

MESSENGER



Ed Cruce, Pastor
 Harry Sims, Minister of Education & Evangelism
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DEACON ON CALL
 WEEK OF June 9th
 Shannon Sellers
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SECURITY PATROL
 AM-J. Hosmer,
 E. Howton
 PM- Bob Key

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Attendance June 2, 2013

Sunday School	77
Mission School	26
TOTAL	103

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Regular Offering \$	8449.50
Postage Reimbursement	2.00
Church Sign	70.00
TOTAL	\$ 8521.50

SENIOR SPOT LIGHT

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I'm so proud of my Church family. You have been so good to me and stood behind me in prayer when my husband died 2 ½ years ago, when my daughter "Libbie" died last month and my son "Butch" died this month, May 13th. The Lord knew that I needed a dear sweet caring Church family, so he sent you. I love you everyone. Thanks for the sweet prayer that you've prayed, the sweet visits, the hugs, the flowers and delicious food. May God bless you all. Mamie McNutt

Our Worship Choir will share

CELEBRATE AMERICA

A Patriotic Musical

On June 30th, 11 AM

in our Morning Worship Service.

Join our church family for a morning of worship and celebration



Church Phone Number 205-780-6621

BRO. ED'S EPISTLE - "I love the Lord, because He hears my voice and my supplications." Psalm 116:1

The Psalmist expressed love to the Lord because He was willing to listen to him. Most of us are not as aware of the power of the listening ear. There are so many words said or sung in our world that few take the time to listen. I am convinced that we will enhance our witness of the gospel if we learn to listen to people and respond to them in their need. Just as God endeared Himself to the psalmist by listening to him, so we can lead many to the Lord if we open our ears more than our mouth.

It is a joy to serve the Lord with you. Join me this week as we worship our Lord who hears each one of us.

LLOYD'S LINES - "God's Strong Arm" -

I will redeem you with an outstretched arm - Exodus 6:1-8. I've been reading the book Exodus this week and enjoy reading about Moses and the Israelites. In today's reading the Lord promised Moses that His outstretched arm would rescue his people from bondage in Egypt. He kept that promise even though the often rebellious people doubted. But you know God's arm is outstretched for us as well. No matter the outcome of our situation, He can be trusted to bring about His will for each of His children. We can depend on God's strong arm. I'm always reminded of some song and today my mind is on the song **Shelter in the Arms of God** and the hymn **God Will Take Care Of You.** (Taken in part from "Our Daily Bread") Remember this date - On the Fifth Sunday, June 30th we will be observing Patriotism Day and the choir will be presenting a Patriotic Musical entitled **CELEBRATE AMERICA** in the morning service. So remember to wear your red, white and blue. Thanks for supporting our special day last week. I enjoyed it and loved planning it. It is such a joy and a blessing to be on staff here with Bro. Ed, Bro. Harry and especially each one of you. And just remember "God loves you and so do I."

"SING-cerely" Bro. Lloyd

HARRY'S HEARTBEAT - As we begin those proverbial "summer slump" months, we need to examine our priorities. We live at a hectic pace. Sometimes we may think 24 hours are not enough time to accomplish all the demands on our lives. I hear people all the time say, "I don't know where all the time goes." I don't know how many hours there were in a day in the beginning, but I do know Jesus set His priorities to accomplish everything He wanted to do in 6 days. Webster defines the word priority as setting precedence as to what's the most important. Ultimately to Jesus, that was my salvation.

The words "summer slump" in mega churches may not be as devastating as they are to ours and other struggling churches. The larger the crowd the less noticeable it is when people are absent. To be absent on Sunday (or Wednesday) in our church is immediately noticeable. However, we realize everybody needs a break for vacation and rest. God gave this example.

So, as I plan my summer activities, I need to set a precedence in my plans to be absent as few Sundays as possible, just as I would if I was due back to work that day, Heb. 10:25 See You Sunday

I love you, Harry

DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Senior Adult Combined Choirs meet each Wednesday at Pleasant Ridge Baptist, 10:30 am
- WMU Ladies meet the first Tuesday in each month 10 am in the Senior Adult Dept.
- Brotherhood Breakfast is the second Tuesday each month at Cracker Barrel 8 am
- Ann Latty Sunday School Class meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am
- Bread from Heaven meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month 9 - 11 am
- June 30th in the am worship service our Worship Choir will share a Patriotic Program **CELEBRATE AMERICA**

*Our Sunday School begins each Sunday morning at 9:45 am
 our Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 am, Evening Worship at 6 pm
 Wednesday Evening Prayer Service is at 7 pm
 Everyone is welcome at this house of prayer*