

Thoughts From Doug

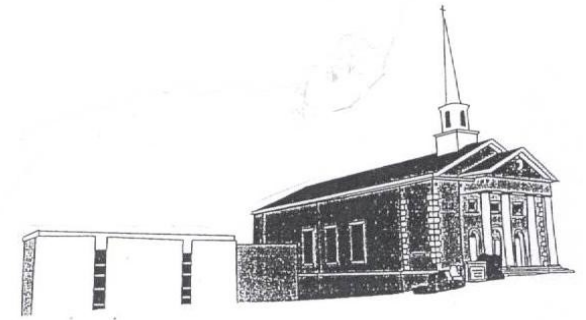
As you have probably heard, we have some major leakage problems in the Hardwick Baptist Fellowship Hall. We have had issues with occasional leaks for a while, and we knew that the matter would need to be addressed before long. There had been some discussion last year about repairs. However, that discussion was moved to the "front burner" about a month ago. The week before Christmas (just a few days after the first Dinner Church gathering), when we had a couple of days of excessive rain, the floodgates opened—except, this time, those gates were on the roof and interior ceiling of the fellowship hall. Now, we have trash cans and buckets set up in at least 8 different spots inside the fellowship hall and kitchen. A few ceiling tiles have fallen and broken, and a few others are sagging from the water. We are adapting as best as we can as we prepare for Wednesday night children's and youth suppers.

During the past month at least four different roofing businesses have come to investigate the roof. Mack Atchison, Properties Committee Chair, has spent a great deal of time contacting these folks and meeting with them. I have been present to speak with three of those individuals. All of the roofers have been recommended, either by church members or other local businesses. We are in the process of receiving estimates from them. The Properties Committee will be meeting this week to review those estimates. Their goal is to present a recommendation to the church at this Sunday's quarterly business meeting. Please plan on being in attendance, if possible, in order that we can make an informed decision that will be the best for the church and our ministry efforts going forward.

Also: Please continue to pray for our next Dinner Church, scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 5:00 P.M. Some of the Community Ministry Team members met this past Sunday to plan. We continue to expect great things to happen as we eat, worship, and serve with people who are hungry for more than food.

Love and Blessings!
Doug

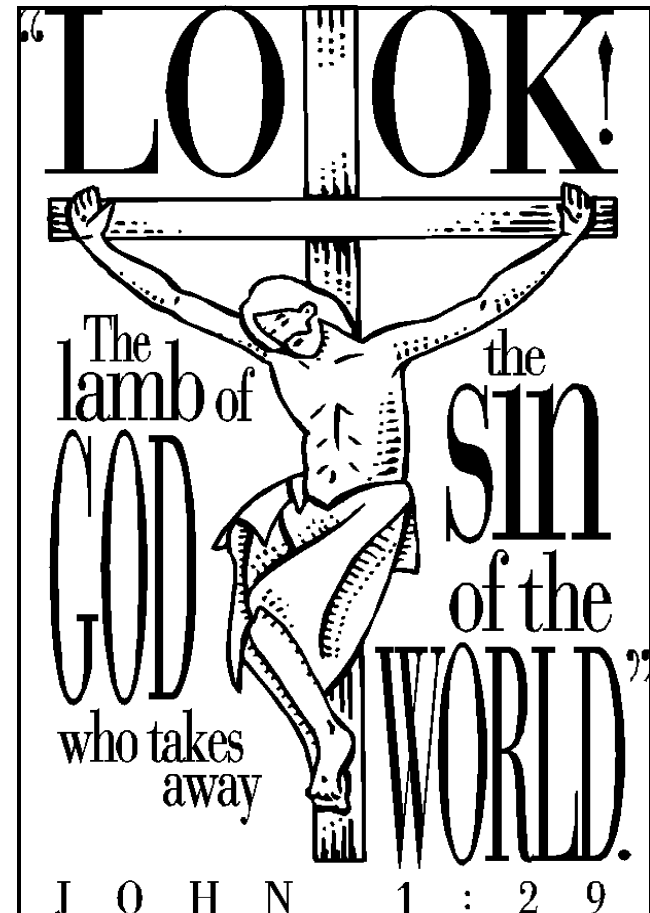
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Prayer List

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
John Cooper	Marcus McMullen
Josephine Davis	Marlene Peavy
Eugenia English	Bonnie Stafford
Sandra English	

In Military Service: Rudy Webb



**Prayer Meeting/
Bible Study
Wednesdays , 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.**


**Scripture Readings for
January 19**

**Psalm 40:1-11
Isaiah 49:1-7
I Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42**

Remember to Check the Calendar

Please remember to check the church calendar in the Office when planning special events or programs that require use of church facilities in order to avoid embarrassing overlaps. We will be glad to print announcements in the "Herald" if you like as well.

**Check out the HBC Website
www.hardwickbaptist.org**



**Adult Discipleship
Opportunity**

Covenant Group: 6:30 P.M.
January 27th

**Adult Discipleship:
"Companions in Christ"
Begins January 27, 6:15 P.M.**

"Companions in Christ" is a Bible-study that focuses on spiritual growth and deepening community. Doug Adkins will be facilitating the group. We will meet a total of 5 times-on the second and fourth Monday of the month. Dates of the five sessions are: January 27, February 10 & 24, March 9 & 23. In preparation for each meeting, participants will read a brief article that introduces the theme, along with five devotions that connect the Scriptures to our spiritual growth. During the meetings we will share insights from our devotions and our personal journeys. See Doug if you are interested. so that books can be ordered in advance of our first meeting.

Annual Budget 2020.....	\$275,000.00
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,288.46
Contributions 1/12/2020.....	\$ 5,121.73
Budget Contributions through 1/12/2020.....	\$ 6,490.23
Total Budget Expense through 1/12/2020.....	\$ 11,733.17

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan 24: Tristan Tollison
Jan 15: Yvonne Harrell, Martha Huff

**Nursery Workers
Sunday Morning, 1/19/2020
Babies**

Rhonda Whipple, Kristi Blizzard

Bus Ministry, 1/19/2020
Cindy English

Children's Message, 1/19/2020
Becky Adkins

Counting Committee, 1/19/2020
Cindy Folendore, David Lewis

Worship Coordinator, 1/19/2020
Mack Atchison

Deacon of the Week, 1/19/2020
Cindy Folendore, 719-4059

**Next Dinner Church
Scheduled for
Saturday-January 25, 2020
At 5:00 P.M.**

Please pray for our Dinner Church team as they prepare for the gathering and strive to provide good food, fellowship and inspiration as they minister to those who come.

Change of Heart

"God has nothing but the best, and He offers it to us, weeds us, sustains us, and cares for us through His Son. That's the way our hearts are changed to follow Christ"
-Martin Luther-

This Sunday is "**Sanctity of Life**" Sunday... "Discover Hope: Protect the Sanctity of Human Life." Pray for Crossroads Center as they daily offer women the love and answers they need.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 19th:
9:45 P.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
4:30 P.M. Church Council
6:00 P.M. Quarterly Business Mtg.

Monday, January 20th:
MLK Holiday—Office Closed

Tuesday, January 21st:
9:30 A.M. Ladies' Prayer Group

Wednesday, January 22nd:
12:00 P.M. Bible Study/Prayer Mtg.
5:30 P.M. Children & Youth Groups.
7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

Church Council will meet at 4:30 P.M. this Sunday, January 19, 2020.

Quarterly Business Meeting will be this Sunday, January 19th, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

2019 Records of Contributions

Are now available in alphabetical order on the table in the upstairs hallway of the Education Building for your convenience in getting yours.

**The Church Office will be closed
Monday, January 20th for the
Martin Luther King Holiday.**

The **HBC Food Pantry** served 22 households, 89 individuals and assisted 3 new applicants Tuesday, January 14th. Special thanks to our dedicated volunteers who work to stock the pantry and serve those who come for assistance. One of the applicants Tuesday took the time to come into the office to express his profound appreciation for the help with food his family has received. He wanted to offer to do any chores we might have to repay us. When told he didn't need to repay, he repeated Thank You! Thank You! Again.