

Thoughts From Doug

I am excited about the candidate for Interim Part-Time Music Director, whom the Personnel Committee will be recommending to the church on August 4. The job description has been changed from “Minister of Music” to “Music Director,” as this individual will essentially be a choir director and worship leader (along with assisting me in worship planning each week). I feel that this candidate will excel in both areas. Next week I will say more about her specifically; for now, it is important that you know how we found her.

One thing I have learned in my years of ministry is to take advantage of the resources that are around you. Another way of putting that is: *Pay attention to where God has planted you. Notice the good gifts that are around you. Be a good steward of those gifts by utilizing them. And learn to partner with and support the good things that are going on around you.* Many churches are learning the value-the Christ-honoring value, I would say-of Asset Based Community Development. That means that, in planning our ministry and life as a congregation, we ask “What are the assets in our community-the gifts that God has placed around us through our neighbors and their life experiences?” An example of Asset Based Community Development is the partnership we have formed with Comfort Farms this summer. Our youth have contributed to some of the gardening at the farm, while also gaining valuable understanding about food production. They also have learned about the truth of resurrection-as Jon Jackson, the owner is doing life-giving work for veterans in memory of his soldier friend who was killed on the battlefield. Another example of Asset Based Community Development: I found Will Cooper through developing an intentional relationship with Emmanuel Little, who leads the “Call me MiSTER” program at Georgia College.

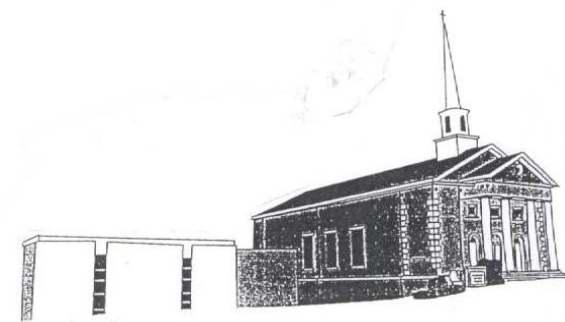
All of these lessons I have learned about Ministry and engaging the community came to play as we were searching for a Music Director. I learned from Chip Reeves, pastor at Community Baptist, how they had found a Music Director through the Georgia College Department of Music. I felt, in our efforts to “get the word out” about who Hardwick Baptist is, and what we are doing in this community, that it is essential for us to develop a relationship with folks on the campus. The college has a reputable music department. In the spring, after Dylan announced his move, I started making contacts with the music departments at GCSU and Mercer. I had a lunch meeting with Dr. Jennifer Flory, Choral Studies professor at GCSU (and Music Director at First Presbyterian Church). I told her our situation and gave her the job description. One former student immediately came to her mind: someone who had experience leading college ensembles, as well as campus ministry worship. Dr. Flory connected us and we soon set up a meeting with the Personnel Committee. The Committee is recommending her for a 3-month Interim.

I am excited about the possibility of this candidate and her enthusiasm in offering her gifts of music and worship and for the potential beginning of a relationship with GA College’s Music Department. The more we can tell our story-the more students understand our heart for outreach-the more we can provide opportunities for them, like Will Cooper, to come alongside us and be the church with us.

Love and Blessings! Doug

Annual Budget. (2019).....	\$280,579.00
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,395.75
Contributions 7/21/19.....	\$ 3,045.00
Budget Contributions through 7/21/19.....	\$115,409.17
Total Budget Expenses through 7/21/19.....	\$116,309.28

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For everyone who *asks receives,*
and everyone who *searches finds,*
and for everyone who *knocks,*
the *door will be opened.*

Luke 11:10, NRSV

Prayer List

Henry/Vivian Andrews	Sandra English
James Armstrong	Sharon Ezell
Kenneth Babb	Kenny Huff
Katie Bainbridge	Martha Huff
Anne Bayne	Jim Jennings
Joyce Blizzard	Bill/Judie Kitchen
Harriett Braddy	Michael/Sharon Lord
David Brooks	Nell Maddox
Gloria Burke	Jeff McMullen
Josephine Davis	Marcus McMullen
Eugenia English	Marlene Peavy

Bonnie Stafford

Family of Jake Maddox

In Military Service: Rudy Webb

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Scripture Readings for July 28

Psalms 85

Hosea 1:1-10

Colossians 2:6-19

Luke 11:1-13

The **HBC Food Pantry** served 9 families, and 27 individuals on July 23rd. Thanks to our loyal volunteers who cheerfully assist those who come.

Check out the HBC Website
www.hardwickbaptist.org



Prayer Meeting Bible Study Wednesdays at 12:00 P.M. In Fellowship Hall

You are invited to bring a sack lunch if you like and we will study and eat together.



**No Choir Rehearsals
During June & July.
Rehearsal start-up
Date: August 7th**

Wednesday Nights Summer Youth Program

Our Comfort Farms Summer program concluded with this week's trip. Special thanks to Will Cooper, Summer Intern and Cindy Folendore, Minister with Community who coordinated everything with the farm owners. Thanks also to others who helped out and to all the youth who participated. It is our hope that this unique ministry has made a lasting impact on the lives of all it touched.

Doers of the Word will meet at Baskin Robins parking lot at 6:00 P.M., August 1st for their annual "Prayer Ride" for the schools.

Records of Contributions Statements are available in the upstairs hallway or the Education Building for your convenience in picking yours up. Please help save postage by getting yours as soon as possible.

*"Heaven is full of answers to prayers
for which no one ever bothered to ask."*
-Billy Graham-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jul 31: Henry Andrews
Aug 01: Phyllis Peeler, Garland Riner,
Trevor Townsend
Aug 03: Elizabeth Adkins

Nursery Workers Sunday Morning, 7/28/19

Babies.

Olivia Hill, Gail Brooks

Bus Ministry, 7/28/19

Cindy English

Children's Sermon, 7/28/19

Will Cooper

Counting Committee, 7/28/19

Jeff Deen, David Lewis

Worship Coordinator, 7/28/19

Mack Atchison

Deacon of the Week, 7/28/19

Aubrey Batson

**Choir Fellowship
Potluck Supper
Meat will be furnished
Bring side dishes & desserts
Tuesday, July 30, 2019
6:30 P.M.
At Marilyn Skinner's Home
Choir Members & Spouses, &
those who would like
to join the choir
are invited to come eat and meet
the prospective candidate
for Interim Part-Time**

Women On Mission Day Group will meet Wednesday, August 7th at 2:00 P.M. in the History Room.

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 28th:

9:45 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
Noon Covered Dish Lunch

Wednesday, July 31st:

12:00 P.M. Bible Study/Prayer Group
5:00-8:00 P.M. Youth to Comfort Farm

This Sunday, **July 28th**, in coordination with an emphasis on missions, there will be a:

**Covered Dish Lunch
following Morning Worship
honoring the Children
we minister to who
regularly attend
Sunday School & Worship.**

After lunch, back-to-school supplies will be given to all children who attend regularly. We could not do this without your help. We thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and monetary offerings for this project.

Called Business Conference Following Sunday Morning Worship August 4, 2019

The Personnel Committee is recommending a candidate for Interim Part-Time Music Director. The recommendation is for a three-month interim, which, if approved, would begin Tuesday, August 6. The Interim period would conclude Wednesday, November 6. At the October quarterly business meeting the church will vote whether to transition this individual to permanent Part-Time Music Director. On Sunday, August 4, the candidate will lead in morning worship as well as provide our Special Music. After the service we will enter a business conference to vote on the Personnel Committee's recommendation. We appreciate the work of the Personnel Committee in seeking someone to rejuvenate our choir and expand our horizons in worship and outreach through music.

GOD
is Listening