bible Study

**Wednesdays at 6:00
In Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we study a new two-month series to help us dream and consider ways to engage folks who are not in church with the book, entitled "Welcome to Dinner, Church."



Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays At 7:00 P.M.

**Now working on
Easter Music.**

Because of adjustments in the proposed Constitution & By-Laws to be made according to changes agreed on in the discussion during the Quarterly Business Meeting January 20th, the Called Business Meeting to vote on it has been re-scheduled for Sunday, February 10th following Morning Worship. Copies are in the vestibule.

Check out the HBC Website
www.hardwickbaptist.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb 05: Gerrie Lindsey Maddox

Nursery Workers
Sunday Morning, 2/03/19
Babies.
Olivia Hill, Gail Brooks

Bus Ministry, 2/03/19
Ken Turner

Children's Sermon, 2/03/19
Rev. Becky Adkins

Counting Committee, 2/03/19
Jeff Deen, David Lewis

Worship Coordinator, 2/03/19
Mack Atchison

Deacon of the Week, 2/03/19
Ken Turner, 459-3950

Deacon Ordination

We will have a Deacon Ordination Service during Morning Worship this Sunday, February 3rd for Marilyn Kearnes Skinner. She has been chosen affirmed, and has agreed to fill an unexpired term as an Active Deacon. Please lift her up in prayer as she takes this important step as well as the Deacon Ministry of HBC as they seek to fulfill their vital role in this church.

Deacons will meet Sunday, February 3rd at 2:00 P.M.

Women On Mission Day Group will meet Wednesday, February 6th at 2:00 P.M. in the History Room.

Doers of the Word will meet Thursday, February 7th at 6:00 P.M. in HBC Fellowship Hall.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 3rd:

9:45 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
2:00 P.M. Deacons' Meeting

Monday, February 4th:

9:30 A.M. Ladies' Prayer Group

Wednesday, February 6th:

5:45 P.M. Children's Snack Supper
(Children's Groups to follow)
6:00 P.M. Bible Study/Prayer Time
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

**Retirement Reception
For Gloria Burke**
Sunday, February 24, 2019
At the WBA Office
2:30—4:00 P.M.



Valentine Banquet

**Sunday,
February 17th
At 5:00 P.M.**

**In Fellowship Hall
\$10.00 Each**

By Reservation Only
**Reservation Deadline:
Sunday, February 10th**

Reservation forms will be available in several places throughout the church as well as in the church office.

Pay at the door.
Entertainment by:
Claude Hicks of Macon

Thoughts From Doug

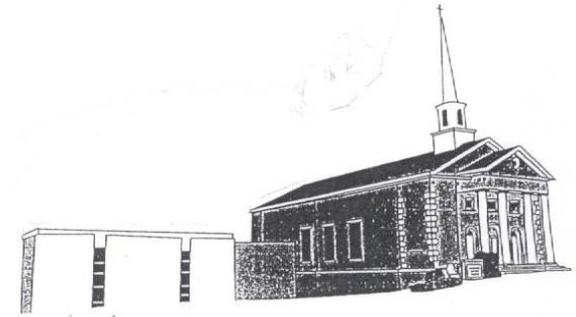
What a special day we will observe in worship this Sunday as we ordain Marilynn Skinner to the deacon ministry. Last Sunday we were honored to hear Marilynn’s thoughtful and honest answers to the questions of the Ordination Council. The council *discerned* the leading of God’s Spirit, as it has worked through Marilynn’s life, preparing her for this most important work. The Hardwick Baptist family has observed Marilynn’s faithfulness over the years, through great joys and great losses. These experiences have given her a spiritual maturity and a wisdom. The spiritual gifts which she brings to our diaconate will serve to transform us more faithfully into the image of Christ, and our entire congregation will be blessed as a result. It is indeed a very important and sacred act which we will do together as we lay hands on her and affirm the call that God has placed on her life.

I mentioned last week that I would be sharing thoughts on spiritual discernment in coming articles. The selection and ordination of a deacon is a good example of the importance of *spiritual discernment*. If such discernment is not practiced, we may select a deacon for reasons other than signs of God’s leading. We may select someone just because they are successful in their career; or because they are a person who likes to work, or because they have been in the church for a long time and are outspoken. While these may be traits that a deacon has, they do not equate to the spiritual maturity that is required of a deacon. As a church, we are called to pay attention to an individual’s life: to look for signs of God’s Spirit working in them to the extent that their very presence in the church is helping us to grow in our commitment to Christ. The main characteristic of a deacon, as shown in Scripture, is a servant’s heart. An individual often needs to be observed over a long period of time, so that the church has seen that they are deeply committed to God and to our church. Such a commitment cannot be judged by campaign speeches and outward appearances, as is done in our current political process. It is seen through faithfulness, regardless of one’s life circumstances. And a church that practices *spiritual discernment* in the selection of its deacons will more likely be a church that is experiencing spiritual renewal. May it be so for Hardwick Baptist.

Love & Blessings! Doug

Annual Budget (2018).....	\$280,579.00
Needed Per Week to meet Budget.....	\$ 5,395.75
Contributions 1/27/19.....	\$ 1,930.52
Budget Contributions through 1/27/19.....	\$ 15,669.02
Total Budget Expenses through 1/27/19.....	\$ 19,473.34

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