

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; 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.

Have you sensed God's Spirit nudging you to begin a new outreach or ministry effort? Perhaps a need you see in our congregation, or in our community? Maybe this need has been nudging at your heart for a long time. You have noticed the need, but keep putting it aside, or have thought, "I am only one person, what can I do?" I encourage you to pay attention to that *nudge*. Listen to your heart. If it is something you are passionate about, chances are God is calling you to action. If you have felt a concern such as this, please come discuss it with me. You will be surprised what God can do with willing hearts, combined with faithful prayer. There may others who are discerning the same calling.

-Pastor Doug-



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.



Seniors Game Time
S.A.G.E.
Thursday, February 21st
10:00 A.M.
Chili & Soup Lunch
See you in Fellowship Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb 10: Kevin Cooper, Jake Maddox
Feb 11: Doug Adkins, Lauren Deen
Feb 13: Josephine Davis
Feb. 14: Melissa Maddox
Feb 15: Helen Ray
Feb. 16: Sissy Childers, Wilson Overton

Nursery Workers
Sunday Morning, 2/10/19
Babies.
Rhonda Whipple, Kristi Blizzard

Bus Ministry, 2/10/19
Cindy English
Children's Church, 2/10/19
Ken Turner
Counting Committee, 2/10/19
Peggy Wood, Miles Whipple
Worship Coordinator, 2/10/19
Mack Atchison
Deacon of the Week, 2/10/19
Aubrey Batson

New Arrival
Jacob and Kristen (Whipple) Parsons announce the birth of their son, Asher Jake Parsons, Saturday, February 2, 2019. He weighed 7lbs 7oz, 20.5" long. Proud HBC Grandparents are Miles & Rhonda Whipple and Great Grandparents, Jake & Nell Maddox.

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 this Sunday, February 10th following Morning Worship. Revised copies are in the vestibule.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 10th:
9:45 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
(Banquet Reservation Deadline)

Wednesday, February 13th:
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

Check out the HBC Website
www.hardwickbaptist.org

Thoughts From Doug

What a beautiful time we shared last Sunday as we set apart Marilyn Skinner as a servant leader (aka *deacon*) of Hardwick Baptist Church. How special it was to see so many come down and bless her during the "laying on of hands"—especially our children. Let us pray for Marilyn and all of our deacons as they seek to be faithful in the task to which they have committed themselves.

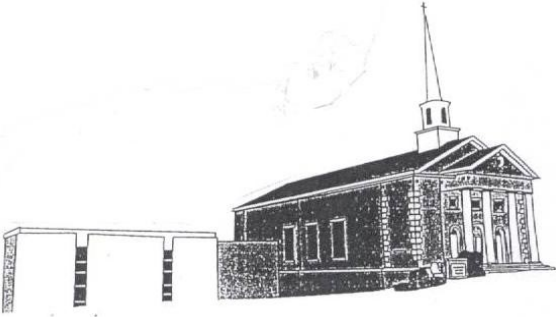
And now, for this week's comments regarding spiritual discernment. When it comes to discernment, the same truths apply as with prayer in general. It is best learned through experience, rather than explanation. That is, if you can make a habit of practicing spiritual discernment, you will understand it in ways that I nor anyone can tell you. For this week, I commend to you one spiritual practice to aid in discerning God's work and presence in your daily life; the *Awareness Examen*. This involves asking a few questions, toward the end of your day, a time of reflection in conversation with God. There are a variety of ways to practice this, but all are similar to this format:

1. Give thanks for all God's gifts of this day. *Jesus, you have been present today throughout our world. I rejoice in*
2. Ask for light from God. *Lord, let us look together at my day. Let me see through your loving eyes..*
3. Review your day: thoughts, words, deeds, actions, desires. *Lord, when did I listen to your voice today? Lord, when did I resist listening to you today?*
Another way to ask these questions is:
What gave me life today? And What drained my energy today?
When our daughters were little, we asked them: *What were your roses today? What were your thorns?*
4. Express gratitude, sorrow, and a desire to amend: *Jesus, everything is a gift from you. I give thanks and praise for these gifts today... I ask for your healing in...I ask your forgiveness and mercy for...*
5. Ask for the grace you desire for tomorrow. *Jesus, help me to recognize your presence tomorrow and to follow your voice. Amen*

Love & Blessings! Doug

Annual Budget. (2018).....	\$280,579.00
Needed Per Week to meet Budget.....	\$ 5,395.75
Contributions 2/03/19.....	\$ 7,585.37
Budget Contributions through 2/03/19.....	\$ 23,254.39
Total Budget Expenses through 2/03/19.....	\$ 23,227.06

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