

Thoughts From Doug

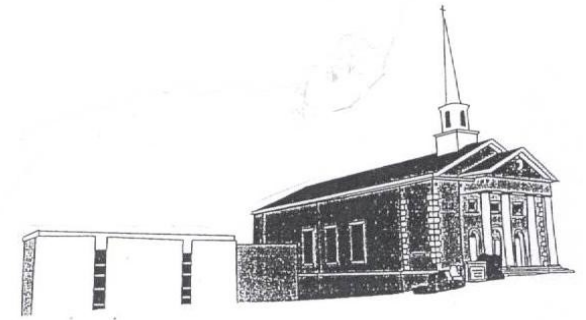
In spite of not being able to gather as a church family, I trust that Holy Week and Easter were a meaningful time for you—a time in which you were reminded that no circumstances, no distances, no fears, no pandemic can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, nor from the realization of the majesty and glory of Resurrection. I hope that you were able to spend time on Easter Sunday in conversation with the people who are most precious in your life, and share in the celebration of life anew. I want to thank all of the people who contributed video testimonies of resurrection during Holy Week: David Lewis, Marilynn Skinner, Michael Watson, Sharon Lord, and Taria Crump. Thank you to Kaitlin Tollison and Kellie Whipple for contributing a beautiful song for Easter worship. Thank you to Becky, Lydia, and Elizabeth Adkins for helping lead in worship. And a special thanks to Lydia, who spent a good part of her Saturday afternoon editing the videos in order to make one seamless video for Easter. Our time in quarantine is reminding us what it means to be the church, as we continue to strive to faithfully serve and love when we are scattered—just as we strive to do each week after we depart from Sunday morning worship. Thank you to everyone for living out your discipleship however you are called during this time apart.

I mentioned this in the Palm Sunday worship video, but have not written about it. So, in case you have not heard, Hardwick Baptist was blessed to recently receive a gift from an anonymous foundation in central Georgia in the amount of \$10,000. This gift was given for the designated purpose of assisting in the repair of our Fellowship Hall roof. An individual affiliated with the foundation became aware of the work that we do for outreach and ministry to the Hardwick community, and how the damage to the roof and interior were hampering our efforts. I was contacted by a phone call a month ago and was told that we were being considered for this grant, with the condition that the group and individual remain anonymous. I was extremely humbled and surprised all at once. Please know that, on behalf of the church, I sent a thank you note to those responsible.

What an affirmation and encouragement for us! As I explained on Palm Sunday, this was my sign of Resurrection this year. Hardwick Baptist is doing amazing work—sharing God's love and grace with children and families in our neighborhood—and that work has not gone unnoticed. I hope this will encourage all of us to renew our commitment to faithfully support the work and ministry of our church—not only financially, but with our prayers and with the offering of ourselves to contribute to make our children's ministry, our food pantry, and Dinner Church all possible. Thanks be to God for God's faithfulness, and the faithfulness of God's people. Make sure you tell everyone you know about our church's efforts in this community; you never know when the word might spread to someone who has the same heart and resources as our anonymous donor.

Love and Blessings! Doug

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... he has given us a new birth
into a
LIVING HOPE
through the
RESURRECTION
of **JESUS CHRIST**
from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV

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

Christian Sympathy

To Mrs. Gloria Edwards and family in the loss of her brother, Billy Cook last week. Mr. Cook was in the nursing home and visitation restrictions necessary because of the Covid-19 crisis prevented the family from visiting him for the last days of his life. Pray that God will stay close to them in this time of loss.

Wednesday Night Program For Children & Youth

We cannot have the Wednesday program for Children and Youth until such time as it is deemed safe. The safety and well-being of the children must be our main concern during this time of uncertainty with the COVID-19 virus. We are monitoring all updates from local and national officials and pray for the safety of all the children and youth we minister to.

Annual Budget 2020.....	\$287,729.67
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,533.27
Contributions since 4/12/2020.....	\$ 5,262.39
Total Budget Contributions through April 12, 2020.....	\$ 64,582.53
Total Budget Expenses through April 12, 2020.....	\$ 60,709.45
Annie Armstrong Offering through April 12, 020.....	\$ 1,248.01



Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study

You may follow our pastor's instructions in the 4/8 Newsletter to download Zoom (<https://zoom.us/>) for free. If you have a smart phone, you can download this on it as well. That way, you will be able to participate in Bible Study on your computer or phone. Doug will be hosting a Zoom meeting Bible Discussion each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. The *Resource for Daily Prayer and Scripture Meditation* which was distributed at church the last Sunday of February will come in handy.

**Scripture Readings for
April 19
Psalm 16
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
I Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31**



The butterfly symbolizes resurrection, Easter and the new life we have in Christ Jesus. As a caterpillar disappears into a chrysalis, so Jesus' dead body was hidden in a tomb. The emergence of the butterfly, rising into the sky in its beautiful new body, reminds us of Christ's resurrection and ours.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Apr 23: Chase Colwell

**Nursery Workers
Sunday Morning, 4/19/2020
No Services/No Nursery**

**Deacon of the Week,
4/19/2020
Marilynn Skinner**



Thank You!
Hardwick Baptist Church people are amazing! You are truly reflecting the spirit of Christ within you as you call to check on each other, spend time in prayer and Bible Study, follow our live streams, continue to give by mail and through on-line giving and look forward to the time when we can all worship and minister together. God bless you all!

Please Note:

As with all other services and activities cancelled because of the restrictions due to the Covid-19 virus, our quarterly Church Council Meeting scheduled for April 19th and the quarterly Business Meeting scheduled for April 19th have been cancelled for now. When things change, we will publish schedules for these and all other activities. Stay in and be safe.

*"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."
-St. Augustine'*

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 19:

11:00 A.M.

Morning Worship Live Streamed

Wednesday, April 22:

7:00 P.M.

Bible Study on Zoom

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 may watch our 11:00 A.M. Sunday morning services on the Facebook Live Stream and join us on Zoom each Wednesday at 7:00 for Bible Study.

In case of emergency or need, please call the Church Secretary at 456-7129 for assistance any time.

Keep praying...it works. Pray for all those affected by the Easter Sunday storms. Continue to pray with the health care workers. Pray that God will stop the spread of this terrible virus and heal those who are fighting for their lives with it.

A Note to Our Children We Minister to Through Sunday School and Children's groups

We regret that we could not have our usual Easter celebration, but want the children to know that we will have all the goodies and celebration when this is all over. We miss the children and the workers so much!

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