

**Thoughts From Doug**

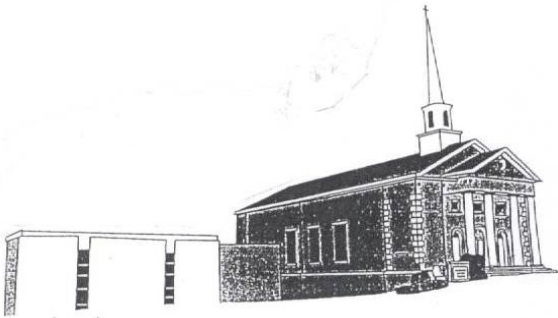
As a pastor I am always striving to strike a proper balance regarding the gatherings, meetings, and services that are scheduled on our church calendar. Like me, I am sure that you have spent a season of church life - in some church, somewhere - that seemed to be too busy. By too busy, I mean too many meetings scheduled during the week/month which were not sensitive to the reality of life and family schedules. I am sure that some of the awareness factored in when the decision was made to discontinue Sunday night worship at Hardwick Baptist. I hope you have sensed that I understand all of this.

I make this disclaimer to let you know of the intentionality behind our church calendar - especially behind the offerings for adult spiritual formation I have discussed in the previous two *Heralds*. I realize that there are some services scheduled that not everyone will feel a deep interest in attending, and that is fine. I have learned over the years, that many pastors fall into a consumer-minded approach to ministry when the value or need for everything is judged by the number of people who attend. This is unfortunate, and is not fair to followers of Christ who are yearning for more - something that helps to challenge and deepen their spiritual journey. I believe that our once-a-month service of Taize prayer, and our once-a-moth healing prayer service are examples of these. Not everyone will feel drawn to these services initially. Others may choose to try it because of a personal word from someone else who has attended. The purpose of these prayer services, though, is not to attract several people. The purpose is to provide a space and a time for people to learn about, and experience, listening prayer. To sing songs of prayer, to rest in the silence, and to learn to listen for God in the rush and noise of life. And to prepare attendees to listen for God more fully in their daily life. That, I believe, is worth scheduling on our church calendar for two nights a month. I hope that, if you are hesitant, you will consider putting these services on your personal calendar and see what you may receive by attending.

Love and Blessings!  
Doug



# Hardwick Herald



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If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.

Psalm 139:9-10

### 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 5:30 P.M.

(See schedule on Page 3)

### Scripture Readings for September 8

**Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18**  
**Jeremiah 18:1-11**  
**Philemon 1-21**  
**Luke 14:25-33**

### Mission Georgia Emphasis & Offering

*Theme: (Strength-en)*  
**Total Received: \$25.00**  
Extra Offering Envelopes in Vestibule

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept 11: Ben Braddy  
Sept 12: Jonathan Paulish

### Nursery Workers Sunday Morning, 9/08/19 Babies.

Olivia Hill, Gail Brooks

### Bus Ministry, 9/08/19

Ken Turner

### Children's Church, 9/08/19

Ken Turner

### Counting Committee, 9/08/19

Jim Davis, Mack Atchison

### Worship Coordinator, 9/08/19

Mack Atchison

### Deacon of the Week, 9/08/19

Danny Roberts, 1/706-485 5624

**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.



*You are invited  
To a Wedding Shower For  
Carter Scott  
& Chandler Pennington  
Sunday, October 6, 2019  
2:00 P.M.  
In HBC Fellowship Hall  
They are registered at  
Amazon, Target, Walmart & Belk*

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

### CALENDAR

#### Sunday, September 8th:

9:45 A.M. Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship  
2:00 P.M. Deacons' Meeting  
5:30 P.M. Covenant Groups Org. Mtg.

#### Tuesday, September 9th:

TBA Covenant Groups

#### Wednesday, September 11th:

12:00 P.M. Bible Study/Prayer 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 is 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 Lord is my light and my salvation" (Psalm 27:1). Thank you God, for being all I ever need.*



### 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)*

Annual Budget.2019).....	\$280,579.00
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,395.75
Contributions 9/01/19.....	\$ 3,320.50
Budget Contributions through 9/01/19.....	\$136,193.25
Total Budget Expenses through 9/01/19.....	\$141,804.72