



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

**DEACON ON CALL**  
 WEEK OF March 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Don Davidson  
 491-1076

**SECURITY PATROL**  
 AM- Ron Thomas,  
 Bob Key  
 PM- Charles Marlow

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**Attendance March 24, 2013**

Sunday School	69
Mission School	20
Shut Ins	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>114</b>

Regular Offering	\$	5190.00
Annie Armstrong		475.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5665.00</b>

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

Each year, we honor the life and work of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the annual offering for North American missions named after her. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate and supporter of mission efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong led women to unite in mission endeavors that ultimately led to the formation of Woman's Missionary Union, for which she served as the first corresponding secretary.

Annie believed in Christ with all her heart, but it was her hands that expressed that belief in tangible ways. She spent a great amount of time typing and handwriting letters in support of missions. Many of these letters were quite lengthy and all were filled with conviction that more could and should be done in our mission efforts. In 1893 alone, she wrote almost 18,000 letters! Annie also never hesitated to use her hands to reach out to hug a child or distribute food and clothing and the Word of God to those in need. Her hands held her own Bible as she studied to know how best to share Gods love with others. And, most important, Annie was a woman of prayer, folding her hands in prayer to intercede for the missionaries and for those they were helping discover Christ.

Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more, and do more for reaching people for Christ. As we continue to unite to make her vision a reality in North America today, we can be confident that her legacy will also be ours.

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**BRO. ED'S EPISTLE –**

“He is not here: for He is risen, as He said.”

Mathew 28:6

The greatest week in history began with cries of "Hosanna", or God save us. Before Pilate the crowd shouted, "Crucify Him". Sunday morning, that first resurrection day was greeted with breathtaking news, "He is risen"! The resurrection of Jesus changed history. Man's redemption was made possible, and changed lives became the norm. It is still true. Jesus is alive, and any life can be changed forever who trusts Him as savior and lord. May we be faithful to proclaim the good news that Jesus has risen from the dead.

It is a joy to serve with you in a great mission field. I look forward to worship and fellowship with you this week.

**LLOYD'S LINES – “Are you Crucified with Christ?”**

I am and so are you if you have accepted Him as your Savior. You ask me how I know? It is found in the scripture in Galatians 2:20 which says...

*“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live but Christ lives in me. And the real life I now have within this body is a result of my trusting in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave himself for me.”*

I memorized this verse of scripture in 1948 when I was R. A. Counselor in Powderly Baptist Church.

Each time I have doubts of my Salvation I am reminded of this Scripture. Is this not a reminder of our Eternal Security? Then the song says to me, “I know whom I have relieved, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I’ve committed unto Him against that day.” Praise the Lord.

Remember our big day April 14<sup>th</sup> –

In the morning service the choir is in concert presenting “Total Praise.” The ending song will be “I’ve Just Seen Jesus.” I hope that you are inviting family and friends. There will be a church wide Fellowship Luncheon following the service.

And just my weekly reminder...

God loves you and so do I.

“SING-cerely,” Bro. Lloyd  
 Proverbs 3:5&6

**SENIOR SPOT LIGHT**

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**NO EVENING SERVICE**

on March 31<sup>st</sup> - Easter Sunday

**DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER**

**Praying Across Alabama**

60 Day Prayer & Devotion  
 February 24 through April 27, 2012

**Come Celebrate the Ground  
 Breaking for the  
 Pregnancy Resource Center  
 Hueytown - Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2 pm  
 2719 16<sup>th</sup> Street North  
 Hueytown, AL**

**HARRY'S HEARTBEAT-** I have never met the popular writer & humorist Dr. Charles Lowery. He is a gifted speaker and Christian author. I love to read his material. It amazes me how much his description of his life so closely parallels mine. He says: “Getting older has benefits. People let me in line at the checkout counter. They think I have difficulty breathing. I’ve just had to learn to do some things to adjust. I need to clear my throat occasionally so the cleaning lady (who I don’t have) doesn’t dust me. There are a lot of other great things about growing older. (Mature) I wish I could remember some of them. I do remember my body is wrinkled but my soul is fresh. I’m not going to give up. I’m going to look up. I’m not going to retire. I’m going to refire.”

“So when you see the glow in the western sky (Texas) it’s my birthday cake. People will stand around it to keep warm because heat is good for arthritis. I will blow out all my candles, even if it sets off the smoke alarm.”

“I admit my body has changed. My back goes out more than I do. But I’m old. I’m chronologically gifted. I have experience to draw from. I’m going to continue to enjoy life. I’m learning ways to look young. I sit in public places and eat prunes. Since they are so wrinkled, they make me look great.”

Oh – well, whatever. Sound like anybody you know! See you Sunday. I love you, Harry