



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

# MESSENGER

FAIRFIELD HIGHLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH ♦ 910 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET MIDFIELD, AL 35228 ♦ PHONE: (205) 780-6621 ♦ WWW.fairfieldhighlandsbaptist.org

**Bro. Ed's Epistle** *"And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness."* Acts 4:31

When Peter and John were arrested for preaching Jesus in the temple, they testified before the Sanhedrin that Jesus is the only way to be saved. The court ordered them to stop preaching Jesus. But Peter and John declared they must obey God rather than men. Having no legal grounds to keep them in prison, the Jewish authorities threatened them and released them. When they came back and reported to the church, they had an unusual experience. After praying, the building was shaken. Was it an earthquake or just the shaking of one building? Whatever it was, the people recognized the presence of God and were filled again with the Holy Spirit.

Our building hasn't been physically shaken, but we are experiencing the presence of God as we meet together. It is a joy to be shaken by God's presence. Many times we are shaken by tragedies, disappointments and unexpected events in an unpleasant way. May God continue to shake us, fill us and send us out to speak His word with boldness.

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## HARRY'S HEARTBEAT

I have a giant oak tree in my side yard. This time of the year you can hear the acorns bouncing off the metal shed under it, especially when the wind blows. Hundreds of acorns cover the ground. Some of the squirrels eat ( after the pecans are gone), some get stepped on or run over by the lawn mower, and occasionally one will sprout and become a small tree. Every fall I try to dig up those that are not wanted.

As I was digging one up the other day, the thought came to me, that that giant oak tree started off a little acorn. And every acorn that falls has the potential of becoming another giant oak tree. But most never take root and grow.

So it is with every person that invites Jesus into their hearts as Savior. Thousands are saved, and every one has the potential of becoming a giant in the kingdom of God. However, like the acorns, some begin to grow right away and become giants in the faith, others get eaten up by the society around them, and some just "rot" away in time. The question is: which category do I fall in?? Remember Church rolls are full of potentials.

I love you, Harry

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for your generous love gift from the church family.

Bro. Ed

## BUSINESS MEETING Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup>, at Prayer Meeting

### SOMETHING NEW

This year we are participating in the Samaritans Purse (Christmas Shoe Box) in a different way.

We are requesting you give a dollar amount equal to the cost of filling a box. Average cost

\$10.00 plus \$7.00, mark your envelope Christmas Box. Deadline is Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>.

### LLOYD'S LINES

**NOVEMBER** – As I told you last week that November is one of my most favorite months of the year. And with it comes so many wonderful activities at Fairfield Highlands.

**HIGHLANDERS-** Thanks gang for your support for the outing at "Top of the River" on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. We had 34 in attendance and the food and fellowship was the best. Thanks to Bro. Joe and Guy Sellers for driving us. Now for the month of November we will be taking a trip to Bruce, Mississippi for the Christmas Program at the Bollinger Theater. Thanks Bro. Joe for leading the Highlanders' programs.

**NOVEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>** – Mini-Concert to be presented in the Evening Service at 6:00 P.M. Special guest will be Mr. Johnny Brock known as the Singing Deacon from Glen Iris Baptist Church.

**SPECIAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE** – this year we will have our regular Wednesday Evening service on TUESDAY night, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bro. Ed has requested that the service be like a regular worship service with Choir and Special Music. So Circle your calendar and remember to invite others to our THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

And just remember "GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO I". Bro. Lloyd

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**Ed Cruce**  
Pastor

**Harry Sims**  
Educational/Evangelism Director

**Lloyd Jones**  
Music Minister



<b>VITAL STATS</b>	
November 7, 2010	
Sunday School	97
Mission School	42
Shut Ins	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>

<b>November 7, 2010</b>	
REGULAR OFFERING \$	8,006.00
World Hunger	4.04
Children's Home	10.00

**Total \$ 8,020.41**



**DEACON MINISTRY**  
Week of Nov. 14, 2010  
Eddie Hill 744-6341

**SECURITY PATROL**  
Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010  
AM – Earl Robins,  
Buster Williams  
PM – Bill Howton,  
Winston Massey



*Sympathy*  
Our Church family extends love and sympathy to: Kitty Glover and her family in the death of her twin sister's son, Patrick Powell and her sister Zudora Prince.