



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

MESSENGER

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BRO. ED'S EPISTLE—*"Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb"* Ps. 139:13

God's creative work did not end when He rested on the seventh day of creation. He is still active in a dynamic universe. His most obvious activity is in creating life in a mother's womb. From earliest times, scripture records the truth that God grants life by His own hand. Childless couples in scripture acknowledge that God opens the womb to bear life. Yet in our modern culture, we have allowed the senseless taking of life in the womb. While we may be unable to convince enough people in our country to make abortion illegal, we are not powerless to stand with God for life. We can get involved by praying for, working with and financially supporting our Bessemer Sav-A-Life Ministry. One great way to get involved is to walk, or sponsor a walker in the Feb. 5th Walk For Life. I will be walking again this year. I encourage you to get involved. Pray, participate and give so that lives can be saved and souls saved through the sharing of the gospel.

I love you and thank God for the privilege of serving as your Pastor.

SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS

Norton Burgess - The Oaks-2651 Laurel Oaks Dr
- Bessemer Al - 35022

Lorean Bowen - Fairfield Health Care & Rehab-
6825 Rd. - Fairfield, AL 35064

WITH CARE AND CONCERN we send our love and prayers to Mamie McNutt and family in the death of her husband, James McNutt.

HARRY'S HEARTBEAT —Have you happened to notice the expressions on most people's face now—days especially during Christmas? Most people look like they woke up in a negative mood and had a relapse. I love to watch people. I know that some people may be carrying a heavy burden. Maybe a physical problem, family problem, financial problem, divorce or death of a loved one. Any of these could have an impact on their lives. But maybe a friendly hello, or a pleasant smile might be worth more to them than a gift of gold. A smile is like a yawn, they both usually reap a like response.

I recently read the following true story about a homeless man named Dan who sold newspapers on the same corner every day. One day a woman stopped her car, ran over and hugged him. Astounded, he ask her why.

She said that some months ago her son had died and she had been so devastated that she considered suicide. She wavered on the edge, seeing no signs that it was worthwhile to live. Except for one: Dan's smiling patience as he waited, day after day, for people to stop for a paper.

Every day that Dan smiled and waved as she drove by was another day she did not completely despair. If he could bear up cheerfully - could smile through difficult times - then she could. He had given her something to look forward to. That's the power of a smile and a wave. Try it!

LLOYD'S LINES—"WE STAND TALL WHEN WE STOOP TO HELP OTHERS"

That is a church sign at Loveless Free Will Church in Crossville, Tenn. You ask me how I know. Well, a friend of mine gave me a 2011 calendar that has church signs for each month. I have always enjoyed church signs just to see what they tell us. I also like to read bumper stickers on cars. Many times they are a challenge to us. Recently one of the bumper stickers that I observed just said "Do a random act of kindness today." With the new year just under way, it would be good if we do just what this church sign and bumper sticker ask us to do. You say what can I do to help others during the new year. Well we could write a letter, send a card, make a phone call or better still make a visit to someone who needs our encouragement. Call someone who recently lost a spouse thru death. Here at Fairfield Highlands we are spotlighting our Homebound members. We are listing the names and addresses every week of those who are homebound. So today, do a random act of kindness and do just what the church sign and bumper sign has asked us to do.

FIFTH SUNDAY - Jan. 30th. We will have our regular morning service then for the Evening Service, 6 PM our guest will be Tonya Jones in full concert.. We will be giving her a love gift to help in her music ministry. She is in the process of making a new C.D. for her ministry. We will have church wide fellowship immediately following the service. Help us spread the word.

Thanks to everyone for meeting our Lottie Moon goal. Thanks to the W.M.U. and leadership for your part of Missions.

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Ed Cruce
Pastor

Harry Sims
Educational/Evangelism Director

Lloyd Jones
Music Minister



VITAL STATS
January 16, 2011

Sunday School	100
Mission School	32
Shut Ins	24
Total	156

January 16, 2011
REGULAR OFFERING \$5,047.51
Lottie Moon 100.00
Mem. Lester Townsend 25.00

Total	\$ 5,172.51
Mem. Lester Townsend	Jan.9 \$125.00



DEACON MINISTRY
Week of January 23, 2011
Earl Robins 491-7892

SECURITY PATROL
Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011
AM - Guy Sellers
PM - Charles Marlow, Bob Key



CONTRIBUTIONS TO MINISTRY OF CHURCH . . .
Memorials
In loving memory of dad Lester from his nieces and nephews.
In loving memory of uncle Lester Townsend by Shirley Hinton, Linda & Alexis Sharpe. "Thank you again for all your Church did for the family"
In loving memory of Lester Townsend, a donation of \$25 has been made by the Sunshine Sunday School Class (Mary Monk's Class).
In loving memory of Lester Townsend by John and Janet Marszalek (Charlotte, NC)