

MARCH 2012

You Can Always Spot a Lady

Women's Retreat

Saturday, March 3

Collinsville Community Center (Armory)

Sponsored by Christian Ladies of Collinsville

Lunch Provided by 'Nessa's

Upscale Yard Sale

All Women Are Invited – No Charge

Program 10 -- 2

Registration 9:30

Arrive Early to Avoid Trade Day Traffic

Whatever It Takes

Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions

National Goal -- \$70 Million

Church Goal -- \$2200

Week of Prayer – March 4-11

Offering Will Be Received March 4 – Easter

Children's Choirs Program

Sunday, March 18

Alabama Primary Election

Tuesday, March 13

7 A.M. – 7 P.M.

Daylight Savings Time Begins – Sunday, March 11

Spring Forward – Turn Your Clocks Forward One Hour

Don't Be Late for Church

Operation Christmas Child

February – Small Plush Toys

March – Hats, Gloves, Scarves

Church Goal – 100 Boxes

Spring Break

Dekalb and Fort Payne Schools

March 26 – 30

Lent 2012

Ash Wednesday – February 22 – Lent Begins
March 4 – Baptism and Temptation of Jesus, Mark 1
Mark 11 – Cleaning the Temple – John 2
March 18 – Loving and Lifting, Part 1 – John 3
March 25 – Loving and Lifting, Part 2 – John 12
Palm Sunday – April 1 – The Entry and The Cross – Mark 11 and 14
Maundy Thursday – April 5
Good Friday – April 6
Passover Begins – April 7

Easter 2012

Sunday, April 8
Sunrise Service – 6:30 A.M.
Front Steps of Church
Breakfast Immediately Afterwards
Sunday School – 10 A.M.
Worship – 11 A.M.
No Evening Service

Quarterly Ministry Meeting and Covered Dish Dinner

Sunday, April 15
Noon

May Dates

National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 3
Mother's Day – May 13
Collinsville High School Baccalaureate – May 20
Pentecost – May 27

Disaster Relief Training

April 13 – 14
Shocco Springs
Sharing Christ In Crisis
www.SBDR.org

April 22 – A Time to Remember: 2011 Tornadoes
In Alabama Baptist Churches

March Volunteers

Flowers – March 4 – Annette and Frank Wardrup – In Memory of Their Mothers

March 18 – Carolyn Shankles

March 25 – Juanita Rogers

Lord's Supper – March 11 – J.R. and Donzella Bobo

Rerun – 175th anniversary, VBS – coming this summer

Thank you Congregation of Baptist Church – I want to thank each and every one of you. It was a honor to be with you in the service and have the opportunity to share about – *Missions – Uganda, Africa 2012*

It was very encouraging to see that we share the same heart and compassion for missions. I want to express my thanks for your financial support for Missions – Uganda Africa 2012. It is people like you that make trips possible.

For many in Uganda this will be their first time to ever hear about Jesus. For thousands it will be an opportunity to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior.

I am looking forward to being able to come back and share the testimonies about the souls that you had a part in – bringing souls into the Kingdom of God.

Bishop H.L. Daugherty

(Note – the offering for Brother Harold was \$1148. He called to let us know that was the amount of money they had needed and had been praying to receive in order to purchase a pick-up truck in Uganda to carry their equipment from village to village.)

I'm talking to a twenty-something. We are discussing when the time comes that you stop keeping up with popular music (she is near that time). She asked me what music I listened to when I was in high school. The Supremes. She knew that one. Peter and Gordon. A very puzzled look. Petula Clark. Puzzled look. "Downtown". Look of recognition.

"Simon and Garfunkel?" she asked. Yes I said, but in college. And then we both began to sing "Sound of Silence". Everybody knows that one. The sound of silence.

But we so rarely practice it. Do you know the sound of silence? Not if you are a good American. You are far too busy and too connected.

My twenty-something friend would look at me like I am old for saying that. Fair enough. The call to silence is not a new one. I read a really good essay on Christmas from the 1940's that said that the holiday was being ruined by too much radio – the radio was driving away the magic of the season.

I wonder what the writer would say about televisions, dvr's (to record the things we don't have time to watch immediately or later on line), cell phones, smart phones, tweets, text messages, dvd players in the car, the GPS talking in the car – what chance does silence have?

I was in a meeting for poll workers yesterday. 45 minutes. I was sitting in the back of the room. Five cell phone calls (three with the ring tone going off) and two text messages that I saw. About 75 people in the room. Do you really think that there were seven crucial messages for those people in that 45 minutes? We really are not that important.

But we are that addicted. And I am among the chief of sinners. Not with cell phones. But with the television when I am sitting down. And with the radio in the car. It makes me nervous not to have the noise. I need it. An addiction.

Jesus needed silence. In the middle of huge crowds and constantly inquiring disciples, he sometimes needed to get away. To be quiet. To listen to the voice of his Father. Maybe if Jesus needed the quiet to hear God, I do too. And so do you.

That is part of what Lent is supposed to be. A time to hear again the voice of our Heavenly Father. As we travel to Easter, I hope you will hear the sound of silence.

But you will have to turn those things off to hear Him. Are you willing? Or are you too addicted?