

Thoughts From Doug

As promised in last week's article, I am concluding my comments and description of our monthly prayer service, utilizing Taize prayer songs.

Silence and Prayer: If we take as our guide the oldest prayer book, the biblical Psalms, we see two main forms of prayer. One is a lament and cry for help. The other is thanksgiving and praise. In Psalm 131 for instance, there is nothing but quietness and confidence: *"I have calmed and quieted my soul...hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore."* During a service of Taize prayer, we are reminded that, at times prayer becomes silent. Peaceful communion with God can do without words: *"I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother."* (Psalm 131:2) Like the satisfied child who has stopped crying and is in its mother's arms. So can *my soul be with me* in the presence of God. Prayer then needs no words, maybe not even thoughts.

How is it possible to reach inner silence? Sometimes we are apparently silent, and yet we have great noises or "voices" within: worries, doubts, to-do lists, regrets, etc. Often we are preoccupied with our surroundings, or wondering if we are "doing" prayer correctly. Singing prayer songs help, over and over, help us to focus on God—specifically, on listening to the Spirit instead of the other noises in our lives. Calming our souls requires a kind of simplicity: *"I do not occupy myself with things too great, too marvelous for me."* (Psalm 131:1) Silence means recognizing that my worries can't do much. Silence means leaving to God what is beyond my reach and capacity. A moment of silence, even very short, is like a holy stop, a sabbatical rest, a truce of worries.

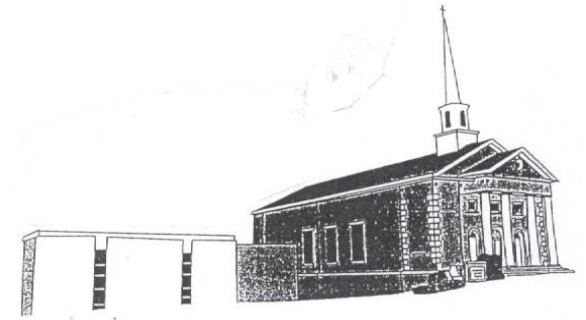
There is nothing magical about a service of Taize prayer--no more than there is anything magical about a Sunday worship service. What is special, however about this service is that it provides a quiet, sacred space for you to pray for an extended period. You pray while you are singing the prayer songs. But you also learn to practice listening prayer. You listen to a Psalm read and respond with a prayer. You listen to a Scripture reading, and listen for a word in the silence. And you pray with and for those sitting around you. Finally, you have the opportunity to respond by partaking of the Bread and the Cup of Communion.

These services of prayer are well worth our planning each month, for they are opportunities for whoever attends to deepen their life of prayer—in the context of the Body of Christ that gathers in our sanctuary with them. I hope you can mark your calendar, or program your phone, to remind you to come pray with us on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

Love and Blessings!
Doug

Annual Budget 2019.....	\$280,579.00
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,395.75
Contributions 11/03/19.....	\$ 6,713.00
Budget Contributions through 11/03/19.....	\$182,848.19
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Thank You, Veterans!

On Veterans' Day we honor men and women who have served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services. Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the **NOVEMBER 11** world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore."

(Isaiah 2:4, NIV)

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 this Sunday, 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.

Congratulations to Cindy Folendore!

At the annual meeting of the Co-operative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia at First Baptist Columbus, Cindy was nominated and approved to serve a three-year term on the Coordinating Council of CBF of Georgia.

"It's not happiness that makes us grateful. It's gratefulness that makes us happy."

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 10th Psalm 145:1-5,17-21 Haggai 1:15b-2:9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38



Adult Discipleship Opportunities

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:30 P.M.
Healing Prayer Service
Tuesday, Dec. 3, 6:30 P.M.
Taize Prayer Service



On Veterans Day remember the sign at the Veterans Cemetery which reads:

"All gave some and some gave all."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov 10: Dylan Jones
Nov 11: Joyce Blizzard
Nov 13: Neal Pennington
Nov 14: Danny Carver
Nov 16: Kristi Blizzard, David Ray

Nursery Workers Sunday Morning, 11/10/19 Babies Susan Taylor, Becky Adkins

Bus Ministry, 11/10/19
Cindy English

Children's Sermon, 11/10/19
Doug Adkins

Counting Committee, 11/10/19
Cindy Folendore, David Lewis

Worship Coordinator, 11/10/19
Mack Atchison

Deacon of the Week, 11/10/19
Glenn Abbey, 456-4305

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.

**The Church Office will be closed
Monday, November 11th for the
Veterans' Day holiday.**

Community Thanksgiving Service Chapel of All Faiths November 10, 2019 4:00 P.M.

An Offering will be received for sheltering local women and children in crisis.

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 10th:

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

Monday, November 11th:

Veteran's Day Holiday— Office Closed
6:30 P.M. Covenant Groups

Wednesday, November 13th:

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

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



Time to Order Poinsettias

Thanksgiving is upon us and Christmas is just around the corner. December 1st is the first Sunday of Advent this year. Once again you may order poinsettias in honor of or in memory of a loved one or friend to help decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. Order envelopes are in several locations throughout the church for your convenience in ordering. Payment must be made with your order. The cost is \$10.00 each and the plants will come from the same greenhouse we have ordered from before—they are always beautiful. Make checks payable to Hardwick Baptist Church designated for Poinsettias. Please mark clearly the number you want and who they are in honor of or in memory of.

**\$10.00 Each
Order Deadline: November 20**