

### Thoughts From Doug

We had another encouraging report from last Saturday's Dinner Church gathering. I am always hesitant to play the "numbers" game when it comes to ministry. I served with one pastor in particular who would always ask the same question first when discussing or evaluating a church gathering or ministry: "How many people were there?" The downward spiral of the American church, and its perceived irrelevance in the lives of folks who are not a part of the church, in my mind is largely a result of our obsession with numbers. Numbers do not have names; numbers do not have people they love, numbers do not have hopes and heartbreaks; numbers do not have minds, bodies, and souls. What is important—what is Christ-like—is to focus on individuals; to get to know names and stories and the reality of life for people. Which is why I love the model of Dinner Church for engaging people—getting to know them around a meal and a worship service.

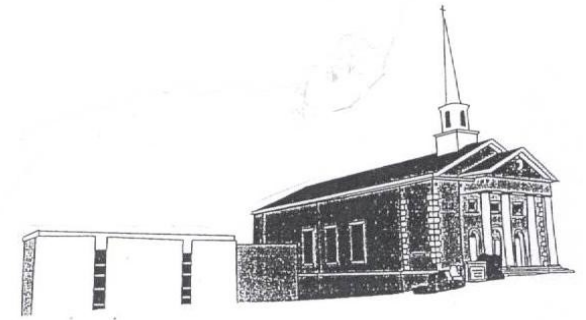
I say all of this as a preface to my next point—to let you know that Dinner Church is not just about the number of people who attend each meal and service. We celebrate individuals because they are worth celebrating—because Jesus taught us to leave 99 sheep to help the one who does not have a home or family to find a community of love and acceptance. That kind of community is what we are trying to provide through Dinner Church. And so I celebrate that the neighborhood guests who attended last Saturday numbered in the upper 50s, and the Hardwick Baptist folks who served and hosted numbered in the 20s. What an amazing act of choosing life, as I referenced in last Sunday's sermon. Over 70 people gathered in our church Fellowship Hall on a Saturday night to share food together, to share prayer concerns together, to share communion together...to share Christ together.

Watch for the date for the next Dinner Church. Please pray as we continue to involve people in this effort. We are still having issues with leaking in the Fellowship Hall—even after the new roof has been repaired. The folks who worked on it are supposed to come today (Wednesday) to try to get to the bottom of this matter. We cannot have Dinner Church without a suitable Fellowship Hall—let alone other times for gathering as a church family. Be in prayer as we try to use all that God has blessed us with for the sake of those who need love and grace and hope.

Love and Blessings! Doug

**Please Note... Because of continuing repair issues with Fellowship Hall, please do not plan activities that require its use without checking with the Church Office for assistance. Access to the main facilities will be provided as needed.**

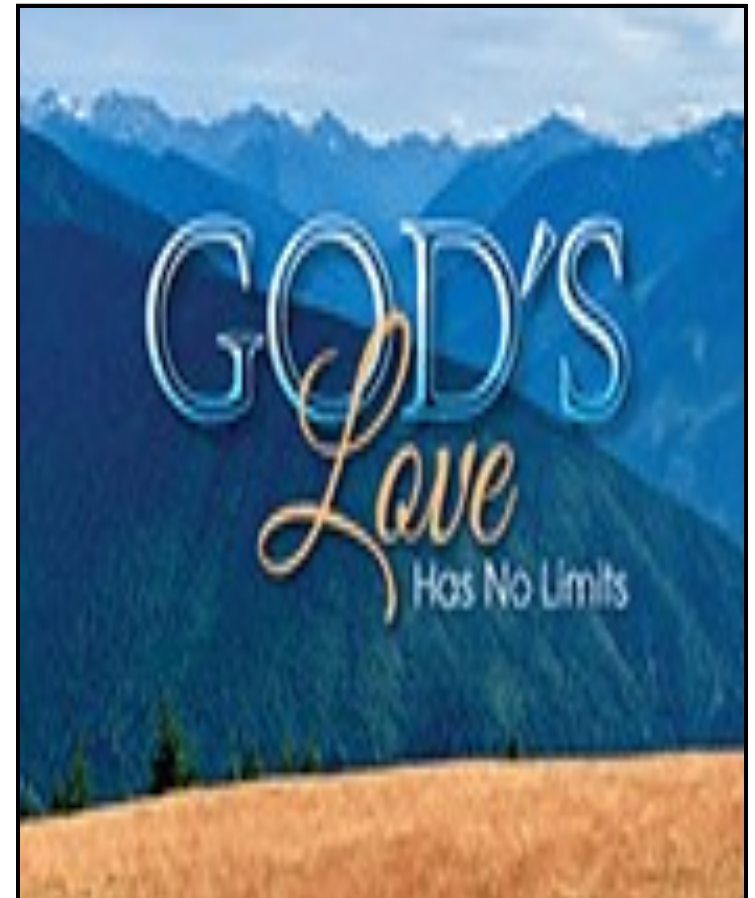
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**Prayer List**

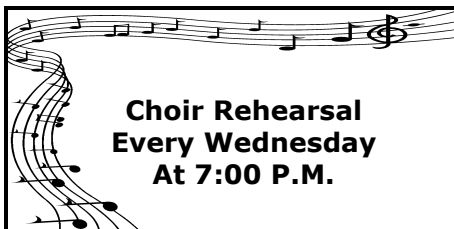
Henry/Vivian Andrews	Sharon Ezell
James Armstrong	Lamar Guy
Mack Atchison	Kenny Huff
Kenneth Babb	Martha Huff
Anne Bayne	Jim Jennings
Joyce Blizzard	Michael/Sharon Lord
Harriett & Henry Braddy	Nell Maddox
Josephine Davis	Jeff McMullen
Eugenia English	Marcus McMullen
Sandra English	Marlene Peavy
	Bonnie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

**In Military Service:** Rudy Webb



**Prayer Meeting/  
Bible Study  
Wednesdays , 12 noon**

You are invited to bring a sack lunch if you like and we will study and eat together. Meeting in office wing of the main building until Fellowship Hall repairs completed.



**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.**

*"Wherever you go,  
no matter what the weather,  
always bring your own sunshine."*  
-Anthony J. D'Angelo-

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Feb 24: Richard Bentley  
Feb 27: Elaine Ellington, Will Smith  
Feb. 28: Megan Sirmans  
Mar 01: Katie Bainbridge

**Nursery Workers  
Sunday Morning, 2/23/2020**

**Babies**  
Olivia Hill, Gail Brooks

**Bus Ministry, 2/23/2020**  
Ken Turner

**Children's Church, 2/23/2020**  
Ken Turner  
**Counting Committee, 2/20/2020**  
Cindy Folendore, Nancy Veal  
**Worship Coordinator, 2/23/2020**  
Mack Atchison  
**Deacon of the Week, 2/23/2020**  
Cindy Folendore, 719-4059

**Wedding Shower**

*You are invited  
to a Brunch  
For  
Amanda Gregg and Isaac Rogers  
Saturday, March 7th  
At 11:00 A.M.  
At Hardwick Baptist Church  
They are registered at Amazon.  
Target, Walmart & Belk.*

**Deacons** will meet Sunday, March 1st at 2:00 P.M.

**Doers of the Word** will meet Thursday, March 5th at the home of Nancy Veal.

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, February 23rd:**  
9:45 P.M. Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship  
Noon Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser

**Monday, February 24th:**  
6:15 P.M. Companions In Christ

**Wednesday, February 26th:**  
Ash Wednesday  
12:00 P.M. Bible Study/Prayer Mtg.  
5:30 P.M. Children & Youth Groups  
6:15 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service  
7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

**Soup & Sandwich  
Lunch Fundraiser  
For 2020 Children's Camp  
To be re-Scheduled  
Due to continuing issues  
With repairs to  
Fellowship Hall**

**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.

**Check out the HBC Website  
[www.hardwickbaptist.org](http://www.hardwickbaptist.org)**

**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**

Watch for date of our next Dinner Church. Thanks to our Dinner Church Team who work so hard to make this important ministry possible. Please pray for them as they prepare to share Christ with those who come.

**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.

Annual Budget 2020.....	\$287,729.67
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,533.27
Contributions 2/16/2020.....	\$ 4,041.00
Budget Contributions through 2/16/2020.....	\$ 36,696.32
Total Budget Expense through 2/16/2020.....	\$ 29,918.59