

**WOMEN'S MISSION PROJECT for JULY**

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR HOPKINS CHILDREN**



Boxes of Kleenex, Hand Sanitizer, Bottles of glue or Glue Sticks, Pencil bags, Baby Wipes (refills only), Ziploc bags (gallon and quart sizes), Colored Pencils, Packs of pens (black and red), Jumbo pencils, Packs of #2 pencils, Highlighters, Washable Markers, 3 ring binders, folders w/pockets & brads, Spiral Notebooks, Wide-ruled Notebook paper, Copier and Graph Paper, Construction Paper (solid and assorted color packs), Dictionaries

Collection containers on 1st and 2nd floors

# The Witness

12th street  
baptist church

Pray for our relocation . . .

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**Recognition of gifts given in memory . . .**



**MEMORIALS GIVEN TO THE BUILDING FUND:** *In Memory of Cecil Bryant* by Irene Agos, Joan Beaird, W. N. Hathorn, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Bearden, Rainbow City Mayor and Council Members; *In Memory of Frank Chaffin* by Jim and Jane Hicks, Alan Moorner, Sue Glenn, Oscar Myrick, Baracus Sunday School Class; *In Memory of Gennie McDaniel Dawson* by Maxine Mashburn; *In Memory of Jimmie Lovvorn* by Mildred Wiggins; *In Memory of Comer Preston* by Sears Retirees, Oscar Myrick, Sue Glenn, Cecil and Patsy Faulkner; Baracus Sunday School Class; *In Memory of Rev. Ray Stafford* by Jerry and Betty Jane Reaves; *In Memory of Ola Mozelle Waits* by Fred and Jeanne Benefield, Sue Glenn, Mt. Laurel Garden Club, Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins, Bill Humphries, Melba Buttram, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhea; Dot Tucker, Debbe Young Sunday School Class, Norma Jumper, Jim and Jane Hicks, Donald W. Stewart, Anne Taylor, David and Dot Ussery. **MEMORIAL GIFTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED . . .** *In Memory of Mozell Waits* by Sara Woodall, Gwen P. Axtell, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grigsby; *In Memory of Frank Chaffin* by Bonnie and Stan Voit, Darlene and Wayne Rasco, Frances Wright Sunday School Class; **MEMORIAL** to Annie Armstrong Mission Offering *In Memory of Rev. Ray Stafford* given by The Chancel Choir.

**HONORARIUMS GIVEN** for the Sarah Barnes Special Education Class *In Honor of Oscar Myrick* on his 90th Birthday by Vera M. Lankford, Mr. and Mrs. Lanny D. Lankford, Frank and Rita Thomas, Alex and Kathryn Burns, Jeff and Emma Lankford, Marianne Chamblee, Josie D. Myrick, Mike and Patricia Burns, Rusty Powell.



**REMINDERS .....**

**SUNDAY, JULY 4th**  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
Special Patriotic Service 11 AM, No Evening Service

**DEACON BALLOTS** should be returned by Sunday, July 4th

Church Office Closed - Monday, July 5th

**NO CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS**, July 7th-21st

**VOTE**, July 13th

**WEDNESDAY, July 14th** - Finance Mtg, 7 pm

**DEACONS MEETING** Sunday, July 18th, 4 pm

**YOUNG @ HEART "Returning to the 50's"** Tuesday, July 20th, 10 am in Fellowship Hall Bring a dessert, salad, or vegetable dish. Enjoy "THE SINGING SENSATIONS"

**LORD'S SUPPER**, Sunday, July 25th, Morning Worship

**NO MEN'S BREAKFAST - JULY & AUGUST**  
Workdays at new property - dates to be announced

**Signs of a vibrant church**



Joy  
Diversity  
Welcoming  
Spiritual  
Innovative  
Bible-based teaching and preaching  
Members bond with each other  
Solves problems collectively with input from many  
Confronts problems rather than ignoring them  
Has vital outreach to the community

- From a study underwritten by The Lilly Foundation

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**SPECIAL PATRIOTIC MUSIC!**

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE:**  
"America: It's Time to Listen Up and Cry Out!"  
Luke 10:1-24

**11:00 AM**  
**JULY 4th**  
**PATRIOTIC SERVICE**

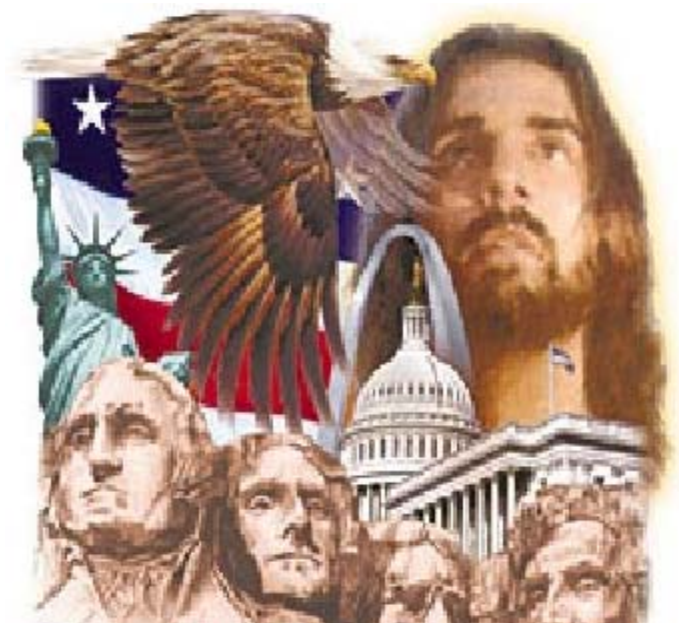
NO EVENING SERVICE

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!**

Our Church Mission . . .

Connect to God  
. . .to Others  
. . .to Ministry  
. . .to the Lost

**Our Challenge: Every member involved in ministry**



**Blessed Is The Nation Whose God Is The Lord.**  
Psalm 33:12



Kay Warren relates the following story:

“Heading home to California, a friend and I passed through the Dallas-Fort Worth airport. On the way to the connecting gate, we heard loud patriotic music playing and saw a group, mostly women, wearing colorful hats, cheering and waving American flags. The troops were coming home, and here was their welcoming committee.

Two women encouraged us to grab flags and join in. We were early for our next flight, so we took places in the makeshift greeting line. At first, a few soldiers just dribbled by. We whooped and waved our flags furiously. Then the pace picked up as dozens of men and women in uniform came barreling through. We kept repeating: ‘Welcome home! We’re glad you’re back! We appreciate you!’ Some soldiers wiped away tears, while others displayed huge, self-conscious smiles.

After 45 minutes, it was time to catch our flight. We hugged the organizers and thanked the veterans who had come to honor this generation of soldiers. As we sank into our seats for the flight, we felt humbled by participating in this sweet moment of coming home. It was impossible not to draw the obvious spiritual parallels. These men and women had taken oaths of faithfulness and service. They had fought courageously, lived with deprivation, danger, and disease, and took unbelievable risks, all for the good of our nation.

But as great as America is, it is a temporary place. No nation lives forever. As believers in Christ, we are all soldiers in the Lord’s army. We, too, take oaths of fidelity, sacrifice, and service. Our oaths of allegiance are to a kingdom that shall never end – a country where there is never a mistake in leadership, where justice flows down like a river, where poverty, disease, terror, hunger, and greed hold no power.

Scripture teaches us about the welcome and rewards we will receive when our battle on earth is over. Artists, writers, and theologians have all taken stabs at imagining what those moments of heavenly welcome will look like. That afternoon, we were visualizing the very moment when we would step into eternity.”

I am so grateful for the men and women who fight to protect our freedoms as Americans. I am even more grateful for the men and women, boys and girls who are enlisted in the Lord’s army who fight daily with our unseen enemy and fight for the cause of Christ. As we celebrate our freedom, I pray God will bless America and that God will bless 12<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church.

Bro. Craig



- Ronnie

**What a wonderful attendance for our patriotic musical** Sunday night, Jun 27<sup>th</sup>!... and **the Chancel Choir did a magnificent job in the presentation of “HOMELAND”!** There are so many in the choir that helped in many other ways, also, such as getting the word out to the community about the musical, arranging for the snack meal for the choir and children on Sunday afternoon, etc. Thanks also to all the technical and support staff who did so much - Terry, Tammy, and Jessica Clayton, Ray Grigsby, Rex Curvin, Ken Pike, Rhonda and our childcare workers, Karen Moore, and Lana and Linda. Miriam and the Social committee were wonderful in handling the ice cream and cookies for the large attendance we had.... and thanks also goes out to all those who BROUGHT the ice cream! **It was a great night.** It was especially gratifying to have the large number of veterans in attendance, and to be able to honor them with this musical and the fellowship afterwards.

**The Chancel Choir will have a break from rehearsals** for a few weeks now, and we will begin the process toward the **beginning of a new choir year in August.** We have already elected officers for the new choir year, and I will be attending a conference in July to find new music. **August would be a good time for anyone new to consider joining us in the Chancel Choir.** We all start the new year on even ground on July 28<sup>th</sup>. And what an important year this new year will be!.. as we begin and continue the work toward our relocation. We do not know exactly what God has in store us before NEXT July arrives, but we do know that it will be good...and it will be exciting. **Come join us!**

## Young @ Heart Lunch & Special Program “Returning to the 50’s” with THE SINGING SENSATIONS

Tuesday, July 20th, 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall  
PLEASE BRING a Dessert, or Salad, or Vegetable Dish.



## IN DON'S T E S



THANKS to Cherie Metz and ALL the VBS workers who helped make this year’s VBS a success.

**Our VBS records show over 150 (workers and pupils) in attendance.** We had **10 decisions** made during the Evangelistic Service and over \$300.00 given toward our VBS Offering!

**SENIOR ADULTS, DON’T FORGET our “Returning to the 50’s” with THE SINGING SENSATIONS on Tuesday, July 20th at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.** Bring a dessert, salad, or vegetable dish. Invite a Friend and Join the great fun and fellowship.



**Wow! What a great and very busy month June was!** First, I want to thank you all for the wonderful things you did to celebrate my 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary here at TSBC. You will never know how that blessed me! I love you guys! As I write this, we are getting ready for the Beach Retreat. I am so glad that so many signed up to go. I also want to thank so many of you that helped with our VBS. And last but not least, to all of you who participated in our revival at South Gadsden Baptist. I was amazed at how many of you came that week. Some of you came two nights and some even came every night! I keep getting reports of how the folks were blessed by your presence and service there. You truly have servant hearts and that is so exciting to see! Keep that attitude and God will take us places you would never imagine.

July will be busy too. I’ve got some in town fun things coming up that I will let you know about. Also, we plan on leading a VBS at South Gadsden later this month as well. I’ll let you know all the details in Sunday bulletin..  
Zac



a few chips from

## Hopkins Chapel Mission

**Greetings from Hopkins Chapel Mission Church:** When was the last time you shouted “PRAISE THE LORD”? Don’t everybody answer at once.

“There was a little old lady, who every morning stepped onto her porch, raised her arms to the sky, and shouted: “Praise the Lord.” One day an atheist moved into the house next door. He quickly became irritated at the little old lady. Every morning he’d step onto his front porch and shout: “There is no Lord.” Time passed with the two of them carrying on this way every day.

One morning in mid winter, the little old lady stepped onto her front porch and shouted” Praise the Lord! Please, Lord, I have no food and I’m starving. Provide for me, Oh Lord.”

The next morning there were two huge sacks of groceries sitting there. “Praise the Lord! she cried out. “He has provided groceries for me.” The atheist jumped out of the bushes and shouted, “There is no Lord. I bought those groceries.”

The little old lady threw her arms into the air and shouted: “Praise the Lord! He has provided me with groceries and made the Devil pay for them!” Tell them sister, “Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.” Never stop praising our Lord and never stop loving Him!

God bless you from your mission church, Hopkins Chapel Mission.

Bro. Wallace

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:



AND THE LORD ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER . . .  
Acts 2:47

BY LETTER:

Dr. Roger Tudor  
Mrs. Shelia Tudor

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Children’s Ministry  
Summer Dates

for ages 4 thru grade 6

Tuesday, July 13th - Bowling at Paradise Lanes 4:30-6:30 pm (\$3.00)

Tuesday, July 20th - Premiere Cinemas “Jimmy Neutron-Boy Genius” 10 am (\$5)

Tuesday, July 27th - BACKYARD BLAST 3:00-5:30 pm

Children’s 5:00 pm  
Summer Sundays  
ages 4 thru grade 6

July 11th, 18th, & 25th  
Drama, Music & the  
Church

August 8th, 15th, & 22nd  
UNcommon Courtesy  
for Kids