

Loving Our Children

At the September Deacons' meeting, our discussion turned to the children and youth of Hardwick Baptist. Since discontinuing bus ministry to transport our kids in March, through to resuming in-person worship in July, up until now—we have not been using our bus ministry to transport our kids. Some of our children's workers have been able to see a handful of them in person while delivering school supplies or during other check-ins. As we do at each Deacons' meeting during this time of physical distancing, we asked. "Is there anything we could be doing—appropriately and safely—that we are not doing?" As we discussed our children and youth, Glenn Abbey mentioned the possibility of ministry akin to "pen pals." We continued to discuss the idea, and basically decided on this plan:

We want to assign one of our kids to every willing adult at Hardwick Baptist. We will give you a mailing address, and request that you send a weekly note/communication to your student. We ask that you include a self-addressed stamped envelope so that student can write you back. We also are working on gathering unused children's Sunday School work-sheets from the past few months for you to include in your mailing.

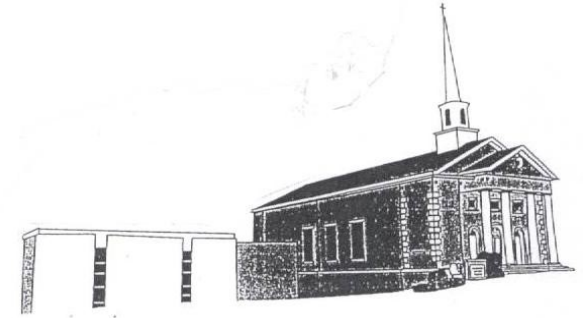
This is simply an opportunity for us to encourage our kids, to remind them how much we love and miss them, and to remind them of God's presence in their lives even while we are apart. We are in the process of collecting as many mailing addresses as we can for our kids. In the next week I will be writing a letter to the parents of those kids, informing them of our desire to stay in touch with their children during this time of physical distancing, and that their child will be receiving mailings from a church member. I will ask the parent/guardian to call the church office if they would rather not participate.

So what can you do? We are asking anyone who would be interested to contact either the church office, Cindy Folendore or me. Let us know you would like to write to a student once a week, and we will contact you with one of our kids.

This is one of those efforts that requires nothing but love and time (and a postage stamp). Please watch your email for this announcement as well. Call either Cindy or me if you have any questions.

Blessing to all—Doug

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pastor Doug We Appreciate You !

A pastor's heart is **Protective** and guards his flock from Satan's snares.

A pastor's heart is **Attentive** and seeks to know his People's cares.

A pastor's heart is **Sacrificial** and for his sheep will give it all.

A pastor's heart is **Tender** and listens to the Spirit's call.

A pastor's heart is **Obedient** and heeds the Master's command.

A pastor's heart is **Reflective** and considers he is but a man.

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October is "Pastor Appreciation Month." Take a minute and express your appreciation to our pastor for his service here. The challenges during these uncertain times are unprecedented and require flexibility while remaining dedicated to following the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We appreciate the extra efforts he must make to meet these challenges. Pastor Doug...you are appreciated! Thank you for all you do!

Prayer List

Henry/Vivian Andre	Marguerite Folendore
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	Jayne Rourke
Sharon Ezell	Bonnie Stafford
	Brenda Tollison
	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 11

Psalms 23
Isaiah 25:1-9
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

Check out the HBC Website
www.hardwickbaptist.org

Annual Budget 2020.....	\$ 28,729.67
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,533.27
Contributions Oct 4, 2020.....	\$ 1,790.00
Total Budget Contributions through Oct. 4, 2020.....	\$ 143,297.88
Total Budget Expenses through Oct. 4, 2020.....	\$ 162,395.81
Payroll Protection Program Loan May 1, 2020.....	\$ 18,685.00



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 14 is: Isaiah 45:1-7, "The Lord's Call."



Mission GA Offering
Received to Date: \$335.00



Samaritan's Purse, "Operation Christmas Child" time is almost here. Why not begin gathering items for your shoebox now? Pamphlets with instructions for packing a shoebox will be available very soon.

Thank You!

Dear Friends,
 Thank you all for the cards, prayers, and phone calls during Lamar's illness. I know that he is at peace and not hurting any more. Visits were limited by the dreadful Covid, but he knew that our HBC family was praying for him daily. My family and I appreciate you all for your support.

Love & Prayers,
 Sallie, Christie, GeGee, Mike Colby, and Milt.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 14: Jamie Gray
 Oct. 15: John Veal
 Oct. 16: Janice Hall
 Oct. 17: Sarah Caraver, Christel S. Ray

Deacon of the Week

October 11
 Glenn Abbey, 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 11:
Proverbs 31:10-16, 23-31

Questions:

- Share a time when you became aware that someone was watching you. How did you respond when you realized they were doing so?
- In your church family, who comes to mind when you think about the woman described in these verses?
- What are some of the ways that you demonstrate prudence when making choices for your family?
- What kind of influence for the Lord does your reputation have on others?
- How do you honor other believers who show that they live to honor the Lord?

193rd Annual Session
Washington Baptist Association
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
7:00 P.M.
Milledgeville First Baptist Church

Calendar

Sunday, October 11th:

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 14th:

7:00 P.M. Bible Study via Zoom



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.

Attention: Church Committees

All of us are having to make adjustments during this time of physical distancing. At last month's Deacons and Church Council Meetings, it was agreed that we would ask all church committees to remain the same through the next year. This means that we are requesting everyone to just add a year to your time of service. The only committee that has met since March is the Properties Committee, and it will likely be a few months more before a committee will be required to meet (except for the Finance Committee).

So, the Nominating Committee is asking everyone on a committee to "stay put" through September 2021. If you do not wish to do so, please contact and inform a committee member by Sunday, October 11. The Nominating committee is: Lynn Batson, Priscilla Hooks, Jean Towns, Miles Whipple. Thank you for holding on with us as best as we can during these days.