

# Hardeetown Baptist Church

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

- The church has become a prayer partner for a new journeyman missionary, Abbey Irwin, of Jackson, Mississippi. She will be in Tokyo for two years. 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.
- The church's services are broadcast on low power on FM 92.1 for anyone desiring to attend our services but whose health prevents fellowship with the church.
- The church's services continue to be streamed on Facebook live via the church's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/Hardeetown](http://www.facebook.com/Hardeetown).
- Check out the church's website at [www.hardeetownbc.com](http://www.hardeetownbc.com). You can also view previous services by clicking on the link to sermons.
- Please attend the Good News Club training this month as we prepare to launch this new ministry.

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## The Pulpit and Pen

### It's the People

We hear it multiple times from the pulpit, we read it in Christian magazines, and we see it on the various Christian television programs that we watch: The church is not a building; the church is people. Jesus did not give His life on the cross for a building. He gave His life in order to save people. He sent the Holy Spirit in order to establish the church and empower people.

Make no mistake, however. People can become very accustomed to a particular building. Mention the name of a church, and most people will envision a church building rather than the people in it. Churches have split over arguments about the building. Make an announcement that on a particular day volunteers are needed to renovate the church, and people will show up at the building ready to clean and paint.

If our theology is accurate, we should treat the building with respect because it does, in fact, belong to God. A building that has been dedicated to the service of God or designed to house a church meeting inside it is not ours. It does not matter how the building was purchased or who put the money in the offering plate. God ultimately owns it, so we should treat it with respect as God's house.

However, the truth

remains. Regardless of how attached to that building we become, the building is still not the church. It is a tool for the church to use.

We are the church, and perhaps it is, indeed, time to renovate the church. Would that we could make that announcement that we plan to renovate the church and then have people show up that day ready to be changed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We used to call that revival. Unfortunately, Baptist churches lost sight of what real revival was years ago. Churches would plan for months to conduct a revival but would then invite people who were not a part of the church. Many of those people were not Christians. There is certainly nothing wrong with inviting lost people to church to hear the gospel. It's called evangelism, and we should do a lot more of that.

However, it is still not revival. Revival is what happens to the church when the Holy Spirit takes us to the spiritual woodshed. When we get right with God and the Holy Spirit takes hold of us, what happens then is real revival. Evangelism is usually what happens next and is the natural result of revival in the church.

Being taken to the woodshed to receive some much-needed attitude adjustment is what a loving father does when his child has been

disobedient. However, a father does not discipline a child that is not his. He leaves that job to that child's parents. Any child not belonging to the father in question is quickly sent home so that the father can have some personal time with his own child.

In like manner, our heavenly Father only disciplines those who are His. He sends those not belonging to Him home so that He has some alone time with those who are, indeed, His.

Over the past several months, our nation has undergone radical change as the result of health concerns. Many churches closed. Others established online or parking lot worship. Some are now saying, "Enough is enough." Those churches are worshipping again inside their buildings. Some have had to defy unlawful orders in order to practice their right to worship.

Unfortunately, in many areas of our nation church members continue to stay away from that building we call God's house. Some do so out of fear. Others have simply gotten out of the habit of regular worship.

The question that we must ask now is this: Has God sent those who aren't His home so He can have some necessary time with His children in the woodshed before it's too late? Let's pray for a real church revival.

On September 12, 2020, hundreds of churches will host the first Marriage Night livestream event in partnership with RightNow Media. Marriage Night will bring together thousands of husbands, wives, and engaged couples to hear from Matt and Lauren Chandler (*The Mingling of Souls*), Conway and Jada Edwards (*When love's in View*), Les and Leslie Parrott (*The Good Fight*), and comedian Michael Jr. Healthy marriages don't happen by accident. They require work and dedication, but with the pressures of life, it's easy to lose focus. What is marriage supposed to look like when those initial bursts of excitement give way to everyday troubles and routines? Marriage Night is an opportunity to offer the people in your congregation and community practical answers to that question. The event will provide them with expert teaching and principles for a lasting relationship while challenging them to see the greater purpose of marriage—to glorify God and advance the gospel. Marriage is made for more than a fairytale ending. It's a picture of God's hope and redemption for a world in need of rescue. The event will take place in the fellowship hall 6:00-10:30 p.m. Meal and childcare are provided. The cost is \$15 per person. Register at [www.marriagenight.org](http://www.marriagenight.org).

I came across this link a few weeks ago from the movie *Voyage of the Dawn Treader* ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=4eTIQuChB54](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4eTIQuChB54)). Lucy has a dream of being her older sister, and it turns into a nightmare. We always think, "My life would be better if I were someone else." God has a purpose for YOUR life that only YOU can fulfill. Jay Strack wrote that we should start where we are, use all the resources given to us, and do the best we can. If God lays something on YOUR heart, that is how to approach it. Also, the first Wednesday night of every month will be a prayer time with Earl Cairns. Then we will pick up with the Gospel Journey Maui Study.



## Champions for Christ Kids

Hello friends! I just wanted to start off by typing out a huge thank you since you cannot hear me shout it! Both mini-camp and Vacation Bible School were a huge success! I cannot think of a more encouraging way to wrap up summer time than by spending a week with kids in the community and learning truths from God's word! Although a lot of uncertainty comes with the fast-approaching school year, I have recently found comfort in Psalm 37:3-5. These verses say, "Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act." In light of the times, these are promises I have been clinging to and instilling into the children's program! I truly believe that if we continue to trust God and walk in His ways that He will use us to do good things for His kingdom. This fall the kids and I will begin a new study where we will focus on the indescribable aspects of who God is and how we can share that with our community. I am still excited to see how God will continue to use His church for His glory. Happy August!



## HBC Women's Ministries

Another month has passed, and we are fast approaching a new school year. I know many of you have concerns and fears as we move into this uncharted territory. I hope you will join us as we continue to pray for our church, our county, our schools, and our nation. Many of us have been overwhelmed with fear of the unknown. I know sometimes it is hard to remember that God is in control, but I pray you will draw near to Him and ask Him for guidance. I encourage you to return to church soon. We need the interaction, even if it is without hugs. I miss being able to see each of you, and I pray the day will come soon when we can again be together as the loving congregation we are. Please know you are missed.

Women's Ministries continues to be very active at Hardeetown Baptist Church. We had our regular meeting July 26 and discussed upcoming activities. We have chosen Monday, August 10, as our day to work on projects for Operation Christmas Child and Beau's Blankets. We will meet at 10:00 in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions about participating in that event, please call me at 229-977-8764.

We continue to need assistance with donations for our Operation Christmas Child project. Please help by buying and donating school supplies this month. Many of those are on sale at this time. Our annual OCC kick-off/cake auction will be August 30. We need volunteers to provide baked goods for our silent auction. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer at church. We will begin at 5:00 p.m. and have a fellowship time during the evening. Please bring finger foods to share.

You will be receiving an email with information about Women's Ministries from me in the near future. I'm hoping to get a solid email roster together so everyone can stay informed and participate in activities. Our next monthly meeting is August 23. We will send out more information about it, but we are considering meeting at The Gathering Table for a change. We will be sending out information as soon as we are able to confirm the details.



We're also collecting items for another box for Abbey Irwin, our adopted missionary in Tokyo. A list will be in upcoming bulletins as well as posted on the bulletin board for those of you interested in helping with that. Don't forget to send Abbey a card this month. Her address is: Irwin, Abbey; 180-0021; Tokyo-To, Musashino-Shi, Sakura Zutsumi 1-2-19; Sun Varie 401 JAPAN.

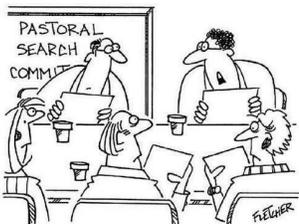
AUGUST OCC  
ITEM: SCHOOL  
SUPPLIES



August birthdays:

- Harriet Edwards 08/04
- Hunter Barrand 08/08
- Keegan McLelland 08/11
- Cheryl Collins 08/16
- Jan Henderson 08/16
- Lawrance Cannon 08/17
- Jan Chesser 08/23
- Mary Ward 08/24
- Elizabeth Landrum 08/27

Happy Birthday to All!



"Basically, we're looking for an innovative pastor with a fresh vision who will inspire our church to remain exactly the same."

**Bible Trivia**

What line of descendants of David was barred from ever serving as king of Israel?  
 Last month's answer: Jeremiah (Jer. 43:6).



## Announcements

The monthly HBC Women's Ministries breakfast will be August 23 at 8:00. Please join us as we plan future activities for our ladies' ministry.

All high school girls are invited to an overnight Bible study with Kendra Timney on Friday, August 7, at 6:00. We will have a lock-in at the Timney's house Friday night and head home at 8:00 Saturday morning.

Please call the office if you would like to help with the annual teachers' luncheon on August 6.

The OCC bake auction will be Sunday evening, August 30, at 5:00. Come for the fun and fellowship.

The next men's breakfast meetings are August 2 and September 6, both at 8:00. All men are invited.

The church needs more willing volunteers to help in the sound booth or with music. If you are willing to learn how to operate the video camera, sound board, or computer, please see Mac MacFeggan or the pastor. We can work you into the schedule as often as you are able. It is not necessary to commit to every worship service.

Child Evangelism Fellowship Good News Club training will be Saturday, August 22, 8:30-5:00.

## August Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>01</b>
<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>
Men's B'fast 8:00			Staff Meeting 5:00-5:30PM	Teachers' luncheon 11:00-1:30	High school girls' overnight Bible study at the Timney's 6:00	
<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
Counc Mtg 5PM Bus Mtg 6PM						
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
No Youth Comm Mtg 4:30						Good News Club training 8:30-5:00
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
HBC WOM Breakfast 8AM				Sr adult lunch Akins BBQ Restaurant, Bell 11:00		
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					
OCC fundraiser auction 5:00						

**August 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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