



**Ed Cruce, Pastor**

**Harry Sims, Minister of Education & Evangelism**

**DEACON ON CALL**  
**Joe Hosmer**  
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**SECURITY PATROL**  
**AM- Amos Elam and Jimmy Gilmore**  
**PM -Ron Thomas and Bob Key**

Attendance December 28, 2014	
Regular Attendance	66
Shut Ins	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>
Regular Offering	\$7347.00
Lottie Moon	\$950.00
Samaritan's Purse	\$150.00
Gifts In Memory	\$250.00
Various Income	\$15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8712.00</b>

*The following gifts were received in the past two weeks:*

Lottie Moon

\$50.00 by Curtis Jones SS Class  
 in memory of Charles Powell

\$50.00 in memory of Kay Minor

General Fund

\$100.00 by Tom Higdon  
 in memory of Ann Thomas  
 and in honor of Ron Thomas

\$100.00 by Terry and Linda Lowery  
 In memory of Ellis & Hazel Barrett  
 and their grandsons  
 Craig & David Lowery

\$100.00 by Ronnie Braden  
 In memory of Bro. Lloyd Jones

\$50.00 by Sam McElroy  
 In Memory of Bro. Lloyd Jones Church

**Bro. Ed's Epistle** "...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." II Peter 3:18

As we begin a New Year, many of us are making resolutions to improve our lives in some way. The most repeated resolution is to lose weight. Peter urges us to grow, not in weight but in the grace and knowledge of Jesus. That is the best resolve we can make. To grow in Jesus' grace means that we will not only experience more of His grace but be more gracious to others as He is. To grow in the knowledge of Jesus means that we will grow intellectually. We do that by reading His word. It also means we will grow experientially. That is, we will have a closer relationship with Him and that we will be more diligent in our walk with Him.

I look forward to our continuing journey together in 2015. May we truly grow in Jesus' grace and knowledge.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

**SENIOR SPOT LIGHT**

**Evelyn Hoops**  
 4528 Hereford Farm Road  
 Evans, GA 30809

**Sarah Chandler**  
 235 Sylvest Drive  
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**HARRY'S HEARTBEAT** – Patience and wait are a constant daily problem for me. Two of the most difficult scriptures for me are Psalm 27:14 and Psalm 37:7. Example: Checkout line at a store. Get in a line, moving too slow, another line is shorter so I change, guess what, the line I left moves a lot faster and I'm stuck in line not moving. I'm still fussing.

I love stories about the patience of missionaries. In the days of instant everything, I struggle and get all tied in knots. Why? Because I have to wait, God is not on my schedule. I want to hurry up, while he wants me to be patient and wait on Him.

I recently read a story about William Carey, the father of modern missions. He had to be patient before the first Hindu convert was saved and baptized in India. Did he wait a few months? Was he patient for a year or two? No, the Lord gave him the grace to wait seven years until he could see the fruit of his labor.

So, the next time I have to wait on a slow traffic light or get stuck in traffic on the freeway, I need to remind myself to put on the garment of patience and use the time to pray or think or plan and make use of the time and enjoy the wait.

Oh, by the way ... Psalm 27:14, "Wait for the Lord, be strong and take heart and wait on the Lord." Psalm 37:7 "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. I'll try.

**See you Wednesday and Sunday. I Love you, Harry**