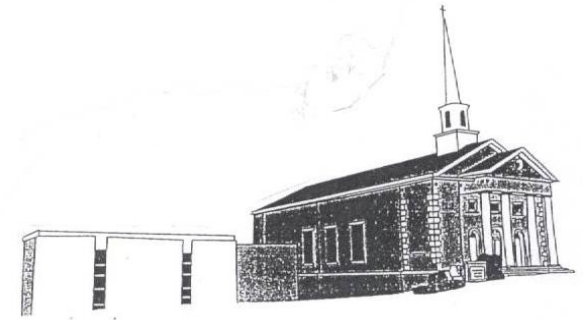


Praying for our youth and children: I do not need to remind you of all of the grief, anxiety, and uncertainty that are ever-present during this pandemic. And while we miss regularly being in the presence of our fellow church members, we take comfort in being able to contact via phone or email. So many of our elderly members have told me that, while they are staying quarantined, they have benefited from the care of family members or neighbors who have run errands, brought groceries, and done other things to limit their exposure to the public and the virus. And while I give thanks that so many of you are in good care, I must confess that I worry and wonder about many of the youth and children who make up our church family. Because their parents do not attend Hardwick Baptist, because they are spread throughout several streets in Hardwick and south Milledgeville, and because so often cell phone numbers change—it is very difficult to be in contact with most of these students. I am grateful for people like Ken and Celia Turner and Cindy English, who have been contacting a few of our students. They have assisted a couple of families as needs have been made aware, a handful have visited our food pantry for extra groceries. But there are still several children and youth with whom we have had no contact since “things changed.” I know you are as concerned about these students and their families as I am, and that you probably have been praying for them throughout these months. But I just wanted to encourage us, as a church family, to be even more intentional in praying for these precious youth and children.

As I have observed these children over the past couple of years, I have been inspired at the resilience so many of them display. Some of them face difficult life circumstances, at least compared to the childhood that many of us experienced. And I imagine that COVID-19 has simply added layers of difficulty to their lives. And while there are many unknowns in their lives about which we cannot pray specifically, we can pray that the Spirit would somehow remind them of our love for them during this time. Let us pray that the memories of the love they experienced at Hardwick Baptist would serve as reminders of God’s great love for them during this pandemic. Let us pray for their families, their caregivers. Let us pray for them as they prepare for the start of a very different school year. And let us pray that God would continue to remind us about the lessons of love and trust and faith that we have witnessed in the lives of these childrenif we only have “eyes to see, and ears to hear.”

Love and Blessings from a distance—Doug

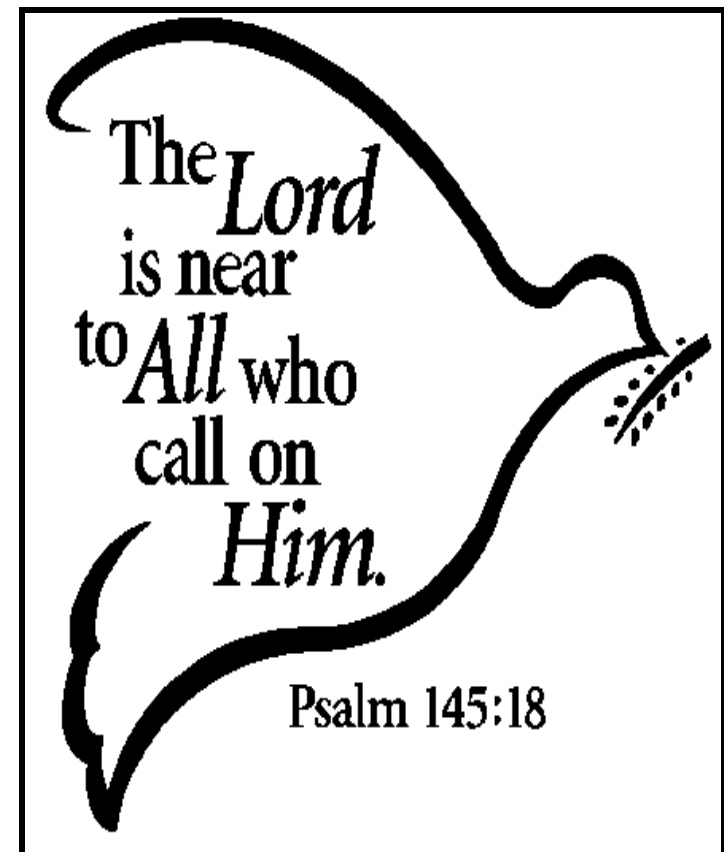
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Prayer List

Henry/Vivian Andrews	Marguerite Folendore
James Armstrong	Lamar Guy
Mack Atchison	Rider Hill
Kenneth Babb	Kenny Huff
Katie Bainbridge	Anne Bayne
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	Danny Roberts
Sandra English	Bonnie Safford
Sharon Ezell	Ben/Jackie Watson

In Military Service: Rudy Webb
All Healthcare Workers

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.

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.

*"Faith is the gateway
 of communion with God;
 Love is the gateway
 of ministry to people."*



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 August 2, 2020

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21
Isaiah 55:1-5
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

School Supplies for Children

Cindy English is leading our efforts to gather school supplies for the children who attend our church. She and her "summer elves" are shopping for supplies. If you would like to contribute to this ministry effort during this time of physical distancing, you can either mail your contribution to the church office, place your check or cash in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or bring it by the church office (call first). If writing a check, please write "school supplies" on the memo line.

Annual Budget 2020.....	\$ 28,729.67
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,533.27
Contributions July 26, 2020.....	\$ 235.00
Total Budget Contributions through July 26, 2020.....	\$110,694.55
Total Budget Expenses through July 26, 2020.....	\$109,694.55
Payroll Protection Program Loan May 1, 2020.....	\$ 18,685.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug 03: Elizabeth Adkins
 Aug 05: Becky Adkins, Jeff Bloodworth
 Tyler Crump, Rebecca Towns
 Aug 06: Hyland Braddy, Dianna Tatham

Deacon of the Week 8/2/2020

Glenn Abbey, 456-4305

A Look at Holy Communion

1. Communion is extremely important because Jesus asked his followers to follow the practice often—in remembrance of him. (Luke 22:19)
2. Communion is significant because it reminds us of the price Christ paid for our salvation—his death on the cross "This is my body, which is given for you (Luke 22:19.)
3. It is also a symbol of the new covenant which God has made with us in Christ. Upon taking the cup, our Lord said, "This is my blood of the new covenant" (Matthew 26:28)
4. Communion is a vivid reminder that we are grateful that we are tied to Christ and look forward to his ultimate triumph on earth. (Rev. 19:16)

We will celebrate communion this Sunday as we worship together. To insure the safety of those who participate, individual sealed cups with wafer attached will be provided.

Backpacks for Appalachia

Backpacks for Washington Baptist Association's yearly project are now available for purchase through WBA at a cost of \$5.00. With each backpack a list of suggested supplies to pack in it will be available. You may contact the Association Office if you are interested in obtaining and filling one at (453-8111).

Calendar

Sunday, August 2nd:

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, August 5th:

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

Deacons will meet this Sunday ...
 time TBA.



Thank you for your faithfulness during these uncertain times. You have supported this church by continuing to give online, by mail and by placing your offerings in the offering plates as you entered or departed in-person worship. 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, bring your personal hand sanitizer, and continue *physical distancing*. The building is cleaned thoroughly following each service and all touch points disinfected.

Stay safe and pray for those who are sick and the healthcare workers who are working so hard to save lives.

The **HBC Food Pantry** served 13 households, 33 individuals and assisted 1 new applicants Tuesday, July 28th in the church parking lot. Special thanks to our loyal volunteers for braving the heat and taking the risk to serve those who came.

Check out the HBC Website
www.hardwickbaptist.org