

Thoughts From Doug

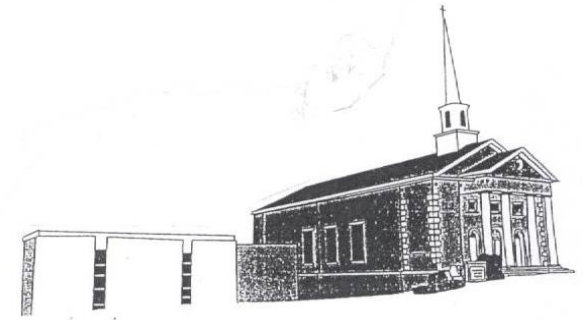
I am grateful for Cindy Folendore for preaching for me this past Sunday. It was good to be able to be with my parents in northern Kentucky during my dad's knee replacement surgery, and to help out a little when he returned home. I appreciate the prayers from Hardwick Baptist on his behalf, as well as the continued prayers for his younger brother, Rev. Larry Adkins, who is battling cancer and has very much weakened during the past month. It is good to have a good student of the Bible, like Cindy, to provide "pulpit supply" (though Cindy provides much more than that when she leads in worship).

It is hard to believe that we are winding down the church year. Believe it or not, there are only two Sundays left until Advent, which marks the beginning of the new church year. During the November 22 worship service, we will turn our attention toward the reign of Christ, as we consider what it means for Christ to reign in our lives now, and the promise of life when he reigns in fullness. That is an important reminder for us as we prepare for a winter when COVID-19 is expected to make a rampant rebound. Whenever we get tired, or grow weary in well-doing, or just feel like throwing our hands up and giving up—it helps to remember the vision of the kingdom of God which Jesus taught about. As followers of Jesus today, we are aware that that kingdom has both an "already" component and a "not yet" component. Through Christ's coming to earth, and through the presence of the Holy Spirit empowering God's church today, the beloved community of God's kingdom is being realized until Christ's return. In the meantime, we are called to be faithful builders in the kingdom. We are called to live as if it is already a full reality, realizing that our faith and hope WILL make it more visible for the world to see. So, as we gradually pass from warm weather into winter's cold, let us continue to be diligent in taking precautions in advance of an expected resurgence of the coronavirus. But let us do so with continued faith and hope that God will honor our faithfulness and our love for one another, giving people signs of the reign of Christ in Hardwick Baptist Church, and giving them hope for a world where Christ is indeed our good shepherd, leading us to waters of life.

Love and Blessings from a Distance, Doug

The HBC Food Pantry served 22 households, 57 individuals and had 6 new applicants from the church parking lot /Tuesday, November 10th. Thank you volunteers!

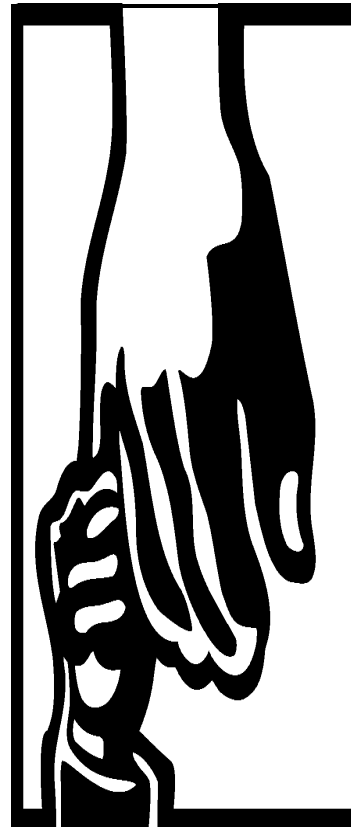
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Encourage
one another
and build up
each other....

1 Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV

Prayer List

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



Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study

Doug will continue to conduct a Zoom meeting Bible Discussion each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. Bible passage for November 18: Mathew 25:31-46, "Practicing Compassion".



Samaritan's Purse, "Operation Christmas Child" filled Shoeboxes were due in to the church by November 11th. However because of the difficulties encountered getting them in during these pandemic times, we will accept them through Next Wednesday, November 18th. We will need to deliver them to the local drop off location next week so they must be in by that date. If you wish to bring your shoebox to the church office, you may do so any morning from 7:30 a.m. until Noon or call the church office if you need to make special arrangements to get it in. Each shoebox is an opportunity to reach a child with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and tell children around the world that God loves them.

Scripture Readings for November 15:

Psalm 90:1-12
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
I Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Annual Budget 2020.....	\$ 28,729.67
Needed Per Week to Meet Budget.....	\$ 5,533.27
Contributions Nov 08, 2020.....	\$ 3,640.00
Total Budget Contributions through Nov. 08, 2020.....	\$158,206.46
Total Budget Expenses through Nov.08, 2020	\$176,241.06
Payroll Protection Program Loan May 1, 2020.....	\$ 18,685.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov 15: Kristi Blizzard, David Ray

Nov 17: Tilda Cooper

Deacon of the Week,

November 15, 2020
Glenn Abbey, 456-4305

Virtual Sunday School Access

- **Online:** (<https://meet.google.com>). Click *Enter* or link and enter code for class.
meet.google.com/cdi-ibdd-vrx
- **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 November 15:

Isaiah 7:7-17

Questions:

- Why are people sometimes prone to believe they can do better than what God offers them.
- When have you had to stand firm on your faith? Does taking this stance mean that all doubt is removed? What has helped you remain faithful and act on your belief in tough situations?
- Has there ever been a time when you have asked God for some sort of sign? Did you receive one? When is a desire for signs good or bad with respect to our faith?
- How does knowing the fuller context of Isaiah 9:14 help you appreciate Matthew's application of the verse to Jesus more? Does it challenge you to look at the passages differently?
- Have you chosen to create your own solution to a problem rather than trusting God? What kind of consequences did you have to deal with as a result? What did you learn from the situation?

Calendar

Sunday, November 15th:

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, November 18th:

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.

Literature Available

The following literature is now available in the vestibule of the church if you attend in-person worship or in the church office:

Home Life (December)

Mature Living (December)

Open Windows (Winter Quarter)

In order to be frugal in our spending, we did not order our regular Sunday School material since it is still not possible to schedule in-person Sunday School. At such time as we are cleared to do so, literature will be ordered and available. We do have literature left over from the last two quarters if you would like to have some. Thank you for your patience as we continue to look ahead to the time when all of us can worship together and participate in the ministries of Hardwick Baptist. Keep the faith!

Check out the HBC Website
www.hardwickbaptist.org