



Ed Cruce, Pastor  
 Harry Sims, Minister of Education & Evangelism  
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**DEACON ON CALL**

Charles Marlow  
 491-0443

**SECURITY PATROL**

AM-Ron Thomas  
 PM Joe Hosmer, Ron Thomas

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**Attendance September 9, 2012**

Sunday School	92
Mission School	22
Shut Ins	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>138</b>

Regular Offering \$ 6858.00

**SENIOR SPOT LIGHT**

Wilma Smith	Carnes Steely
2401 Columbiana Rd.	Cherry Hill Health Care
Suite 3004	1259 Jeff Germany Pkwy.
B'ham, AL 35216	B'ham, AL 35214

**ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 pm  
 North Highlands Baptist Church

This is a graded conference for ALL Sunday School Leadership. Please RSVP to the Associational Office at 428-2451 if you will be attending. These conference leaders have taught State Convention conferences.

Adults Dr. Jere Patterson	Children Rick Callahan
Youth Matt Scott	Preschool Becky Rainey

**BESSEMER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ICE CREAM SOCIALS**

Tuesday Septemeber 11 6:30 pm  
 Pleasant Ridge Baptist  
 And

Tuesday September 25 6:30 pm  
 Canaan Baptist

The Bessemer Association sub teams will be giving reports on the redesigning efforts of the association.

You can attend one or both  
**ICE CREAM SOCIALS**

The same information will be covered at each one.

**Church Phone Number 205-780-6621**

**Bro. Ed's Epistle**

"...a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road." Mark 10:46

Bartimaeus' blindness had rendered him helpless, unable to do anything but sit by the road and beg. It was a condition which changed dramatically when he heard that Jesus was walking down the road. At that point, Bartimaeus stopped begging for money and began begging for Jesus to have mercy on him. The result was that Jesus restored his sight. The man who had been sitting and begging began to follow Jesus on the road. What a difference! Bartimaeus could have chosen to do any number of things with his gift of sight. Yet he chose to follow Jesus, the one who had made him whole. May we show our gratitude for Jesus' work of redemption by choosing to follow Him.

As we prepare for revival next month, I urge you to be sensitive to Jesus' leading in your life. Thank you for the joy of following Jesus with you in a great church.

**LLOYD'S LINES** – W.M.U. For the next few Lloyd's Lines I'd like to recognize some of the important Ministries of our Church. Today, we want to spot light our W.M.U. ladies and their work here at Fairfield Highlands. If it were not for the W.M.U. organization where would our Church ( and many other churches) be with out the importance of Missions. A couple of weeks ago they had a little "Tea Party" before the Wednesday night service for us and many of you did not show up. It was a beautiful time of inspiration and fellowship. The refreshments were delicious and the fellowship hall was decorated beautifully. Thanks ladies. They have monthly meetings and study about Home and Foreign Missions. They lead the church in promoting things like Annie Armstrong Mission Offerings, and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Franklin Graham Shoe Box emphasis at Christmas and many other things. Many of them serve as teachers, sing in the choir as well as serving on committees and other areas of the Church. Ladies we are proud of you and may God continue to bless your ministry here. We love and appreciate you.

Remember the Revival is coming up so let's continue to pray for the Revival Team. Invite others to come and join in with us. And may our prayer be :Lord send a revival and let it begin with me." We want to have a Revival Choir so we invite you to be a part of the Revival Choir.

In the meantime remember to pray for your Church Staff, for each other and as always, God loves you and so do I. SING-cerely, Brother Lloyd

**HARRY'S HEARTBEAT** – The following story is from the little book Wellspring of Wisdom. It amazes me how a simple story can point out weaknesses in our lives. "God's Grace"

An old woman was trudging along a country road with a heavy pack upon her back when her parson came along in his carriage and offered her a ride. Gratefully she climbed into the carriage but kept on her back. The parson suggested she put the pack on the floor of the carriage. The poor old lady said it was good enough of him to give her the lift but she did not think it fair to ask him to carry her burden too.

The minister quickly found in this a little sermon. He told the woman that this situation was somewhat like our relationship to God. We believe that His grace can save our souls, but we fail to put our trust in His grace to help us with our daily burdens.

Oh me of little faith. As Savior, God is always helping me with my daily needs. For me not to believe this would be making God a liar. Psalm 68:19 – "Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens." Claiming this promise could possibly have saved me a lot of gray hairs over these eighty nine years. (or loss of)

I love you, Harry

**Upcoming Events...**

**BROTHERHOOD** meets Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, 8 am at Cracker Barrel

**September 11<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 pm Pleasant Ridge Baptist - The Bess. Assoc. Transition Sub-Teams will give a report on the redesigning of the association for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This is an Ice Cream Supper and everyone is invited. Don Davidson is representing our church on this team and asks that you pray that our Lord is guiding their every thought and decision.

**SENIOR ADULT CHOIR** meets each Wed. 10:30 am at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church

**SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>** Sunday-2-4 pm Associational Sunday School Leadership Conference

**SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>** – Highlanders trip to tour Bud's Best Cookies. Vans will leave the Church at 10 am. We will have lunch at Golden Corral after the tour. Call the church to make reservations.

**SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>** – Fifth Sunday – 6:00 pm special guest will be the Senior Adult Choir from Pleasant Ridge Baptist. Church wide fellowship following the service.

**October 14<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> – "Fall Revival"**

Bro Bill Hatley will be preaching. Bro. Dale Jones will lead the singing