

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.
- Our children's ministry will be hosting a family fun night this month. Invite your friends with children to attend. See details on the calendar.
- 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. You can also view previous services by clicking on the link to sermons.

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Giving Thanks

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving. It is generally believed that the first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 by the Pilgrims. To share the occasion, they invited the Wampanoag Indians to the feast, although it was not much of a feast by today's standards. That celebration occurred in what became Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Another possibility places the first Thanksgiving right here in Florida. One University of Florida professor claimed that in 1565 the Spanish navy celebrated their arrival in the new world by offering thanks to God and having a feast in what later became St. Augustine. The Timucuan Indians were invited by the Spanish commander to celebrate with them.

It is believed that the Pilgrims celebrated their Thanksgiving with a meal of freshly harvested food that had been grown after their arrival in North America. Much of that food included staples that had been supplied by the Indians.

On the other hand, the Spanish settlers of St. Augustine ate what was left of the supplies that they had brought with them to the new world including stale biscuits, garbanzo stew, and pork. The Indians supplied meat that had been caught locally such as alligator, venison, turkey, and seafood. Not

much has changed there; people still come to Florida expecting good food.

Just downriver from St. Augustine, French Huguenots celebrated Thanksgiving a year earlier in 1564 at Fort Caroline. The Huguenots were celebrating the establishment of their settlement in what later became Jacksonville. However, there was little to celebrate soon thereafter as the Spanish navy massacred the French only a few days later.

Texas claims an earlier celebration near Canyon in 1541. That occasion was to mark the victory by the Spanish conquistador Coronado. It was led by a Catholic priest, Juan de Padilla.

Unfortunately, what the Florida and Texas celebrations lacked was a direct connection to English-speaking settlers in the new world. Giving thanks to God for health, safe travels, a good harvest, or victory in war was nothing new. Such observances of thanksgiving have been around for millennia and are quite biblical, but they have no connection to the modern American holiday of Thanksgiving. While the Pilgrim holiday served as a model for today's celebration, there is no direct connection to that celebration either.

The first truly American celebration of Thanksgiving occurred in 1777. General George Washington called

for a national day of thanksgiving in celebration of victory over the British at the Battle of Saratoga. Washington again called for a national day of thanksgiving in 1789 to mark the end of the Revolutionary War.

Following that declaration, several presidents after Washington called for similar days of thanksgiving to mark various occasions when God had blessed the nation. However, it was not until Lincoln officially proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November in 1863 that the official holiday of Thanksgiving was established.

The one thing that each of these various celebrations by Pilgrims, Spanish, French, and Americans all have in common is giving thanks to Almighty God for His blessings. Since its establishment as a day of thanks, Thanksgiving has become associated with football championships, parades, and turkeys. We may give a cursory nod to God while saying grace over the meal, but for the most part our nation has forgotten God's blessings. This year let's give God more than a short prayer to thank Him for what He has done because taking God for granted may have devastating consequences in the near future. We can thank God for blessings or blame ourselves for judgment.

Hardeetown Student Ministries



Bible studies for the month of November will be the Parable of the Good Samaritan, the Parable of the Builders, and Jesus Changes Everything. If you are not able to attend, you can keep up to date through RightNow Media by texting RightNow HARDEE to 41411. Connect to your TV with Apple, Fire TV, Android, or Roku.

There will be a progressive dinner Friday, November 14, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Students will meet at the church. From there we will proceed to the first host house. We will eat an appetizer at the first house and have the first part of the Bible study. Then we "progress" to the next house for the next course and Bible study. Pick-up will be at the Timney's at 10:00.

HSM is going on a mission trip to work at the Operation Christmas Child processing center in Atlanta Monday and Tuesday, November 23-24. The cost is \$50 per person, but space is limited! Let us know immediately if you can go.

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 apply what we learned on the mission field at First Baptist Church Bayou George in Panama City. Dates for the trip are June 14-21. The cost for the trip is \$385. Your permission form and a deposit of \$60 are due January 18. We will have a fundraiser in the spring to help with the cost.

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



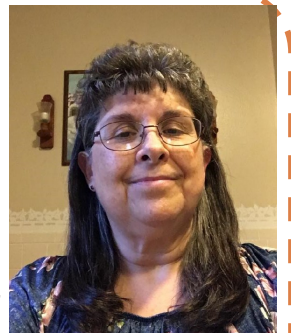
Hello friends. I am so excited because it is finally an appropriate time of year for me to yell, "HAAAAAPPPY Fall!" Then soon it will be time for the Christmas season. It really is amazing how fast time seems to go once the hot summer has past. The kids and I are looking forward to the next couple of months because we have some pretty awesome opportunities to enjoy. Here is a quick reminder on those dates: November 11 is parents' night. December 9 is a church-wide Christmas party that will be hosted by the kids. On December 16 the kids and I will be going Christmas caroling to a few church members who have not been able to attend. There are lots of things to look forward to in the coming days. One thing that I've been reflecting on in my prayer times is Psalm 23:1 where it says, "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want." What a wonderful reminder that when we belong to the Lord, He takes care of us! I'm thankful for each of you and the impact this church makes!

HBC Women's Ministry

Well 2020 certainly has been a busy year with all sorts of twists and turns. I know some of us have had extra trials along the way and for many of us this year can't leave quickly enough. I hope you will all rest in the fact that God is in control! It isn't always easy to see the big picture like God does, but knowing He is sovereign helps me cope.

Our church calendar is filling with many ministry and fellowship opportunities. I hope you will participate in as many as possible. We are in the planning stages for a new women's Bible study, which will begin sometime in January. We will let you know as soon as we decide which one we will be offering. Please be praying as we seek the study God wants us to do.

Our ongoing ministries are in full swing. We are ready to drop 100 blankets at the Shands neonatal intensive care unit as soon as our contact comes back from medical leave. Christmas themed blankets and hearts are being made as I write this. If you would like to assist with this, either sewing or crocheting, please contact me. We will get you hooked up with projects.



If any of you have a good contact for us to get some cancer patient hats distributed, please let me know. We have a big supply ready to go to cancer patients or homeless persons in need. If you have a contact name and number, please share that with me as soon as possible.

← From our missionary, Abbey Irwin: I wanted to say thank you to Hardeetown Baptist Church and First Baptist Flora, who recently sent me some care packages! Star Baptist Church also sent me one back in the summer (I forgot to take a picture). I know it's not about stuff, but it really does encourage me when a package comes in the mail and is filled with pieces of home. I'm so thankful for the support I have from Southern Baptist churches that have been so generous and caring throughout my term. I'm thankful for people in the states who pray, give, and support. Thank you for giving me these small happies!! It means more to me than I can express.

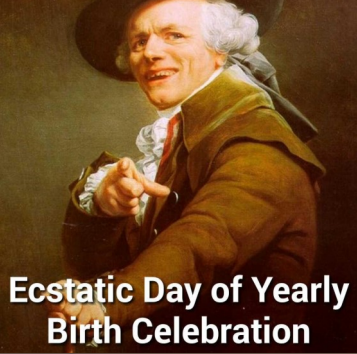


November birthdays:

- Cecile Sealander 11/07
- Larry Henderson 11/08
- Thelma Allen 11/13
- Candace Langford 11/14
- Barbara Bullock 11/16
- Al Hardee 11/22
- Lash Crews 11/24
- Kathryn Crews 11/24
- Earnest Salisbury 11/27

Happy Birthday to All!

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Ecstatic Day of Yearly Birth Celebration



This month's church council will meet at 5:00, November 8, 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.

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 outing is scheduled for Saturday morning, November 7 at 9:30. We will be traveling to

Announcements

Kirby Farm in Williston for the annual 6-Gun Territory western show. Tickets are \$16 in advance, which includes the train ride, and anyone may participate.

The monthly HBC Women's Ministries breakfast will be November 22 at 8:00.

The kid's family fun night begins at 5:30, Wednesday, November 11. Everyone is invited. This will be a great opportunity to witness to the families of our Wednesday night kids.

The church-wide Thanksgiving dinner is Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00. Everyone is invited. Bring a side dish or dessert. The church will provide the meat.

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 December 6 at 8:00. All men are invited.

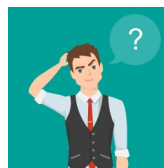
The church needs more willing volunteers to help in the sound booth or with music. If you are willing to learn how to operate the video camera, sound board, or computer, please see Mac MacFeggan or the pastor. You do not have to commit to every Sunday.

November Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01 Men's Breakfast 8AM Daylight Saving Time ends	02	03	04 Staff Meeting 5:00-5:30 PM	05	06 Football breakfast 7:00	07 Senior adult Six-Gun Territory & train ride trip 9:30
08 Council Mtg 5 PM Bus Mtg 6 PM	09	10	11 Veterans Day Kid's family fun night 5:30	12	13	14 Student/youth progressive dinner 6:00
15	16	17	18 All Church Thanksgiving Banquet 6 PM Meat Provided	19	20	21
22 HBC women's Breakfast 8 AM	23 Youth OCC mission trip	24 Youth OCC mission trip	25 No evening prayer svc	26 Thanksgiving Office Closed	27	28
29	30					

Bible Trivia

Why did David pick five stones to kill Goliath? Last month's answer: Jesus and Gamaliel (Galatians 1:12 & Acts 22:3).



November Memory Verse

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

(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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