

- 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.
- Hardeetown VBS is scheduled for July 27-31. Spread the word that everyone in the community is invited. We will conclude with a family night party on Saturday, August 1.
- Our study of Revelation on Sunday evenings is continuing. This month we will look at chapter thirteen and the mark of the beast and his number. Everyone is invited to attend, or you may watch the service via our website. Go to www.hardeetownbc.com, and click on the link for sermons. That will take you to our YouTube page.
- Check out the church's new website at www.hardeetownbc.com.

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Hardeetown Baptist Church

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

The Pulpit and Pen



Jesus Is Coming!

As a result of recent events with the coronavirus, speculation abounds over how this will impact life for the future. Many have expressed concern over how this will impact our liberties. It amazes me that the president and many state governors have successfully placed us under house arrest and many of us out of work, eliminated the right to peaceably assemble, restricted freedom of religion and the right to travel, and in some areas have eliminated the right to protest the government. The police, instead of upholding the Constitution, have arrested many of those who insisted on exercising their rights. Our freedoms have been taken, and no one fired a shot in defense. Is our health worth the price?

However, another important question that we need to ask is What are the biblical ramifications of this pandemic? Does any of this fulfill prophecy? It does not appear that any specific prophecy has been fulfilled by current events, but the stage has been set for the beginning of the Tribulation.

During the Tribulation no one will be able to conduct business without the mark of the beast (Rev. 13:17). The Bible does not say that we will become a cashless society, but the requirement for the mark of

the beast certainly makes the elimination of money a reasonable conclusion.

A fourth of the world's population will die due to war and disease (Rev. 6:8). Another third will be killed by an invading army out of the east (Rev. 9:14-18). There is ample evidence to indicate that such an invading army might well originate in China.

Also, during the Tribulation the world will be led by the antichrist, who will be voluntarily placed in power by the nations of the world (Dan. 11:21, Rev. 6:2). This dynamic world leader will take control immediately following the rapture of the church, possibly in order to provide the world with stability on the heels of the sudden disappearance of millions of people (2 Thess. 2:3-9).

Compare these events of the Tribulation to what has been happening today. The government and the media has convinced everyone that the coronavirus is dangerous and that we must give up our civil liberties in order to combat it.

Several officials have also stated that there is a significant possibility that this virus will return with even greater lethality. Immunity may be temporary and the next pandemic will be far worse. We have already seen most people willingly give up their freedom in order to stay healthy. On the heels of

the rapture when millions will have suddenly disappeared, is it possible that the media will convince the world that the pandemic has returned with even greater devastation? How would anyone know what happened to the missing people since they will be under house arrest again?

Suddenly, a dynamic world leader, possibly someone from the World Health Organization, will emerge with promises of safety and good health. The nations of the world will gladly hand over their sovereignty to him in return for a guarantee of a solution to the pandemic.

In order to provide for the public health, several new policies will be implemented. Money will be eliminated since cash spreads germs. People will not be allowed to shop in public places without a health screening and vaccination. Recipients will be marked to confirm their vaccination. Anyone refusing to comply will be removed from the population in order to eliminate contamination.

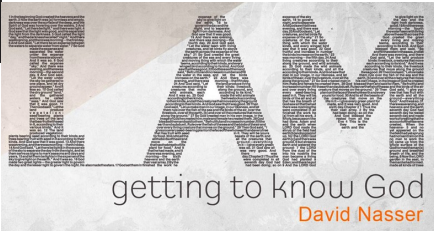
It will all make plenty of sense, and people will follow the new world leader without question. Also, Jesus said that just before the end came, the gospel would be preached to the whole world (Matt. 24:14). That is being fulfilled right now through Facebook and the Internet. Friends, look up because Jesus is coming soon!

HARDEETOWN HSM STUDENT MINISTRIES



Hardeetown Student Ministries

Come learn about the Bible, creation, the church, sin, salvation, and other doctrines on Sunday mornings at 9:30. Our study is available on RightNow Media.



Our next midweek Bible study will start on Wednesday nights and go through May. Come join us on Wednesday nights for the I AM Bible study at 6:00. This study is also available on RightNow Media.



So what is RightNow Media? It's like Christian Netflix with over 24,000 videos. Email

Brian at timnez96@gmail.com to get started. You can also log on by texting RightNow HARDEE to 41411. Students still have the opportunity to go to camp this summer July 26-31. The cost is \$90. The deadline for signing up is July 13, but SPACE IS LIMITED! For more information, go to www.camppinehill.org. They have not cancelled this camp. We will let you know if anything changes. In the meantime, permission 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, and the medical release forms are also available in the youth room.



Champions for Christ Kids

Hello friends! A lot of adaptations have been made in the last month regarding how Champions for Christ has been receiving lessons. While we have not been meeting physically, I have been posting videos on the Hardeetown Baptist Church Facebook page on both Wednesdays and Sundays. For the time being, this way of meeting will continue until the church establishes a new schedule.

There have been a few changes to upcoming events for the summer. The Vacation Bible School date has been moved to the last week in July, which is July 27-31. The family night that was originally scheduled for April has been canceled. However, the good news is that the July 6-10 Adventure Camp has not been canceled. More information to come regarding when we will resume meeting as well the summer dates. While there are a lot of unknowns, I am comforted that God remains constant and in control! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 352-614-2953.



HBC Women's Ministries

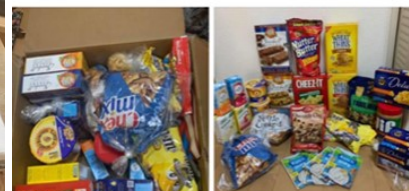
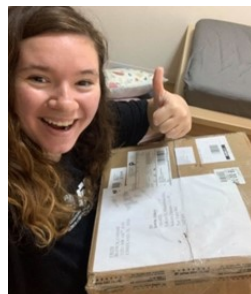
Wow! What a wild ride the month of April has been for us all! One of the most difficult parts of the quarantine for me has been not seeing all of you in person. I look forward to when we can fellowship in person again.

In spite of the pandemic, we have been working steadily in God's name. As of this writing, our little dedicated group has distributed over 1140 facemasks, 119 scrub hats, and 24 headbands. Thanks to all who have contributed time, talent, money, prayers, and encouragement as we seek to minister in the name of Jesus. We pray lives will be changed as we have worked to "cover" people with protection and prayers to God's glory.

APRIL 08, 8:19 AM
To Hardeetown Baptist Church:
Thank you for your monetary donation that I received to use towards my ministry in Tokyo, Japan. The generosity you have shown is amazing! I'm very grateful to have you as partners through this journey. We are one body with many parts, and it's great to see how God is working from Florida to Tokyo and everywhere in between.
God bless!
Abbey Irwin
IMB Missionary, Tokyo

Our regular activities will slowly begin to start up again soon. We plan to start our Bible study in the middle of May. If you already signed up before activities got suspended, I will be contacting you. If you did not sign up but now would like to join us, please let me know at 229-977-8764.

Through your generous giving we were able to bless our adopted missionary, Abbey Irwin. Attached is a Facebook post and a thank-you note from Abbey, which she sent after receiving the care package from the church. We will send another one soon, so more donations for Abbey will be graciously accepted!





May birthdays:

- Earl Cairns 05/01
- Houston Myers 05/09
- Martin Reid 05/09
- Macie Thomas 05/11
- Johnny Edwards 05/13
- Pamela Holland 05/14
- Glen Mims 05/14
- Max Long 05/16
- Lois Gore 05/19
- Kendra Timney 05/27
- Ashton Weatherford 5/29
- Lori Thomas 05/31

Happy Birthday to All!



"Welcome to Lake Road Church, 'where we love everybody'—in that macho, moose-killing way we men have, of course!"

Announcements

Church council will meet at 4:30 May 3 to plan future events and to decide how best to return to a normal schedule. If you are one of our church leaders, it is imperative that you attend. The monthly business meeting will be immediately afterward at 6:00.

Even after we resume normal worship services and Bible study classes, we will continue to stream our services on Facebook and broadcast our services in the parking lot on FM 92.1 for those whose health has been compromised. In addition, you may continue submitting your

tithes/offerings online at www.hardeetownbc.com/give. Please be faithful to the Lord financially as well as spiritually during these hard times.

Please meet with us to pray for our church every Sunday morning at 9:00. Men meet in the church library, and ladies meet in the fellowship hall.

Our next senior adult luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, at 11:00. Location TBA. Further details are unknown at this time.

The monthly HBC Women's Ministries breakfast will resume May 24 at 8:00 unless mandatory guidance prevents it.

Vacation Bible School has been rescheduled for July 27-31. There will be a family night party on Saturday, August 1, following our week of VBS.

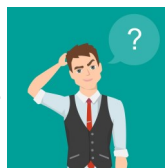
The next HBC Men's Ministry breakfast is tentatively scheduled for 8:00, Sunday, June 7. All men are invited. Bring a friend!

May Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Counc Mtg 4:30 Bus Mtg 6PM No men's Breakf.						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mother's day No eve Service		Evening Ladies Bible Study Voice of God 6-7:30PM Connie's House	AM Ladies Bible Study Voice of God 10AM-11:30AM FH	Lunch with the pastor at Bett's Big T Restaurant (if open) 12:00		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Youth Comm Mtg. 4:30						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Youth Grad 10:45 HBC WOM Breakfast 8AM	Memorial Day Office Closed			Senior adult luncheon 11:00. Location TBD		
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Bible Trivia

Why was Samson not allowed to cut his hair?
Last month's answer: the rabbinical school of Gamaliel (Acts 22:3)



April Memory Verse

Romans 8:28

We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. (NASB)



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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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