

## Thoughts From Doug

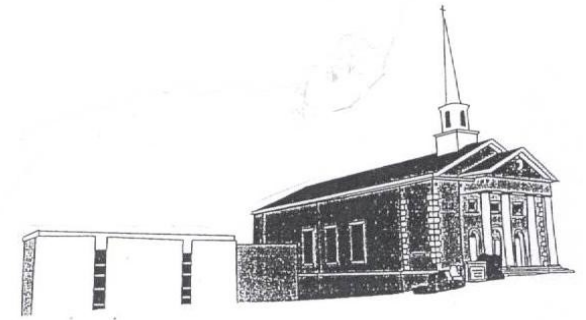
The deacons had their June Meeting last week, with the main object of discussion being this: **When we will resume in-person worship at Hardwick Baptist?** I am devoting this week's article to share with you our tentative plans. I say tentative, because we all understand that, if there is a marked increase in more COVID-19 cases, we will adjust as deemed necessary. This is a time to proceed with caution, so if you are in the higher risk category, or feel uneasy about returning in four weeks, we encourage you to continue participating via Facebook, as we will continue with Facebook Live throughout. With that in mind, here are the precautions that have been developed by the staff and deacons, with insight from health officials and other churches who are resuming in-person worship. I will be sending this information via email, as well.

- Our first planned Sunday for resuming in-person worship is July 12.
- For the first two weeks, we will only resume Sunday morning worship.
- According to how things go, after those two weeks, we will consider having one big adult Sunday School class in the sanctuary, taught by one of the Sunday School teachers.
- For the first few weeks, we will not run our bus ministry for our children. We will continue to monitor things, as we discern when the appropriate time is to resume the bus ministry.
- We encourage all worshipers to wear a mask. We will have masks available if you do not have your own. If we all wear masks, we will be able to sing hymns. Hymnals have been removed from the pews for now; we will use the screen to project lyrics.
- We encourage you to arrive early for worship and to enter by the doors at the rear of the sanctuary (front steps of the church).
- We ask you to bring your own hand sanitizer, so that multiple people are not pumping from the same bottle.
- The water cooler and cups will be removed, for now.
- A box will be available for offerings, to deposit as you arrive or depart. You may also continue to give online or mail contributions to the church.
- *Physical distancing* will be modeled on the platform.
- We will ask our custodial service to do a deep clean in the sanctuary each week.
- Every other pew will be blocked off.
- Families will be encouraged to sit together; all others should be six feet apart
- Please observe one person at a time in the bathrooms, and only use those on the same level as the sanctuary.
- Bulletins will not be handed out, but will be set out on a table for worshipers to pick up as they arrive.
- Ushers will dismiss by rows, so that distancing can be maintained as we depart.

If there are other concerns you have that are not addressed in these guidelines, please call or email the church office with suggestions that we may have overlooked. We will review all suggestions, and consider adding them to this document as July 12 draws closer. Above all...continue to pray for our church family, and continue your faithfulness in being the Church, Christ's body, in all that you do while we are apart. I cannot wait to be with you on July 12.

Love and Blessings from a distance—Doug

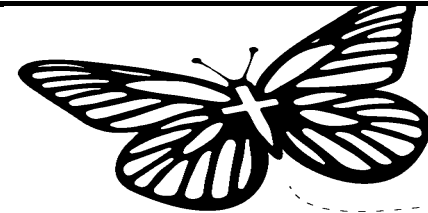
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Consider  
yourselves  
**dead to sin**

and

**ALIVE**  
to **GOD** in  
**CHRIST**  
**JESUS.**

**ROMANS 6:11**

### 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

### 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.

*"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."*  
-Martin Luther-

*"God gave us life. What we do with it reveals our attitude toward the giver."*  
-Charles Ferrell-

Annual Budget 2020.....	\$ 28,729.67
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,533.27
Contributions June 14, /2020.....	\$ 3,770.10
Total Budget Contributions through June 14 2020.....	\$ 90,954.43
Total Budget Expenses through June \14, 2020.....	\$ 88,485.14
Payroll Protection Program Loan May 1, 2020.....	\$ 18,685.00



### 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)*  
Sunday, June 21st  
(To be announced if meeting)  
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 as we continue to check on each other and give. Be safe...We look forward to the time approaching when we can worship together again.

### Scripture Reading for

**Psalms 69:7-18**  
**Jeremiah 20:7-13**  
**Romans 6:1-11**  
**Matthew 10:24-29**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 21: Rebecca Griffin  
June 22: Michael Watson  
June 26: Rudy Webb  
June 27: Rhonda Whipple

**Deacon of the Week,**  
**6/21/2020**  
Danny Roberts,  
706/485-5624

### Watch Your Herald

As promised plans for re-opening HBC for Sunday morning worship are outlined on the Pastor's page (Page 4) of this newsletter. Our staff and deacons have considered all circumstances in our community and reached a decision on the tentative date for re-opening. Based on their extensive research and published guidelines for re-opening, a number of requirements must be a part of the process. As stated in the article, this is all contingent on the status of COVID-19 at the time designated to re-open.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to call the Church at 452-1612 or the 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.

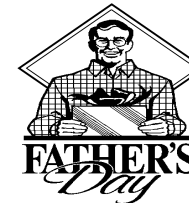
### Christian Sympathy

To Glenn Abbey, Olivia Hill and family in the tragic loss of their nephew/cousin, Dylan Brooks last week. May God stay close to them and comfort them in the days following their loss.

### Calendar

**Sunday, June 21st:**  
11:00 A.M.  
Morning Worship  
(Video on Facebook Page)  
Time to Share via Zoom  
(To be announced if meeting)

**Wednesday, June 24th:**  
7:00 P.M.  
Bible Study via Zoom



### This Sunday, June 21

As we celebrate Father's Day, we likely think of traits in our dads (or other father figures) that we hope to be known for ourselves: integrity, gentleness, a great sense of humor, a love of learning, a humble spirit. Amy Grant's song "Father's Eyes" tells of a young girl who wants nothing more than for others to recognize her father—and her heavenly father—in her. "When people look inside my life, I want to hear them say, 'She's got her father's eyes.'"

Whether your father is still living on earth or now lives in his heavenly home, take a minute today and thank God for the role he has played in your life—the values, goals and faith in Christ you learned from his example.

What characteristics of God your Father are reflected in your eyes, heart, and life as you touch and influence the lives of those you love?

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