



**December 22nd, 2013**

**Faith Missionary Baptist Church**  
2243 Burbank Avenue Nashville TN 37210

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Sunday School	10:00 am
Church Service	11:00 am
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 pm

**Pastor** Elder Benny Maggart

**Deacons**  
Don Langford  
James Quinn  
Bert Lanier  
Jimmy Hicks

**Clerk** Billy Clemons

**Prayer Bells of Heaven O how sweetly they ring,  
Bearing our message unto Jesus the king.**

A longtime member of Buffalo Springs has a daughter that will be having a serious surgery on her spine.

Virgil is unable to get out when it is so cold.

James Quinn's test results came back. Although not normal, they are better than they have been.

Ruth Hassell is struggling with Shingles. She said some days are good, some are not so good.

Lisa's dad is out of the hospital and is doing better. He had his medicine changed. He can breathe better now.

Dalton has an appointment to see his neurologist tomorrow.

Brenda and Bert were sick Sunday. Hope they are better

Joyce, Sonny, and Larriyah have been out the last few weeks. Hope they will be back soon.

Remember the Visitors at our Christmas Program. That something was said that will make them ask for more information.

Larry Patterson is in serious condition.

Remember Brother and Sister Bryson and the work they do.

## ***Pastor's Comments***

Sometimes preachers kid about how it makes them feel when people say, "We had a really good service today; we didn't have any preaching". Well, we had a really good service last week; the preacher didn't preach.

Preaching is expounding on the word of God, warning the lost, encouraging the saved, reproofing sin and any other purpose He has for a message. When the Spirit moves a service to omit a formal sermon and uses others through testimonies, praise, rejoicing, or instruction from saints to accomplish the same goals, there is a great blessing for all. It shows God's control and the results can be as affective or even greater than the anticipated message from the preacher. It also gives the participants the reward that comes in having a responsibility in the success of the service when they follow the Lord.

Last Sunday brother James Gregory got a blessing by following the Lord and, by doing so, greatly blessed the rest of us. Though he has difficulty expressing himself clearly to others sometimes due to speech limitations (so what, so did Moses), the Holy Spirit used his speech with his sincerity to move the hearts of the rest of us. Tears fill my eyes now as I think back on how God used that moment to bless us.

All of the saved have a place in the service of the Lord. We are to be ready always to do our part as God directs.

At this season, we take time for a special celebration of the greatest gift to mankind, the Son of God who takes away sin of all who believe on Him with all their heart. Upon receiving salvation, we obtain the privilege

and obligation to become givers of the message of the Holy One so others may receive it.

Linda and I hope the best for all of you this season with family and friends in the joyous activities of Christmas. We encourage you to put Jesus first in all you do.

Next week is the last service of the year for our church and it's a big one. Fifth Sunday with a meal and the reviving of 5th Sunday Singings. I pray you take this seriously as a service for the Lord. It's not just entertainment for those who like singing. Spiritual singings can be so uplifting and full of joy and fellowship and strengthening to God's people. Scared Harmony is a spirit filled family I'm sure you'll enjoy. Invite others to attend and let's expect the blessings of the Lord. Don't miss it.

Whatever the service, put yourself into it and see what God can do for you. The more you serve Him, the better it gets.

***MERRY CHRISTMAS!***



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