

**Thoughts From Doug**

Last Sunday was certainly a day of blessings! The last count I heard, a total of 21 of our youth and children received the blessing of a backpack filled with school supplies to start the new year. We have a few other filled backpacks - already spoken for - to be delivered to students who were not present Sunday. A big thank you to Cindy English for coordinating this ministry effort, and to all those who helped fill the backpacks during the Sunday School hour. And what a blessing it was, prior to eating, to gather as a church family around a handful of representative youth, to "lay hands" on them, and to pray specifically for them.

We also acknowledged Will Cooper on his last Sunday as our summer intern with youth and children. We were blessed to have his parents and one of his brothers in attendance as well. We are so grateful for the faithful manner in which Will has served and loved our students. I will miss our weekly meetings for planning, but am grateful that he will be involved with our youth ministry for the next year as his schedule allows.

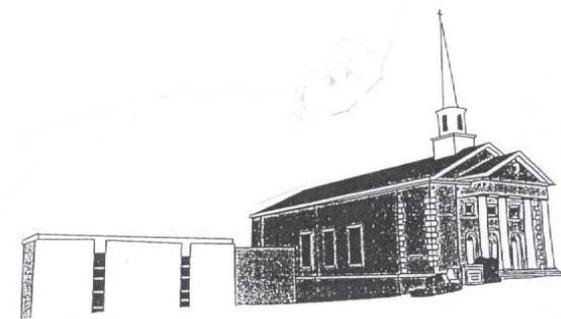
The other blessing last week came in the form of Erick Stephens. On behalf of the Hardwick Baptist family, I welcome Erick - as a brother in Christ and as a member of Hardwick Baptist. Erick had visited a few weeks prior and we met last week. Erick comes on public profession of faith in Christ, and we will celebrate his baptism in the coming weeks. We are grateful to have him and we covenant to pray with him as he begins this journey of following Jesus.

Lastly - as I mentioned last week - just a few words about our candidate for Interim Part-Time Music Director. Alyssa Harris is a native of Flowery Branch. She graduated from Georgia College & State University with a BA in Music. While a student she served as assistant director for the Max Noah Singers. She also served, for three semesters, as assistant director for the Women's Ensemble. In addition to her collegiate music experience, she served on the Leadership Team for the collegiate ministry of Northridge Christian Church, and led worship on vocals and keyboards at the church. Alyssa is excited about re-gathering our choir and working with them to prepare a weekly anthem. She also hopes to incorporate a variety of musicians in our worship services. The Personnel Committee will be recommending Alyssa for a two-month part-time Interim. If approved, the interim will conclude October 6, at which time the church will vote whether to make her permanent Part-Time Music Director.

Love and Blessings! Doug

Annual Budget. (2019).....	\$280,579.00
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,395.75
Contributions 7/28/19.....	\$ 2,197.00
Budget Contributions through 7/28/19.....	\$117,606.17
Total Budget Expenses through 7/28/19.....	\$119,251.25

# Hardwick Herald



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O give  
 thanks to the LORD,  
 for he is good;  
 for his steadfast love  
 endures forever.

Psalm 107:1, NR&V

### 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

**In Military Service:** Rudy Webb

**Mark Your Calendar for August 14**  
**Allison & Justin Swaggerty here**  
**Potluck Supper in Fellowship Hall**  
**At 6:00 P.M.**

Allison is the daughter of John & Connie Lepper, former HBC pastor and she and Justin serve as Missionaries to Morocco. You won't want to miss this special opportunity as they share their experiences.

### S.A.G.E News

**Make plans now for a**  
**'Peachy' Trip**

**Thursday, August 15**

**To Lane Southern Orchards**

**Ft. Valley, Georgia**

**Bus leaves at 10 A.M.**

**Lunch at the Peachtree Café**

**Shop peaches and other goodies**

**Sign up on S.A.G.E. Bulletin Board**

### Scripture Readings for August 4

**Psalms 107:1-9, 43**

**Hosea 11:1-11**

**Colossians 3:1-11**

**Luke 12:13-21**

### Christian Sympathy

To the family and friends of Mrs. Carol Durden Leverette who passed away last week.



### Prayer Meeting Bible Study will continue to meet

**Wednesdays at 12 Noon**  
**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 Night Program For Children & Youth Starts Back

**September 4, 2019**  
Watch for more information and the schedule in the "Herald".

**Records of Contributions Statements** are available in the vestibule for your convenience in picking yours up. Please help save postage by getting yours as soon as possible.

### Welcome New Member

**For Baptism:**

Erick Stephens

200 Davis Ct., SE, Apt. 18

Milledgeville, GA 31061

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

**Check out the HBC Website**  
[www.hardwickbaptist.org](http://www.hardwickbaptist.org)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug 05: Becky Adkins, Jeff Bloodworth, Tyler Crump, Bo Leverette, Rebecca Towns  
Aug 06: Hyland Braddy, Dianna Perdue

### Nursery Workers

**Sunday Morning, 8/04/19**  
**Babies.**

Rhonda Whipple, Kristi Blizzard

### Bus Ministry, 8/04/19

Ken Turner

### Children's Church 8/04/19

Ken Turner

### Counting Committee, 8/04/19

Miles Whipple, TBA

### Worship Coordinator, 8/04/19

Mack Atchison

### Deacon of the Week, 8/04/19

Aubrey Batson

### Thank You!

Special thanks to all of you for your continued support of our children through our annual "Book Bag" project honoring those children who attend Sunday School and worship regularly. Your donations to help defray the cost of the book bags and supplies were so very generous as always! We couldn't have done it without those of you who volunteered to help fill the bags with the appropriate supplies! And, members of the Fellowship Committee who helped with the lunch as well as those of you who came and brought food are so appreciated! 21 book bags filled with supplies were given out this time. Thank you all so much! This church is such a blessing to me!

Cindy English  
Project Coordinator

### CALENDAR

#### Sunday, August 4th:

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

#### Wednesday, August 7th:

12:00 P.M. Bible Study/Prayer Group  
2:00 P.M. WOM Day Group  
(No Evening activities)

#### Adult Sunday School Reminder:

All adult classes are asked to join our church-wide 4 week Sunday School series on "Dinner Church" beginning this Sunday, August 4th, in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin the lesson at 9:55, after teachers have had time to take roll. If you are late, just slide into an open seat at a table. Bible readings for this week are: *Rebirth*: Luke 14:16-23; and *the first Dinner Church*: Luke 15:1-2; 19:1-10; 22:13-20.

### 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 two-month interim, which, if approved, would begin Tuesday, August 6. The Interim period would conclude Wednesday, October 6, at which time the church will vote whether to transition this individual to permanent Part-Time Music Director. This 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.