

Thoughts From Doug

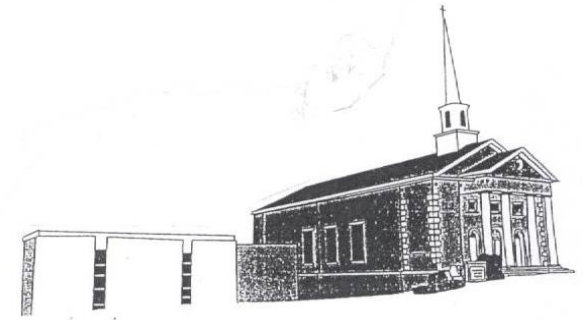
"Homecoming Day 2019"—what a wonderful day we had! Hugs and smiles and even tears of joy filled the church as we welcomed home many former members, some who grew up here and are now adults. Some with families of their own. It was so good to have former pastor, Sam Orr and members of his family with us. His Homecoming message, the memories shared with him and the pictures he brought to share with us filled us with happy memories of the years he and Joann were here. Hardwick Baptist has always been a close knit "Family of God" with a special spirit of Christian love and support for each other and for those we have reached out to. Many who were here Sunday talked of memories of Sunday School, children's choirs, handchimes and handbells, discipleship training opportunities, church camp, mission projects and trips...the list goes on and on. The Christian love we shared with them when they were here lives on and the effects of what they had here have been a major part of shaping their lives. We thought of many who were not able to be here and their impact on our lives. We remembered those who have gone to their heavenly home and the legacy they left this congregation. The great food and fellowship we shared following worship was unsurpassed and gave us a chance to catch up with each other's lives.

A Church Homecoming has been defined as a time when a congregation reflects upon the work of God in the past while anticipating His continued blessing/favor in the future. Indeed we do have hope for the future as we attempt to follow God's leading to reach out and touch the lives of others, to show them the Christian love and support that is Hardwick Baptist Church. While our numbers may be smaller God's fields are white unto harvest and we must step up to the task. *"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases."* (Lamentations 3:22). Is our Christian love steadfast? Will we put feet to our prayers and do our part to show this love to those whose lives we touch in our daily lives. God bless this special "Family of God" that is Hardwick Baptist Church.

Reminder: There will be a Called Business Meeting following Morning Worship this Sunday, October 6th, as agreed in the August 4th Business Meeting to vote on changing Alyssa Harris' status as Interim Part-Time Music Director to permanent Part-time Music Director.

Attention Program Directors, etc: Please get your budget requests for the new church year in writing to the church office or Finance Committee by October 27.

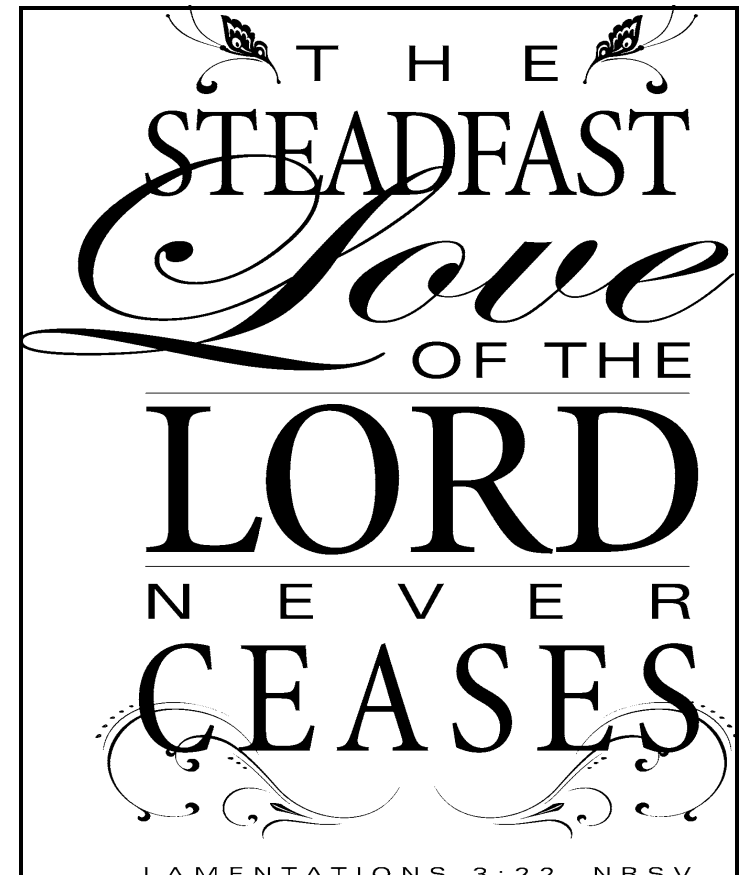
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Prayer List

Henry/Vivian Andrews	Sharon Ezell
James Armstrong	Lamar Guy
Mack Atchison	Kenny Huff
Kenneth Babb	Martha Huff
Katie Bainbridge	Jim Jennings
Anne Bayne	Michael/Sharon Lord
Joyce Blizzard	Nell Maddox
Harriett Braddy	Jeff McMullen
Josephine Davis	Marcus McMullen
Eugenia English	Marlene Peavy
Sandra English	Bonnie Stafford

In Military Service: Rudy Webb



Shoebox Project Begins NOW

Our annual Samaritan's Purse, "Operation Christmas Child" shoebox ministry project begins now. Brochures with instructions are available in several locations throughout the church as well as in the Church Office. Deadline to bring packed shoeboxes to the church is November 10th so that they may be checked and taken to the drop-location for transport to the distribution center. Be sure to include \$9 in each box to cover shipping and other project costs.

Special pre-printed boxes are available in the church office or you may use a standard-size shoebox. Help to spread the "Good News" of God's love by packing a shoebox.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, Oct. 14th for Columbus Day.

Annual Budget 2019.....	\$280,579.00
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,395.75
Contributions 9/29/19.....	\$ 2,709.00
Budget Contributions through 9/29/19.....	\$150,565.06
Total Budget Expenses through 9/29/19.....	\$153,402.79



Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study 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
Will not meet October 9th
due to Fall Break in
our Public Schools.**

Scripture Readings for October 6

**Lamentations 3:19-26
Lamentations 1:1-6
2 Timothy 1:1-4
Luke 17:5-10**

Mission Georgia Offering
Theme: ("Strength-en")
Total Received: \$555.00

Extra Offering Envelopes available in the vestibule.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct 06: Eddie Baker
Oct 08: Marguerite Folendore
Oct 09: Lynn Batson, Benny Watson
Oct 10: Meredith Riner
Oct 12: Kim Renfro

Nursery Workers Sunday Morning, 10/06/19 Babies

Cindy English, Tina Roberts

Bus Ministry, 10/06/19
Cindy English

Children's Sermon, 10/06/19
Cindy English

Counting Committee, 10/06/19
Jim Davis, Mack Atchison

Worship Coordinator, 10/06/19
Mack Atchison

Deacon of the Week, 10/06/19
Glenn Abbey, 456-4305



*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**

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 6th:

9:45 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
2:00 P.M. Wedding Shower
4:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, October 9th:

12:00 P.M. Bible Study/Prayer Group
7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
(No Children & Youth Activities
this week due to Fall Break in
our schools.)

Deacons will meet this Sunday, October 6th, at 4:30 P.M. This meeting will include both deacons rotating off this year as well as those who will begin new terms.

**192nd Session
Washington Baptist Association
Tuesday, October 8, 2019
Sparta Baptist Church
5:00 P.M.- Afternoon Session
6:00 P.M.- Dinner
6:45 P.M.- Evening Session**

Church Council will meet Sunday, October 20th at 4:30 P.M.

Our **Quarterly Business Meeting** will be Sunday, October 20th at 6:00 P.M.

**SAVE THE DATE
Friday, October 11, 6:00 P.M.**
Cindy English and Gloria Burke are hosting a Ladies' Bunco Night at Hardwick's Fellowship Hall. This will be a night of fun and fellowship for ladies of all ages. (It is not a Women On Mission event). It takes no prior experience to play Bunco, so plan to come and bring:

1. \$5.00 for Baptist Global Response Hurricane Relief for the Bahamas.
2. A finger food snack to share
3. A friend