

MESSENGER



Ed Cruce, Pastor
 Harry Sims, Minister of Education & Evangelism
 Lloyd Jones, Minister of Music

DEACON ON CALL
 WEEK OF Feb. 21
 Buster Williams
 491-7072

SECURITY PATROL
 AM –Charles Marlow
 PM- Winston Massey,
 Terrell Anderson

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Attendance February 17, 2013

Sunday School	82
Mission School	22
Shut Ins	26
TOTAL	130
Regular Offering \$	3152.00
Memory of Vallerine Jones	150.00
TOTAL	\$ 3302.00

SENIOR SPOT LIGHT

Mary Helen Caudle
 The Oaks Apt. 202
 5111 Emory Oak Circle
 Bessemer, AL 35022

Irene Northington
 4716 Avenue N
 B'ham, AL 35208

A donation of \$50.00
 was made to the church
 in Loving Memory of
 Vallerine Jones
 by Red & Irene Bates

A donation of \$100.00
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 In Memory of
 Vallerine Jones
 by Vulcan Materials Company



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BRO. ED'S EPISTLE –

"Rejoice in the Lord always."

Philippians 4:4

It is easy to rejoice in the times of celebration and blessing. God is certainly gracious to provide us with many of those times. But the instruction from the Word is to rejoice in the Lord always.

The key phrase is "in the Lord". While difficulties, sufferings and heartbreak may not cause joy to rise in us, the fact that we are "in the Lord" can enable us to express our joy no matter what the circumstance. You are a marvelous church family, and many of our members are undergoing circumstances that are hard. I encourage you to find "joy in the Lord" to help you through the temporary suffering.

Sadness lasts for a moment, but joy in Jesus is forever!

I look forward to worship and fellowship with you this week.

LLOYD'S LINES- 101 Things Jesus Has Done For You - A good friend of mine who has had some bad things happen in his life, sent me a little book with the title *101 Things Jesus Has Done For You*. He wrote me to tell what I had meant to him in his life. It was just what I needed as I had received a not so good news from my heart doctor. So now I refer to the book several times to be reminded of the many things Jesus has done for me. Some of them are **Jesus Loves Me, Jesus Saved Me, Jesus Gives Me Victory, Jesus Encourages Me, Jesus Hears When I Cry Out For Help, Jesus Gives Me Security, Grace, Peace, Heals Me, Joy, Guidance** and so many other things. But today I am challenging you to call someone, write a note or letter or better still, visit someone who needs your encouragement. There are so many people who are hurting. Many times I feel like I neglect others who need my encouragement. But one thing I know is that I fail but there is a song that says **Jesus Never Fails**. S.O.S. this is an appeal from your Music Director. We need some new Choir Members. The Choir has not grown like I wanted it to grow. Now is the time. We are working on a music program to be presented on Sunday morning, April 14th or 21st. If interested, let me know. We need your voice in our business.

Continue to pray for your staff and for each other and just, remember... God loves you and so do I.
 "SING-cerely" Bro. Lloyd

HARRY'S HEARTBEAT- I was recently thinking back when my wife Allen and I served 3 years as leaders of a three year old S.S. Dept. at Ensley Baptist Church. It was always fun to see the expressions on the faces of parents when they heard some of the things their kids told during family time. (Tell something you heard or saw your parents do this past week).

You would be surprised! What little ones see or hear, they tell. I love children.
 (7 yr. old Billy) "I don't think this milk is good." Mom to Billy, "Maybe it needs to go to church," Billy replied. (7 yr. old Matthew) "Dear God, we had a good time in Sunday School this morning. Wish you could have been there." (8 yr. old Nancy) The pastor's wife asked her if she had a boyfriend. Nancy replied, "Nope, I'm like Jesus - - - I love them all."
 (7 yr. old Bobby) Bobby knew exactly what Jesus would drive: "A van that seats twelve and can pull a boat." (9 yr. old Michael) "Dear God, we read that Thomas Edison made light but my Sunday School teacher said you did it. I bet he stole your idea. (7 yr. old Jan) Jan spent the entire ride home from church inspecting the bottom of her shoe. She finally put it back on and told her mom, "I know why Bro. Ron told us to do some soul searching; I found gum, tape and a bug on mine. In Matthew 19:14, Jesus said...
 I love you, Harry

DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

Sunday Evening Feb. 24th, the combined Sr. Adult Choirs of FHBC and PR will present a Mini-Concert here. Fellowship following the service.

February 24, 2013 is the date for calling Alabama Baptists to join together in prayer for Revival and Spiritual Awakening as they gather together in worship on the Lord's Day.

Beginning on **Wednesday February 27**, we will begin a 60 day emphasis called **"Praying Across Alabama"**. This emphasis will culminate on Saturday April 27, 2013