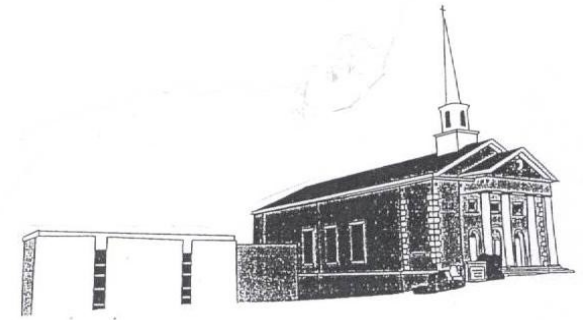


It was good to be back in the Hardwick Baptist sanctuary Sunday. It was wonderful for our worship team to be worshipping with a group of people, rather than in front of a camera and an empty sanctuary. More than anything, it was a blessing to see some folks we had not seen in awhile. I appreciated the hopeful spirit of the folks who were present yesterday, along with the encouragement and support of those who are not in a position to expose themselves to a crowd right now. During "normal" times, it requires all sorts of gifts and talents to be the Church, as people share their various abilities and passions in the service of Christ. Similarly, during this time, all of us are tasked with discerning *what is ours to do*, as I mentioned in the sermon Sunday. We need to pray for and support one another, realizing that we are at various points in life, various ages, various health-related issues, etc. We give thanks for folks who can, with prayerful consideration, attend Sunday worship during these next weeks. And, we remember with gratitude those who are not in the same position, but can still be faithful in being the presence of Christ regardless of their stage in life. As we have sought to be one body united in Christ for so many years, let us continue to be united in spirit during these days, whether we are able to attend worship or not. All of us are called to show love and patience as we seek to love God and love each other.

The deacons had their July meeting Sunday. For the next few weeks, we will monitor the COVID-19 cases in Baldwin County, while continuing to meet for Sunday worship at 11:00 AM. While we wait for a time that may be more suitable for in-person Sunday School, Marilyn Skinner is pursuing a possible online Sunday School format (whether Zoom or some other format). In pursuing various options, I asked Marilyn to plan on providing some kind of tutorial (whether a video, a power point, or a document) that would help familiarize everyone who has not utilized such technology before. Please watch upcoming issues of the *Herald*, as well as emails from me, that will inform you of such matters.

Love and Blessings from a distance—Doug

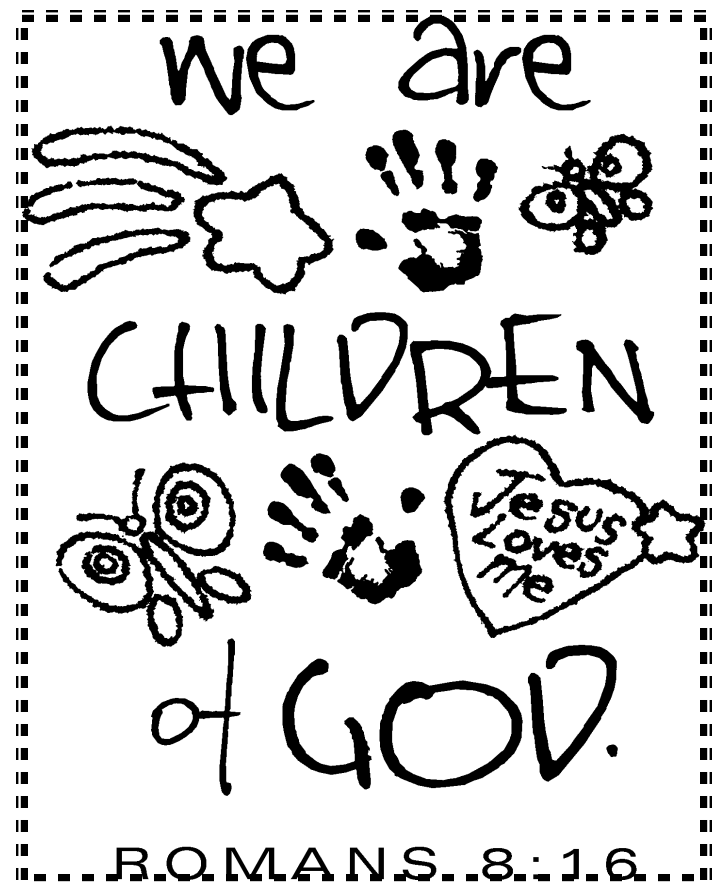
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### Prayer List

Henry/Vivian Andrew	Marguerite Folendore
James Armstrong	Lamar Guy
Mack Atchison	Rider Hill
Kenneth Babb	Kenny Huff
Anne Bayne	Martha Huff
Joyce Blizzard	Jim Jennings
Scott Blizzard	Michael/Sharon Lord
Harriett & Henry Braddy	Nell Maddox
Gloria Burke	Jeff McMullen
John Cooper	Marcus McMullen
Josephine Davis	Marlene Peavy
Eugenia English	Bonnie Safford
Sandra English	Ben/Jackie/Watson
Sharon Ezell	

**In Military Service:** Rudy Webb



### Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study

Doug will continue to conduct 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* will come in handy.

**Scripture Reading for  
July 19, 2020**  
**Psalm 86:11-17**  
**Isaiah 44:6-8**  
**Romans 8:12-25**  
**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**



LOVE makes our friends a little dearer.  
 JOY makes our hearts a little lighter.  
 FAITH makes our paths a little clearer.  
 HOPE makes our lives a little brighter.  
 PEACE brings us all a little nearer.

-Author unknown-

### For Your Convenience

Disposable masks are available in the vestibule as you enter. You may pick up your bulletin in the vestibule as you enter as well.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 20: Dylan Bowden, Patrick Lewis  
 July 21: Sharon Ezell  
 July 23: Ben Watson  
 July 24: Michael Waddell

### Deacon of the Week

**7/19/2020**  
 Sharon Lord

### Repairs to Fellowship Hall

In a special Called Business Meeting at the end of Worship Sunday, a recommendation from the Properties Committee, in agreement with the Stewardship Committee and Trustees was approved to accept a bid from Joe's Roofing, LLC to properly repair the Fellowship Hall roof. After extensive problems caused by the metal roof erroneously installed earlier and much deliberation the original company has agreed to remove the metal roof at no cost to us. (Materials removed will be their property.) The new appropriate roof will be installed when removal is complete. Funds allocated for roof repair originally remain available and will cover installation of the new roof. We look forward to having our Fellowship Hall available for use again very soon. If you have questions, you may contact Miles Whipple, Trustee/Stewardship Chr.

### Reflecting His Love

*My prayer to God is that you see  
 His presence when you look at me.  
 His steadfast love has set me free,  
 and his reflection I can be  
 when God is shining bright in me.*

-Mary Ann Sundby-

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

### Calendar

#### Sunday, July 19th:

11:00 A.M.

Morning Worship

In-person worship in Sanctuary  
 (Live streamed for those who don't feel comfortable in a crowd setting yet.)

#### Wednesday, July 22nd:

7:00 P.M. - Bible Study via Zoom



Thank you for your faithfulness during these uncertain times. You have supported this church by continuing to give online and by mail and now as we open for in-person worship you may also place your offering in the offering plates as you enter or depart. You have prayed and checked on our members and HBC's special love and concern has been evident!

CDC precautions must continue as we come to worship together. Please remember to wear your mask and enter by the front doors. We ask that you bring your personal hand sanitizer and continue *physical distancing*. The building is cleaned thoroughly following each service and all touch points disinfected.

Our prayer is that the pandemic will slow and our entire church family can worship together again. Remember our Sunday morning worship service is live streamed on Facebook for those who cannot worship in person.

Continue to pray for each other, for healthcare workers who are exhausted as they work diligently to save lives, and for our country. Stay safe and well!

The **HBC Food Pantry** served 22 households, 60 individuals and had 6 new applicants. Special thanks to our faithful volunteers who braved the heat and took the risk to serve all those who came for assistance. God bless you!

Annual Budget 2020.....	\$ 28,729.67
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,533.27
Contributions July 12, /2020.....	\$ 6,914.10
Total Budget Contributions through July 12, 2020.....	\$108,045.31
Total Budget Expenses through July 12, 2020.....	\$103,804.36
Payroll Protection Program Loan May 1, 2020.....	\$ 18,685.00

### 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.

*"Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, leave the rest to God."*

-Ronald Reagan-

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

-Charles Spurgeon-