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DEACON ON CALL
 WEEK OF June 2nd
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SECURITY PATROL
 AM- Winston Massey
 PM- Johnny Handley

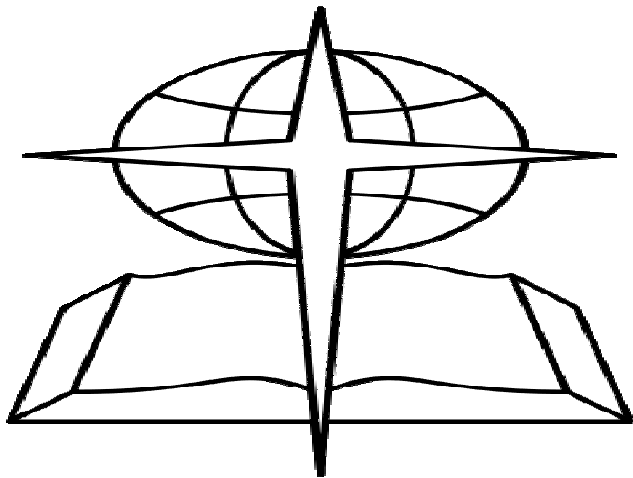
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**Attendance May 26, 2013
 Not Available Due to Holiday**



*Congratulations to
 Jim and Curtis Laine Waldrop
 on their
 50th Wedding Anniversary*

Sometimes we are delayed
 where we are because
 GOD knows there's a
 STORM where we are headed.
 BE GRATEFUL



Please be in prayer for the
 SOUTHERN BAPTIST
 CONVENTION
 ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 11-12

Church Phone Number 205-780-6621

BRO. ED'S EPISTLE

*"In Him was life; and the life was
 the light of men." John 1:4*

Life is precious to God. He is the source and sustainer of life. From time to time, we experience tragedies that remind us how precious life is. Whether it is a terrorist bombing, a school shooting or a natural disaster, we all deplore the loss of life and normally hug our family and friends a little tighter out of the gratitude we feel for God's gift of life. Yet, our nation continues to turn a blind eye to the most horrific of all mass killings, abortion. We have lost over 60 million children since the Supreme Court ruled that abortion is legal. May we repent of our failure to act to save those precious lives.

One effective way to act is to pray for and financially support our SavALife ministry. Our new building is going up, but we continually need increased resources as we minister to ever increasing numbers of women and children. Thank you for all you have done in the past and for your continued support in the future.

I love you and thank God for the privilege of serving as your pastor.

HARRY'S HEARTBEAT

Have you ever seen a happy countenance on a lifestyle griper? Dr. Chas. Lowery says it this way. The gripers just look for a reason to be mad – like the guy who hadn't kissed his wife in thirty years and then shot the first man who did. You ask negative people how they feel and their answer sounds like an episode out of General Hospital. If people try to help they just look disgusted. They don't want a solution; they want to be miserable. Heaven has no sickness, no pain, and no problems, so people who enjoy being miserable won't like it. I guess God will have to put in a suggestion box, or it won't be heaven for these people. They're against everything. If they drowned, you'd have to look for them upstream. They have faces of joyless toads and live with their lower lips stuck out. Some have been in a bad mood for forty years. If the joy of the Lord is their strength, (Neh. 8:10) they wouldn't be able to whip a sick rabbit.

Know anybody like this? First pray for them, praying that God's Word in Ps. 51:10, 12 would be the antidote for their problem. Second, be positive when around them. See you Sunday. I love you Harry

LLOYD'S LINES - "Decoration Day" - Do you remember? Growing up I remember "Decoration Day" at Davis Creek Baptist Church on Griffins Ridge in Tuscaloosa County every Mothers Day. We would load up early with lunch and flowers for the cemetery. We would decorate the graves, then go to church service at 11:00 am. Lunch with everyone after the service. Oh how I remember cousin Betty's sweet pickles. (Not like Aunt Bee's on Andy Griffith's Show.) The theme was Dinner on the Ground with Singing all around. After the dinner we would go into the Church for a long afternoon of singing with Quartets, Trios, Solos and lots of Gospel Singing from the Red Book. After that the trip back home and wait for next year's Decoration Day to be once again with Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins we had not seen in a year. Well next Sunday, June 2nd, we are going to have our own "Decoration Day" here on the Highlands. We will NOT have dinner on the grounds but we will have singing all around. The choir will be singing some great country music specials and the quartets will sing "The Lighthouse." We will close out the day with a "Mini Concert" to be presented by George Carneal in the evening service. We will once again be blessed with Bro. Ed's preaching. So we invite you to come dressed like they used to do it - ladies with long dresses and men in overalls, bow ties, etc.

Invite others to come with you.
 Remember the choir will be singing "Celebrate America" in the morning service on June 30th. This is our Annual Patriotic Music for July 4th. We will need new choir members to help us so this is your invitation to join the choir. We need your voice in our business. And just remember - -
 "God loves you and so do I." Bro. Lloyd

SENIOR SPOT LIGHT

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DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

WMU will meet June 4th 10 AM
 In Adult 4 Dept.
 Brotherhood Breakfast will be June 11th 8 AM at Cracker Barrel
 Ann Latty's S. S. Class will meet June 11th

DECORATION SUNDAY
JUNE 2ND
CELEBRATE AMERICA
June 30th 11am