

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.

The **HBC Food Pantry** served 10 households, 38 individuals and had 2 new applicants Tuesday, February 26th. Thanks to our loyal volunteers who cheerfully serve those who come.

*"You don't know how to pray?
Put yourself in the presence
of God, and as soon as you
have said, 'Lord, I don't know
how to pray!' you can be sure
you have already begun."
-copied-*


*"Learn to light a candle in
The darkest moments of
Someone's life. Be the light
That helps others see."*



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.

ASH Wednesday Service Of Worship and Prayer Songs March 6, 2019 6:00 P.M. In the Sanctuary



Remember Your Offerings

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mar 04: Amber Sirmans Riley
Mar 05: David Brooks
Mar 07 Nicole Worshim
Mar 09: Joanna Roberts

Nursery Workers Sunday Morning, 3/03/19 Babies.

Cindy English, Tina Roberts

Bus Ministry, 3/03/19
Cindy English

Children's Sermon, 3/03/19
Dr. Doug Adkins

Counting Committee, 3/03/19
Jeff Deen, David Lewis

Worship Coordinator, 3/03/19
Mack Atchison

Deacon of the Week, 3/03/19
Cindy Folendore, 719-4059

Deacons will meet this 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 the home of Marilyn Skinner.

Thank You!
Many thanks to all who sent cards, calls and prayers while I have been recovering from surgery.
Peggy Wood

Check out the HBC Website
www.hardwickbaptist.org

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 3rd:
9:45 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
2:00 P.M. Deacons' Meeting

Monday, March 4th:
9:30 A.M. Ladies Prayer Group

Wednesday, March 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

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 - 6:00 P.M.
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

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.

Thoughts From Doug

Lent Part 2: Ash Wednesday

The late Robert Webber was a Protestant. Besides being a seminary professor of ministry, he founded the Institute for Worship Studies. He helped a generation of ministers gain an appreciation of the Christian calendar and the spiritual formation that can occur when the calendar is followed. His insights have helped me as I have found Ash Wednesday to be especially meaningful. Most Protestants, it seems do not make any spiritual preparation for the annual celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus. The only preparation made, for many people, is the purchasing of new clothing. Easter is a weekend event; preparing for Easter for seven weeks is unthinkable for many. However, a large number of Christians are learning to recover the spiritual intent of Ash Wednesday and the spiritual pilgrimage of Lent.

So what is an Ash Wednesday service about? For one thing, the mood is very different from a typical worship service. There is a somber spirit—a seriousness that is observed. We are led to pray with the psalmist: "Create and make in us new and contrite hearts." The Scriptures read at an Ash Wednesday service speak to a pattern of repentance and conversion - which is meant to remind us that the season of Lent calls us into a new and fresh experience with the healing reality of Jesus Christ. It calls us back to the basics: to God's love for us, and to our response to that love. In the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday, Jesus calls us to practice our faith, to pray, to give alms, and to fast (Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21). The true reason we are called upon to do these things is not so others will praise us but to establish, maintain, repair, and transform our relationship with God. Ash Wednesday reminds us that we do not observe a spiritual discipline during Lent as a form of works or as something that we think will gain God's favor, rather it is meant to deepen our relationship with God, neighbor and self.

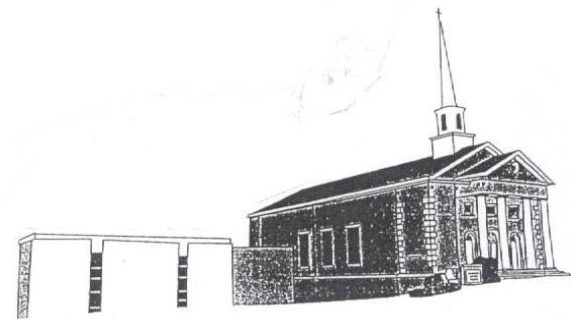
And what are the ashes about? You may remember reading about folks in the Old Testament who repented with *sackcloth and ashes*. Similarly, you recall the Creation Story in Genesis, of God creating man out of the dust and breathing life into His creation. The ashes offered at an Ash Wednesday service are meant to remind us of our mortality - the short duration of our life - and the accountability of our life before God. We enter into a conversation with God about things we need to "work on" (with God's help) during the 40 days preceding Easter - just as Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness after his baptism.

I hope this explanation helps. And I hope you will join us for our Ash Wednesday service of worship and prayer on Wednesday, March 6, 6:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary.

Love & Blessings! Doug

Annual Budget (2018).....	\$280,579.00
Needed Per Week to meet Budget.....	\$ 5,395.75
Contributions 2/24/19.....	\$ 2,523.00
Budget Contributions through 2/24/19.....	\$ 33,742.49
Total Budget Expenses through 2/24/19.....	\$ 35,786.59

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***The Week of Prayer
For North American Missions
March 3-10
2019 Theme: "Sending Hope"
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Our Goal: \$1800.00***

Your prayers and gifts to the Annie Armstrong Offering go directly to the mission field to provide support for more than 5,000 missionaries. These men and women are planting new churches in unreached communities and meeting needs through compassion ministries. Every day, lives are being impacted and transformed. The North American mission field is vast, and the needs are great, but the living hope of Christ is greater. Your prayers are the spiritual fuel for these missionaries and many more. Through prayer, God opens doors.

"... He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." I Peter 1:3 CSB