

Hardeetown Baptist Church

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



The Pulpit and Pen

- Our church is a prayer and ministry partner with journeyman missionary, Abbey Irwin, of Jackson, Mississippi. She will be in Tokyo for one more year. 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.

- Casey and our children's ministry leadership are launching a new parents' night out ministry. See Casey for the details.

- All our Bible study classes are continuing. Everyone is invited to be a part of one of our Bible study small groups.

- 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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Critical Race Theory, Calvinism, and the SBC

Over the past couple of years I have attempted to be inspirational and challenging in what I have written in our monthly newsletter. However, there have been a few times when it was necessary to share information with you that was more alarming than inspiring. This month will be one of those times. In the world we live in today, sin is all around us, and there are times when we just have to meet it head-on.

Unfortunately, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), of which we are a part, is not immune to the effects of sin. The SBC has changed drastically in the past two decades, and the change has been for the worse.

Beginning in the 1970s, a group of conservative leaders in the SBC saw the need to reclaim our denomination theologically. The SBC had drifted far to the left. Our seminaries were teaching unscriptural, liberal doctrine, and most of the SBC agencies were led by ungodly men who did not believe the Bible was the word of God. Conservative churches and pastors launched a successful effort to replace liberal professors and leaders with Bible-believing conservatives. This became known as the "Conservative Resurgence."

However, now that the success of the Conservative

Resurgence is in the past, the SBC has forgotten those lessons of history. We are now struggling with two new theological enemies: Reform Theology and a rejection of the Sufficiency of Scripture.

Several of the same conservative leaders who helped us win the war of Conservative Resurgence are now openly advocating for Reform Theology, and all six of our seminaries are now controlled by Reform theologians who are disciples of Al Mohler. Mohler is the president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and is noted for being an avid Calvinist.

To be clear, Reform Theology, also known as Calvinism, denies the free will of humanity to accept or reject Christ. Calvinists believe that God predestines some to salvation and some to condemnation without the necessity of a response on the part of the individual. Calvinists also believe that the Atonement of Christ only paid for the sins of the elect rather than for the whole world.

The practical effect that Reform Theology has on the church is to eliminate the emphasis on evangelism, and that is exactly what has happened in the SBC. The SBC has been in decline for the past five years, and baptisms are at a seventy-year low. We have Al Mohler and his associates to thank for that.

The Sufficiency of Scripture is the belief that the Bible is all one needs to be a disciple of Christ. Absolutely nothing more than the Bible is needed to grow in our relationship with Him. Secular theories and resources are nothing more than humanity's efforts to supplement what God has already established, and they are unnecessary.

Mohler and several other SBC theologians have begun denying the sufficiency of Scripture. While they generally agree that scripture is inerrant, they deny that it is all that is needed.

One resolution adopted by the SBC in its 2019 annual meeting gave credence to the Critical Race Theory (CRT). According to CRT, white people have intentionally through legal, political, and sociological means discriminated against and subjugated peoples of other races. Several SBC leaders, including Mohler, believe that CRT should inform our relationships with one another and with Christ. They believe the Bible simply is not enough.

Next month I will share with you what these unbiblical leaders are planning for the future. Mohler wants to be the next president of the SBC. The decisions made at this year's annual meeting will make or break our denomination. In fact, the SBC as we knew it a few years ago is already gone.

Hardeetown Student Ministries



I am so excited to see all the new faces in the youth and children areas. With growth comes growing pains. I know the church adopted a policy to protect the church and the youth and children. I also know I need help! I need people right now to help with students that are in three different places at the same time. If you are able and available, please let me know. Thank you!

The first Wednesday night of every month will be a prayer time with Earl Cairns. Prayer cards for the students are available in the youth room. After the prayer time, we will pick up with the current Bible study, which is the book of James. If you cannot attend, you can keep up-to-date through RightNow Media. Also, the girls' overnight Bible study for this month will be February 26 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Kendra's house.



Next month we will be participating in the Student Leadership University (SLU) 101 Reimagined, which will be March 19-21. The deadline for sign-up is February 18, and the cost is \$225. Through SLU 101 Reimagined, students will experience engaging sessions taught by leaders who are experts in their fields, and all will be provided in a safe, online environment. Each student will receive a Journey Box filled with hands-on, experiential materials designed to keep the sessions impactful and life-changing. Reimagining, dreaming, and creating are all concepts that we will teach our students, and they will walk away from this experience with a renewed sense of purpose to become the leaders they are called to be. More information about SLU can be found on the SLU website, www.slulead.com.



We also have eight students going on the summer camp mission trip! Please pray for these students as they raise the money they need for the trip. The students have already started some of the fundraisers for the trip. If you would like to help sponsor a student, please let Brian know.



Champions for Christ Kids

Hey friends, happy February! This past month the kids and I started our study in Ephesians chapter six through which we have been analyzing the armor of God. Throughout this next month we will finish out the study and focus on how we can apply this to our everyday lives. One thing that has really stuck out to me while doing this study is how God gives us the tools to be effective Christ-followers. All we have to do is to be willing to use them! I am really looking forward to seeing how the kids interact with the next few pieces in the spiritual armor. What an amazing and living God we serve!



There are also lots of exciting events coming in the next few months that the kids and I are looking forward to. Have a great month! Ephesians 6:10-11 says, "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."

HBC Women's Ministries

Our dinner meeting on January 26 was great! We had twenty-one in attendance at Beef O'Brady's for fellowship and discussion of women's ministries activities. We also spent time learning about spiritual gifts—something each of us is given when we accept Christ as our Savior. If you were unable to attend but would like to learn more about spiritual gifts and take the gifts survey, please let me know. We'll provide an opportunity for you to do so.

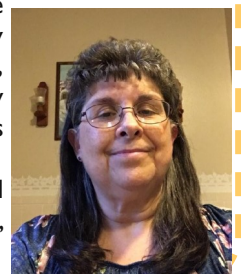
Our next HBC Women's Ministries meeting will be February 28, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Breakfast will be provided (by volunteers), and we will discuss ongoing missions activities and ministries. If you are able, please join us. It's a great time for us to get to know each other!

Anyone wishing to help with Crafts for a Cause, please meet us in the fellowship hall on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. We are working on various ministry projects. Another way you can assist us is through donations of fabric (cotton, poly-cotton, baby flannel, and fleece) or monetary gifts. Please be sure that any monetary gift that you put in the offering plate is clearly marked "Women's Ministries/Crafts for a Cause."

Also, don't forget to send our adopted missionary, Abbey Irwin, a card this month. Her address is: Irwin, Abbey; 180-0021; Tokyo-To, Musashino-Shi, Sakura Zutsumi 1-2-19; Sun Varie 401 JAPAN.



Crafts for a Cause





February birthdays:

- Nancy Ivey 02/08
- J. C. Fisher 02/17
- Lena Weatherford 02/17
- Teresa Barron 02/20
- Barbara Edmonds 02/28

Happy Birthday to All!



"PASTOR, THE GAME HAS STARTED - OUR TEAM HAS THE BALL AND IS ABOUT TO SCORE - SO, SOME OF US DEACONS NEED TO HAVE AN EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING RIGHT NOW. YOU GO RIGHT ON WITH WHAT YOU'RE DOING!"



This month's church council will meet at 5:00, February 7, 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. Please see Casey Ranalli if you are willing to be placed in the rotation for one of the children's church age groups. 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 night of each month at Bett's Big T Restaurant. There is no agenda except fellowship

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together. Next month's dinner will be March 2.

Our next senior adult outing is scheduled for Thursday, February 25. We will be eating lunch at the Shrimp Landing Restaurant in Ingliss. The van will leave the church at 10:30.

The next women's ministry breakfast will be Sunday, February 28 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. Come be a part of this important evangelism outreach ministry.

The next men's breakfast is March 7 at 8:00. All men are invited. Bring your sons and grandsons, also.

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. You do not have to commit to every Sunday. If you can sing, play an instrument, or lead music, please see Charles Brock.

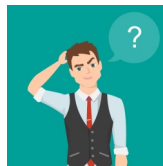
The children will be going on a Valentine's singing outing on Wednesday, February 10 at 5:30.

February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Deacons dinner 6:00		Crafts for a Cause 9:00	Parents' night out 6:00	Youth games and Chili Bowl 4PM-7PM
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Men's breakfast 8:00 Church council/business meeting, 5:00/6:00			Children's ministry Valentine's singing outing 5:30	Crafts for a Cause 9:00		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Florida Baptist Convention evangelism conference Orlando		Crafts for a Cause 9:00		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Crafts for a Cause 9:00 Sr adult luncheon 11:00 Shrimp Landing <u>Ingliss</u>	Youth girls' overnight Bible study 6:00	
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Women's breakfast 8:00						

Bible Trivia

Who saw the handwriting on the wall?
Last month's answer: Ezekiel (Ezekiel 37:1-10)



February Memory Verse

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.



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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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