Thoughts From Doug

Virtual Adult Sunday School Class

During the July deacons' meeting we discussed whether to try to offer an adult Sunday School class in the sanctuary prior to morning worship. We decided to just try in-person worship for a few weeks before attempting in-person Sunday School. Instead Marilynn Skinner offered to lead an effort to begin a virtual Sunday School class for adults. She researched various platforms and decided to use Google Meets. The class had its first meeting last Sunday, August 2nd. Marilynn shared that there was good discussion among the folks who joined, and the plan is to continue for several weeks. If you have not used a virtual meeting platform before, I hope you will try; Google Meets is quite user-friendly. There are two ways you can access the class:

- 1. **Online:** https://meet.google.com. Click on *Enter code* or link, then enter the code for our class (see below). You will be clicked onto the class by the moderator. You may be asked to submit an email address, it will default to your gmail address if you have one.
- 2. **Smartphone app:** Go to the App store on your phone and download the *Google Meet* app. (it is free). Follow the instructions for setting up your app. Open the app and click *enter code*. Then enter the code for our class (see below). You will be linked into class by the moderator.

The **Code** for the class is: **bux-cabf-zzm.** This code will remain the same every Sunday. **This Sunday School class is for ALL Hardwick Baptist adults to gather together until we can meet in person again.** Marilynn Skinner and Cindy Folendore have agreed to teach the first few weeks as we all become familiar with the technology. The class will begin at 9:00 A.M. and conclude by 10:00 A.M. so that those who plan on attending worship can have plenty of time to get to the church.

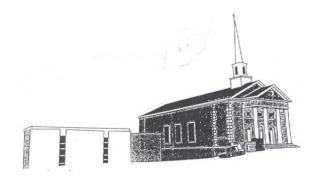
Marilynn will send advance information in preparation for each class. For August 9, the lesson will be on Proverbs 3:1-12. Please read the text, and consider these question in prayer:

- How do you define integrity?
- Think of someone you consider to have integrity. What characteristics do they possess?
- Why is it important for a believer to have integrity?

I hope you and your household will join in this effort for discipleship and connection with fellow church members—especially those who aren't able to attend worship with us. Thank you to Marilynn Skinner for leading this effort in ministry.

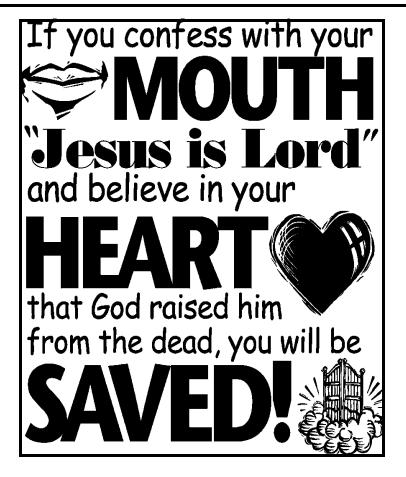
Love and Blessings from a Distance—Doug

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Prayer List

Henry/Vivian Andrews

James Armstrong Marguerite Folendore Mack Atchison Lamar Guy Kenneth Babb Rider Hill Katie Bainbridge 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 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.

Christian Sympathy

To Will and Ashley Parham in the loss of their beloved aunt, Wendy Coleman Martin. Wendy was the wife of former Baldwin County Assistant School Supt. Allen Martin and daughter of Mary Sue and Craig Coleman.

> "To love another person is to see the face of God."

-Lyrics from "Les Miserables, Claude-Michel Schonberg_

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 12 will be Genesis 45: -15.

Scripture Reading for August 9

Psalm 85:8-13 I Kinas 19:9-18 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

School Supplies for Children

Cindy English and her "summer elves" have shopped for school supplies for the children who attend HBC. You may still contribute to 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.



| Annual Budget 2020 | \$ 287.729.67 |
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| Needed Per Week to Meet Budget. | |
| Contributions August 2, 2020 | |
| Total Budget Contributions through August 2, 2020 | \$113,915.92 |
| Total Budget Expenses through August 2, 2020 | \$117,527.70 |
| Payroll Protection Program Loan May 1, 2020 | ,.\$ 18,685.00 |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug 11: Bobby Ellington Aug 12: Sharon Leveret5t Aug 14: Javaraus Dennis

Aug 15: Jim Davis, Sam

Deacon of the Week 8/9/2020

Cindy Folendore

Summer Fruit Basket

Take some fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) — perfect summer and all year round!

- Love: "There is always an 'again' with love." -anon-
- Joy: "I don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains." -Anne Frank-
- Peace: "Peace begins with a smile." -Mother Teresa-
- Patience: "The purposes of God may sometimes seem delayed, but they are never abandoned." -H.C. Mears-
- Kindness: "Kindness is the Language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." -Mark Twain-
- Goodness: "Goodness means to do things for the glory of God," - Martyn Lloyd Jones-
- Faithfulness: "Do small things as if they were great because of the majesty of Christ, who does them in us." -Blaise Pascal-
- Gentleness: "There is nothing stronger in the world than gentleness." -Han Suylin-
- Self-control: God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

-2 Tim. 1-7 (ESV)-

Check out the HBC Website www.hardwickbaptist.org

Calendar

Sunday, August 9th:

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 12th:

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 entered or departed in-person worship. And, your faithfulness in praying and checking on our members truly reflects HBC's special love and concern for others.

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.

Love's Many Forms

"Joy is love exalted; peace is love in repose; long-suffering is love enduring; gentleness is love in society; goodness is love in action; faith is love on the battlefield; meekness is love in school; and temperance is love in training."

-D.L. Moody-

"When we long for life without difficulties, remind us that oaks grow strong in contrary winds and diamonds are made under pressure." -Peter Marshal-