

Thoughts From Doug

As I mentioned in last week's article, in September we are changing adult spiritual formation and discipleship to Tuesday nights so that people who volunteer with children and youth on Wednesdays can take part for the Fall, the Tuesday night (6:30-7:30) rotation will be:

- First Tuesday of the month: *Contemplative Prayer, Prayer Songs and Music* (in the Sanctuary)
- Second Tuesday of the month: Covenant Groups
- Third Tuesday of the month: *Healing Prayer Service* (in the Sanctuary)
- Fourth Tuesday of the month: Covenant Groups

This week, I will discuss the two different prayer services. As I mentioned last week, everything that we plan is done with intentionality—for the purpose of helping us: to grow spiritually as followers of Jesus; to grow closer as a family of faith; and to grow outward as we minister to others. Key to all of these areas of growth is a life of prayer. So often in church we tell people they need to pray; we start and end meetings and classes with a sentence or two of prayer; we offer a prayer or two during Sunday worship. But not often do we provide time and space for people to *experience* prayer. By that, I mean an extended period of time to engage God with our whole selves, and to learn that prayer is just as much about listening to God as it is talking or thinking thoughts toward God. Both of these prayer services listed above will be designed to facilitate such a time of engaging God.

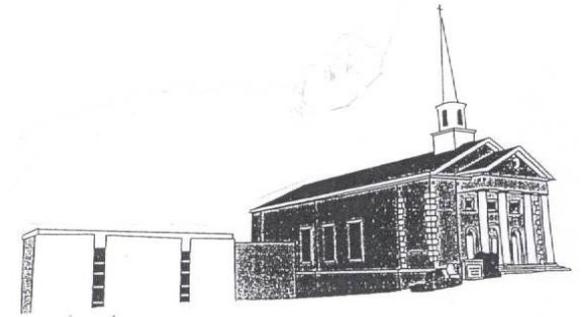
The *Contemplative Prayer Service* on the first Tuesdays will be patterned very much after the Taize style of prayer songs, Scripture readings, silent prayer, and “something to think about” (guided prayers). If you attended the Ash Wednesday service last spring, you have already experienced a sample of this style of prayer service. It will be more of a quiet service, as you are guided to open your heart and spirit in an honest conversation with God. Alyssa Harris will use her gifts to teach us/lead us in the prayer songs we will sing. I believe all who attend will find a feast for their soul and a quenching of their spiritual thirst.

The *Healing Prayer Service* will consist of prayer songs; a guided meditation to help you consider what in your life may need some form of healing, as well as individuals you may know who are in need of some form of healing; time to pray for those concerns; and finally, an opportunity, if you so desire, to pray with me or someone else. As it states in James 5:13-14, *Are any among you suffering? They should pray...Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.* And so, yes, at these services, I will be available to pray and anoint folks with oil, if they so desire. This may be foreign territory for some of us. That is fine. Everyone will be free to participate to the extent they are comfortable. The important thing is we are being faithful in our calling to deepen our spiritual growth and our relationship with the Lord.

So our plan is to have the First Contemplative Prayer Service September 3, 6:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary. I hope you will join us as we continue on our journey of following Christ together. Next Week I will discuss the Covenant Groups in detail.

Love and Blessings! Doug

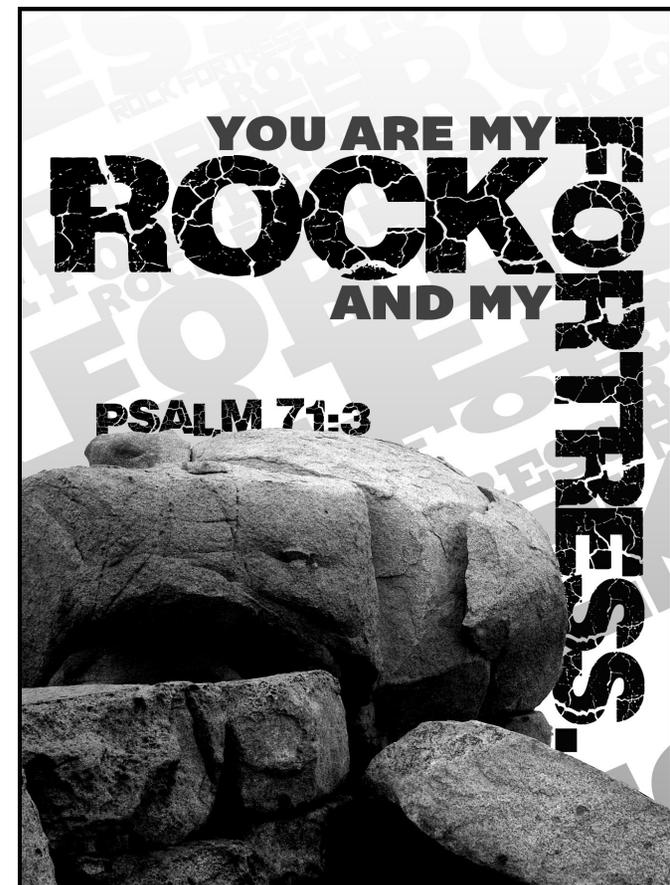
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Prayer List

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

Thank You!

Approximately 28 students from GC Gives, a service organization at GCSU composed of students who volunteer their time in service projects throughout the community, came to HBC last Saturday and worked along with several HBC members in a special "clean-up" day. In spite of the heat they worked all morning to clean the fence row by the parking lot and the playground. We appreciate their hard work and pledge our prayers as they begin a new school year.

Prayer is the saucer into which parental fears are poured to cool. ... Each time a parent prays, Christ responds. His message to moms and dads is "Bring your children to me."
-Max Lucado-

Pursue some path, however narrow and crooked, in which you can walk with love and reverence. -Thoreau-



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 25

Psalm 71:1-6
Isaiah 5:1-7
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

Check out the HBC Website
www.hardwickbaptist.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug 26: Madison Waddell
Aug 27: Cole Rogers, Katie McInnes
Aug 30: Karen Prescott

Nursery Workers Sunday Morning, 8/25/19

Babies.

Celia Turner, Tina Roberts

Bus Ministry, 8/25/19

Ken Turner

Children's Church, 8/25/19

Ken Turner

Counting Committee, 8/25/19

Jeff Deen, David Lewis

Worship Coordinator, 8/25/19

Mack Atchison

Deacon of the Week, 8/25/19

Sharon Lord, 452-7742

Thanks for Your Help!

We asked for your help with desserts for the GCSU Baptist Collegiate Ministry's "Back to School Grill and Chill" and you generously answered our call as always. Thanks you for your help!

Women ON Mission Day Group will meet Wednesday, September 4th at 2:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.

"God is not out there or back there or yet to be, but hidden in the most ordinary things of our ordinary lives."

-Sallie McFague-

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 25th:

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

Wednesday, August 28th:

12:00 P.M. Bible Study/Prayer Group
7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
(No Evening activities)

Adult Sunday School Reminder:

The church-wide 4 week Sunday School series on "Dinner Church" every Sunday in August in Fellowship Hall will conclude this Sunday, August 25th. Bible Readings for this Sunday are: *The "Grace-to-Grace" Explanation of Salvation:* Matthew 13:24-30; Romans 14:1-13.



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.



Musicians Needed!

Interim Music Director, Alyssa Harris, is in search of musicians (preferably members of Hardwick Baptist Church.) The goal is to find:

- Acoustic guitar
- Woodwinds (flute, oboe, saxophone, etc)
- Strings (violin, cello viola, etc)
- Brass (French horns, trumpet, trombone, etc)
- Harp

If you are interested, please email Alyssa Harris at alysabbharris@gmail.com.

Annual Budget (2019).....	\$280,579.00
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,395.75
Contributions 8/18/19.....	\$ 2,731.00
Budget Contributions through 8/18/19.....	\$131,124.70
Total Budget Expenses through 8/18/19.....	\$133,456.95