



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

# MESSENGER

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## BRO. ED'S EPISTLE

*"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." II Corinthians 5:17*

The Christmas Season is filled with awe and wonder because it celebrates the coming of Jesus as a new born baby. His coming signaled God's plan for making all things new. Through His life, death and resurrection, Jesus made possible new life for all mankind.

In our calendar, we begin a new year just one week after Christmas. We will mark the day with celebration and traditions. I urge you to connect the New Year with the new life available in Jesus. It can be a celebration of Christmas all year long. Celebrate the new life you have in Jesus and share it with others during this special time of year.

I thank God for the privilege of serving as your pastor. God is so good to us!

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(also Bro. Ed's message is on YouTube)

### With Care and Concern . . .

Our love and prayers go out to Alice Jo Duke and family in the death of her mother, Alma Underwood. 3413 Lenz Street, Muscle Shoals AL 35661  
And to Jerry Hartley and Norman Brown in the death of Linda Hartley, Jerry's wife and Norman's daughter

Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

We will have the AM and PM Worship Services only. NO Sunday School.

Dear Church Family, With much appreciation and love, thank you for your many prayers, cards and visits during my hospital stay and recovery. Bless you all for so many acts of kindness, Theresa Collins

Our Newest Members . . . Theresa McGraw, Lewis Ferguson, Nicholas Vero, Tyson Alexander, Gary Gaston, Aaron Powell  
Nell Lovelady

## HARRY'S HEARTBEAT

Been shopping lately? Notice all the Christmas displays and Christmas music? To many people Christmas is nothing more than a time to shop, party and get caught up in the make-believe world of Santa Claus, Rudolph and elves. Their song will be, "O Come Let Us IGNORE Him."

Fortunately, some will see Christmas this year as did the Shepherds the night Jesus was born. This Christmas will find many who will be anxious to discover new meanings and new directions in life. Their first Christmas as a child of the Savior, the reason for the season. Maybe, they can sing "Oh Come Let Us EXPLORE Him."

Then there are those who see Christmas as the great Bible Teacher, W. Y. Fullerton once wrote, "If Christ is not born, Christmas is nothing, if Christ is not Christ, Christmas nothing; if Christ is not Savior, Christmas is nothing; if Christ is not Lord, Christmas if nothing; if Christ is not known, Christmas is nothing. If Christ does not live in me, Christmas is nothing.

In this holiday season we must take time to adore Him. The best way to adore Christ is to celebrate His birthday 365 days a year. Then we can sing, "O Come Let us ADORE Him."

Which will you do? Ignore Him – Explore Him – Adore Him? Merry Christmas. I love You, Harry

**LLOYD'S LINES** – "And she brought forth her first born Son and laid Him in a Manger because there was no room for Him in the Inn", that is recorded in the story of Christmas in Luke's gospel. For many years at our house, we would read the birth of Jesus as recorded in Luke the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter. Once when our son David was reciting the Christmas story, he said "There was no room for Him in the DEN." Amusing yes but in today's society, there is no room for Him in the den and many other places in the world. So sad that Christmas is so commercial that the true meaning of Christmas is pushed aside. I'm so glad that our church makes JESUS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON.

CHRISTMAS ON THE HIGHLANDS was a tremendous day here at Fairfield Highlands Baptist last Sunday. Special thanks to the Choir, the instrumentalists, solo's, Eddie and our sound techs Trey and Charles for a job well done. Then thanks to the Kitchen Crew headed by Barbara Howton and her outstanding group of ladies and men for handling the multitudes for the Church Christmas Luncheon. We are so blessed.

We will close out Dec. with our services for Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be blessed with a Mini-Concert by our own Gloria Parvin for the Evening Service. Don't miss a single service.

Thanks Church for a blessed Dec. here on the Highlands. You are a special group to me. I am so blessed to be a part of such a loving church. I'd like to just say MERRY CHRISTMAS and just 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



## VITAL STATS December 19, 2010

ATTENDANCE	
Sunday School	102
Mission School	48
Shut Ins	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>174</b>

REGULAR OFFERING	\$6,311.00
Lottie Moon	1,690.00
Mem Barbara Davidson	250.00
GoldTone Choir	500.00
Mem Nell & Jimmy Jones	400.00

**TOTAL \$ 9,151.00**



**DEACON MINISTRY**  
Week of December 26, 2010  
Don Davidson 491-1076

**SECURITY PATROL**  
December 26, 2010  
AM-Bob Key, Ron Thomas  
PM-Johnny Handley,  
David Harmon



## Contributions for Church Memorial

In loving memory of my mom, Nell and Jimmy Jones by Sylvia Ferguson. Love and best wishes to all my friends.

### Lottie Moon Christmas

In loving memory of Sherry Kern and in honor of Marguerite Holley by Jimmy and Curtis Laine Waldrop.



**SHUT-IN OF THE MONTH**  
Nellie Allen