

# MESSENGER



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

**DEACON ON CALL**  
 WEEK OF May 5  
 Joe Hosmer  
 744-8340

**SECURITY PATROL**  
 AM-Buck Williams,  
 PM- Bob Key

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**Attendance April 28, 2013**

Sunday School	73
Mission School	22
Shut Ins	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>120</b>

Regular Offering	\$	3355.00
Disaster Relief		89.00
Annie Armstrong		50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>3494.00</b>

*5 Gideon Bibles were donated  
 In Loving Memory of  
 Lois Minor  
 by  
 Ann Latty's "Sonshine" Class*

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**Annie Armstrong Goal \$3000  
 Total \$3240.94**

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**DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER**

- May 5<sup>th</sup> – Senior Adult Combined Choirs will sing in the Evening service at Pleasant Ridge, we will worship with them on that night  
 (call if you need to ride the van)
- May 7<sup>th</sup> - WMU meets at 10 am
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – Brotherhood Breakfast  
 8 am at Cracker Barrel
- May 14<sup>th</sup> - Ann Latty's Sunday School  
 Class Meets at 11:30

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

**BRO. ED'S EPISTLE** – *"For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."* John 6:33

The day after Jesus fed the five thousand, the crowds followed him around the lake seeking more food. Jesus challenged them to receive the true bread from heaven, Himself. If they did, they would gain life everlasting and abundant. By giving them physical food, Jesus was able to offer them the gospel.

We do the same thing through our "Bread from Heaven" ministry. By offering food to families in our community, we are able to share the gospel which offers eternal life through faith in Jesus. I am grateful to all our volunteers who make the ministry possible. Bro. Guy Sellers and our Brotherhood are leading the ministry, which is blessed by over a dozen volunteers. Please pray for and support the ministry with your regular and special offerings. If you would like to volunteer, talk to Bro. Guy.

I thank God for the privilege of serving as pastor of a church which shares the love of Jesus in so many ways. I look forward to worship and fellowship with you this week.

**SENIOR SPOT LIGHT**

Vicki Haynes 6008 Gwin Circle Bess., AL 35023	Ellene Ryan Golden Living Center 2500 Riverhaven Dr Rm. 7 East Wing B'ham, AL 35244
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**Thank you for the prayers, thoughts, cards, visits, flowers & food. Everything you did was very much appreciated. The Family of Lois Minor**

**LLOYD'S LINES** – This is the word of the Lord to the Prophet Zechariah – "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord." This is found in Zechariah 4:6. God presented a lamp stand in the Tabernacle as a symbol for God's purpose for the Jewish nation to become a light unto the Gentiles. In the same way God's Holy Spirit is in constant supply for His people today. Today we try to do things in our own power but Paul has given us these words as found in Philippians 4:13 to help us in our weakness AND THEY ARE "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." So the next time you feel helpless and weak, be reminded that God's Oil (Spirit) is in abundant supply. (Taken in part from Devotional Prayer Book.)

We have had a great month of April and God blessed this fellowship of Believers with great and Holy Spirit led service. So now let us look forward to May just to see what He has in store for us. Invite others to come with you to FHBC (where God is blessing.) As I always say remember to pray for your Church Staff, for each other and just remember, God loves you and so do I.

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

*Condolences*

Our love and prayers  
 go out to  
**Susan and Andy Godley  
 and family**  
 in the death of her brother,  
**Phillip Boggs.**

**HARRY'S HEARTBEAT** – I love to eat at cafeterias. You can change your mind several times before making your final choice. You can make you a salad without paying for it, choose your vegetables, dessert, rolls and butter - - - still hasn't cost you anything. You say, man this is great until you get to the end of the line and there is a sign saying – pay the cashier as you leave.

Always looking for an object lesson. After a recent visit to a cafeteria to lunch, I began to think. (Again this is dangerous.) Isn't this kinda the way sin is? Choose whatever suites your fancy. The world places all of its sins out in front of us. As God gave Adam and Eve a choice to sin or not sin, He also gives us the same. More than ever before in today's society, as we sin, we tend to be deceived into thinking we are getting away with our sins since they haven't cost us anything - - yet! However, like in a Cafeteria, God's way says there is a price to pay at the end of the line. Romans 6:23, "For the wages (Price) of sin is death" - - . So fess up or pay up.

I love you, Harry

John Croyle will speak at Oak Grove High School, Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 7PM on "A Proven Game Plan for Raising Sons/Daughters." We will take a van if necessary.