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"A Place To Belong"  
**SOUTH** **HSIDE**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

January, 2012

Happy  
New  
Year!



## New Year's Blessings

### **For the Year Ahead**

*May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;  
Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from you,  
But by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,  
And by making you anxious to be there to help.  
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead!*

*Author Unknown*

# January Birthdays

Joe Cottingham (01), Harry Milam (04), Melvyn Ponder (06), Leon Thomas (08), Ryan Hall (09), Tyler Matson (12), Mychal Cardwell (14), Judy Griffin (15), Pastor Bob Freeman (15), Doyle Smith (19), Rodney Gaither (22), Vincent Cardwell (23), LeAnne Worden (25), Allison Wheeler (26), Brian York (28), Vernon Moses (29), Elizabeth Smith (30).



## Thank You Notes

### Thank You!

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant and your many kind expressions of love and sympathy. Southside has always had a special place in our hearts. We love you.

*Judy, Billy, Carol & Family of Bill Haywood*

### Dear Friends at Southside,

We wanted to let you know how much we appreciated the breakfast that you provided for us last Friday. Your love and support for our faculty and staff is a great encouragement. It really is wonderful to know that our community cares for us.

Thank you so much.

*Graham Elementary Faculty and Staff*

### Thanks!

I want to say a big thank you all for the prayers that have been sent up for Charles and I with the pregnancy. Also, I want to say thank you to all who attended the baby shower. We appreciate every gift that has been given. We also appreciate all the food that has been brought to us and everything else that has been done. We really feel a lot of love from you all.

*Charles, LeAnne, and Matthew Worden*

## Ministry Teams & Committees



### Building Committee

Wednesday, Jan 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM

### Finance Committee

Monday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM

### Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM

### Vision Talladega Ministry Team

Wednesday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM

### Missions Committee

Wednesday, Jan 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM



## JANUARY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday

Exciting Bible Study 9:00 AM  
 Morning Worship Celebration 10:15 AM  
 Evening Worship Celebration 6:00 PM



### Wednesday

Fellowship Meal 6:00 PM  
 Word of Life Classes 6:30 PM  
 Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 PM

### AVERAGES FROM DECEMBER

Bible Study .....	93	PM Worship .....	73
AM Worship .....	124	Wednesday Ministries .....	66



## The Pastor's Pen...

In writing to the Church at Philippi Paul said in Philippians 3:13-14; "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Without a doubt, the greatest goal any of us can have in this year ahead is to experience Christ in a greater way than we ever have before. Indeed, this was Paul's desire as he says in verse 10 "I want to know Christ..."

This past year has been filled with many challenges for many families within our church as they have experienced trials and difficulties that if given the choice in the early part of last year may not have chosen to go through them. Yet, none of us are afforded the "luxury" of picking and choosing what we go through. For sure, there are problems we all experience in our lives that come as a result of poor judgment, yet I believe this is one of the great things about experience as we learn from each of those situations so we don't have to repeat them!

I want to encourage you to look to this new year of 2012 in faith and determination that will bring you through in greater victory and strength than you ended this previous year with. Let me remind you of a very familiar passage of scripture to encourage you: Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Remember, here was a man who experienced prison for the cause of Christ!).

Love more! Serve more! Give more! Just doing these three things alone will move us far along the road to happiness and contentment in the year ahead.

Here's a thought: Live the New Year ahead in such a way you will be a bit sad next Dec. 31st when the ball drops closing it out!

Again, have a wonderful New Year, and I want you to know that you are loved and appreciated!

In Service to Jesus,  
**Pastor Bobby**



## A Note From Our Minister of Music & Students



The New Year's celebration, welcoming in a new year, is one of the oldest observances by people from around the world. People from different cultures and religions celebrate for different reasons but there are two things that seem to be common in almost all New Year celebrations; a look back at the highlights of the previous year and a look forward to the blessings of the coming year.

Last year was our first year in the US in more than a decade. We thoroughly enjoyed having four seasons! We enjoyed speaking English. I enjoyed football. And we thoroughly enjoyed making new friends, including all of you.

The coming year holds many potential blessings. Our daughter Maggie and her husband are expecting twins some time during the summer! Our son, Dillon has graduated and is working and starting his life as an adult. I look forward to wonderful music and seeing our choir continue to grow. I look forward to seeing our students grow closer in their relationship with Jesus and joining them on mission for Him! I look forward to time with each of you as we walk toward our Savior, together!

**Cal**