

**Thoughts From Doug**

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through August, and that school has started. As I mentioned in last Sunday's worship service, we all need to be in prayer for the new school year: for everyone who has the responsibility for making decisions that affect the education and general welfare of our children and educators. We should also pray for parents and guardians who are having to make major adaptations to their schedules during this era of COVID-19. I appreciate Cindy English, Ken & Celia Turner, and all of the children's workers in our church who have purchased and delivered school supplies to families of children to whom we minister. We pray that they will be reminded of God's care and presence with them as they learn to manage life and studies in a very precarious time.

As we think about the education of our children, let us continue to be committed to our spiritual education as followers of Christ and "people of the Bible." Below are the weekly Bible readings for your personal prayer each week, in preparation for hearing the Scriptures read in Sunday morning worship.

**These are the readings beginning Monday, August 24, and ending Sunday, November 22. Remember our rotation:**

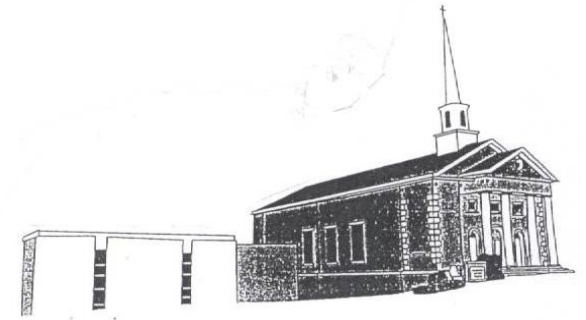
- Monday - Read Psalm & OT Lesson (repeat on Thursday)
- Tuesday - Read Psalm & Epistle Lesson (repeat on Friday)
- Wednesday - Read Psalm & Gospel Lesson (repeat on Saturday)

**Read in Advance**

Of this Sunday:	Psalm	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel
8/30	Psalm 26:1-8	/Jeremiah 15:15-21/	Romans 12:9-21/	Matthew 16:21-28
9/6	Psalm 119:33-40/	Ezekiel 33:7-11/	Romans 13:8-14/	Matthew 18:15-20
9/13	Psalm 103:1-13/	Genesis 50:15-21/	Romans 14:1-12/	Matthew 18:21-35
9/20	Psalm 145:1-8/	Jonah 3:10-4:11/	Philippians 1:21-30/	Matthew 20:1-16
9/27	Psalm 25:1-9/	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32/	Philippians 2:1-13/	Matthew 21:23-32
10/4	Psalm 80:7-15/	Isaiah 5:1-7/	Philippians 3:4b-14/	Matthew 21:33-46
10/11	Psalm 23/	Isaiah 25:1-9/	Philippians 4:1-9/	Matthew 22:1-14
10/18	Psalm 96:1-12/	Isaiah 45:1-7/	I Thessalonians 1:1-10/	Matthew 22:15-22
10/25	Psalm 1/	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18/	I Thessalonians 2:1-8/	Matthew 22:34-46
11/1 (All Saints)	Psalm 34:1-10, 22/	Revelation 7:9-17/	I John 3:1-3/	Mathew 5:1-12
11/8	Psalm 70/	Amos 5:18-24/	I Thessalonians 4:13-18/	Matthew 25:1-13
11/15	Psalm 90:1-12/	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18/	I Thessalonians 5:1-11/	Matthew 25:14-30
11/22	Psalm 95:1-7a/	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24/	Ephesians 1:15-23/	Matthew 25:31-46

Love and Blessings from a Distance—Doug

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*Do not be conformed to this world, but*

**BE TRANSFORMED**

*by the renewal of your mind.*

**ROMANS 12:2, ESV**

## Prayer List

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

**In Military Service:** Rudy Webb  
**All Healthcare Workers, Teachers, school support staff and students**  
**As our schools begin this week.**

## 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.

*"The two chief things are Faith and Love. Faith receives the good; Love gives the good. Faith offers us God as our own; Love gives us our neighbor as his own.*  
 -Martin Luther-



## Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study

Doug will continue to conduct a Zoom meeting Bible Discussion each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. Bible passage for August 26 is Exodus 3:1-2,6-15; "Moses at the Burning Bush."

## Scripture Reading for August 23

**Psalms 138**  
**Isaiah 51:1-6**  
**Romans 12:1-8**  
**Matthew 16:13-20**

## School Supplies for Children



School supplies for the children who attend HBC have been purchased and delivered at this writing. You may still contribute to help defray the cost of this ministry effort during this time of physical distancing by mailing your contribution to the church office, contributing online, by placing your check or cash in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or you may bring it by the church office (call first). If writing a check, please write "school supplies" on the memo line.

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

Annual Budget 2020.....	\$ 287,729.67
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,533.27
Contributions August 16, 2020.....	\$ 3,675.00
Total Budget Contributions through August 16, 2020.....	\$121,420.42
Total Budget Expenses through August 16, 2020.....	\$120,715.89
Payroll Protection Program Loan May 1, 2020.....	,\$ 18,685.00

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug 23: Beth Johnson  
 Aug 26: Madison Waddell  
 Aug 27: Cole Rogers

## Deacon of the Week

8/23/2020  
 Danny Roberts, 1/706/485-5624

## Update on Fellowship Hall

By the time you receive this newsletter work to replace the roof on Fellowship Hall will be complete. Repairs to the inside due to water damage will be made as soon as possible. Special thanks to Glenn Abby, Miles Whipple and John Veal for making this happen and to Mack Atchison, Properties Chr. for his moral support while recuperating at home.

## Virtual Sunday School Access

- **Online:** (<https://meet.google.com>). Click *Enter* or link and enter code for class.
- **Smartphone app:** Go to the App store and download the *Google Meet App* Follow instruction for set up. Open and click *enter code* (same as above).

## Bible passage 8/23: Proverbs 4:11-27

### Questions:

- Have you ever gotten confused over a choice because there were so many options? How did you make the choice?
- In what ways do you demonstrate that you have taken hold of Godly instruction and make it priority?
- When have you found yourself tempted to take the way of the wicked? If you avoided it, who helped you?
- How disciplined have you been in your journey of living out God's purpose for your life? What changes do you need to make?

## Calendar

### Sunday, August 23rd:

9:00 A.M. .... Virtual Sunday School  
 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 26th:

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



Thank you for your faithfulness during these uncertain times as you continue to support HBC by giving online, by mail and by placing your offerings in the offering plates as you enter or depart in-person worship

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 continue to pray for those who are sick, for the healthcare workers who are working so hard to save lives, for teachers, administrators, school support staff and students as local schools open again.

## Christian Sympathy

Gloria Burke, Allison Burke Merritt and family in the loss of their father-in-law/grandfather, Talmadge Burke, this past week end.

To the family and friends of former member, Wade Williams who passed away this week.

We have just received word as we were preparing this newsletter that Katie Bainbridge passed away this morning (Tuesday). Please keep her family in your prayers.