

## Thoughts From Doug

In the past two *Heralds* I have discussed the new schedule and format for adult discipleship and spiritual formation. For the Fall, the offerings for adults will consist of three different formats:

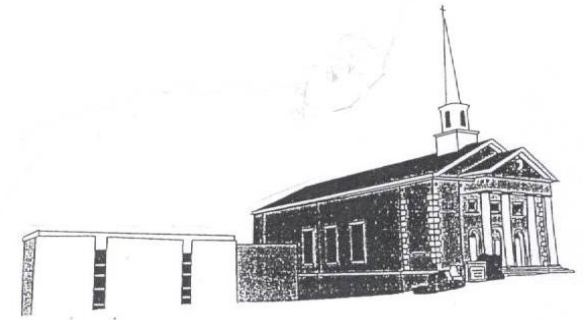
1. Wednesday Noon Lunch Hour: Traditional Prayer Meeting & Bible Discussion
2. 1st Tuesdays, 6:30 P.M.: *Contemplative Prayer and Prayer Songs/Music* (45 min.)  
3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 P.M.: *Healing Prayer Service*
3. Covenant Groups

This week I will try to explain Covenant Groups. For the past three months, a group of six church members and I have been gathering every week to share in a covenant group experience. These are folks who serve during the school year as leaders in our Wednesday night children and youth ministry. While they were "off" for the summer, they responded to our invitation to be a Covenant Group together. Covenant Groups are designed to enhance both one's personal discipleship/spiritual growth, as well as deepen our fellowship with others. It is not a Bible study. It is not a friendship/social group. It is a group whose purpose is mutual accountability for their discipleship. With guidance and samples of other group covenants, the group will decide on a covenant that discovers specific aspects of spiritual growth. The group will then meet twice a month for one hour. The purpose of the meeting is to "watch over one another in love" - that is, mutual accountability and support for growing in holiness of heart and life by walking in the way of Christ.

Covenant Groups are also mission focused. Their mission is to help each member be further transformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ. The group meetings provide an opportunity to help another make any needed course corrections. Mutual accountability helps members make sure they are following Jesus in the world and not going off on detours. The goal is to help each other grow in heart, soul, mind and strength by obeying Jesus' commands to "love one another as I have loved you."

On Sunday, September 8, at 5:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall, we will have a meeting for everyone who is interested in being part of a covenant group for the Fall. I, along with some of the participants from the summer group, will discuss the purpose and the format of covenant groups. My hope is to have about three different covenant groups (made up of 4 to 7 people) for the Fall. Since groups only meet every other week, there will be a total of 6 group meetings this Fall. Groups will decide the specific day, time, and location of their meetings according to individual schedules.

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## New Fall Schedule

As previously announced adult spiritual formation and discipleship will meet on Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:30 P.M. beginning September 3rd. The rotation will be:

- First Tuesdays: *Contemplative Prayer* - in the Sanctuary
- Second Tuesdays: *Covenant Groups*
- Third Tuesdays: *Healing Prayer Service* - in the Sanctuary
- Fourth Tuesdays: *Covenant Groups*

The regular Wednesday schedule will be:

- Prayer Meeting/Bible Study - 12:00 Noon - in Fellowship Hall
- Children & Youth Groups - 5:30 P.M.
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 P.M.

It is our hope that everybody will be able to participate in whatever area they wish to be a part of. The weekly schedule will appear on page 3 of the "Herald" each week.

### Mission Georgia Emphasis & Offering Begins this Sunday, September 1st

This Year's Theme: **(Strength-en)**

*"So the churches were strengthened in their faith and grew Daily in numbers."*

*Acts 16:5 (CSB)*

*(Extra Offering Envelopes available in the vestibule)*

### 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



### 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

(See schedule on Page 3)

### Scripture Readings for September 1 Psalm 81:1,10-36 Jeremiah 2:4-13 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1,7-14

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept 02: Greg Lewis  
Sept 04: James Armstrong  
Sept 05: Michael Baker, Steven Larson

**Nursery Workers**  
**Sunday Morning, 9/01/19**  
**Babies.**  
Cindy English Lauren Deen

**Bus Ministry, 9/01/19**  
Cindy English

**Children's Sermon, 9/01/19**  
Cindy English

**Counting Committee, 9/01/19**  
Miles Whipple, TBA

**Worship Coordinator, 9/01/19**  
Mack Atchison

**Deacon of the Week, 9/01/19**  
Marilynn Skinner,

**Women On Mission Day Group** will meet Wednesday, September 4th at 2:00 P.M. in the History Room.

**Deacons** will meet Sunday, September 8th at 2:00 P.M.

**Doers of the Word** will meet Thursday, September 12, at 6:00 P.M. at the home of Gloria Burke.

The **HBC Food Pantry** served 21 families, 69 individuals and assisted 7 new applicants Tuesday, August 27th. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers who cheerfully serve those who come.

### Christian Sympathy

To Mrs. Sandy Fountain, Stacy & Jennifer, their friends and family in the loss of their husband/father, Mike Fountain this week.

### CALENDAR

#### Sunday, September 1st:

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

#### Monday, September 2nd:

Labor Day Holiday—Office Closed

#### Tuesday, September 3rd:

9:30 P.M. Ladies' Prayer Group  
6:30 P.M. Contemplative Prayer Ser.

#### Wednesday, September 4th:

12:00 P.M. Bible Study/Prayer Group  
2:00 P.M. WOM Day Group  
5:30 P.M. Children's & Youth Groups  
7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal



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

Gloria Burke will have \$5.00 backpacks available at church, 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 [alysabharris@gmail.com](mailto:alysabharris@gmail.com).

**The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 2nd for "Labor Day."**

### Homecoming Sunday, September 29th



**Sunday School at 9:45 A.M.**  
**Morning Worship at 11:00 A.M.**  
**Special Guest:**  
**Former Pastor, Rev. Sam Orr**  
**Dinner On The Grounds at Noon**

Make your plans now to be here and invite friends and former members to come. Bring your favorite covered dishes to share and enjoy this special time of fellowship and great food.

**Mark Your Calendar**  
**1st "Dinner Church"**  
**Saturday, October 26th**  
*(More Details coming)*

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| Annual Budget. (2019).....                 | \$280,579.00 |
| Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....        | \$ 5,395.75  |
| Contributions 8/25/19.....                 | \$ 1,554.00  |
| Budget Contributions through 8/25/19.....  | \$132,678.70 |
| Total Budget Expenses through 8/25/19..... | \$135,713.63 |