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Attendance January 6, 2014

Sunday School	86
Shut Ins	20
TOTAL	106

Regular Offering	\$	5807.50
Memory of Frances Braden		200.00
Literature Reimbursement		20.00
Total	\$	6027.50

A donation of \$200.00 was given to the church in Loving Memory of Frances Braden by her son, Ronnie Braden

SENIOR SPOT LIGHT

Ivy Gibbons
 Golden Living Nursing
 820 Golf Course Dr.
 Bessemer, AL 35023

Gayle Coshatt
 B'ham Nursing & Rehab
 1000 Dugan Ave.
 B'ham, AL 35214

Lottie Moon Giving
Final Total
\$3681.00



Proud big brother Brice welcomed baby sister, Abigail Jo Eaton, to the world on December 28th weighing 6 lb. 1 oz.

Parents are
 Ashley Cruce & Dustin Eaton,
 Grandparents are
 Evelyn and Bro. Ed Cruce.

Church Phone Number 205-780-6621

Bro. Ed's Epistle "...whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister." Mark 10:43b

Following Jesus is a wonderful adventure. He is not dull and predictable. As we mark a new year, we are reminded of that truth. But while following Jesus is thrilling, it is also hard. One of his hardest truths to carry out has to do with being a servant in His kingdom. True greatness, real significance is found in serving others. I thank God that I serve a congregation that knows how to serve and is willing to do so. May we dedicate ourselves anew to serving others in the name of Jesus this year.

LLOYD'S --"CHRISTIAN LIBERTY" -- "For you Brethren, have been called to LIBERTY; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through LOVE to serve one another." Galatians 5:13

Everything a servant does is done with others in mind. Just because we are free to do something does not mean we should do it, and certainly not if it causes another believer to stumble. We are not called to defend our LIBERTY. we are to love loudly in service to others. May our prayer be "Lord, thank you for the liberty that is found in You. Forgive me when I've displayed my freedoms in the flesh. Forgive me when my liberty has caused another believer to stumble. Help me to reflect YOUR grace and YOUR glory. Teach me to serve with the motivation of Love. Thank you for loving me and allowing me to serve you. Holy Spirit help me to be more like Jesus today." (Taken in part from my Devotional Book today.)

As the chorus goes, today I am singing "I'm so glad I'm part of the Family of God - I've been washed in the fountain, cleaned by His blood." Is that your testimony today?

And remember "God loves you and so do I." SING-cerely, Bro. Lloyd

HARRY'S HEARTBEAT - I praise God for another wonderful Christmas. One of the best I have ever had. To our family, Christmas has always been focused around family and Jesus, then gifts. It was also a treasured blessing to have four generations to celebrate with. Truly God is so good!

It was also a blessing to celebrate all the activities with my church family. All the cards, calls and presents were just a continued demonstration of the love in F. H. B. C.

I was reminded again that many people are in the midst of terrifying storms. Some caused by the death of a loving mate, relative or friend. Some because of unemployment, financial and health.

I received a call from a lady that I had not seen in 35 or 40 years who had allowed all of the above to dampen her true joy of Christmas. The past year had been the worst year of her life, I reminded her over and over that even though she did not have a loving church family, God loved her and that if she was His child, that He would do the same thing for her that He did for Jeremiah in Lam. 3: 21-24 (R.S.V.)

Five promises for her storms. 1) "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. 2) His mercies never come to an end. 3) They are new every morning. 4) Great is His faithfulness. 5) The Lord is my portion.

The storm didn't cease, but Jeremiah's discouragement did. Got any storms? I love you, Harry

The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look kindly and give you peace.
HAPPY NEW YEAR

