



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

# MESSENGER

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## Bro. Ed's Epistle

*"Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase." Psalm 85:12*

I love the fall season of the year. The crisp weather makes our step a little quicker, colors appear on the landscape. And outdoor activities are so pleasant. It is also harvest time. In rural areas where I served much of my pastoral ministry, this was an exciting time. I loved to watch farmers gather their crops. It became the season in which all the hard work of the year paid off. In some of the churches I served, over half the offerings for the year would be given in one month. The psalmist knew something of that kind of joy which the harvest brings. A careful reading of the entire 85<sup>th</sup> psalm reminds us that the psalmist is not just talking about a grain harvest. He is talking about a spiritual harvest. He pleads for revival which will bring people to God. We need to remind ourselves that the bottom line is not the level of the stock market or other economic indicators. It is rather the harvest of souls that calls us into the fields of God to witness to the unsaved. Many churches will engage in special harvest efforts during the fall of the year. Join me in prayer that God will bless our church's efforts to reach the lost. May we hear shouts of rejoicing as people receive Jesus, and follow him in baptism and membership into our church during these days.

It is a joy to serve with you at Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church.

## HARRY'S HEARTBEAT

Continued from last week:

The following is the first Harry's Heartbeat written 10-9-77. The words were true then and now.

"My dear friends in Christ, it is with a deep sense of gratitude and humility that I say "THANK YOU" for the confidence you expressed last Wednesday night by allowing me the privilege to be God's servant as Minister of Evangelism and Education in our great Church.

I begin this new era in my Christian life by prayerfully adopting the letters stamped on the buttons we received at the Bill Gothard Youth Seminar – PBPGINFWMY. Also it is my prayer that in the days ahead that the Spirit of God will awaken "ALL" of us to the challenge of II Chronicles 7:14 and win our community to Christ.

Yours for Souls, Harry

P.S. By the way . . . those appropriate letters simply mean . . . Please Be Patient, God is not finished with me yet. **God Is So Good!!!**

Dear Church Family, Our Family would like to thank you for your prayers, love and concern for Sherry and for us during Sherry's 10 year battle with cancer. It's that love and your prayers that kept us going. Thanks to the Sunday School Classes for the delicious food and their service, to the church for the beautiful flowers. All the cards are so meaningful. Thank you for being the church you are. We love you, Marguerite, Wanda, Todd, Jean and families.

To thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

Even though we have been gone for a long time, it is nice to know you still care for us. Marsha loves all of you and I appreciate your kindness to her.

Thank you so much for the flowers and prayers.

Love in Christ, The Seabury Family.

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and cards, thank you to the ones who came to the funeral home and funeral, thanks for the beautiful flowers. Thank you for being such a caring, loving and understanding special church family. Marsha

## LLOYD'S LINES

WHO ARE YOU A BARNABUS FOR TODAY? You remember Barnabus in the Bible. Well Barnabus stands for "AN ENCOURAGER". I could call the names of several in my life who was a Barnabus for me. And my prayer is that I will be a Barnabus in someones' life today. I can surely tell you of someone at Fairfield Highlands Baptist who is a Barnabus and that is our Pastor Bro. Ed. A couple weeks ago he spoke of Barnabus in one of his sermons and he challenged us to be an encourager and a Barnabus to others. So my prayer for you and me is that we will be an encourager (A Barnabus) today in someone's life.

**BROTHERHOOD** – thanks for your continued support of our Brotherhood. For our October 12<sup>th</sup> Breakfast we had 19 in attendance. We were privileged to have Judge Eddie Vines as our special guest. As many of you know he is running for District Judge Place 10 in the November election. Earl Robins and our Pastor gave a good report of this man's life and the fact that he is a Christian and very active in Shades Crest Baptist Church. He is also a Board member of the Bessemer Sav-a-life organization. We all know how important this ministry is to our area. So PRAY and go VOTE on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**MINI-CONCERTS** – We appreciate your comments and continued support of this part of the Music Ministry. You were so kind in your comments about the last one with Gloria and Gene Hayes. The next one will be November 21<sup>st</sup>. Special Guest will be Mr. Johnny Brock from Glen Iris Baptist Church. He is known as the "Singing Deacon". You will enjoy his singing and his testimony.

In the meantime keep praying and telling someone about JESUS and Fairfield Highlands Baptist and remember . . . "GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO I!". Sing-cerely - Bro. Lloyd

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**Ed Cruce**  
Pastor

**Harry Sims**  
Educational/Evangelism Director

**Lloyd Jones**  
Music Minister



<b>VITAL STATS</b>	
October 24, 2010	
Sunday School	95
Mission School	54
Shut Ins	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>173</b>

<b>October 24, 2010</b>	
REGULAR OFFERING	\$2,980.00
Hon-Church Staff	
World Hunger	100.00
Honor Dr. Soong	35.00
Tape Ministry	5.00
Special PAD	50.00
Top O River	402.00

**Total \$ 3,572.00**



**DEACON MINISTRY**  
Week of Oct. 31, 2010  
Don Davidson 491-1076



**SECURITY PATROL**  
Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010  
AM – Ron Thomas  
PM – David Harmon  
Benny Jackson



**CONTRIBUTIONS TO MINISTRY OF CHURCH . . .**  
**Honorariums**  
In loving honor of Dr. Vera Soong, MD by Sharon Hudgins.  
**World Hunger Honorariums**  
In loving honor of the Church Staff by Tom Higdon.