

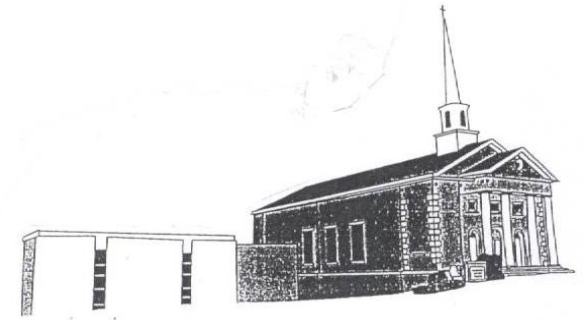
## Thoughts From Doug

What beautiful fall weather we are having! I hope that you are able to take some time out, at least several times during the week, if not daily, to just walk outside and breathe. Notice the color of the sky and the leaves and the shadows caused by the position of the autumnal sun. Take intentional deep breaths—and feel the crispness of the air. For some reason, fall speaks to me of slowing down and being intentional in seeing. Perhaps it is because, after a long summer, autumn forces us to realize that things do not always stay the same; that we do not live in a permanent summer. And maybe that causes us, on some level, to be more involved in conversation with God. Even though fall is about dying, it can be lifegiving for us. Noticing the grass (that, thankfully does not have to be mowed so frequently), the leaves and the trees, can teach us about fully trusting God. All of creation seems to so naturally, calmly, and purposefully lie down and rest into the dormancy of the approaching winter. And we, too, as we learn to live fully in God's presence each day, being faithful to be who God has called us to be in the summer and fall of our lives, will find ourselves being less anxious about life. We will worry less about things that are out of our control; we will be gifted with the wisdom of valuing those things that are most important; we will live in the present of each day's beauty, recognizing the gift of each loved one in our lives; and we will live so fully and richly that we will be comfortable, whenever our time comes for our last breath, releasing ourselves into the trust of God's care. We will be able to pray the prayer of the psalmist each and every night: *I will both lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.* (Psalm 4:8)

Love and Blessings from a Distance, Doug

The **HBC Food Pantry** served 25 families, 74 individuals and 6 new applicants in the church parking lot Tuesday, October 13. Special thanks to our dedicated volunteers who cheerfully serve those who come.

# Hardwick Herald



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We always thank  
GOD for all of you  
and continually  
mention you in  
our prayers.

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

### Prayer List

Henry/Vivian Andrews	Rider Hill
James Armstrong	Kenny Huff
Mack Atchison	Martha Huff
Kenneth Babb	Jim Jennings
Anne Bayne	Michael/Sharon Lord
Joyce Blizzard	Nell Maddox
Scott Blizzard	Jeff McMullen
Harriett/Henry Braddy	Marcus McMullen
Josephine Davis	Marlene Peavy
Eugenia English	Jayne Rourke
Sandra English	Bonnie Stafford
Sharon Ezell	Brenda Tollison
Marguerite Folendore	Ben/Jackie Watson

**In Military Service:** Rudy Webb

**All Healthcare Workers, Teachers, school support staff and students.**

### 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.

### Scripture Reading for October 18:

**Psalms 96:1-12**

**Isaiah 45:1-7**

**I Thessalonians 1:1-10**

**Matthew 22:15-22**

**Check out the HBC Website  
www.hardwickbaptist.org**



### Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study

Doug will continue to conduct a Zoom meeting Bible Discussion each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. Bible passage for October 21 is: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, "The Lord's Requirement."



**Mission GA Offering  
Received to Date: \$385.00**



Samaritan's Purse, "Operation Christmas Child" time is here. Pamphlets with instructions for packing a shoebox are available in the vestibule or in the church office. If you wish to pick some up from the office, please call before coming. We do have some boxes available as well. Deadline for bringing filled boxes to the church is Wednesday, November 11th.

Operation Christmas Child boxes filled with toys and other fun items are delivered to children in need around the world in partnership with local churches. Each gift, prayerfully and uniquely packed by churches or groups is an opportunity for the Gospel to transform the life of a child, a family and a community. It's about telling children around the world and their families that God loves them and hasn't forgotten them.

Annual Budget 2020.....	\$ 28,729.67
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,533.27
Contributions Oct 11, 2020.....	\$ 5,574.50
Total Budget Contributions through Oct. 11, 2020.....	\$148,972.38
Total Budget Expenses through Oct. 4, 2020.....	\$164,807.52
Payroll Protection Program Loan May 1, 2020.....	\$ 18,685.00

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct 18: Sandra English  
Oct. 23: Susie Braddy, Frances Simpson

**Deacon of the Week, October 18**  
Cindy Folendore, Deacon of the Week

### 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 for October 18:**  
**Song of Songs 2;15-35**

### Questions:

- How would you describe to a child God's purposes in making people? What would you point to when explaining the difference between humans and animals?
- What steps do you take so that you can guard the relationships in your life?
- How would you advise a newly married couple to nurture mutual submission through trust?
- What is the best way to teach the valuable lesson about sexual restraint so other believers put it into practice?

### Attention Church Committees

At last month's Deacons and Church Council Meetings, it was agreed that we would ask all church committees to remain the same through next year, thereby adding one year to your time of service. So, the Nominating Committee is asking everyone on a committee to "stay put" through Sept. 2021. Please contact and inform a committee member if you do not wish to do so. Thank you for holding on with us as best we can during these days.

### Calendar

#### Sunday, October 18th:

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, October 21st:

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

### All Saints Day

Sunday, November 1, we will be observing All Saints Day. We will give thanks to God for the lives of two Hardwick Baptist members who have entered life eternal since All Saints Day 2019: Katie Bainbridge and Lamar Guy. For those who, out of an abundance of caution, will be watching the service from home—we encourage you to gather two candles of your own, and light them in memory of Katie and Lamar at the appropriate time in the service



Your faithfulness in continuing to give during these uncertain times is so important. We hope it won't be long before we can get back to full time in-person ministry at HBC, but in the meantime your support is crucial as we monitor pandemic conditions and prepare for that time. You may support HBC by giving online, by mail and by placing your offerings in the offering plates as you enter or depart in-person worship.

### New Arrival

Congratulations to Jacob and Kristen (Whipple) Parsons on the birth of their daughter, Adalynn Kate (Addy), October 1, 2020. She weighed 7 lbs 1 oz and was 19.5 inches long. Proud brother is Asher Jake Parsons, grandparents are Miles & Rhonda Whipple, and great-grandmother is Mrs. Nell Maddox.