

Thoughts From Doug

In just a couple of weeks (beginning with the day after Labor Day, we will begin the new “church year” of midweek discipleship/spiritual formation. We are trying a different format and schedule for the fall semester, so I wanted to use an article to give details and reasons. As we came to the end of the previous school year. I realized an important matter: many of our adults who volunteer with our youth and children on Wednesdays do not have the opportunity to be a part of our mid-week spiritual formation gatherings. Last year, a group of adults met on Wednesday night for prayer and discipleship - at the same time as youth and children’s classes were meeting. No matter how spiritually mature you are, you can only give (teach and minister to children) so long and still have the spiritual nourishment you need to truly minister. At some point, if you are not *receiving* nourishment (through being part of prayer and discussion with other adults), you eventually start “running on fumes”) - and your ministry with children becomes more of a responsibility or a task rather than a calling.

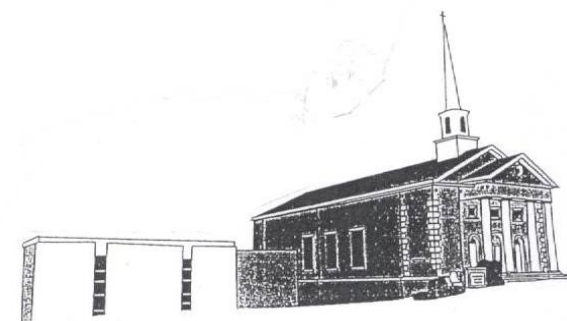
So - to put it briefly - we are changing the night of our adult discipleship so that our volunteers can be involved. For the Fall semester **adult discipleship/spiritual formation will take place on Tuesday nights at 6:30 P.M.** Wednesday nights will be reserved for our youth and children’s ministry and adult choir rehearsal. Tuesday nights will be known as “Inward Night” —opportunities to enhance our own spiritual growth (our *inward* spiritual journey **with** others). Wednesday nights will be “Outward Night”—opportunities to be involved in current ministry efforts (our *outward* spiritual journey **to** others). I will devote next week’s article to describing the Tuesday night gatherings as they will be a weekly rotation, switching between small covenant groups and prayer and worship in the sanctuary.

Out “traditional” adult prayer and Bible discussion will continue as we have done this summer with Wednesday noon hour lunch gatherings in the fellowship hall. Please pray for discernment to respond to the Spirit’s encouragement as to your participation in these opportunities for spiritual growth. Everything planned is done with the intention of providing a rhythm for our church family: a rhythm of prayer, worship, service, and fellowship; and a rhythm of schedule that seeks to honor busy lives and not plan gatherings that fail to feed your spirit and enable you to faithfully serve as the body of Christ.

Love and Blessings! Doug

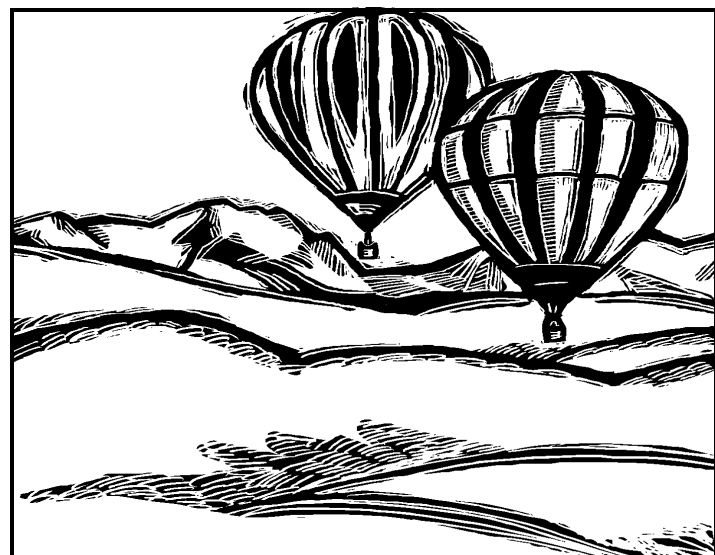
Annual Budget. (2019).....	\$280,579.00
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,395.75
Contributions 8/11/19.....	\$ 6,226.60
Budget Contributions through 8/11/19.....	\$128,393.70
Total Budget Expenses through 8/11/19.....	\$129,492.33

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**Restore us,
O God Almighty;
make your face shine
upon us, that we
may be saved.**

Psalm 80:7, NIV

Prayer List

Henry/Vivian Andrews	Sharon Ezell
James Armstrong	Lamar Guy
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
Josephine Davis	Jeff McMullen
Eugenia English	Marcus McMullen
Sandra English	Marlene Peavy
	Bonnie Stafford

In Military Service: Rudy Webb

GC Gives Coming This Saturday, August 17th

GC Gives is an organization of Georgia College & State University students who volunteer to do service projects throughout the community. Approximately 25 students will be coming to HBC for a "clean-up" day on August 17th. They will do a variety of things to help out: cleaning, painting, yard work, whatever we ask of them. If you have rakes, weed eaters, cleaning implements, etc that you would lend us for that day, please contact Cindy Folendore who will be responsible for caring for what you bring and getting them back to you. safely.

Your Help Needed!

Our new church year is about to begin after "Labor Day" and the use of Fellowship Hall will greatly increase. Please take time if you have activities that require its use, to pick up, put up, wash up and empty all trash. We are only able to have housekeeping service once a week and keeping everything clean and in place will make it easier on everybody. We are so proud of all of our facilities and thank you so much for helping us keep them service ready.



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.



Choir Rehearsal Every Wednesday At 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday Night Program For Children & Youth Starts Back September 4, 2019

Watch for more information and the schedule in the "Herald".

**Scripture Readings for
August 18**
Psalms 80
Isaiah 5:1-7
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

*"Remember that the
happiest people are not
those getting more,
but those giving more".*

-H. Jackson Brown, Jr.-

**Check out the HBC Website
www.hardwickbaptist.org**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug 18: Norma Veal
Aug 20: Randy Beasley, John Kitchens
Aug 21: Drew Colwell, Frank Rogers
Aug 22: Jason Brooks, Miles Whipple
Aug 23: Beth Johnson

Nursery Workers Sunday Morning, 8/18/19

Babies.

Susan Taylor, Gloria Burke

Bus Ministry, 8/18/19

Cindy English

Children's Sermon, 8/18/19

Doug or Becky Adkins

Counting Committee, 8/18/19

Cindy Folendore, Brenda Davis

Worship Coordinator, 8/18/19

Mack Atchison

Deacon of the Week, 8/18/19

Cindy Folendore, 719-4059

Needed!

David Kirkland (Baptist Collegiate Ministry at GCSU) has asked Hardwick to once again supply the desserts for their "Back to School 'Grill and Chill:"

**200 individually
wrapped desserts:
Brownies, snack cakes,
cookies (store bought or
homemade).**

Please bring to the church or get to Gloria Burke by August 18.

The **HBC Food Pantry** served 16 Families, 53 individuals and assisted 2 New applicants Tuesday, August 13th. Thanks to our loyal volunteers who freely give their time and cheerfully serve those who come.

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 18th:

9:45 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship

Monday, August 19th:

9:30 A.M. Ladies' Prayer Group

Wednesday, August 21st:

12:00 P.M. Bible Study/Prayer Group
7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
(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" every Sunday in August in 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 Sunday are: *Table Talk and Natural Evangelism*—Luke 19:2-10; *Praying for Broken People*—Matthew 9:18-22.



Church-wide Mission Project Sponsored by the WMU "Backpacks for Appalachia"

Gloria Burke will have \$5.00 backpacks available at church throughout the month of August, including a list of suggested items to include and the directions to label them. HBC deadline will be September 8th.

Christian Sympathy

To Rev. Dylan Bowden, former HBC Minister of Music, and his family in the loss of his step mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Bowden of Gray, GA, last Sunday. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.