

Thoughts From Doug

We are trying to update the congregation (and friends) weekly concerning the particular opportunity for Adult Discipleship—through the *Herald* as well as the Sunday bulletin and reminders from the pulpit. It is necessary to do this because of the variety of services we offer. As you may or may not remember, each month we have two special prayer services. On the first Tuesday of each month we have a service of prayer incorporating the prayer songs of Taize, Scripture, and periods of silent prayer. On the third Tuesday of each month, we have a Service of Healing Prayers. Since our November Taize Prayer service is next week (November 5), I am utilizing this week's article to educate you a little more about this meaningful service.

I first learned of Taize prayer services when I was working on my Doctor of Ministry degree—which I was pursuing because I felt a calling to help prepare the church to grow spiritually. I attend the Taize prayer service that was held at the church next to the campus and was especially moved. A couple of years later, a former youth group member, while pursuing his seminary studies, traveled with American Baptist young adults to spend a week in Taize, France. Through his experience and testimony, I became more appreciative of these prayer services.

About the Taize Community: Taize is a monastic community in southeastern France. It was founded in 1940 with the mission of healing the division between Christians and within the human family. They seek to create a place where reconciliation can become a concrete reality every day. Thousands of people from all over the world, young, and old, gather at Taize every week to pray, search, sing, and find refreshment and renewal. The worship of Taize is marked by depth and simplicity, consisting of much singing along with significant periods of silent meditation.

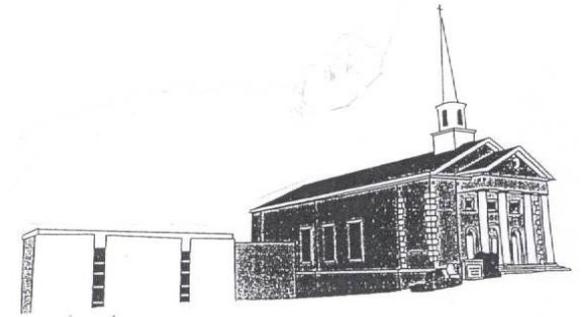
Meditative Singing: Short songs, repeated again and again, give the service a meditative character. Using just a few words, they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God, without having to fix the length of time too exactly.

To open the gates of trust in God, nothing can replace the beauty of human voices united in song. This beauty can give us a glimpse of “heaven’s joy on earth,” as Eastern Christians put it. And an inner life begins to blossom within us. These songs also sustain personal prayer. Through them, little by little, our being finds an inner unity in God. The songs continue in the silence of our hearts when we are at work, speaking with others, or resting. In this way, prayer and daily life are united. They allow us to keep on praying even when we are unaware of it, in the silence of our hearts.

Listening to Scripture, Listening for God; Taize prayer services always utilize periods of silence—silence after singing songs, silence after hearing Scripture read. In next week’s article, I will say more about “silence and prayer.” For now: I hope you will come to the HBC sanctuary at 6:30 P.M. November 5, for a Service of Evening Prayer in the manner of the community of Taize.

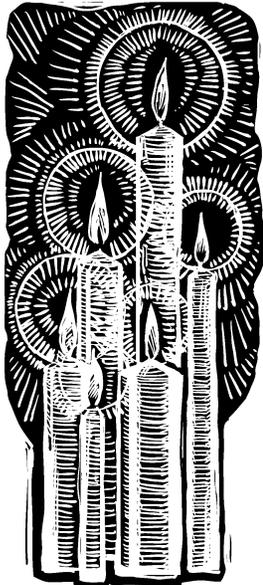
Annual Budget 2019.....	\$280,579.00
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,395.75
Contributions 10/27/19.....	\$ 3,317.04
Budget Contributions through 10/27/19.....	.\$175,941.14
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All Saints Day
This Sunday, November 3, 2019

Remembering all those HBC members who have gone on in the faith this year

Ernest Bayne (Deacon)
Morgan Bloodworth (Deacon)
Alvin Burke (Deacon)
Ms. Shirley Grant
Ms. Sandra McMullen
Jake Maddox (Deacon)



Set your clocks back one hour
before retiring this Saturday night,
November 2nd.

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



Our "Operation Christmas Child" Shoebox Ministry project continues. Brochures with instructions are available in several locations throughout the church as well as in the Church Office. Deadline to bring packed shoeboxes in to the church is November 10th. Be sure to include \$9 in each box to cover shipping and other project costs. Make a child smile at Christmas and help spread the Good News of God's love for them.

Baptist Women World Day of Prayer

Monday, November 4, 2019

**Smyrna Baptist Church
Deepstep, GA,**

6:00 P.M.

Please contact Gloria Burke at 804-1678 if you would like a ride.

Address Change:

Bonnie Stafford has moved away and has shared her new address:
160 Woodcliff Circle
Signal Mountain, TN
37377

Check out the HBC Website
www.hardwickbaptist.org



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 5:30 P.M. —Snack Supper 6:00 P.M.—Group Time

Scripture Readings for November 3rd Psalm 149 Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31



Adult Discipleship Opportunities

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6:30 P.M.
Taize Prayer Service

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:30 P.M.
Healing Prayer Service

*"The happiest people
don't have the best of everything,
they just make the best
of everything."*

-copied-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov 7: Deborah Tapley
Nov 8: Michael Overman
Nov 9: Mack Atchison

Nursery Workers Sunday Morning, 11/3/19 Babies Taria Crump, Hope Pennington

Bus Ministry, 11/3/19 Ken Turner

Children's Sermon, 11/3/19 Ken Turner

Counting Committee, 11/3/19 Mack Atchison, Miles Whipple

Worship Coordinator, 11/3/19 Mack Atchison

Deacon of the Week, 11/3/19 Marilynn Skinner

Coming November 23, 2019 1st HBC Dinner Church 5:00 P.M.

If you would like to serve on one of the Dinner Church Teams, please contact Cindy Folendore.



Pray for the Nominating Committee as they work to fill all vacant teacher and officer positions.

*"Look forward and be hopeful,
look backward and be thankful,
look down and be helpful,
look up and be humble."*

*"Life will only work out successfully
one way, and that is God's way."*
-Weatherford-

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 3rd:

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

Tuesday, November 5th:

6:30 P.M. Taize Prayer Service

Wednesday, November 6th:

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

Women On Mission Day Group will meet Wednesday, November 6th at 2:00 P.M. in the History Room.

Doers of the Word will meet Thursday, November 7th at HBC at 6:00 P.M.

Deacons will meet Sunday, November 10th, at 2:00 P.M.

Advice From A Pumpkin

