

MESSENGER



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

DEACON ON CALL
 WEEK OF April 14th
 Winston Massey
 788-2248

SECURITY PATROL
 AM-Bob Key
 PM-Johnny Handley

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Attendance April 7, 2013

Sunday School	73
Mission School	20
Shut Ins	25
TOTAL	118

Regular Offering \$	9043.90
Annie Armstrong	1200.00
Benevolence Reimbursement	500.00
TOTAL	\$10643.90

SENIOR SPOT LIGHT

Ivy Gibbons
 700 Willow Bend Lane
 Bessemer AL35023

The Powells
 The Oaks Apt. 606
 5151 Emory Oak Circle
 Bessemer, AL 35022

**Our Love and Prayers go out
 to Mamie McNutt & Family
 in the death of her daughter
 Libbie Massey**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday April 14 – 11 AM
 Praise Concert & Luncheon

Sunday April 14 – 2 PM
 SavALife Pregnancy Resource Center
 Ground Breaking
 2719 16th St, N Hueytown

Sunday April 21 – 5 PM
 Bessemer Baptist Music Festival
 at Tannehill Valley Baptist
 We will have our PM service at this church, our
 choir will participate in the festival.
 Call the church office to ride the van.

Church Phone Number 205-780-6621

BRO. ED'S EPISTLE –

*"And last of all, as it were to one
 untimely born, He appeared to me also."*
 I Corinthians 15:8

Paul's testimony is powerful and explains in part why he was so effective in his missionary ministry. Jesus' appearance to him changed everything. Paul the persecutor became Paul the preacher of the gospel. In the same way, we have been privileged to see Jesus by faith, and our lives have also been changed. As we share the gospel, others can also have an appearance from Jesus which will change their lives forever. Over the next several weeks, I will be concluding the sermon series on the life and ministry of Jesus. We began our journey with the appearances of Jesus in the Old Testament. We will conclude by examining His appearances after His resurrection and ascension. I hope you will be present for each message. I am looking forward to sharing in study, fellowship and worship with you.

LLOYD'S LINES – We are the TEMPLE of GOD.

"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own." 1 Cor. 6:19. When we accepted Jesus, the Holy Spirit came to live within us and he won't leave. Remember you are special. Every day in everything we do and say we must glorify God. He empowers His temple to serve Him. It is a blessing to be His temple. He dwells in us and with us. Our prayer at the end of the day should be this: "May all you have used me to do today, continue to have lasting fruit. May people be drawn to you by the activity of today. I pray people were impressed with you because they saw You in me." (Taken from Devotion Prayer Book of Johnny Hunt, Former President, Southern Baptist Convention.) Easter at Fairfield Highlands was extra special. Thanks Choir and Bro. Ed for glorifying God through the messages of Music and spoken Word.

Hope you are looking forward to the special day here on the Highlands April 14th. I sure am. The Choir has worked hard and long on the "Total Praise Music." We think you will be blessed and the Lord will be honored and glorified. So continue to call and invite family and friends to join with us. Then we will be blessed with our Church wide Covered Dish Luncheon following the service. Just remember "God loves you and so do I." "SING-cerely" Bro. Lloyd (Prov.3:5&6)

Everyone is invited to join our Church Family on April 14th for a special

PRAISE CONCERT

Invite your friends and neighbors to come be a part of this special day of worship.
We will have a Covered Dish luncheon following the Worship Service.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG

Our goal for Annie Armstrong is
 \$3,000.00
Collected through 4/7 - \$2,310.94

**Prayer Across Alabama
 continues through May 2nd**

No PM Service April 14th

HARRY'S HEARTBEAT-A lesson of Faith for the storms in our lives. A sturdy but diffident young man asked a farmer for a job as a farmhand. "What can you do?" inquired the farmer. "I can do whatever has to be done, and I can sleep when the storms blow," replied the young man.

Although mystified by the comment "sleep when the storms blow," the farmer did not press the question but hired the young man. Some nights later, a violent storm awoke the farmer. He got up and tried unsuccessfully to wake the farmhand, then with considerable frustration went out himself to see if all was well.

He found the barn locked, the chicken coop properly closed up, a wagon load of hay covered with a tarpaulin which was securely buttoned down, and all else in a condition of safety from the elements. Then the farmer realized what his new farm hand had meant when he said, "I can sleep when the storms blow,"

Is this not basically Jesus' experience I Mk. 4:38-39? And in Luke 8:23-24. The farm hand like Jesus had made all the preparation before the storm and He slept on while the storm blew. As Christians we face all kinds of storms: health, financial, frustrations, deaths, etc. Jesus calmed the stormy sea. In John 12:12-14, Jesus says we have the same power to calm the storms. I'm not there yet - but I'm still trying. How about you?

I love you, Harry

(Bumper Sticker) Don't tell God how big the storm is - Tell the storm how big God is.