



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

# MESSENGER

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**BRO. ED'S EPISTLE** – "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

Proverbs 3:5-6 is what I call my life verse. Since I became a Christian, those words have been the foundation of my spiritual growth. A new year is a good time to reflect on what is important in one's life. I hope you will reflect on your life verse today. It will help you focus on God's purpose for you.

As we begin a new year as a church, I want to encourage us to stay with the basics. Our church has focused on missions, evangelism, worship, God's word and fellowship throughout our history. I believe God will continue to use and bless us as we continue in those basics. Join me in a renewed commitment to those basics.

I thank God for the privilege of serving as your Pastor. I look forward to worshipping with you next Sunday.

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(Bro. Ed's message is on YouTube)

**A NEW BABY TO LOVE** - Congratulations to Great grandfather Robert Hazel on the birth of Lily Grace Close, born Dec. 29, 2010, weighing 7 lbs. 9 ozs., to proud parents Jennifer and Jason Close. Grandparents are Lynn and Gerald Heaton.

**WITH CARE AND CONCERN** *we send our love and prayers to Rachel Townsend and family in the death of her husband, Lester Townsend.*

**HARRY'S HEARTBEAT**-Will we never learn?? To some this article will be familiar. But maybe when you read it in your Open Window devotion, it didn't jump out at you. I have thoroughly enjoyed the readings out of the past and realizing how relevant they are today, does the following sound familiar for today?

Curious beyond all belief is a modern Christmas. Curious too, is the fact most people are so used to it and immersed in it they do not regard it as curious. Millions of dollars have been spent for gifts and celebrations and the statisticians will quote the volume of business to prove almost everything except that Christ was born in Bethlehem. Millions have celebrated in strange and fantastic ways the anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace. (Open Window 12/27/37)

There are two beautiful words that, unless we speak them and teach them to our children and grandchildren, will soon be lost at Christmas forever. "Merry Christmas!" They are rapidly being deleted in this pluralism society by the words "Happy Holidays." Christ is left out again. I'm afraid we've become a silent army. Next Christmas if you go into a place that doesn't have "Merry Christmas" displayed, complain to the manager and walk out. I did that at a very popular retail store and a very popular bank. Our Christian dollars can change that. "Merry Christmas 2011."

I love you, Harry

## LLOYD'S LINES

"Pray about everything . . . Tell God what you need" Php 4:6 – today we will be talking about Prayer. PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING. I don't know about you but I pray about everything. I even pray about a parking place near the front of the hospital when I go for a visit. A friend of mine told me that God did not bother with little things like that. I assured him that my God does. Sometimes we feel foolish bothering God with little things but we shouldn't. The Bible says, "Pray about everything." Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done. God is interested in every detail of your life. If something is important to you, it's important to Him. In Bible times, two sparrows were sold for a cent, yet Jesus said, "Not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it . . . the very hairs on your head are numbered." When you trust God in little things, you'll be able to trust Him in big ones. On the front of our church are these words, "The House of Prayer." I'm so glad to be a part of a fellowship who believes in the power of prayer. So I challenge you today to pray about everything. And sing along with me the little chorus that we sing that goes like this: *Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place, Lord, listen to your children, send us love, send us power, send us grace.* So with that said, "Pray about everything."

We are off to a good start for 2011. Please remember to pray for your staff and for each other. 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**  
January 2, 2011  
Sunday School 97  
Children's Church 10  
Shut Ins 24  
Total 131

REGULAR OFFERING \$ 7,996.00  
Lottie Moon 1,545.00  
Total \$ 9,541.00



**DEACON MINISTRY**  
Week of January 16  
Winston Massey 788-2248



**SECURITY PATROL**  
Sunday, 16, 2011  
AM – Ron Thomas,  
Jimmy Gilmore  
PM – Amos Elam, Bob Key



**SHUT-INS OF THE MONTH**  
Lorene Adkins  
Nellie Allen