

June 2022

- Share with your friends and contacts that the church's services are available online via the church's website and YouTube page. They can go to our church website, www.hardeetownbc.com, and click on the link to sermons.
- If you are new to the church, we offer Bible study classes for all ages. Regular Bible study is an essential part of Christian discipleship, and we encourage you to participate each Sunday at 9:30.
- If you are ill but still want to participate in worship, our services continue to be broadcast from the parking lot on Sunday morning by tuning to FM 92.1.
- Our denomination's annual meeting occurs this month in Anaheim, California. Be in prayer for the Southern Baptist Convention as we meet June 14-16. This meeting promises to be controversial and will set the tone for this denomination for the foreseeable future.

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Hardeetown Baptist Church

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

The Pulpit and Pen



When Does Life Begin?

The big item in the news recently has been the leaked draft Supreme Court decision overturning the Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey decisions. In the weeks since, numerous crowds have taken to the streets to protest. Most of these protests have been to complain about the potential threat to abortion access, although some have celebrated the potential gain that the "Right to Life" movement will achieve.

Roe v. Wade was a court case that was decided in 1973 by the United States Supreme Court. Prior to that court decision, several states had laws that restricted when and if a woman could abort her unborn child. In Roe v. Wade the Supreme Court struck down virtually every law across the nation that restricted access to abortion.

The Court based its decision on an interpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution. One of the clauses in the Fourteenth Amendment regards substantive due process, which is simply a legal phrase guaranteeing everyone equal treatment under the law and freedom from unfair government interference. The Supreme Court interpreted that concept as guaranteeing the right to privacy. The Supreme Court further interpreted that right to privacy as extending to an individual's

medical care, including access to abortion. (The right to privacy had been previously established as being guaranteed under the Ninth Amendment in Griswold v. Connecticut, 1965.)

In Planned Parenthood v. Casey of 1992, the Supreme Court eliminated the restrictions on when an abortion could be obtained. Under the precedent set by Roe v. Wade, restrictions could still be applied to abortion access based on the trimester of pregnancy. Planned Parenthood v. Casey eliminated those restrictions based on an even more liberal interpretation of the right to privacy.

What both these Supreme Court decisions failed to recognize was the right to life enjoyed by the unborn child. When these cases were argued before the Supreme Court, there were advocates that debated the merits both of the law restricting abortion and of the right of a woman to privacy over her body and her medical decisions. However, no one ever advanced an argument that there was an innocent baby involved whose life was at risk. No matter how sacred one might consider the right to privacy, the right to life trumps privacy every time. We may never know why neither of these Supreme Court cases ever cited the right to life, which is guaranteed by the Fifth

Amendment.

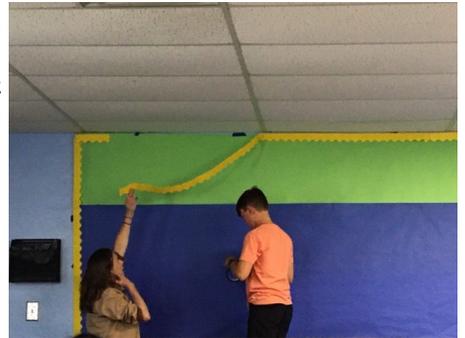
Based on the wording of the Fifth Amendment, which states, "No person shall be... deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law..." it becomes apparent that the legal end to abortion will depend on the court's definition of *person*. That is a question that could easily be answered should Congress codify what a person is in federal law. Unfortunately, Congress has proven itself incapable of taking a biblical stand on any question of morality that might come before it.

The answer to what a person is will be left to the states, and if multiple states pass conflicting laws about it, that question will eventually end up before the Supreme Court. It will once again become a question for the Court to decide. Unfortunately for the nation, our court system is designed to answer questions based on the law and Constitution. The courts are just not interested in what God's law says.

In the meantime, we need to pray that God will direct our nation to protect the lives of innocent unborn children. Regardless of what any human law says, God's law is clear—human life begins at conception (Psalm 51:5, Psalm 139:16, Isaiah 49:1, Jeremiah 1:5, Matthew 1:20, Galatians 1:15). An unborn baby is a person!



Working with young people is certainly filled with many joys and challenges. Our goals are to share Christ with each youth while also helping each one through the everyday-life events. Each time we meet, we try to encourage them as they go through their lives. We cover so many subjects on any given night that at times it's hard to keep up!



Following the recent loss of Brother Earl Cairnes, his impact was quite evident as we watched our young people deal with his loss. As they shared their thoughts and feelings as to what Brother Earl meant to them, I realized just how important his time with them was. They know we love them, but it made such a mark on them to have had the special time with him. It was easy to see that the more strong examples of Christ and His love they experienced, the better. That being said, I would like to ask all of you to join me in prayer. I know there is a person or persons out there that God would like to connect with our youth. If God places this on your heart, please let us know. I assure you that you will also gain a blessing from getting to know these amazing young people God has entrusted our church with.

I will also send home a flyer about possible summer events we might be doing. We really need to know which events will fit into each families' schedule since we know the summer can be a hectic time. Anytime anyone has a question, please feel free to contact me at 229-977-8764.

Champions for Christ Kids



We need painters! Vacation Bible school will be here before we know it. If you have been gifted with painting skills and would be willing to assist with painting sets, backdrops, and animals for our farm themed VBS this year, please get in touch with Jan Chesser or Connie Blosch. Anyone with farm items, like wagon wheels, an old wheel barrow, antique hand plow, or such, who would be willing to loan them for our decorations, please let us know. We also need appliance shipping boxes, if anyone has access to any. If you are willing to volunteer a little time constructing or painting our VBS decorations and props, your help is needed and would be greatly appreciated.



Remember, VBS is less than a month away. The dates are June 27 through July 1. Also, the church-wide Independence Day picnic will be coupled with the VBS parents' night activities Friday, July 1, beginning at 5:30. Everyone is invited.

HBC Women's Ministries

As most of you know, we do not meet during June and July for our monthly gatherings. We will resume our ladies' meetings in August. Stay tuned for announcements in the bulletin for any spontaneous gatherings we might have.

Our Crafts for a Cause group will continue to meet on Thursday mornings during the summer. We are working to finish the Operation Christmas Child projects. Our goal is a total of 240 shoe boxes this year. Our annual cake auction will occur in late August. The purpose of the cake auction is to raise the funds for shipping the shoe boxes so the shipping expense does not come out of our church budget. Shipping expenses have also increased this year. Each box now costs \$10 to ship. We will place a sign-up sheet out in early August for those who wish to participate.



In addition to the ladies' meetings, the senior adults, both ladies and men, get together once a month for an outing. Every fourth Thursday our seniors eat lunch together at various area restaurants. Then, at least quarterly, we visit one of North Central Florida's cultural attractions. On June 23 we will be going to the Weeki Wachee Springs mermaid show. Everyone is invited, and you don't have to be a senior adult to go with us!





June birthdays:

- Skipper Henderson 06/02
- Donna Brock 06/10
- Shirley Jackson 06/19
- Tim Reidy 06/24
- Caleb Hardee 06/28
- Karon Sharpe 06/28
- Raymond Allen 06/30

Happy Birthday to All!

Happiness is a June Birthday!



"This morning, due to the loss of my sermon notes, we'll be extending our usual Moment of Silence to about 25 minutes."

All men are invited to a monthly fellowship dinner at 6:00 on the first Tuesday night of each month at Bett's Big T Restaurant. There is no agenda except fellowship. This was previously advertised as the deacons' dinner, but we are expanding the focus, and *all* men and youth are invited. The next dinner will be Tuesday, June 7.

Our next senior adult outing is scheduled for Thursday, June 23. We will be traveling to Weeki Wachee Springs to watch the mermaid show and then eating lunch at the Golden Corral Restaurant. The van will leave the church at 9:00.

The next women's ministry meeting will be dinner at

Announcements

Beef O'Brady's Restaurant at 5:30 on August 22. All ladies are invited. There will be no scheduled ladies' activities June and July. Any special activities will be announced as information becomes available.

Crafts for a Cause meets every Thursday morning at 9:00 in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to be a part of this important evangelism outreach ministry.

The church council will meet in the fellowship hall on Sunday, June 5, at 5:00. If you are the leader of any of our church's ministries, please make every effort to attend.

Our church bylaws commit-

tee meets every first Monday. We will meet June 6 at 6:30.

Our VBS will be June 27-July 1. We will be hosting a planning meeting in the near future. Please consider volunteering for this important ministry. You do not have to teach one of the classes to help. We also need donations or loans of small farm equipment items to use as decorations. See Connie or Jan for details.

Go Outdoors! Adventure Camp will be July 11-15 for children ages 6-12.

There are no men's ministry activities scheduled for the summer.

June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Crafts for a Cause 9:00		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Lord's Supper Church council 5:00	Bylaws meeting 6:30	Men's Fellowship Dinner, Bett's 6:00		Crafts for a Cause 9:00		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		SBC annual meeting	SBC annual meeting	Crafts for a Cause 9:00		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Father's Day No evening svc				Sr adult luncheon, Weeki Wachee, Golden Corral Restaurant, 9:00		
26	27	28	29	30		
	VBS 5:30-8:30	VBS 5:30-8:30	VBS 5:30-8:30	VBS 5:30-8:30	VBS 5:30-8:30	

June Memory Verse

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.



Bible Trivia

What was Matthew's other name?

Last month's answer: Lamech (Genesis 4:19)



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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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