



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

# MESSENGER

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## BRO. ED'S EPISTLE

"The Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him." Luke 2:40

Luke's summary of the early years of Jesus in Nazareth is what every parent desires for their child, progressing normally in every area of life. It is also a great model of discipling new believers in Jesus. God has given us some new believers recently. What a joy it is to use our baptistry! But that is only the beginning. Now we need to help these new believers to become strong in their faith, grow in godly wisdom and experience God's grace continually. Join me in praying for them and those who work with them in the days and months ahead. As we begin a new calendar year, join me in a renewed commitment to share the gospel so the lost can be saved and discipled in the faith.

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

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(Bro. Ed's message is on YouTube)

**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**  
**Goal - \$5,555.00**  
**Received to date \$5,557.29**

Dear friends, As I think of the blessings of our Lord & Savior during this Christmas season, my home church family always comes to mind. I would not be where I am today in my walk with the Lord if it had not been for all the wonderful teaching and training in the Word I received growing up at FFHBC. I am greatly blessed to be a part of such a loving church family even after 30 plus years of living away.

Thank you for your love for Jesus and for me and my family. Love, Linda Lowery

## HARRY'S HEARTBEAT

As we close out another year, I would like to thank my Church family for making this one of the best years of serving with you. It's a joy to serve a great church and her gracious people.

As we begin a new year, let me ask you a question. How much time do you spend looking in your rear view mirror? Rear view mirrors are a great safety accessory. You can tell when someone is tailgating, when it's safe to change lanes, or see if there are any blue lights signaling, pull over. As necessary as they are, if we spend too much time looking where we've been, we may get side tracked from where we were headed.

Life is kinda like that for some people as well as churches. I believe this is one of Satan's favorite tricks. "I remember when," are precious words if they project a positive memory. Yes, I remember when we were one big happy family. I remember 1000 in Sunday School, 500 in T.U., 100+ youth group, a strong Mission Program, and 8 bus routes. But now I have to make a choice. I can look back and praise God for those days, and use them as a new challenge for the future or I can become discouraged and miss the precious memories that I believe God has in store for this great old lighthouse in the future. We have the same mission, the God of our past is the same God for our future. It will happen! If we are willing to trust and work. Paul tells us how: Philippians 4:13-14.

I love you Harry

**LLOYD'S LINES – RETROSPECT –** The last few months at Fairfield Highlands has been wonderful. Of course the best thing the Lord did for us was allowing Bro. Ed and Evelyn coming to be with us as Pastor and First Lady. We can already fill his talented and God given leadership. Then Praise the Lord for the wonderful month of December. The Choir blessed the hearts of so many with their presentation of the Christmas Musical "O Holy Night." Then how we praise the Lord for those who work with our Youth on Wednesday night and to see the results with the Baptism of some 7 youth and adults on Wednesday night December 16<sup>th</sup>. On and on we could go but LET'S JUST PRAISE THE LORD.

**Just circle your calendar and remember these dates in January:**

**Jan.11<sup>th</sup> – Brotherhood Breakfast** at Cracker Barrel at 8:00 A.M.

**Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> – David and Lois Weaver** will be presenting a Mini-Concert in the evening service.

**Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Janet Bradley** will be our guest soloist in the morning service. She will be in the A.M. service. She will be singing in honor of her mother, **Bobbie Sellers** who will be celebrating a Birthday.

**Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> – A full concert by Tonya Jones** in the evening service, followed by a church wide fellowship.

So with that – don't dare miss a single service at Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church – where God is blessing.. 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



## VITAL STATS

January 2, 2011	
Sunday School	107
Mission School	0
Shut Ins	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>131</b>

REGULAR OFFERING \$7,996.00	
Lottie Moon	1,545.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,541.00</b>



**DEACON MINISTRY**  
Week of Jan. 9, 2011  
Eddie Hill 744-6341

**SECURITY PATROL**  
Sunday, Jan. 9, 2010  
AM – Bob Key  
PM – Ron Thomas, Tacky Johnson



**Contributions made to the Church for ministries . . . .**  
**Lottie Moon Offering**

Donation of \$100 made by Curtis Jones Sunday School Class in honor of their teacher, Winston Massey.

A donation of \$705 made by Fellowship Sunday School Class in honor of Jean Bush, Evelyn Cruce, Addie Lee and Ann Latty.



## SHUT-INS OF THE MONTH

Lorean Bowen  
Norton Burgess