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DEACON ON CALL
 WEEK OF July
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SECURITY PATROL
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 Bob Key

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Attendance June 30, 2013

Sunday School	79
Mission School	26
TOTAL	103

Shut Ins 23

Regular Offering \$	4451.00
TOTAL	\$ 4451.00

SENIOR SPOT LIGHT

Evelyn Hoops	Dolores Smith
Youngs Personal Hm Care	1235 Al Seier Rd
2836 Tobacco Rd	Hoover, AL 35226
Hephzibah, GA 30815	

Have a safe 4th of July

Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die.
 ~Dwight D. Eisenhower

THE BIBLE IS . . .

- The Traveler's map
- The pilgrim's staff
- The pilot's compass
- The Christian's character
- It should fill the memory
- Rule the heart
- And guide the feet.

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BRO. ED'S EPISTLE ~"*...the truth shall make you free.*" John 8:32b

Our nation is getting ready to celebrate a birthday. It is not an ordinary birthday. It is the date that marks our freedom. Our founders threw off the yoke of tyranny, refusing to bow to an earthly king any longer. That act proved to be very costly to nearly all of them, but it resulted in a priceless gift to every generation that followed, including ours. That freedom has not been free. Brave military members have shed their blood to insure our freedoms. Indeed, every citizen has the obligation to defend and preserve the freedoms given to us by God. The only way to do that is to stand in the truth. The greatest expression of truth is Jesus Himself who declared, "I am the way, the truth and the life..." May we be faithful in passing on the freedom we have received by faithfully proclaiming the truth of the gospel of Jesus.

LLOYD'S LINES - "PRESS ON" From Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." This scripture was for Moses and Joshua during the time of their problems. They needed encouraging just as you and I press on. When we have GOD's presence, we have HIS power, peace, and provision available for every need. What crisis are you facing today? I encourage you not to panic. Don't look back. This is your opportunity. So PRESS ON. Claim this and other promises found in God's word. And the hymn says, "Standing on the promises I cannot fall, standing on the promises of God." (Taken in part from Devotional Prayer Book)

July is here and looking forward to a great month in serving the Lord here. Right now I am working on the services as far as the music goes. Remember the PM service of the 21st. Our special music guest will be Wayne Goodwin. He will bless you with his testimony in song for our Mini-Concert for July. In the meantime, pray for your staff, for each other and just remember "God loves you and so do I." "SING-cerely" Bro. Lloyd

HARRY'S HEARTBEAT - I recently heard a message entitled, "Eight Words Every Christian Needs To Hear." (Acts 26:28) Almost thou persuades me to be a Christian." The key point of the message was the word "almost." Webster defines the word: nearly just about, or not quite.

Someone else has defined it as the distance between starting and finishing. The more frequent we use the word; the further away from finishing we can put it. As long as we have started, we seem to think we can say "the job is almost done."

Kinda like the husband going out to cut the grass. He gets the mower out and then finds a cool place to rest before even hitting a lick. The wife calls out, "Did you finish mowing the grass yet, Honey?" The most convenient answer comes back, "Almost, Dear."

Almost is not the same as yes. If Jesus asked, "have you taken the Gospel into the whole world like I commanded you to do what would our reply be? If we said "Almost," what would we mean?

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
- 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*