

# 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 partner with 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 senior adults have resumed their monthly luncheons on the fourth Thursday of each month. We have a couple of special outings planned for November and December. See the calendar or call the church for details.
- Check out our website at [www.hardeetownbc.com](http://www.hardeetownbc.com). You can also view previous services by clicking on the link to sermons.

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### Move in and Move out, or Move On

A few weeks ago I was looking through the church directory. Our latest directory was completed less than two years ago. What struck me as odd was how many faces had already changed in those two years. I thumbed through another directory that was made a few years before I came to Hardeetown, and only a handful of the faces were familiar.

It is a fundamental given of life in a Baptist church that people change. That people change on the inside is part of being a Christian. God demands that we change. Only God never changes.

What we often overlook is that the church itself changes. Like the people that compose the church, the church changes on the inside. God expects His church to become more like Christ. Since God never changes, that means the church must change.

The church also changes on the outside. The membership changes; faces change; names change. Most of the time the changes are slow and subtle such that we fail to notice. Then, like I did when I looked through the directory, we discover the change and wonder what happened. Where did those people go? Are they still in town? Where are they going to church if, indeed, they still are going to

church? Far too often people just lose interest, which is a serious spiritual problem. How can one lose interest in Christ and His church if that individual is a part of Christ's church and His bride?

Not too many years ago churches used to hang a copy of the Baptist church covenant at the front of the worship auditorium. It was there as a reminder of our covenant relationship with one another through the church. One of the requirements of that covenant was an agreement to unite with a new church any time the individual moved to a new town.

Unfortunately, for many Baptists that's all they do. They join a new church and then never grace the doors of that church again. Somewhere along the line we adopted the belief that simply being a member was all that was required.

However, just like moving into a new home, at some point you have to unpack. You don't just bring in the boxes. Moving in means getting settled in. Your house eventually becomes your home. Uniting with a new church means getting involved. We don't just join; we become a part of the ministry. We seek out ways to exercise our spiritual gifts. The new church becomes our spiritual home.

Once we get moved in, then it's time to move out.

Not to be confused with moving out of your house, moving out in ministry means taking that ministry to those that need to hear the gospel. In the military, the order to move out meant it was time to get up and get to work. Break time was over. You didn't wait for the enemy to come to you. Rather, you took the war to the enemy.

Satan is the enemy, and he is already at the door. The church has been on break for far too long. We moved in and settled into our easy chair. It's way past time to move out, but we can still do it. According to 1 John 4:4, greater is He Who is in us than he who is in the world. Satan got in a few good hits with the coronavirus, but Jesus is stronger. Let's move in and move out.

Some people choose to move on. A cursory look at the directory will reveal that. We live in a mobile society where people regularly move around. Some move to new towns. Others just move to a new church.

Nevertheless, God is faithful. For each one that chooses to move on, God brings more that move in. Often God prompts people to move so that He can position certain people with certain spiritual gifts in areas where they are more needed. So let's receive with joy those that move in, and together let's move out!

# Hardeetown Student Ministries



Mahala reminded me that in ten years she'll be gone and maybe even married by then. The reality is that ten years will go by fast. I was always told that time speeds up after graduating high school, and they were right! I tell students all the time not to wish their lives away. It's easy to do. Try to enjoy the now. God has you here in this moment for a purpose. Look for opportunities to fulfill His purpose where you are now.

Thanks to all the parents and students for coming to the meeting on September 20. A copy of the topics that were covered is available in the youth room. Also, the first Wednesday night of every month will be a prayer time with Dr. Earl Cairns. Then, we will pick up with the current Bible study. Bible studies for the month of October will continue with Tim Tebow's *Shaken*. If you are not able to attend, you can keep up-to-date through RightNow Media.

This month will start with a new time for Bible study. Students will start meeting Sunday nights in the youth room 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will have Bible study, games, snacks, skits, prizes, and interpretive movement. Come join us!

Thank you to all the girls that came out for the girls' overnight Bible studies. The next one will be Friday, October 23, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Saturday at Kendra's House.

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. Medical release forms are also available in the youth room.



## Champions for Christ Kids

Hello friends, and happy fall! It is hard to believe that there are just a few short months left in 2020! Although there have been a lot of challenges this year, there have also been a lot of opportunities. That might seem like a strange sentiment that we should add the craziness of the year. However, I have been reminded that with each new challenge God has also given us an opportunity to trust in Him through those moments. The last few Sundays of September the kids and I have been unpacking what active trust looks like, and we've come to find that it means leaning on God. Just like Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths." What a comfort it is to know that even in these next couple months of 2020 we have opportunities to walk in faith! The kids and I are also looking forward to a few upcoming events. Those include the fall festival on October 25, family night for the kids and parents on November 11, a church-wide Christmas party hosted by the kids on December 9, and our traveling Christmas party on December 16. More details will be presented regarding events as the dates come closer. Have a great October!



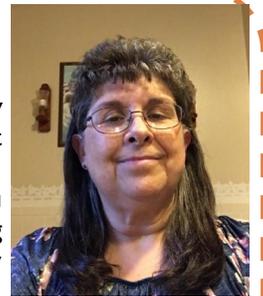
## HBC Women's Ministry

The year is moving along, and here we are at October already. I know for all of us it has been a very complicated year and that many of us look forward to 2021 being less intense. In spite of the chaos that rages around us, let's all remember that God is in control and that He has a plan!

As we begin a new month, we are gearing up to pack Operation Christmas Child boxes. Thank you so much for all who donated items and supported our cake auction fund raiser. With all of us working together, we can help reach the lost for Christ. If you wish to assist with packing boxes, please let Mary Gore or me know. There will be six different packing times.

Our month is filled with many opportunities to participate and share God's love. October 2 is Hardeetown Baptist Church night at the concession stand at the high school stadium. If you would like to volunteer to help man the concession booth, see Pam Sheffield for details. On Sunday, October 25, the women's ministries breakfast will be at the Gathering Table Restaurant instead of at the church. Meet at the restaurant at 8:00 that morning. Also on October 25 will be our church-wide fall festival. We will again be setting up for Trunk or Treat. If you'd like to decorate your car trunk, tailgate, or truck bed for a game for the kids, we still need lots of volunteers! If you would be willing to help but don't know what to do, see Casey Ranalli or me for ideas. You can also set up a booth on the playground. We will have a great time of fellowship. The purpose of Trunk or Treat and our fall festival is to reach out to the local community. So whatever you set up, keep in mind that it should be glorifying to God and open the door to sharing Christ with our lost friends and neighbors.

Don't forget to send 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. Abbey is our adopted missionary journeyman from Mississippi. She is currently in the second year of a two-year assignment with the International Mission Board sharing Christ in Tokyo.



October OCC item: coloring books



October birthdays:

- Clarence King 10/02
- Susan Muth 10/03
- Rob Rosenberger 10/04
- Mary'O Henderson 10/08
- Kamala Reidy 10/14
- Stephanie Schonborn 10/17
- William Cason 10/18
- Skylar Moore 10/20
- Jennie Lou Sharp 10/21
- June Campbell 10/25
- Johnny Webster 10/25
- Dorann Lam 10/27
- Robert Allen 10/31

Happy Birthday to All!



This month's church council will meet at 5:00, October 4, followed by the business meeting at 6:00. Anyone wanting to help plan church activities is invited to attend.

The worship service is streamed on Facebook and broadcast in the parking lot on FM 92.1. In addition, you may submit your tithes online at [hardeetownbc.com/give](http://hardeetownbc.com/give).

Our church will host the Chiefland High School football breakfast on November 6 at 7:00. Please contact the office or Brian Timney if you would like to help.

Our next senior adult luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, at 10:00. We will be traveling to Ce-

## Announcements

edar Key for lunch at Steamers Restaurant.

The monthly HBC Women's Ministries breakfast will be October 25 at 8:00. We will be meeting at the Gathering Table.

Plan now for the November senior adult trip. We will be traveling to Williston on Saturday, November 7, for the annual Six-Gun Territory show and train ride. We will leave the church at 9:30, and tickets are \$16 in advance.

Our fall festival is October 25 at 5:00. Help us get the word out to our unchurched neighbors. Our fall festival is a great outreach opportunity. We also

need candy donations for Trunk or Treat.

The senior adults will be traveling to Kirby Farm in Williston the evening of December 17 for the Christmas lights and train ride. Tickets are \$16 in advance. The van will leave the church at 5:30.

The next men's breakfast is November 1 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.

## October Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				01	02	03
					CMHS concession stand 6:00	
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Men's Breakfast 8AM Counc Mtg 5PM Bus Mtg 6PM			Staff Meeting 5:00-5:30PM			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Youth Comm Mtg. 4:30				Sr adult luncheon @ Steamers Rest., Cedar Key 10:00		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Women's bfast 8AM @ Gathering Table Fall festival 5:00						

### Bible Trivia

From what two sources did Paul get his theological training?  
Last month's answer: None (John 19:36).



### October Memory Verse

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

(KJV)



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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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