

Prayer List

Vivian Andrews	Sandra English
James Armstrong	Sharon Ezell
Kenneth Babb	Martha Huff
Katie Bainbridge	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
Harriett Braddy	Marlene Peavy
David Brooks	Bonnie Stafford
Tilda Cooper	
Josephine Davis	
Eugenia English	

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; the place is Americus and Plains, GA. This is an annual youth event for youth groups in Georgia. Please see Ken Turner or Doug Adkins if interested for more information.



Disaster Relief Training
March 2, 2019
Northside & Westview

(Registration Deadline: 2/24)

Register online:


<https://missiongeorgia.org/georgia-disaster-relief/>

"Crowns"
Gospel Musical
Russell Auditorium-GCSU
February 27 - March 2, 2019
7:30 P.M.

March 3, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.
 Buy tickets at gcsutickets.com or call 445-4226



Sunday School
 Every Sunday
 9:45 AM
 New class for anyone 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 the book, entitled "Welcome to Dinner, Church" to help us dream and consider ways to engage folks who are not in church.



Choir Rehearsal
Wednesdays
At 7:00 P.M.
Now working on
Easter Music.

If the lungs of prayer and the Word of God do not nourish the breath of spiritual life, we risk suffocating in the midst of a thousand daily cares. Prayer is the breath of the Soul and of life.
 -Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI-

Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers. You won't always find answers, But you will always find Jesus.
 -Father Mike Schmitz-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb 24: Richard Bentley
 Feb 27: Elaine Ellington, Will Smith
 Feb 28: Megan Sirmans Zimmermann
 Mar 01: Katie Baiinbridge
 Mar 02: Martin Leverett, Sandra Sirmans

Nursery Workers
Sunday Morning, 2/24/19
Babies.
 Susan Taylor, Gloria Burke

Bus Ministry, 2/24/19
 Ken Turner
Children's Church 2/24/19
 Ken Turner
Counting Committee, 2/24/19
 Cindy Folendore, Brenda Davis
Worship Coordinator, 2/24/19
 Mack Atchison
Deacon of the Week, 2/24/19
 Jim Davis, 706/485-7384

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

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

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

Doers of the Word will meet Thursday, March 7th at 6:00 P.M. at Marilyn Skinner's home.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 24th:
 9:45 A.M. Sunday School
 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship

Wednesday, February 26th:
 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

G.A. Yard Sale
For North American Missions
Saturday, March 16
In Fellowship Hall
 Items for the sale may be brought to the church prior to the sale. No clothes or shoes, please. All electronic items must be marked as to operating condition. Volunteers are needed. See Tina Roberts to Volunteer to help with set up, the sale itself or clean-up following.

Coming In March
 3/3: Deacons' Meeting
 3/3-3/10: Week of Prayer for North American Missions
 Annie Armstrong Offering
 3/6: Ash Wednesday
 Service TBA
 3/10: Daylight Savings Time Begins
 3/16: G.A. Yard Sale for North American Missions
 3/17: March *Koinonia* Supper
 3/29-31: Mission Madness Retreat

Check out the HBC Website
www.hardwickbaptist.org

Thoughts From Doug

Lent? Part 1

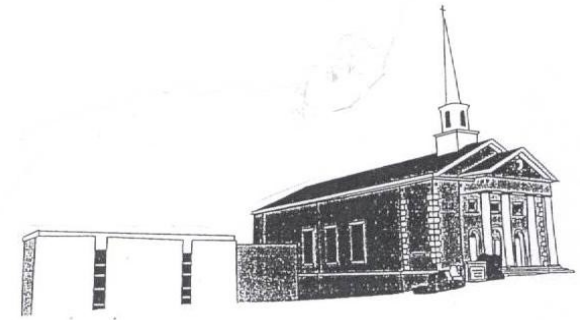
In my 23 years of ministry, I have observed more and more Protestants gaining an appreciation of the Christian season of Lent. Like most Baptists, growing up I had little idea about the purpose and practice of Lent. We thought it was something only Catholics observed, and since we were not Catholic we thought little about it. As I have grown in my understanding of discipleship, worship, and spiritual formation I have gained a deep appreciation for the spiritual intention behind the observance of Lent. It started with seminary, where I first began to learn about the Christian calendar. My studies in Christian Education helped me learn the experiential education that is meant to happen during Lent. We are to set aside the time, more deeply than our “regular” daily walk with God, to look inwardly. We are to have an honest conversation with God, over an extended period about any failures or shortcomings that we are struggling with. We are to listen to God’s Spirit, asking, “What is a particular practice or habit or relationship that is keeping me from being as faithful to Christ as I need to be?” And as you hear God’s answer to that question, you decide on a particular habit or comfort that you will be disciplined in “giving up” during Lent. And whenever you experience a desire or want to indulge in that habit or relationship, you ask God to teach you dependence on Him instead.

I will say more about the spiritual practice of Lent later; for now I invite you to order a book that I will be using for Wednesday night adult study during the season. Even if you do not attend Wednesday nights, I encourage you to consider using it during the six weeks leading up to Easter. The book is titled *Divine Friendship: Reflections for Lent*. The authors are Egan, Hudson, and Pollitt. You can find it on Amazon - \$12 paperback, \$10 electronic copy. It consists of daily Scripture passages, a brief devotion, and questions for reflection. I think it will be a good resource to prepare us for a more meaningful Easter. In the words of the authors: *Lent is a time in which Christians are invited to deepen their friendship with God. Our efforts alone will not transform us. Only through a deep friendship with God can we be transformed. Friendship with God, in the person of Christ, changes everything about us. It affects the way we see ourselves, others, and the world around us. It changes what we most deeply desire. It gives us the grace to become the people God wants us to be.* I invite you to join the church family in this opportunity to develop a deeper relationship with God. Order it so that it will arrive by March 6.

Love & Blessings! Doug

Annual Budget (2018).....	\$280,579.00
Needed Per Week to meet Budget.....	\$ 5,395.75
Contributions 2/17/19.....	\$ 4,220.00
Budget Contributions through 2/17/19.....	\$ 31,219.49
Total Budget Expenses through 2/17/19.....	\$ 31,895.98

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**May
the Lord
direct your
hearts
into
God's
love....**

2 Thessalonians 3:5