

Thoughts From Doug

So far I have only heard good reports from the Hardwick Baptist church family in terms of avoiding COVID-19. I hope and pray that everyone continues to take necessary precautions, and resists the temptation to try to resume "Normal Life" while so much remains uncertain about the virus. I know you join me in regularly praying for scientists and medical experts who are working to find an effective, yet safe, vaccine. Cindy Folendore and I are meeting this week to begin discussing possibilities for the future. Our discussion will include praying for guidance and creative inspiration as we dream of new opportunities for faithful service and discipleship as a result of this quarantine, as well as the best way to continue those essential parts of gathering and growing as the Body of Christ. I know you will be praying with us.

Worship for May 24 will be focused on the Gospel Lesson (John 17:1-11), as we look at Jesus' prayer on behalf of his followers just minutes before his betrayal and arrest. As you pray with the Scriptures this week, ask God's spirit to help you honestly evaluate this question. *Are we/am I giving myself so fully to God and the Holy Spirit, that God is using us/me to be a faithful answer to the prayer Jesus prayed in John 17?*

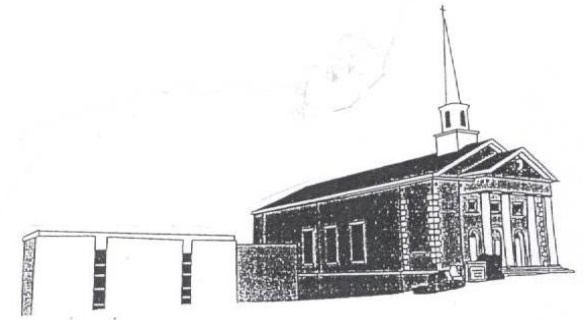
And while you are thinking about praying with the Scriptures ... here are the readings for this week, along with questions to help you listen for a word from God. These will also guide our "Sunday Sharing" next Sunday, May 24, at 4:30 P.M. via Zoom.

- **Psalm 68:** Where is God amid today's conflict, fear and terror that so many feel or experience?
- **Acts 1:6-14:** Where and with whom do you gather for your own spiritual nourishment and encouragement?
- **I Peter 5:6-11:** What is the greatest challenge for followers of Jesus today?
- **John 17:1-11:** What is the best thing Jesus left with us or equipped us with?

Let us continue to persevere during these days with hope. And let us look for those new things God is doing among us—and would have us do in response.

Love and Blessings from a distance—Doug

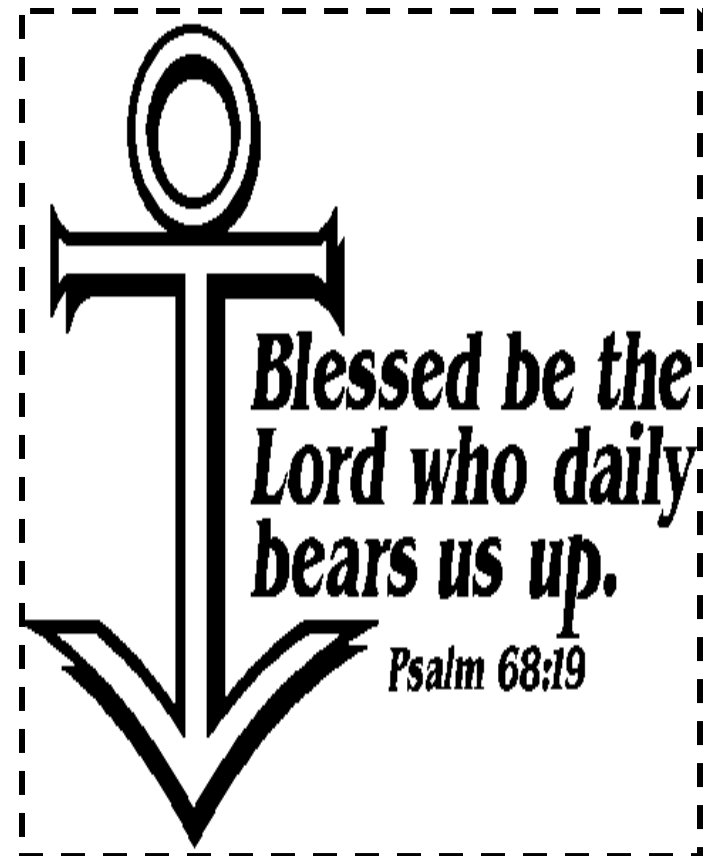
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Prayer List

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
All Healthcare Workers



**Prayer Meeting/
Bible Study**

Doug is 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.

Time To Share
(Quarantine Retreat)
4:30 P.M. Sundays
Via Zoom

Pastor Doug, Facilitator

See Bible readings for this week below as well as along with questions to help you listen for a word from God on page 4, *"Thoughts from Doug."*

**Scripture Readings for
May 24th**

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
Acts 1:6-14
I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Christian Sympathy

To Gloria Burke and family in the loss of her sister-in-law (Alvin's sister, Elaine) last week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 26: Lydia Adkins,
Colby Pennington

Deacon of the Week,
5/24/2020
Marilynn Skinner

Face Masks Available

Doers of the Word has contracted with someone to make 125 face masks. We are offering them (free) to our church families first and the remainder will go to Masks for Milledgeville, Please call or text Gloria Burke (478-804-1678) if you want to order some and she will make arrangements to deliver them to you.

Deacons will meet Sunday, June 7th via Zoom. Time to be announced.



**A Prayer for
Memorial Day-May 25th**

We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty for us. When we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion—their very lives—for our benefit. We pray for those who serve now throughout the world and the families who await their return. Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Check out the HBC Website
www.hardwickbaptist.org

Calendar

Sunday, May 24th:
11:00 A.M.
Morning Worship
(Video on Facebook Page)
4:30 P.M.
Time to Share via Zoom
(Quarantine Retreat)

Wednesday, May 27th:
7:00 P.M.
Bible Study via Zoom

...Together...

During this time of quarantine/sheltering in; this time of uncertainty, we have heard the word *Together* used many times in different ways. Our Hardwick Baptist family may not have been able to meet *together*, but we have certainly been *together* in our love and support of this church. You have continued to give through the mail or online faithfully. You have participated in our virtual services and study times. You have volunteered in many ways such as the food pantry, checking on members, offering assistance to those who need assistance, but don't ask. You have kept us informed as needs have arisen and most importantly you are praying. We all hope the time when we can meet together to worship will be soon. Deacons will meet June 7th to discuss updated decisions for the rest of June and July, keeping in mind first and foremost the safety and well being of our members. The Christian love and support of this *Family of God* is strong and enduring. We have heard in the news, from healthcare providers, and religious leaders everywhere, *"We are all in this together"* *"Together we will make it through this."* This has been especially evident through our HBC family. God is listening to our prayers—He will get us through.

**Wednesday Night Program
For Children & Youth**

We continue to monitor all updates on the Covid-19 pandemic and pray for the safety and well-being of all the children and youth we minister to. We look forward to the time we can resume this important ministry.

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

Annual Budget 2020.....	\$287,729.67
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,533.27
Contributions May 17, /2020.....	\$ 3,363.10
Total Budget Contributions through May 17, 2020.....	\$ 78,587.86
Total Budget Expenses through May 17, 2020.....	\$ 74,594.06
Payroll Protection Program Loan May 17, 2020.....	\$ 18,685.00