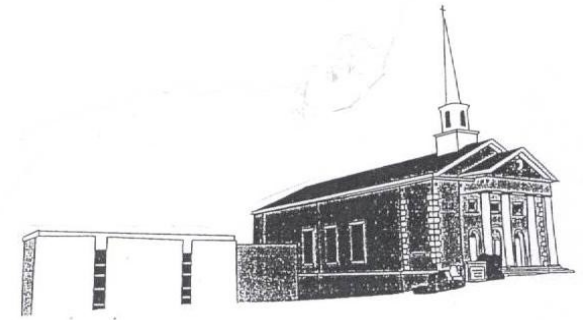


I cannot begin to fully appreciate how my spiritual formation has been broadened and deepened by learning the significance behind various traditions and practices from the Church Universal that were not part of my Southern Baptist upbringing. I have come to believe that is very much like the benefit one receives from a good, well-rounded education. When it comes to education and schools, it appears to me that people's views are shaped by one of two ways that they approach the world: either from the lens of trust and faith, or the lens of skepticism and fear. People who are skeptical toward an honest, stretching education—at least in my experience—seem to operate out of fear. Anything that may challenge or contradict what they have been told or taught is labeled in all kinds of suspicious manners, among them: "strange," "foreign," or "liberal." On the other hand, people who come down on the side of faith and trust—faith in God, that all knowledge comes from God; trust to follow human beings as we try to learn and live together—seem to operate with more openness and curiosity in learning about all of God's creation (including people and practices that may be "different" to them).

These approaches to education are also evident in our approach to our faith practices. My appreciation for learning from the traditions of the Church universal began in earnest on the foreign mission field, serving alongside missionaries from several denominations. That appreciation was greatly nourished at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where I was encouraged to seek to grow in my faith and my spiritual practices through a variety of manners that God's people have found meaningful. I especially am grateful for people like Dr. Glenn Hinson, who helped Baptist ministers in training appreciate the ancient church. My faith, and the faith of fellow Christians in churches I have served, has greatly benefited from some of those ancient ways of understanding what it means to be in relationship with God, through Christ, in the strength of the Holy Spirit. One such practice that stands out for me is the observance of Ash Wednesday—a service that helps Christ-followers to begin an intentional period of evaluating their faithfulness, or lack of, in recent months. All meaningful experiences in our life—weddings, birthdays, funerals—are marked by rituals that remind us of the grand significance and gifts of life. Ash Wednesday is one of those rituals that can help us enter into a time of walking more faithfully with Christ and with one another. I hope you will mark February 26, 6:15 PM, for Hardwick's Ash Wednesday service.

Love and Blessings! Doug

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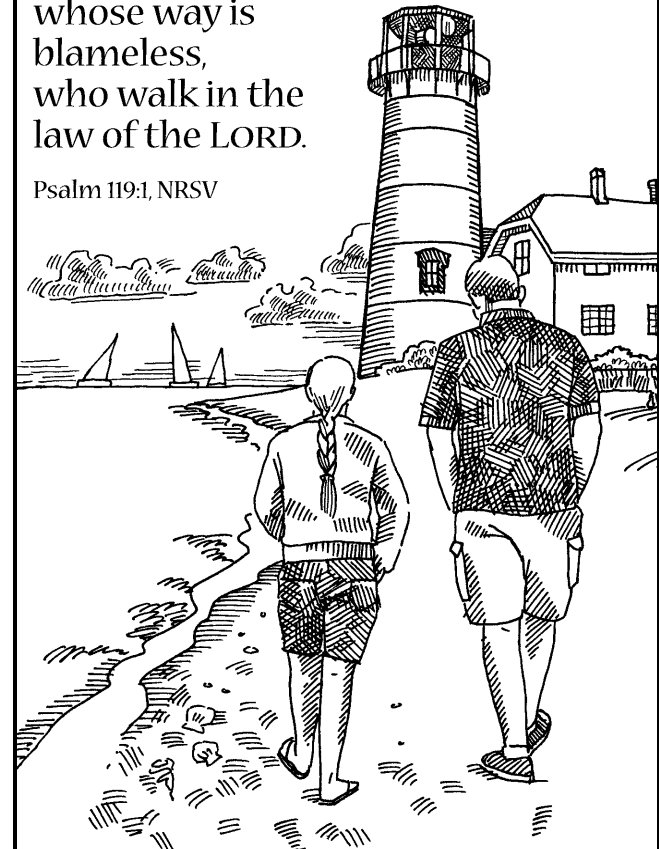
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Happy are those
whose way is
blameless,
who walk in the
law of the LORD.

Psalms 119:1, NRSV



Prayer List

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

In Military Service: Rudy Webb



**Adult Discipleship:
"Companions in Christ"
6:15 P.M.**

"Companions in Christ" a Bible-study that focuses on spiritual growth and deepening community continues on the second and fourth Mondays of the month with Doug Adkins facilitating the group. Dates of the remaining sessions are: February 24, March 9 & 23.

Dinner Church News

Our next Dinner Church is scheduled for this Saturday, February 15th at 5:00 P.M. Please pray for the Dinner Church Team as they prepare for this important ministry to our community.

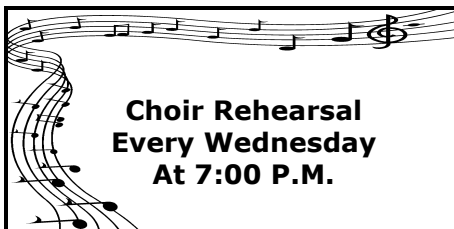
March Madness

Youth in grades 7-12 will be attending **March Madness March 13-15**. The event will be at First Baptist, Athens, and mission sites will be throughout the city. Cost is \$50. See Doug or Cindy for details.



**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
February 16:
Psalm 119:1-8
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
I Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37**

**Sons of Jubal Concert
February 27, 2020
At Rock Eagle
Van leaves at 4:30 P.M.
Sign up at the
Bulletin Board in the
upstairs hallway.**

**The Church Office will be
closed Monday, February 17th
for the Presidents' Day holiday.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb 16: Sissy Childers, Wilson Overton
Feb 18: Austin Cook, Gloria Edwards
Feb. 19: Jackson Gray
Feb 20: Rebecca Durden

**Nursery Workers
Sunday Morning, 2/16/2020**

Babies
Cindy English, Lauren Deen

Bus Ministry, 2/16/2020
Ken Turner

Children's Message, 2/16/2020
Doug Adkins

Counting Committee, 2/16/2020
Cindy Folendore, Kaitlin Whipple

Worship Coordinator, 2/16/2020
Mack Atchison

Deacon of the Week, 2/16/2020
Glenn Abbey, 456-4305



**Valentine Banquet
Sunday, February 16th
5:00 P.M.
\$10 Per Person-Pay At Door
By Reservation Only**

**Menu: Ham, Potato Casserole,
Green Beans, Congealed Salad,**

The **HBC Food Pantry** served 25 households, 82 individuals and had 3 new applicants Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Special thanks to our loyal volunteers who serve those who come.

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

CALENDAR

Saturday, February 15th:
5:00 P.M. Dinner Church
Sunday, February 16th:
9:45 P.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
5:00 P.M. Valentine Banquet

Monday, February 17th:
9:30 A.M. Ladies' Prayer Group

Wednesday, February 19th:
12:00 P.M. Bible Study/Prayer Mtg.
5:30 P.M. Children & Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

**Soup & Sandwich
Lunch Fundraiser
For 2020 Children's Camp
Re-Scheduled for
February 23, 2020
Following Morning Worship**

We need 7 crocks of soup for the lunch. Please contact Taria Crump at [288-6362](tel:288-6362) if you can bring a crock pot of soup. If you are not bringing soup, please bring a dessert dish or 10 sandwiches (20 halves) and let Taria know what you are bringing.

**Ash Wednesday Service
February 26, 2020
6:15 P.M.
All Ages Welcome**

**Coming Saturday, March 21
Annual Yard Sale for Missions**

You may begin to bring items for the sale now. Please no clothes, shoes or non-working electronic items. If you would like to volunteer to help with preparation for the sale or the sale, please contact Tina Roberts.

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| Annual Budget 2020..... | \$287,729.67 |
| Needed Per Week to Meet Budget..... | \$ 5,533.27 |
| Contributions 2/09/2020..... | \$ 3,509.60 |
| Budget Contributions through 2/09/2020..... | \$ 32,655.32 |
| Total Budget Expense through 2/09/2020..... | \$ 26,429.63 |