

Thoughts From Doug

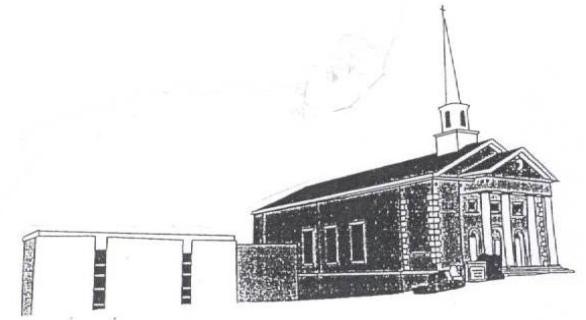
What do we say in a time such as this? For what do we hope? Those are complicated questions, with no easy answers. One has to be spending time in consistent prayer if one hopes to come up with God-breathed, Spirit-infused answers to these questions. That, to me, is the unique role—the calling—of the Church in these days. Many people act, behave, or think out of raw emotions—out of feelings of anger at injustice in all forms. Acting from such a visceral place can be filled with passion, even rage. And those kinds of feelings and actions can be Christ honoring—can be forms of righteous indignation, as Jesus often expressed as did the Old Testament prophets. However, if someone has not been faithful to tend to their spiritual life for a long period of time—has not been paying attention to God’s movement in the Spirit, to the teachings of Jesus, to the historic work of the Church as the Body of Christ—then there is always the temptation for our human frailty, weakness, and sin to be our source of action whenever we see injustice or feel overt oppression. All of these factors have played into the gatherings of people across our nation these past days. And it is hard to tell people not to act out on their hatred and anger first, when they hear such speech and behavior coming out of our leaders. And so this is a time for the Church to be the Church. This is a time when we show people—even when we cannot gather in person—the reality of Pentecost. This is a time when we show the fruits of our years of waiting and praying in our Upper Room. This is a time when we allow that Pentecost Spirit to move and unite through us. This is a time in which God’s people show that world that there are people who follow the example of Jesus by doing two things that seem at opposing ends for most of the world. And those two things are:

1. to be a people who love the oppressed by marching and praying with the family of George Floyd; and
2. to be a people who love so extravagantly that we sit with and pray for Derek Chauvin and his family.

I believe Hardwick Baptist Church has been faithful for a long time in praying in our Upper Room. And we have been faithful in acting out God’s reconciling love through our ministry with the children in our community. Now let us pray, act, and love in such a way that our years of faithfulness will be signs of healing to a broken and fractured world. Thanks be to God for those who have laid our foundation for such a time as this.

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 *Hardwick Baptist Weekly Scripture Readings for personal Prayer and Sunday Worship/Sharing* on page 4 will come in handy.

Time To Share
(Quarantine Retreat)
Will Not meet this week due to Deacons' 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 as you pray, check on each other and give. Be safe...We hope it won't be long until we can worship together.

**Scripture Reading for
June 7**
Psalm 8
Genesis 1:1-2; 4a
I Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

Check out the HBC Website
www.hardwickbaptist.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 08: Cindy English
June 09: Joel Deen
June 12: Cathy Settle

**Deacon of the Week,
6/7/2020**
Cindy Folendore

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 at 4:00 P.M..

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.

Calendar

Sunday, June 7th:

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

4:00 P.M.
Deacons' Meeting via Zoom
(No Sunday Sharing today Due to Deacons' Meeting)

Wednesday, June 10th:

7:00 P.M.
Bible Study via Zoom

Whatever the Weather

No matter the forecast, weather can remind us of God's presence:

- When it's sunny remember that Jesus is "the light of the world." (John 8:12)
- When it's cloudy remember that God often spoke to and guided his people from a cloud. (Ex. 13:21)
- During a thunderstorm, remember that thunder and lightning came when God beckoned Moses to Mt. Sinai. (EX 19:16)
- When it rains or snows, remember that God's word serves His purpose just as precipitation does. (Isaiah 55:10-11)
- When it's windy, remember that a wind from God "came at creation" (Gen.1:2), and God's Spirit arrived at Pentecost like "a mighty wind" (Acts 2:2)

*"To pray is to grasp heaven
in one's arms,
to embrace the Deity
within one's soul
and to feel one's body made
a temple of the
Holy Spirit."*

—Charles Spurgeon—

Annual Budget 2020.....	\$287,729.67
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,533.27
Contributions May 31, /2020.....	\$ 1,260.00
Total Budget Contributions through May 31, 2020.....	\$ 80,481.86
Total Budget Expenses through May 31, 2020.....	\$ 79,490.22
Payroll Protection Program Loan May 1, 2020.....	\$ 18,685.00