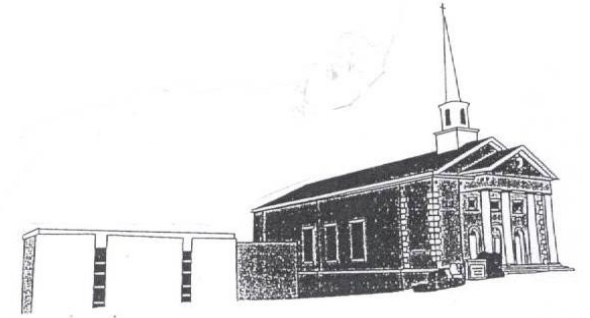


Thoughts From Doug

I know that all of the Hardwick Baptist family joins in constant prayers for Sallie Guy and family during these days. The service of celebration of Lamar's life last Monday was a wonderful testimony to a man who lived well, loved big, served willingly, and cared deeply. As I mentioned at the graveside service, Lamar never forgot his roots, the values of family, hard work, and faith he learned as a child. He was a salt-of-the-earth humble servant. When I met Lamar two years ago, his body had already done a great deal to betray his desire to help and to serve, as he was limited in physical capacity. It is hard for us to imagine how frustrating that must have been for someone who so readily served others. As most of us know, there was not much that Lamar could not fix. He either found a way to repair or remove something, or a creative way to make amends as best as possible. The persistence he Learned in his youth—of staying faithful to a task until it is completed (and completed **well**)—was evident in the way he tackled the daily mechanical problems in life, as well as the way in which he took on major life matters, such as the cancer that attacked his body. No matter how worn or bad he may have felt physically, his spirit was as persistent as ever. He was always positive—always hopeful—always faithful. Even in the last months, as he still held out hope for a possible medical treatment that would prolong his life, he continued to profess that his trust was in God and God's promises. Hardwick Baptist Church will miss Lamar's faithfulness, his optimism, his servant's heart. But we also celebrate that we had his example among us for a season, and that we will always have the gift of that example as an inspiration to us. Whenever we are having a rough day, or several days, whenever we receive a diagnosis that is a matter of life and death, whenever we feel like succumbing to despair or self-pity: I hope we will remember Lamar, that we will say a prayer of gratitude for the good that his life can teach us; and that we will rely on the same Spirit, the same Lord, the same fellowship of brothers and sisters in Christ, to carry us through another day with hope and perseverance, until we come face-to-face with the One who taught Lamar how to serve. Thanks be to God.

Love and Blessings from a Distance, Doug

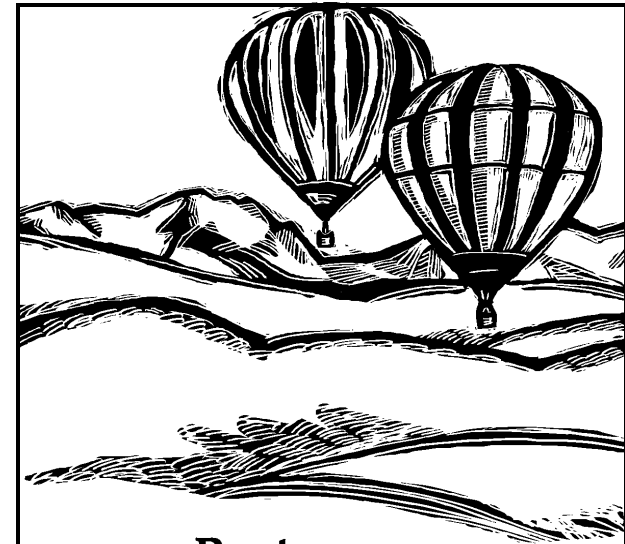
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**Restore us,
O God Almighty;
make your face shine
upon us, that we
may be saved.**

Psalm 80:7. NIV

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 4

Psalm 80:7-15
Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

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 7 is: Isaiah 25:1-9, "The Lord's Salvation."



Mission Georgia is an initiative of the GA Baptist Mission Board to address critical needs in our state. Mission GA gives us an opportunity to join with God in responding to these needs.

You may give to Mission GA in the same way you are supporting HBC now by giving online (marked Mission GA), by mail and by placing your Mission Offering in the offering plates as you enter or depart in-person worship.

Received to Date: \$185.00



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

Deacons will meet this Sunday, October 4th at 2:00 P.M. via Zoom.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 04: Gideon Hill, Tonya Myers
 Oct. 05: Jim Johnson
 Oct. 06: Eddie Baker
 Oct. 08: Marguerite Folendore
 Oct. 09: Lynn Batson, Benny Watson

Deacon of the Week

October 4, 2020
 Marilynn Skinner

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 4:

Proverbs 29:1-3, 12-20

Questions:

- Is discipline essential for spiritual growth and development of God's people? Explain.
- What lessons have you learned recently from the Lord's discipline? How have the lessons helped you grow spiritually?
- Which leaders need you to pray for them so they will lead with integrity?
- In your circle of relationships, who sets a good example of parents who discipline their children well?
- Which of the Proverbs about hearing from God do you need to take to heart?

"Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, leave the rest to God."

-Ronald Reagan-

Calendar

Sunday, October 4th:

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).
 2:00 P.M. Deacons' Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, October 4th:

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.

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.

193rd Annual Session
Washington Baptist Association
Tuesday, October 13, 2020

7:00 P.M.
Milledgeville First Baptist Church

Christian Sympathy

Our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Lamar Guy who passed away last Friday after a long courageous battle with cancer and its challenges. Pray for Sally and his family that God may stay close to them and comfort them in their great loss.

Annual Budget 2020.....	\$ 287,729.67
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,533.27
Contributions Sept. 27, 2020.....	\$ 3,147.00
Total Budget Contributions through Sept.27, 2020.....	\$ 139,053.54
Total Budget Expenses through Sept 27.....	\$ 154,015.59
Payroll Protection Program Loan May 1, 2020.....	\$ 18,685.00