

Hardeetown Baptist Church

*From the Crossroads of Levy County to
the Crossroads of the Mission Field*

- Our church is a prayer and ministry partner with journeyman missionary, Abbey Irwin, of Jackson, Mississippi. She will be in Tokyo for a few more months. Please pray for her, and help the ladies send her care packages. Her parents would love to hear from you also. See the pastor for their contact information.

- Attention ladies! Plan now for a bridal shower for Casey Ranalli on May 22.

- All our Bible study classes are continuing. Everyone is invited to be a part of one of our Bible study small groups. The Sunday night intensive study in Genesis is available on the website via video. Click on the link to sermons.

- Check out our website at www.hardeetownbc.com. You can also view previous services by clicking on the link to sermons. In the meantime, our services continue to be streamed on Facebook live, and you can listen to our services from the parking lot on Sunday morning by tuning to FM 92.1.

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The Pulpit and Pen

The Crucifixion of Jesus

The Apostle Paul wrote in First Corinthians 1:23, "We preach Christ crucified." Second only to the resurrection, the crucifixion of Christ is one of the most important events in history. It is also one of the most important events for Christianity. There could not have been a resurrection had there not first been a crucifixion.

So why is the crucifixion so important? To begin with, the crucifixion fulfilled both prophecy and the Law of Moses. The Bible would be wrong if Jesus had not been crucified.

As the ultimate Passover sacrifice, Jesus had to be the first-born son and completely without blemish (Exodus 12:5, 13:2, and 22:29, and Leviticus 1:3). Jesus was the firstborn son of both God and of Mary. Since His father was the Holy Spirit and not Joseph, Jesus did not inherit any genetic or physical abnormalities, this rendering Him completely without blemish.

Another fulfillment of the Law was the curse that Christ endured. According to Deuteronomy 21:23, anyone who was executed by being hanged on a tree was cursed. The body also had to be removed by sundown. Since a cross was made from a tree, Jesus' crucifixion fulfilled both of these legal requirements.

According to Mark 15:25-37 Jesus was crucified

in the morning and died six hours later. He fulfilled the requirement of the morning sacrifice of Exodus 29:39 and died at the time when the evening sacrifice would have been offered.

Since Jesus died at 3:00 p.m., it was unnecessary for the Roman guards to break His legs as sundown approached. The Romans broke the legs of the two thieves in order to ensure their deaths by sundown as the Jewish leaders had requested. Consequently, Jesus endured the cross with no broken bones, which fulfilled the prophecies of both Numbers 9:12 and Psalm 34:20.

Having been nailed to the cross through His heels, Jesus fulfilled the prophecy given by God Himself in Genesis 3:15. The many artistic expressions of the crucifixion that show Jesus with a nail through the top of both feet is both scripturally incorrect and anatomically unlikely. A nail through the top of the foot would probably have resulted in at least one broken bone, which would have violated the prophecies of Numbers 9:12 and Psalm 34:20. The prophecy of Genesis 3:15 was fulfilled by Jesus being nailed to the cross through His heels between the Achilles tendon and the heel bone.

It was also necessary for Jesus to be crucified in order to fulfill the prophecy of Isai-

ah 53:5, which says that the Messiah would be pierced for our transgressions. According to the Law, Matzah bread is the only bread that can be eaten during Passover. Matzah is unleavened, but even without yeast, Matzah will rise during the baking process unless it is pierced with holes. The Bible tells us that Jesus is the bread of life (John 6:35), and He was pierced on the cross.

Mark 15:33 says that at noon darkness enveloped the land for three hours. At the end of that time, Jesus quoted Psalm 22:1, asking why God had forsaken Him. God is the source of all light, even that from the sun (cf. Genesis 1:3 in which God created light before He created the sun and moon). God's light was withheld from the land for three hours as Jesus hung on the cross because the Father had to look away. For the first time in all of eternity, Jesus was separated from the Father.

The Bible defines separation from God in the Lake of Fire as the second death (Revelation 20:6). While Jesus did not endure the Lake of Fire, He was separated from God as He hung on the cross. Paul said that Jesus became sin for us so that our sin would be nailed to the cross (2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus not only died physically on the cross, He suffered separation from the Father.

Hardeetown Student Ministries



Ahhh! Spring is in the air, and we all know what that means—GRADUATION! If you know of any graduate from college or high school associated with the church, please let Brian know so we can acknowledge them at the graduate/youth Sunday service on May 23.

Please continue to pray for the students as they raise the money for their summer trip this June. They have been working hard and attending on Sunday nights. Students also will have the opportunity to earn money towards their mission trip this summer by helping Casey with the Parents' Night Out children's event on April 30 from 5:30 to 8:30. In the meantime, get your HSM tee shirt. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Shirts are \$13 plus \$1 extra for each size over XL. The deadline to get your shirt is May 10.



The students enjoyed watching "The Passion of the Christ" movie Sunday night and had questions afterwards. We also had six students make rededications a few weeks ago and went through the *Student Survival Kit* for discipleship. Please pray for the students as they continue to grow in Christ.

The Bible study for April will be *Different*. If you are not able to attend, you can stay current through RightNow Media. For information, email Pastor Brian at studentz@hardeetownbc.com, to get started. Log on by texting RightNow HARDEE to 41411.



Don't forget that all students who plan to go on any of our mission trips must have a signed permission slip and medical release. Permission and medical release forms for all events are located on the wall in the youth room. All students must have a signed and notarized permission form. Medical release forms are good for one year.

Champions for Christ Kids

Hey friends! Happy April! I'm not sure how you are doing, but I have been looking forward to the month of April for the last three months. This month happens to house my favorite holiday. Can you guess it? (At this point all the kids would be shouting, "Easter!") If you also shouted Easter, then good job! From childhood to well into adulthood, Easter has and will always be my favorite. However, the last few weeks I've been reflecting on the power of perspectives. While my favorite holiday has not changed, the reasoning behind why it is my favorite has shifted drastically. Let me paint a picture for you. Eight-year-old Casey would tell you her reason would be because mom hid colorful eggs in the yard and baskets filled to the brim with candy around the house. Teenage Casey would give you an eye roll and mention candy being marked down on clearance. While 27-year-old Casey still holds strongly to this seasonal candy being superior, it is no longer my reason. I'm thankful that while many things change, God does not. I can tell you with full confidence that Easter is my favorite because we have an opportunity to reflect and worship a Savior who not only defeated sin but also beat death by rising again in victory. The last few Wednesday nights we have been walking towards Resurrection Sunday. I am thankful that the kids have been so interested and excited to see the next part of the story. This week I challenge you to read the resurrection account in Matthew 28:1-10. While you read, ask God to help you reflect on His glory and plan in sending His son to be the Savior of the world. Happy Resurrection Sunday! He is alive!



HBC Women's Ministries

As I write my article, it boggles my mind that we are marking our third anniversary at Hardeetown. At times it feels like we have been here for just a brief moment, but more often it feels as though we have been part of the Hardeetown family for much longer. Thank you for your support and love over these past three years. I'm excited to see what God has in store for our church as we continue to serve God in Chiefland.

In March I was blessed to be able to take Crafts for a Cause donations to four different locations. Each of the organizations was very excited to receive the items, which they will distribute to their patients. One of our church members even got to see people at the Davis Cancer Pavilion being ministered to through our C4C ministry. Thank you to all who have helped in this vital ministry. We continue to meet on Thursdays in the fellowship hall.

The ladies will meet for breakfast in the fellowship hall on April 25 at 8:00. An evening dinner outing is being planned for May 18. More details to come!

Many in our church family have experienced struggles over the past year, including serious illnesses and loss of loved ones. I'm asking everyone to faithfully pray for our church. If you know about a prayer need, please ensure the office knows also. Together we can better pray for and minister to each person in need!





April birthdays:

- William Blosch 04/10
- Brian Timney 04/18
- Mahala Timney 04/22
- Susan Garner 04/29

Happy Birthday to All!



CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



This month's church council will meet at 5:00, April 11, followed by the business meeting at 6:00. Anyone wanting to help plan church activities is invited to attend, and all church members are welcome.

The church is in need of additional volunteers to serve in children's church and with the youth. Please see Casey Ranalli if you are willing to be placed in the rotation for one of the children's church age groups or Brian if you can serve as a chaperone for youth activities. You can serve as often or as little as the Holy Spirit leads.

All ordained men are invited to a monthly deacons' dinner at 6:00 on the first Tuesday

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night of each month at Bett's Big T Restaurant. There is no agenda except fellowship together. This month's dinner is April 6.

Our next senior adult outing is scheduled for Thursday, April 22. We will be eating lunch at the new 19/98 Grill in the Winn-Dixie Shopping Plaza. We will leave the church at 11:00.

The next women's ministry breakfast will be Sunday, April 25 at 8:00.

Crafts for a Cause meets every Thursday morning at 9:00 in the fellowship hall. If you can sew, cut material, stuff envelopes, or help package projects, your help

is needed. Everyone is invited to be a part of this important evangelism outreach ministry.

The next men's breakfast is May 2 at 8:00. All men are invited. Bring your sons, grandsons, and neighbors, too.

Evening worship service and all youth and children activities are canceled on Easter Sunday evening. Enjoy your evening!

The children's ministry will sponsor a parents' night out on Friday, April 30, from 5:30 until 8:30. Volunteers are needed to chaperone the children while their parents enjoy an evening out.

April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Crafts for a Cause 9:00	Good Friday	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sunrise service 7:30 Church breakfast 8:00 Easter Sunday		Deacons dinner 6:00		Crafts for a Cause 9:00	Youth lock-in 7:00	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Church council/business meeting, 5:00/6:00				Crafts for a Cause 9:00		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Youth pastor summit	Youth pastor summit		Crafts for a Cause 9:00 Sr adult luncheon 11:00 19/98 Grill		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Women's breakfast 8:00				Crafts for a Cause 9:00	Parents' night out 5:00-8:00	

Bible Trivia

How many archangels does the Bible mention? Last month's answer: They thought he was insane. (Mark 3:21)



April Memory Verse

Acts 4:12

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

(ESV)



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A cooperating Baptist church affiliated with the Harmony Baptist Association, Florida Baptist State Convention, and Southern Baptist Convention.

Hardeetown Baptist Church exists for the purpose of bringing glory to God by worshipping Christ, making disciples, fellowshiping with believers, and ministering to those in need. Our goal is to reach Chiefland and the northwestern Levy County community for Christ by evangelizing the lost and producing growing disciples of Christ through relationship-building and intentional evangelism. We are an autonomous body of believers that voluntarily cooperates with the Southern Baptist Convention and Florida Baptist Convention in order to support local, regional, national, and international missions through the Cooperative Program and with the Harmony Baptist Association for the support of local and area missions.

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