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**DEACON ON CALL**  
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**SECURITY PATROL**  
 AM- Bob Key  
 (NO PM SERVICE)

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Attendance	
Sunday School	71
Mission School	32
Shut Ins	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>127</b>
Regular Offering	\$ 3742.00
Lottie Moon	300.00
Memory of Jack Carter	75.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4117.00</b>

**\$100.00 has been given to the Lottie Moon Offering in Honor of Susan Godley & WMU by Lloyd Jones**

**\$100.00 has been given to the Lottie Moon Offering in Memory of Myrtice Higdon By her son**

**\$100.00 has been given to the Lottie Moon Offering in Memory of Curtis Jones by The Curtis Jones SS Class**

**\$25.00 has been given to the Lottie Moon Offering in Memory of Jack Carter by The Fellowship SS Class**

**\$50.00 has been given to the Lottie Moon Offering in Honor of Jack Carter by Charles & Sharlene Marlow**

*We send our love and prayers to Nell Carter and Family in the death of her husband,*

*Jack Carter*

*And to*

*Ruth Harmon and Family in the death of her sister,*

*Nancy Greene*

**Remember our Lottie Moon International Mission Offering**  
*Our goal \$4000.00*

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

**BRO. ED'S EPISTLE** "...yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death" Colossians 1:22

The Christmas story is more than a heartwarming series of events involving shepherds, angels, and a baby boy. It is the story of God taking on human flesh so that He could bring sinful humanity back to Himself. It required Jesus to be born into this world, but it also required Him to be crucified for our sins. As we celebrate Christmas, may we include the whole story of redemption which includes the cross.

I thank God for the opportunity to serve as your pastor. I look forward to worship and fellowship with you this week.

**LLOYD'S LINES** -What a wonderful December we are having and the best is yet to come. Looking forward to "Christmas on the Highlands." The choir has worked very hard and long in preparation of the Christmas Musical "Down From His Glory." You will be blessed. And the Family Church Covered Dish Luncheon to follow. Then on Friday evening the 21<sup>st</sup> we will go out caroling and bringing Christmas cheer to our home bound members. Then on December 30<sup>th</sup> we will close out the year with the observance of The Lord's Supper in the Sunday Evening Service. Today the little chorus "I'm so glad to be a part of the Family of God" is on my heart and in my thoughts. And truly I'm so glad to be a part of this Church Family. You are so loving and so kind to me. The Lord knew that I needed you after the home going of Emily. Even after 4 and a half years, I still miss her. So you have lost a spouse, know the same feeling. Let's not forget to pray for and lend support to the Lottie Moon Christmas Mission Offering. Our goal in \$4,000.00 and we can meet and go over it.

It is my prayer that you and your family will have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful great year in 2013.

Remember to pray for your Church Staff for each other and just remember **GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO I.**

"SING-cereely" Bro. Lloyd (Proverbs 3:5&6)

**HARRY'S HEARTBEAT**- Have you ever been in or heard of a church who's ministry was hindered because of one person? I am probably one of the least musically inclined persons in our church. I don't know one note or key from another. However, I do know if I go up and down the keyboard of a piano, I can tell if one key does not fit in with the others.

I recently talked with a broken hearted pastor who was faced with a similar situation. The church had voted on a recommendation and motion to sell some property and use the money to remodel the present facility. There was only one descending vote. A dear lady who had been a great asset to the church for many years.

This reminded me of a small church who only had two pianos. One which had been used for many years but was not useable now because it would not stay tuned. The other one, which was identical, was still usable, but since there were so many sentimental memories of the old piano, one lady still wanted to use it.

Because the lady mentioned above did not get her way, she proceeded to contact a number of old inactive members to attend a business meeting, which she set up on Tuesday for Wednesday night. She notified the pastor of her intention and insisted the pastor agree with her. The pastor declined because the meeting was not previously announced. He refused to attend. She and her quest showed up and the prayer service turned into a brawl. Feelings were hurt, longtime relationships were broken and nothing was accomplished. However, they suggested the pastor voluntarily resign. All of this because one dear lady got out of tune. How sad. Pray for her and this church. I love you, Harry

### Upcoming Events...

**Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>** "Christmas on the Highlands" - Choir to present Christmas Musical "Down From His Glory" in the morning service. Church Wide Covered Dish Luncheon to follow the service. (NO Evening Service)

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>** Friday Evening "Christmas Caroling" we will be visiting and singing carols to some of our home bound members

**Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>** We will close out the year with the observance of The Lord's Supper in the evening service.

### SENIOR SPOT LIGHT

**Please remember all our Seniors the month of December**  
 (List in the Vestibule)