



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

MESSENGER

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Bro. Ed's Epistle

"...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:5 Paul was filled with joy and gratitude to God for the "partnership in the gospel" he enjoyed with the saints at Philippi. That partnership encouraged and enabled a strong missionary movement that continues to influence us today.

We also have a partnership in the gospel with forty six other churches in the Bessemer Baptist Association. Sunday begins Associational Emphasis Week and I want to encourage you to support our Association by praying, continuing to give, and by participating in events and emphases that help us better fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus. I look forward to our worship this Sunday as we focus on our family of churches in Bessemer Baptist Association.

It is such a joy to serve as your pastor. Please pray for me and call on me whenever I can minister in any way.

MAY 29TH CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY Men and Women needed

See Sharlene Marlow for info.

May 30th FIFTH SUNDAY SPECIAL with honored guests Bro. Duke and Randy Harwell

Morning Worship at 11 AM, Church wide

Fellowship Lunch, afternoon singing.

ALL ARE WELCOMED.

Dear Everyone at FHBC, Thank you all for the prayers, cards, visits and phone calls you gave me during my surgery and recovery. Thank you for all the support and please keep me in your prayers.

Blessings to all,
Margaret Odom

Dear Church family, Thank you for prayers and donations for my mother.

We love you and our Church. Just saying "Thank You" doesn't seem enough. Hope you know how much your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Sharlene and Charles



Lloyd's Lines

SO STICK WITH IT AND YOU'LL WIN

Truet Cathy is not only a committed Christian; he's one of the world's most successful businessmen. He started "Chick-fil-A" with one small diner and it grew to more than 1,240 restaurants, making it the second largest quick-service chicken restaurant chain in America. As of Sept. 2007, Cathy was number 380 in the U. S. with a net worth of 1.3 billion dollars. And this was achieved while remaining closed on Sundays. In his autobiography he tells of being so tongue-tied he could hardly put two words together. Three weeks after he opened, his first store it burned to the ground. When he finally got his second store, his brothers, who were his partners, were all killed in a plane crash. People advised him to quit, but instead he decided to trust God and keep trying. As a result, his business employs thousands and feeds millions every day. Truet Cathy took his setbacks and turned them into stepping stones. So stick with it and you'll win. It was my privilege to work for "Chick-fil-A" for two

years while in Gulf Shores and I saw the commitment in the lives of many of the Cathy family. Some of you may remember the White family here in the 50's and 60's. Truett's daughter married John White and they served on the mission field many years. But the most important things of my column is to remember "SO STICK WITH IT AND YOU'LL WIN."

Remember, next Sunday, May 23rd – the Bessemer Bapt. Assoc. will have a reception in honor of Bro. Ed and Evelyn at the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Ch., 2 PM until 4 PM.

Then the Big Day on the Highlands on May 30th with Bro. Duke and Randy Harwell being with us. Remember it is High Attendance in Sunday School. 11 AM worship followed with a Church Wide Fellowship Luncheon., then the "Sing Along" with Randy at 1:30. It promises to be a great day, Invite others to come with you. And just remember . . . GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO I. It is quiet a privilege to serve

Senior Adult Happening at North Highlands 10 AM covered dish lunch reservations are required Call to ride the van.

with you here and what a joy it is to work with Bro. Ed and Evelyn. SING-cerely" Bro. Lloyd

Harry's Heartbeat

WOW! If it gets any better we are going to have to install seatbelts in the pews. An air of excitement was everywhere! And why shouldn't it have been? Bro. Ed's first Sunday as our pastor and the theme of the day was "HEAVEN." All the congregational hymns were about heaven, all the choir and instrumental music was about Heaven. Lloyd's choice of songs included: "Heaven's Jubilee; When I get Up To Heaven' I Bowed My Knee and Cried Holy" and if that wasn't enough, Eddie's solo "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be" wanted to make you get on board. To cap it all off, Bro. Ed's messages on heaven kinda made you homesick to go.

Remember, enthusiasm will die unless it is constantly refueled. Therefore, it is up to us to keep it fueled and the best way to do that is to give it away. Try this:

A VISIT

One day I rang a door bell, in a casual sort of way, 'Twas not a formal visit and there wasn't much to say. I don't remember what I said-It matters not I guess-I found a heart in hunger; A soul in deep distress. He said I came from Heaven, and I often wondered why; He said I came to see him, When no other help was nigh. It meant so little to me to knock at a stranger's door but it meant Heaven to him and God's peace forever more.

I love you all, Harry

Ed Cruce
Pastor

Harry Sims
Educational/Evangelism Director

Lloyd Jones
Music Minister



VITAL STATS

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	77
Mission School	57
Shut Ins	24
Total	158



REGULAR OFFERING	\$ 6,009.00
Top O River	215.00
Kathleen Mallory	50.00
Children's Home	100.00
Messenger(Ala.Baptist)	100.00
Mem.Dorothy Wilson	500.00
Mem.Elams' mothers	500.00

TOTAL \$ 7,479.00



DEACON MINISTRY
Week of May 16, 2010
Winston Massey 788-2248



SECURITY PATROL
Sunday, May 16, 2010
AM – Jimmy Gilmore,
Bob Key
PM – Burry Thompson, Benny Jackson



In Memory
On Mother's Day
In loving memory of Dorothy Wilson by Claud, Linda, Claudia and Jeff.
In loving memory of our mothers by Ginny and Amos Elam.



Sympathy
Our love and prayers go out to the Mitchell family in the death of Audrey Brown Mitchell.