

Thoughts From Doug

Please be in prayer for our Properties Committee, the Finance Committee, and our Trustees, as they try to discover the best path forward regarding the issues with the church fellowship hall. As you are aware, the metal roof that was put on a couple of weeks ago did not fix the problem. The Properties committee described the leaking problem to all of the folks who gave us bids on roof repair. The quote which the committee settled on was not the cheapest, but it was not the highest, either. We were told that it would cover the roof and would drain properly. The Properties Committee, along with the Finance Committee, went with the bid, having been told that the metal roof would last 25 years or more.

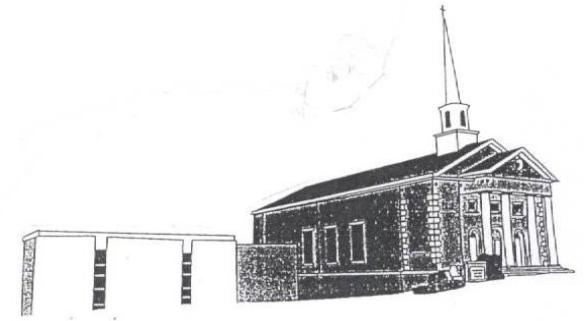
Within a matter of days of the roof being completed, we experienced several days of rain—and soon, there were leaks that were worse than previous leaks. We have been told that the original roof was not level—there was a dip in it—and that the weight of the metal just exacerbated that dip. The more noticeable dip is now causing water to stand in several places, rather than draining, and water is still getting through. The folks who put the roof on have offered a solution: to jack up the roof ever so slightly—enough to where the dip will be corrected, returning it back to its original level. They have said they will do that at no charge; we would be responsible for damaged ceiling tiles and carpet.

Right now, the trustees and Properties Committee are seeking outside expertise. Miles Whipple has talked with contractors (not connected to our original roofers). He is also trying to locate a structural engineer. Our main concern is, while it is tempting to allow them to raise the roof at their expense, we want to get expert advice that such a move would correct the problem. Needless to say, we are skeptical about just depending on the opinions of the folks who put the roof on. And, if we feel that their offer is not the best choice, we have to find out how best to correct the problem.

So we need prayer—and we need expert opinions about next steps. The entire church owes a debt of gratitude to Miles Whipple. Miles was already a church trustee, and when Jim Davis left to be pastor at Mosleyville, Miles became the chair of the finance Committee. Miles has been putting in several “extra hours” in trying to obtain professional advice on what would be best for the Fellowship Hall, as well as the best use of the church’s finances. I told Miles a few days ago that the burden of going forward lies on all of our shoulders; it is not a burden that falls totally on him. I am grateful for his thoughtfulness and faithfulness in this matter.

Love and Blessings! Doug

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**Set your clocks
Ahead one hour
Before retiring this Saturday Night**

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

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 are completed.



Choir Rehearsal Every Wednesday At 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday Night Program For Children & Youth 5:30 P.M.

Scripture Readings for March 1 Psalm 32 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

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. Please be assured that we are doing everything possible to resolve these issues as quickly and safely as possible.

**Remember to set your clocks ahead
1 hour this Saturday night.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mar 09: Joanna Roberts
Mar 10: Brooke Williams
Mar 13: Debbie Jennings

Nursery Workers Sunday Morning, 3/08/2020 Babies

Taria Crump, Hope Pennington

Bus Ministry, 3/08/2020 Ken Turner

Children's Sermon, 3/08/2020 Ken Turner

Counting Committee, 3/08/2020 Cindy Folendore, Kaitlin Tollison

Worship Coordinator, 3/08/2020 Mack Atchison

Deacon of the Week, 3/08/2020 Danny Roberts, 706/485-5624

Wedding Shower

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

Annie Armstrong Offering For North American Missions Our Goal: \$1,000.00 Received: \$ 280.00

Your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Offering and your prayers support North American Missionaries. Through your prayers, God is opening doors to transform lives.

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 8th:

9:45 P.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship

Monday, March 9th:

6:15 P.M. Companions In Christ

Wednesday, March 11th:

12:00 P.M. Bible Study/Prayer Mtg.
5:30 P.M. Children & Youth Groups

PLEASE NOTE!

We regret to announce that the annual Yard Sale for Missions scheduled for March 21st has been cancelled due to continuing issues with repairs to Fellowship Hall. Because of the uncertainty of the completion date for repairs and safety concerns, preparations cannot be made for the sale nor can the availability of Fellowship Hall be assured. You may contact Tina Roberts if you have questions about the sale.

You Are Invited To a Spring Event Focusing on North American Missions

- "Annie Armstrong"
 - Music
 - A Craft Activity
 - Easter Egg Hunt
- Saturday, April 4, 2020
10:30 AM - Lunch
(Bring a salad or dessert)
At Kaye Eady's Cabin
210 Butler Rd.
Milledgeville**
- WMU Ladies & Girls
Of Washington Association**

Annual Budget 2020.....	\$287,729.67
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,533.27
Contributions 3/01/2020.....	\$ 5,297.27
Budget Contributions through 3/01/2020.....	\$ 44,672.73
Total Budget Expense through 3/01/2020.....	\$ 36,797.80