

January 2022

Hardeetown Baptist Church

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

- The church has had to cancel our live streaming on Facebook Live and YouTube due to the unreliable Internet service in the area. However, you can find our services online by Monday afternoon by going to our website and then clicking on the link to **SERMONS**.
- All our Bible study classes are continuing. Everyone is invited to be a part of one of our Bible study small groups. The Sunday night intensive study in Genesis is also available on the website via streaming video.
- 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 broadcast from the parking lot on Sunday morning by tuning to **FM 92.1**.
- Invite the youth around you to our growing youth ministry. We meet every Wednesday night and twice on Sundays!

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The Pulpit and Pen



The Year Ahead

The church will begin 2022 under what may be the darkest cloud of ungodliness since the days of Noah. Biblical prophecies regarding the coming antichrist and the Tribulation are unfolding right in front of us. As we continue throughout the coming year, do not lose sight of what Jesus said in Matthew 24:24. Deception will prevail to the extent that even God's elect might be deceived. Let's keep spiritually alert, and use the godly wisdom that the Holy Spirit has given us.

In early 2020, Covid began spreading throughout the world. We have been dealing with the pandemic for two years now. The government has used the pandemic as an excuse to ignore the Constitution and curtail individual liberty. Make no mistake about it; when the government usurps our liberties, we will not get them back.

Nevertheless, Constitutional liberties are insignificant when compared with the spiritual freedom we have in Christ. We do not have merely the right to worship; we have the obligation to worship Christ, no matter what. It is our right and obligation to worship Almighty God that the government wants to eliminate.

However, it is not really governments around the world that want to put a stop to true worship. The real

threat comes from the proverbial power behind the throne—the devil himself.

Consider two of the most recent political developments that point straight to the devil's involvement. One involves homosexuality as a lifestyle, and the other involves Covid vaccinations.

Canada recently passed a law that goes into effect this month criminalizing any teaching or Christian counseling that claims homosexuality is sinful. Even pastors who preach about it in church will be subject to three to five years in prison. France also passed a similar law calling for a penalty of two to three years in prison simply for declaring the truth of God's word and moral standards. Several other countries around the world already have such laws.

Several countries around the world, including the United States, have been demanding the implementation of vaccine mandates. The vaccine itself is not the problem. Whether you choose to be vaccinated should be a decision left between you and your physician.

The problem is the Covid passport or documentation that is required afterward. Numerous businesses and some governments around the world have implemented a requirement that no one can enter a business or buy even basic supplies

without a Covid passport. That is exactly what Revelation 13:17 says would happen with the Mark of the Beast during the Tribulation.

The Swedish company, Epicenter, recently introduced a microchip that is implanted in the hand. Instead of carrying a Covid passport card, the individual's medical and financial information is recorded in the chip. Volunteers have already begun utilizing this chip to conduct business in Sweden. The world is being desensitized and prepared for the next step in the process—the introduction of the Mark of the Beast itself.

Many knowledgeable medical experts and epidemiologists have already declared that Covid is just the beginning. There is more to come, and the next pandemic may be many times more deadly. Revelation 6:8 tells us that pestilence, another name for disease, will result in the death of a fourth of the world's population. Mandatory vaccines and passports will surely be demanded by then.

Since the Mark of the Beast will be a requirement implemented during the Tribulation and the Church will not be subject to the Tribulation, the obvious conclusion is the Rapture cannot be very far away. Be ready, and be faithful because 2022 could very well be the year we hear the trumpet sound!



It's hard to believe that five months have passed since I took over leading the youth ministry. It has certainly been both challenging and rewarding to work with this great group of young people. Our attendance has been great, and I think everyone is having fun and learning more about the Bible. Our December study focused on the birth of Jesus. It is exciting to watch as the students yearn for more information.

On December 22, 2021, we had a wonderful time playing crazy games and enjoying fellowship and food. Special thanks to Beth Cloues and Regina Goss for their help that evening. We had twenty youth in attendance! I am tremendously grateful for Beth Cloues and Barbara Edmonds for their ongoing assistance with our youth group.

The youth are thoroughly enjoying their Gaga pit. Thanks again to the Collins and MacFeggan families for making it!

Our next Bible study will be about the apostle Paul. This will be a very extensive study, and I appreciate your prayers as I spend time



preparing for this study. I take my responsibility with this group very seriously and spend many hours in study. I know we have an extraordinary opportunity to share the gospel with our young people and that there are eternal consequences if we miss those opportunities.



Champions for Christ Kids

Thank you to all the ladies that have been helping with our children's ministry. Several have stepped up to fill the gap and keep our children's ministry growing. In the meantime, as the Marines say, we could also use a few good men. Is God calling you to help with this area of ministry?

For this summer, we are trying to get Go Outdoors Ministry to conduct a kid's camp again. We are still waiting to hear back from them, but they will probably come the first week of June. Also, we have tentatively scheduled our Vacation Bible School for the last week of June. It is not too early to volunteer to help with these important ministries. In fact, Casey Johnson has volunteered to return to Chiefland that week to help lead VBS for us. We thank God for her willingness to serve!

HBC Women's Ministries



It most certainly has been a busy year for Women's Ministries. We capped off the year with multiple projects in December to help meet the needs of people in our community. It is amazing as we all work together and share God's love in so many ways. Recently we became aware of the needs of our local domestic abuse/rape crisis shelter, Another Way, located right here in Chiefland. Through your generous donations and the efforts of Crafts for a Cause, we were able to donate twenty hygiene totes. These hand-sewn totes contained towels, wash clothes, and basic hygiene items. Along with the hygiene totes, many blankets and gift sets were also donated. Thank you for the many donations, support with packaging, and delivering the items to the administrative office. We will be asking the shelter director to come speak to us soon. The date will be announced as soon as we can confirm it.

Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal to support the International Mission Board was \$1,200. Through your generosity we collected \$2,250. We were blessed in November to meet Abbey Irwin. We appreciate her helping us to see how our funds assist in spreading the gospel throughout the world.

Each year at Shands Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), there are approximately one thousand babies born early. We have been doing an ongoing ministry in conjunction with Beau's Blankets to help provide a little brightness to those tiny ones and their families. In December we delivered one hundred Christmas-themed blanket and heart sets. This is an ongoing ministry through Crafts for a Cause, our Thursday sewing group. If you are interested in joining our fun little group, please let me know.

Thank you to all who assisted with these projects. As we begin 2022, I look forward to the many things we will do to minister to others in the name of Christ!





January birthdays:

- Sandra Allen 01/05
- Marianne Dillard 01/05
- Wilda Long 01/13
- Stephen Hunt 01/21
- Sylvia King 01/21
- Casey Johnson 01/24

Happy Birthday to All!



CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



Cruel Practical Jokes

Announcements

There will be a church leaders' fellowship at the pastor's home sometime this quarter, date and time TBD. We will let you know later this month.

Please consider volunteering for the children or youth ministry. Your help is very much needed. We also need your help sharing with the youth in the community that our youth ministry is growing. If you know any unchurched youth in the area, please invite them to attend.

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 together. The next dinner

will be January 4. You do not have to be currently serving as an active deacon or have been ordained at Hardeetown to participate.

Our next senior adult outing is scheduled for Thursday, January 27. We will be eating lunch at Treasure Camp on the Suwanee in Fowler's Bluff. The church van will leave at 10:30.

The ladies will meet for breakfast on Sunday, January 23, 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. Everyone is invit-

ed to be a part of this important evangelism outreach ministry.

The church council will meet in the fellowship hall on Sunday, January 16, followed by the monthly business meeting. If you are the leader of any of our church's ministries, please make every effort to attend.

Our church bylaws committee meets every first Monday. We will meet January 3 and February 7 at 6:30.

The next men's breakfast will be Sunday, February 6, at 8:00. All men are invited. There are no men's activities in January.

January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Bylaws meeting 6:30	Deacons' dinner 6:00		Crafts for a Cause 9:00		
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				Crafts for a Cause 9:00		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Church council 5:00 Business mtg 6:00	MLK Day			Crafts for a Cause 9:00		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Women's ministry breakfast 8:00				Sr adult luncheon, Treasure Camp Restaurant, Fowler's Bluff, 11:00		
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Bible Trivia

Which disciple/author wrote the majority of the New Testament?

Last month's answer: Levi (Mark 2:14)



January Memory Verse

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

(NKJV)



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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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