



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

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Bro. Ed's Epistle

"Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord." Philippians 3:1

Christian joy is one of God's greatest gifts to us. It is not the shallow, temporary emotion that is a result of some glad circumstance. It is the true blessedness of being in right relation with Jesus. That's why the Psalmist prayed, "Lord, will you not revive us again that we might rejoice in you?" He realized that true joy depended on his closeness to God. It is a good indication of God's reviving presence when true joy is expressed among His children.

I am so thankful to serve with God's people at Fairfield Highlands, because we continually experience God's joy. Even when we go through sickness, pain and difficulty, the joy of the Lord is evident when we meet. God is reviving His work in our Church. I encourage you to tap into the joy of the Lord by drawing closer to Him day by day.

EVERYONE (Adults) INVITED FEBRUARY 23RD (before prayer meeting)
Wednesday Night 6:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall, you are invited to
Cupcakes and Kisses sponsored by W.M.U.

SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS

Sarah Chandler-5151 Emory Oak Circle-Bessemer, AL 35022
Mary Helen Caudle – 5111 Emory Oaks Circle - Bessemer AL 35022

Lloyd's Lines



THE TWENTY THIRD PSALM- My devotional a few days ago was about the 23rd Psalm. One of the favorite verses is the 4th. My version of this goes like this "Even though I walk through the Valley, I will fear no evil for your word and your Holy Spirit comforts me." And which one of us hasn't faced the grip of fear. The Psalmist didn't focus attention on the dark valley. He looked through the valley past the darkness and looked with confidence toward the other side. We are reminded that the dark valley is a place to go through, not a place to stay in. Are you today in the middle of a dark valley? Maybe a sickness? A financial need? A lost loved one for whom you are praying? Or. Maybe you are down spiritually or depressed. It may look dark and gloomy right now, but please remember that God does not intend for you to stay in those shadows. The VALLEY He has led you into is the VALLEY out of which He will lead you. In the words of a song I heard long ago that says "In the VALLEY, HE restores my Soul." So look up today to the one who will lead you. Turn your eyes upon Jesus look full in His wonderful face and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of HIS GLORY and GRACE. MUSIC FESTIVAL-is scheduled for Sunday Evening March 27th here at Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church. It will feature several choirs from the Baptist Association. Our Choir will be singing. Please pray for us as we prepare and that the message in song will bring honor and glory to our Lord.

Please pray for and support all ministries of our Church. Lift up each other in prayer. And just remember . . . GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO I. "SING-cerely" Bro. Lloyd

HARRY'S HEARTBEAT-

WHY BELONG TO A LOCAL CHURCH?

Because (1) it helps you develop spiritual muscle, Listen: "As each part does its own special work, it helps all the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy." Eph. 4:16. It seems easier to be holy when nobody is around to see you, but it's a false, untested holiness. Isolation breeds deceitfulness. It's easy to fool ourselves into thinking we're mature when there's no one to challenge us. Real maturity only shows up in the give and take of relationships.

(2) It can keep you from backsliding. Not one of us is immune to temptation. Given the right temptation, we're all capable of blowing it! Listen: "Encourage one another daily . . . so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." Heb. 3:13. If you know people who have wandered off from God's truth, don't write them off. Go after them. Get them back (Jas. 5:19).

Why belong to a local church? One of America's most successful pastors answers: "Because it gives us a PURPOSE to live for, PEOPLE to live with, PRINCIPLES to live by, a PROFESSION to live out, and POWER to live on. There's no other place on earth where you can find all these benefits in one place. I Love You, Harry



Dear Friends, I wanted to write and express my gratitude for the generous gift you recently sent to Samaritan's Purse for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). We deeply appreciate your partnership and investment in this ministry. This year through our OCC program we have collected over 8 million shoe boxes and will be distributing these to precious children in more than 100 countries. Each box is an opportunity to touch a child's life and reach families and entire communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Jesus said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12). Thank you again for your support. May God bless you. Sincerely, Franklin Graham

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VITAL STATS

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	102
Mission School	0
Shut Ins	24
Total	126

REGULAR OFFERING	\$6,291.94
WMU Gideon	
Mem. Lester Townsend	10.00

TOTAL \$6,301.94



DEACON MINISTRY
Week of Feb. 27, 2011
Johnny Handley 424-6061

SECURITY PATROL
Sunday Feb. 27, 2011
AM – Ron Thomas,
Terrell Anderson
PM – David Harmon, Bob Key



Contributions made to
Church Ministries for . . .
Gideon Bibles
A donation was made by the
WMU for two Gideon Bibles
in loving memory of Lester
Townsend.



WITH CARE AND CONCERN
Our love and prayers go out to
Gene & Bonnie Price and
families in the death of his
brother, Robert Lee Price in
Miss.
to **Ken and Nan Letson** and
families in the death of his
mother Juanita Letson,
to **Phillip & Holly Glover,**
Kitty Glover and families in the
death of mother and daughter-
in-law, Diane Glover.

WEB SITE

www.fairfieldhighlandsbaptist.org
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options and things to see.