

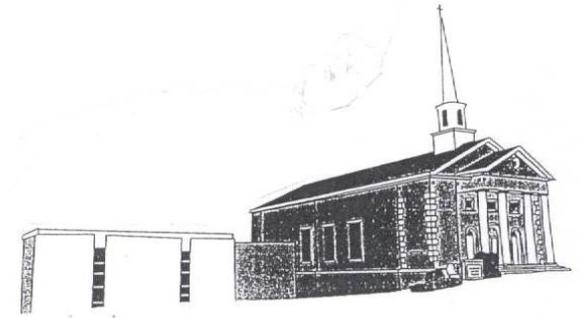
Thoughts From Doug

It would be insensitive or naïve not to address the obvious matter at hand in this week's article. Daily life has changed (or, at least it should have changed for those of us who care about others) drastically since last week's *Herald*. For the large majority of us, this is uncharted territory we are in. Ultimately, we do not know the full impact that COVID-19 will have on us—our social relationships, our families, our economy, our education, our livelihood, our worship life. First of all, I want you to be aware of the daily life and schedule of our faith community at Hardwick Baptist. We are, of course, honoring the requests that are coming from both state and national elected officials. We will not have any Wednesday ministries for the rest of March (meaning noon prayer meeting and evening children and youth ministry). We will not have Sunday School (any age group) on March 22 and 29. The church building will be closed on those Sundays., We will not be gathering as a congregation to worship at the sanctuary, but **we will still have worship**. Instead of gathering in one room at 124 Thomas Street in Hardwick, I encourage everyone to gather together virtually. We will be using our Facebook Live video streaming format so that you can participate and worship as a household. We will email copies of the order of service in advance so that you can follow along with the responsive readings and prayers and hymns. We will have all of the normal elements of worship, it is just that the congregation will be at home. You will hear the hymns sung by the hymn leader for the week, and you can sing along at home. You can join in prayer as the prayer is vocalized from the pulpit. We will have basically every element of the weekly worship service **except for the Offering**. Which brings me to a point that our Financial Secretary has asked me to emphasize. Please continue to be faithful in your regular contributions to the ministry of Hardwick Baptist Church, as we still have bills, salaries, utilities, and other expenses to keep up. If you have not yet set up an online giving account, you can do that through our church website. If for some reason you are not comfortable doing that, you have two options: you can either mail your contribution to the church office, or you can drop it by the office any weekday before 2:00 P.M. as the church office will remain open during this period unless otherwise announced.

We will update through the *Herald*, our Facebook page, and the website as to Sundays in April. Certainly we hope we can meet on Easter Sunday. In the meantime, we remember that it is our covenant as followers of Jesus to pray during this time; especially to pray for those who contract this virus, and healthcare workers who are putting themselves at risk. We pray for families who are having to make adjustments for childcare; for people who will lose their source of income for an extended time; and for elected officials who are responsible for making hard decisions, but ones that are done on behalf of all of us. I will still be at the church during the week, taking care of regular responsibilities. Please call me, as usual. We will use our best judgment concerning our interaction with each other in the coming days and weeks. But let us always claim what our faith teaches us, and what we will vividly be reminded of on Easter morning: *the worst things are not the last things*. And as someone else has said—**the Church cannot be cancelled; the Church can only adapt**. Thanks be to God!!

Love and Blessings! Doug

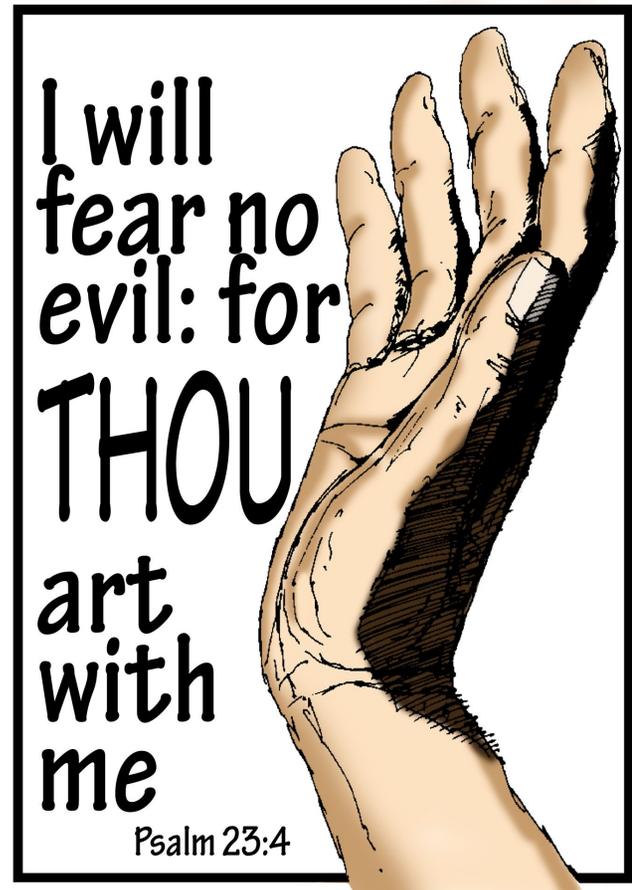
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Prayer List

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

In Military Service: Rudy Webb



**Prayer Meeting/
Bible Study**

In accordance with executive orders by the President of the United States and Georgia's Gov. Nathan Deal, asking that we not have activities for groups of 10 or more people to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we will not have Wednesday Prayer Meeting/Bible Study until further notice.



**Adult Discipleship:
"Companions in Christ"**

will not meet for its last session on March 23rd in keeping with COVID-19 restrictions. Those participating will be notified at such time as the group can resume.

Dinner Church News

Our Dinner Church Ministry has been temporarily put on hold due to the repair issues with Fellowship Hall. Please continue to pray for this ministry and the Dinner Church Team as we await clearance to resume.

**Wednesday Night Program
For Children & Youth**

We will not have the Wednesday program for Children and Youth until further notice. The safety and well-being of the children must be our main concern during this time of uncertainty with the COVID-19 virus. Local schools are closed at this time and we must follow guidelines for prevention as well. Please pray for the children and youth who participate in this program as well as the leaders. We will resume the regular schedule when it is deemed safe.

**Scripture Readings for
March 22**

Psalms 23
I Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Fellowship Hall Issues...Because of continuing repair issues with Fellowship Hall and presently COVID 19 restrictions, please do not plan activities that require its use without checking with the Church Office for assistance.

*"Never yet was a springtime,
When the buds forgot to bloom."*
-Margaret Elizabeth Sangster-

Annual Budget 2020.....	\$287,729.67
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,533.27
Contributions 3/15/2020.....	\$ 2,005.00
Budget Contributions through 3/15/2020.....	\$ 50,306.73
Total Budget Expense through 3/15/2020.....	\$ 45,598.22

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mar 22: Lori Watson
Mar 25: Anna Elizabeth Brown

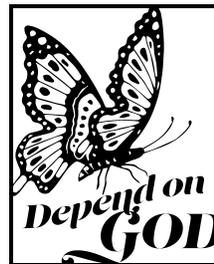
**Nursery Workers
Sunday Morning, 3/22/2020
No Services/No Nursery**

Bus Ministry, 3/22/2020

Our Sunday Bus Ministry must be discontinued until such time as restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 virus are lifted.

Deacon of the Week, 3/22/2020
Glenn Abbey, 456-4305

**Annie Armstrong Offering
For North American Missions**
Our Goal: \$1,000.00
Received: \$ 475.00



Christian Sympathy to Shirley Etheridge, Taria Crump, Marlene Peavy and family in the loss of their loved one, Mrs. Barbara Larson.

Check out the HBC Website
www.hardwickbaptist.org

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 22nd:
No Sunday School
Morning Worship live streamed

Wednesday, March 24th:
No Wednesday Activities
Until further notice



Watch Your Herald

Be sure to follow your weekly "Herald" for schedule changes and cancellations in these uncertain times. We will try to keep you updated as changes occur. You will find several schedule changes in this issue.

We have been notified of an additional schedule change: **Doers of the Word** will not meet April 2nd as scheduled.