



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

MESSENGER

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Bro. Ed's Epistle ". . . given to hospitality." Romans 12:13b

In his discussion of spiritual gifts, Paul makes reference to hospitality in just three short words. Yet, the ministry of hospitality was one of the most important in the New Testament church. Jesus was dependent upon the hospitality of many people for lodging and food as he traveled from place to place. Christian missionaries and workers were aided in their ministry as they were hosted by believers. The writer of Hebrews stated that many who hosted strangers were housing heavenly guests.

In our modern world, the need for hospitality has been diminished somewhat by the proliferation of hotels and motels. But the gift of hospitality is still needed in order to further the gospel. As a church, we extend hospitality by welcoming guests to our services. Your love and acceptance is vital in reaching new members. Many visitors testify to me about your wonderful hospitality to them. Keep it up!

We have a special opportunity to show hospitality on Sunday Evening, as we host the Associational music Festival. Many choirs from area churches will be here to sing. I encourage you to show your great hospitality to all our guests as we gather to worship the Lord through Music.

With care and concern we send our love and prayers go to the family of Margaret Whiten in her death.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING – OUR GOAL - \$5,000.00

Lloyd's Lines



MOVING A MOUNTAIN – Mark 11:22-23 “And Jesus said whoever says to this mountain (Be taken up and cast into the sea) and does not doubt in his heart, but believes it will be granted.” God is able to handle any problem we face. He knows how to slay every Goliath that attacks us. So what is your mountain or Goliath today? If you have faith HE has the power. Stop focusing on the mountain, and start focusing on JESUS. Ask HIM to give you a “word” or promise from Scripture to build your Faith. He still works wonders for those who believe in His power. Put your trust in Him. Remember the verse that I quote quite often in my challenge to you. Proverbs 3:3-6 “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 path.” This was part of a devotional that I read recently in a book by the great Steve Gaines. It spoke to my heart and I hope that it speaks to yours today. God bless you.

Next Sunday night, March 27th in the evening service at 6 P.M. is when we host the Bessemer Baptist Association Music Festival. Our choir has been working on the two selections that we will be singing. They are “Then Came The Morning” and “When I get up To Heaven.” Please pray for us and others that the Lord will be honored and glorified in this service.

The Lord still continues to bless us here under the leadership of Bro. Ed Cruce. Continue to pray for your staff and for each other every day. And just remember . . . God loves you and so do I. SING-cerely, Bro. Lloyd

HARRY'S HEARTBEAT- As I observe the sign on the front of our Worship Center, I am reminded over and over the potential in the words, “House of Prayer.” However, as I read it this morning, God gave me another revelation. The soon to be beautiful Crepe Myrtle bush, has begun to cast a shadow on the letters.

As I thought about my own prayer life, I began to think of things that I allow to cast shadows over the effectiveness of my prayers. Sometimes I allow something as beautiful as a Crepe Myrtle bloom to rob me of the potential of my praying. For years I tried to plan a particular time for my devotional and prayer. However, it seems that something or somebody always interferes. The scripture says, “Pray without ceasing,” but I have found out that “real” prayer is hard work. In Eph. 6:11-12, Paul makes it clear that I am in a spiritual warfare. And many times in my life I allow hindrances (Crepe Myrtle Bushes) to take my mind off the real battle. We are living in conflict with the world, a conflict that will continue till Jesus comes. We are all involved in one way or another whether we like it or not. According to my prayer life, I will either be an asset or hindrance to the army of God; we will either be a victor or a captive.

Got any Crepe Myrtles shadowing your prayer??
I love you, Harry

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VITAL STATS

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	97
Mission School	40
Shut Ins	24
Total	161

REGULAR OFFERING	\$14,042.00
Food Closet	780.00
Annie Armstrong	650.00
Mem. Kyle Holley	50.00
Hon. Frank Waldrop & Jerry Bailey	100.00
Sam's	35.00

TOTAL \$15,657.00



DEACON MINISTRY
Week of March 27, 2011
Jerry Bagwell 785-7291

SECURITY PATROL
Sunday, March 27, 2011
AM – Johnny Handley,
David Harmon
PM – Joe Hosmer,
Ron Thomas



Contributions to Church Ministries for . . .
Youth

In loving honor of Undre' Burden by Judy Brownson.

Honorariums

In loving honor of Frank Waldrop and Jerry Bailey by Peggy and Howard Brown.

Food Pantry

Donation of \$120 made by the Anne Latty Sunday School Cl. (Mary Monk's class).

Donation of \$500 made for Food Pantry from the Alabama Baptist State Convention Board of Missions.

Annie Armstrong Offering

In loving memory of Kyle Holley who passed away one year ago, March 14, by Curtis and Jim Waldrop

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