

January 2021

- 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.
- Our student ministry chili bowl cook-off is Saturday, February 6, at 4:00. Come have fun and fellowship, and enjoy some hot chili and football!
- 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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Hardeetown Baptist Church

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

The Pulpit and Pen



The Genesis Worldview

This month we will begin a study of Genesis. Jesus declared Himself to be the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. All things began in Him, and all things have their culmination in Him. Having just completed a study of Revelation, it seems appropriate to launch a study of Genesis. We looked at the biblical Omega, so now we will consider the biblical Alpha, the beginning of all things created.

In order to fully appreciate our upcoming study of Genesis, our church needs to understand the importance of a biblical worldview. Unfortunately, most in the church today have no idea what a worldview is. Among those who do, many assume they have a biblical worldview, but their worldview has been tainted by unbiblical ideas.

A worldview is everything we think about the origins of the universe and the foundation of moral values. Our worldview determines what we believe about politics, morality and ethics, science, and religion. Regardless of what we believe or know about those topics, each will be biased based on our accepted worldview. Everything we think about the world is clouded by our worldview, which is why it is called a *worldview*.

There are six main worldviews found in society

today: Secular Humanism, Cosmic Humanism, Islam, Postmodernism, Marxism, and Biblical Christianity. Only Christianity bases its beliefs on the word of God. The other five are all based on satanic lies. Unfortunately, the other five have become dominant, and Islam has the potential to become the most prevalent as the religion of Islam seeks to control the world by any means possible.

Those who embrace Secular Humanism believe that humanity is its own god. We have no need for a savior other than ourselves. Secular Humanism is essentially atheistic and evolutionary.

Cosmic Humanism is what many also call New Age. Those who embrace paganism, earth religions, Satanism, and Wiccan accept this view. Worse than even Atheism, Cosmic Humanism is satanic.

Islam is self-explanatory. Islam is only interested in world domination under the flag of the false god, Allah. Our study of Revelation demonstrated that Islam will be the dominant worldview during the first half of the Tribulation.

Postmodernism, which is widely accepted by the younger generations, denies absolute truth of any kind, including the truth of the gospel. Our youth are leaving the church in droves because the schools are teaching them that nothing matters, includ-

ing God and the church. Nothing can be trusted as truth.

Marxism, which has lost favor as a political system, is still widely accepted in many parts of the world as a philosophy of life that denies the existence of any god. It promotes forced socialism through education and political influence.

Our schools, including many so-called Christian schools, have been promoting various forms of all five unbiblical worldviews for decades. The younger generations have been brainwashed to reject biblical Christianity in favor of other worldviews. That is why the church has been losing its youth for years. We have been competing with unbiblical worldviews, and Christian parents have abdicated their responsibility to disciple their children. Often it is because the parents themselves have not been disciplined by the church. When presented with the truth of the gospel, many within the younger generations simply dismiss the gospel as another myth.

The solution is to begin teaching our children the truth of the gospel while they are still babies. Then continue teaching them again and again. The truth begins with a biblical worldview based on Genesis. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)"



The year 2020 has come to an end. To some it is a blessing; to others it brings uncertainty. The truth is ALL of it is in HIS hands. No one could have predicted the struggles that we have gone through in the past twelve months. James 1:2-3 comes to mind when I consider what is to come, and our Bible studies for the month of January will be from the book of James. I look with joy on what He will do in our lives. The potential with the new year is endless. Pray for God to show us opportunities to expand His kingdom this coming year!

There will be a student/parent meeting Sunday, January 10, 4:30-5:30 in the youth room. Please bring a copy of your student's insurance card. Notaries will also be there to notarize forms for our mission trips and activities. Please make plans for attending this meeting because our students will have the opportunity this summer to go to camp and be a part of a mission project. We are going to camp in Panama City Beach! Get ready for a week of impactful Bible study, worship, games, and fellowship! Then we will take that knowledge and apply it on the mission field at First Baptist Church Bayou George in Panama City. The dates for the trip are June 14-21, and the cost is \$385. The deposit is \$60, due by January 18. We will also have fundraisers to help defray the cost.

The second annual chili bowl cook-off is Saturday, February 6, 4:00-7:00. A youth vs. adults flag football game will be at 4:00. Last year the youth thought they had us, but the adults prevailed. Come and support your team. We need a lady for each side. After the game we will go to the fellowship hall for the chili cook-off. All entries need to be here by 4:30 for the judging. Prizes will be given for best chili and best hot chili. Please mark your chili accordingly so we know which category to put it in. Please let Brian know if you want to be a judge.



Champions for Christ Kids



Hey friends, HAPPY NEW YEAR! It is so hard to believe that 2020 has come to a close. I don't know about you, but I am really looking forward to the new year and the opportunities for growth and the challenges that will come with it. The kids and I will begin a new study on Wednesday nights in which we will dive into the armor of God in Ephesians 6. This passage has really been a comfort and encouragement to me in my walk with the Lord. I am looking forward to what the kids will learn starting in January. Happy new year, church! May we take full advantage of the opportunities the Lord gives us in 2021. There will be more news to come regarding some events that will happen in 2021!

HBC Women's Ministry

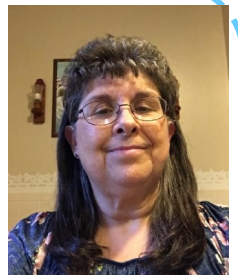
2021 Women's Ministries... Much to Do!

As a new year begins, we have many things planned and many things to do! This past year taught us that we have many ministries that we can accomplish better by planning and scheduling work being done throughout the year instead of waiting until later in the year. We will have a planning meeting to discuss all the items we make and do on a regular basis, and we will be setting up monthly goals. Anyone interested in helping with sewing, assembling items, crocheting, or cutting is welcome to help. We will have things that need to be cut and sewn for Vacation Bible School, Operation Christmas Child, Shands Neonatal Intensive Care Unit ministry, and much more.

My goal is to enable us and to facilitate our ministry to many people. If you have a ministry that you believe we might be able to do in our community, please contact me. We will try to see about all of us working together to get your idea into action and accomplish more ministry.

We need more volunteers in order to expand our ministries, and we hope God will place it on your hearts to become part of the team. One thing that has been proposed is to prepare and freeze meals so we have them ready for people who have a need for food. We hope to get that ministry going this year, also.

I know our name is "Women's Ministries," but some of our best workers are men! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us as we minister to others for God's glory. We would love to have more of the men participate in our outreach projects.



← In the meantime, several of our church's choir members and a few others got together last month to visit a few of our church folks (primarily homebound) to sing some Christmas carols. We wish we could have visited all of our home-bound folks. Plan now to be a part of our Christmas ensemble next year as we intend to be more organized and to expand our outreach through music. Thanks to those who participated in our musical outreach!

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.

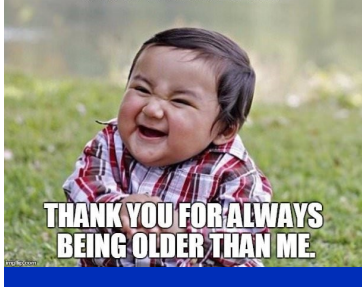


January birthdays:

- Sandra Allen 01/05
- Marianne Dillard 01/05
- Zachary Hardee 01/06
- Wilda Long 01/13
- Charles Bradshaw 01/16
- Stephen Hunt 01/21
- Sylvia King 01/21
- Carol Kaatz 01/24
- Casey Ranalli 01/24

Happy Birthday to All!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



This month's church council will meet at 5:00, January 10, 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. This month's dinner will be January 5.

Our next senior adult outing is scheduled for Thursday, January 28. We will be eating lunch at the Brickyard Barbeque in Newberry. The van will leave the church at 10:30.

On Tuesday, January 26, the women's ministry will be having dinner at Beef O'Brady's Restaurant at 5:30. There will be no monthly breakfast in January. The next women's ministry breakfast will be February 28 at 8:00.

Plan now for the youth/student ministry chili bowl cook-off at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 6. Enter

your favorite chili recipe in the cook-off. There will prizes for best chili and best hot chili.

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

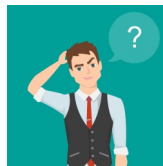
The church needs more willing volunteers to help in the sound booth or with music. If you are willing to learn how to operate the video camera, sound board, or computer, please see Mac MacFeggan or the pastor. You do not have to commit to every Sunday. If you can sing, play an instrument, or lead music, please see Charles Brock.

January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Deacons' dinner 6:00	6	7	8	9
10 Church council/business meeting, 5:00/6:00 Student/parent mtg 4:30	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Youth Centrifuge Deposits due	19	20	21	22	23
24 Women's breakfast 8:00	25	26 Women's ministry dinner at Beef O'Brady's 5:30	27	28 Sr adult luncheon	29 Youth girls' overnight Bible study 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. Saturday	30
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Bible Trivia

Who preached to an army of dead men?
Last month's answer: Enoch and Elijah
(Genesis 5:24 & 2 Kings 2:11)



January Memory Verse

Genesis 1:1
In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.



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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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