

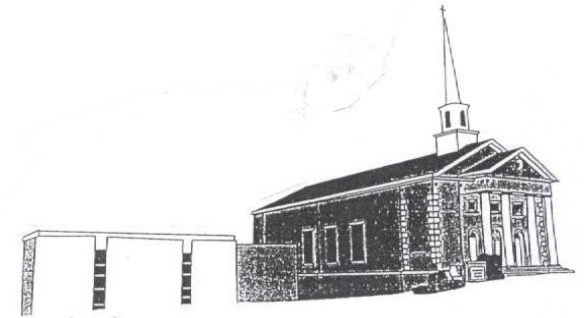
## Thoughts From Doug

I am so grateful for the way that Hardwick Baptist has continued, as best as possible during this time of physical distancing, to be the Body of Christ in so many ways. People are continuing to pray for folks on our prayer list, to make phone calls, and occasionally send a meal when needed. The Food Pantry ministry resumed after only missing a couple of their normal rotations. People have willingly and thoughtfully provided videos of testimonies and scripture reading for each week's recorded worship service. Contributions to the church budget have been mailed or dropped off, or sent online. Participants in our Wednesday prayer service and Sunday Sharing via Zoom have remained faithful in gathering at a distance. Miles Whipple (trustee and Finance Chair) and Glenn Abbey (representing the Property Committee) and I have met to pursue proper plans for repairs of the Fellowship Hall once things "open up." The core group of worship leadership (Cindy Folendore, Georgia Ann Overman, Glenn Abbey, Brenda Tollison and Jean Towns) have met on Friday afternoons to record our weekly worship. And I am confident people have found many other ways, unnoticed and unknown, to be faithful in fulfilling their baptismal vows of following Christ in meaningful ways of love and service to others. For all of these things, I give thanks. I look forward to sharing stories, when we meet again in person, of how God has used this time to grow you in faith and ministry.

The deacons were set to have their June meeting yesterday afternoon, until Cindy Folendore (deacon chair) was called to the hospital to assist Marguerite. We had to postpone the meeting, and are now trying to find time in the next couple of days to gather via Zoom. As soon as we have our conversation regarding resuming in-person worship, we will send the information out via the church email list. In the meantime, thank you for your faithfulness to our Lord, our church, and to the world to which we are sent. Continue to pray, asking God's Spirit to inform our lives, move our hearts, and infuse our minds as we are led into new ways of being the Church when we gather again.

Love and Blessings from a distance, Doug


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...God's love  
has been poured  
into our hearts  
through the  
Holy Spirit  
who has been  
given to us.



Romans 5:5

### Prayer List

Henry/Vivian Andrews	Marguerite Folendore
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
Gloria Burke	Jeff McMullen
John Cooper	Marcus McMullen
Josephine Davis	Marlene Peavy
Eugenia English	Bonnie Stafford
Sandra English	Ben/Jackie Watson
Sharon Ezell	

**In Military Service:** Rudy Webb

**Note:** Mrs. Marguerite Folendore fell Thursday in the yard and broke her left femur and possibly her hip. She was taken to Navicent Health (Med Ctr.) in Macon, had surgery Monday—hip was not broken, femur was repaired—and she remains hospitalized there at this time.

We were blessed to hear Mrs. Vivian Andrews' testimony during our Sunday morning virtual worship service of her experiences with the darkness of pain and suffering and the light found through her faith in God during her recent illness and surgery. Please keep her in your prayers as she is now recuperating at home.

### 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.



### Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study

Doug is hosting a Zoom meeting Bible Discussion each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. The *Hardwick Baptist Weekly Scripture Readings for personal Prayer and Sunday Worship/Sharing* published in the May 27th "Herald" will come in handy.

#### Time to Share

*(Quarantine Retreat)*

**Will not meet this week.**

Pastor Doug, Facilitator



Thank you for your faithfulness in giving through our online giving and by mail. The spirit of HBC continues to be strong during these uncertain times, check on each other and give. Be safe...We hope it won't be long until we can worship together.

**Scripture Reading for  
June 14  
Psalm 100  
Exodus 19:2-8a  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35-10:23**

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

Annual Budget 2020.....	\$ 28,729.67
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,533.27
Contributions June 7, /2020.....	\$ 5,774.00
Total Budget Contributions through June 7, 2020.....	\$ 87,184.33
Total Budget Expenses through June 7 2020.....	\$ 85,888.04
Payroll Protection Program Loan May 1, 2020.....	\$ 18,685.00

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 14: Paige Smith  
June 15: Maggie Brooke Roberts  
June 16: Stacey Fountain  
June 17: Ruby Cox  
June 19: Val Atchison

**Deacon of the Week,  
6/14/2020  
Sharon Lord**

### 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. Please do not hesitate to call the Church Secretary at 456-7129 with questions or for assistance. Our Prayer list is e-mailed each week, but we need you to advise us of any sick or special needs that need to be added. Continue to pray for our church, our country and each other. Stay safe.

### GRACE

**Grace** is getting 2 more days to complete an assignment even though you've goofed off for six weeks and missed the deadline.

**Grace** is getting another chance even though you haven't earned it or deserved it.

**Grace** is God's unmerited favor, mercy and love, by which we are justified freely.

*"Faith goes up the stairs  
that love has made and  
looks out the window which  
Hope has opened. -Spurgeon-*

*"Live simply, love generously  
care deeply, speak kindly,  
leave the rest up to God"  
-Ronald Reagan-*

### Calendar

#### Sunday, June 14th:

11:00 A.M.  
Morning Worship  
(Video on Facebook Page)

**No Sunday Sharing Today**

#### Wednesday, June 17th:

7:00 P.M.  
Bible Study via Zoom

### A Wake-Up- Call

The good God permits such small evils to befall us merely in order to arouse us snorers from our deep sleep and to make us recognize, on the other hand, the incomparable and innumerable benefits we still have...

With (our misfortunes), God gives us a light by which we may see and understand the goodness and kindness in countless other ways. Then we conclude that such small misfortunes are barely a drop of water on a big fire or a little spark in the ocean. Then we understand and love the words: "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!"

-Martin Luther-



The Greek letters that begin the words "yesterday," "today" and "forever" remind us of Jesus' constant presence with us personally and his eternal nature that transcends time as we know it. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8, NIV). Dozens of psalms and other Bible passages, also proclaim that the Lord's "steadfast love endures forever" (e.g., Psalm 100:5 NRSV). What a reassuring message when life seems troublesome and fleeting!

-Communication Resources 2014-