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SECURITY PATROL
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Attendance May 4, 2014

Regular Attendance	70
Mission School	26
Shut Ins	24
Total	120

Regular Offering	\$ 11,704.75
Annie Armstrong	95.00
Bread From Heaven	50.00
Children's Home	150.00
Total	\$ 11,999.75

\$50.00 has been donated to Bread From heaven by The Fellowship Sunday School Class

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SENIOR SPOT LIGHT

N.H. "Tacky" Johnson
 7030 Lou George Loop
 Bessemer, AL 35022

Mary Monk
 1621 Bryson Street
 Midfield, AL 35228

Congratulations!

Avery Claire Drake
Born 4/28/2014
6lbs - 9oz - 19 inches
 Great Grandparents: Earl and Barbara Robins
 Grandparents: Ken and Teri Robins
 Parents: Alex and Katie Drake
 Big Sister: Kamdyn Drake

Church Phone Number 205-780-6621

Bro. Ed's Epistle –

"Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." Luke 1:28

Gabriel's greeting to Mary has led many to conclude that Mary was more worthy and righteous than anyone, and thus chosen to give birth to Jesus. I see it another way. She was called "favored one", which implies grace from God, not worth on her part. The truth is that any expectant mother could be called "favored one", for there is no higher calling than to be a mother (or father). On Sunday we will recognize our mothers and other ladies who have been like moms to so many. I trust you will be here to honor our mothers and to worship our Lord.

LLOYD'S LINES – Cancer, Who Me? Many times we think it can happen to others but not ME. Well it has happened to me. First in 2003 with Prostate Cancer. Then in 2007 with cancer of the colon. And now once again cancer has returned to the colon area. But I have the Lord's word in Isaiah 53 that says, "He was bruised for our iniquities, wounded for our transgressions, but by His Stripes we are healed". That is his promise to me and today I am fully trusting in Him. It is a low time in my life but what could I do without my Church. Thank you Church for your cards, calls and visits, but most of all for your prayers as to treatment and which route to go. Please pray for Darryl as he will be leading you for a while. I promise you that I will be back as soon as possible. In the mean time just remember... God loves you and so do I. Singcerely Bro. Lloyd
Important Dates in May. Circle these dates and remember them. They are:

May 11th – "Mother's Day" We will be paying tribute to our Mothers.

May 18th – "Associational Music Festival" In the Evening Service at Tannehill Valley Baptist Church. Our choir will be participating, so come out and give support.

Harry's Heartbeat – Having had more time in the last few months, I had a chance to do something I very seldom do. Watch what's left of worthwhile entertainment on television, which on a scale of one to ten with one being the sorriest, I'd rate it about a two minus. However, I did learn a lesson from Gilligan's Island. The scene during the height of the storm, where Gilligan and the Skipper were being tossed back and forth by the wind and rough sea, it was all they could do to hold on to the wheel. Everything on board would have been washed overboard had they not lashed down to some unmovable object. It was not necessarily the material that the lash was made of, but the steadfast object. Another object lesson: As Christians if we will lash ourselves to Jesus by faith and trust, whatever storm or tempest comes our way we will be safe standing time and immoveable lashed to the solid rock, JESUS. There have been storms in my life that seemingly there was no way to survive. Only by God's Grace and mercy and this verse was I able to be a victor rather than a victim.

Psalms 18:2 "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower." Having any storms? See you Sunday. I love you, Harry

Highlanders Event May 28th – Leave the Church at 10:00 am
Tour Golden Flake followed by lunch at Sweet Tea