



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

# MESSENGER

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**ED CRUCE, PASTOR** ♦ **HARRY SIMS MINISTER OF EDUCATION & EVANGELISM** ♦ **LLOYD JONES MINISTER OF MUSIC**

**Bro. Ed's Epistle** "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20  
We often speak of coming into the presence of Jesus when we begin to worship. In reality, we didn't ever have to "come into" His presence, because we are in His presence always. I have heard wonderful testimony from many of our members who felt His presence during the recent tornado. I know I am more aware of Jesus' presence when I face a dangerous or difficult circumstance. But it is even better to know that Jesus is with us when we aren't aware of Him or thinking about Him.

May we learn to enjoy and experience the presence of Jesus always. I especially am grateful that Jesus manifests His presence every time we meet to worship. I look forward to sharing with you again on Sunday.

### SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS

Betty Knowles, 1009 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Midfield, AL 35228

Mammie McNutt, 1089 Sunny Dell Lane, Hueytown, AL 35023

### GRADUATION

If you know of someone in our Church Family who is graduating from High School or College, please let the church office know (780-6621). We would like to recognize them for their achievement.

**HARRY'S HEARTBEAT-** After a lengthy, speculative discussion by a group of young theologians over just when the Lord would return to earth, an old man in the group scratched his head and smiled.

"I don't know about you boys, but I figure the Father didn't put me on the planning committee. He's taking care of that part himself. But he did put me on the welcoming committee, and I'm mighty proud to serve."

Our faith is filled with mystery and the event that we call the return of the Lord is shrouded in mystery. It is a subconscious desire to want to know when His coming will take place, but no one (even though some try to predict it) can be sure. Only God knows. It is all in his frame of time. Just as we trust each day to his grace and care, we can entrust that last great event to his goodness.

Although you cannot know the future as we know it will end, you can know that you have access to God's presence, through his Spirit, in your life today. Rom. 10:9-10. Read it.

I love you, Harry

P.S. By the way, be prepared, the latest prediction by a television theologian is May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

**LLOYD'S LINES - PEACE IN THE MIDST OF A STORM** – This week I was reading the story as recorded in Matt. 8:23-27. Remember Jesus was asleep in the boat when the storm came and the disciples awoke Him saying "Lord Save Us." After He calmed the storm they asked "What manner of man is this?" And after the storm their words were "Truly you are the son of God." You are either in a storm, coming out of a storm, or headed for a storm - life is stormy. In the midst of our personal storm we, too, need the One who calmed the sea. And we too can say: Truly you are the Son of God." Jesus will see you through. Let Jesus bring you victory in the midst of your storm today. May our prayer be something like this "Father you are my Rock and my Refuge. In You I trust. Even if I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your very presence is my comfort. Amen"

My heart is still heavy with all the devastation of the communities that were hit with the Tornado week before last. When I was in Gulf Shores, the church we were suppose to sing in sent a big truck load of supplies for those in need in Pleasant Grove. Our prayers and support are still needed. Let's not forget those in need.

Have a wonderful week with JESUS this week. And just remember that . . . God loves you and so do I. "SING"-celery, Bro. Lloyd

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### VITAL STATS

#### ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	90
Mission School	47
Shut Ins	24
Total	161

REGULAR OFFERING \$ 8,215.00

TOTAL \$8,340.00



Week of May 22, 2011

DEACON ON CALL

Joe Hosmer 744-8340

SECURITY PATROL

AM – Earl Robins, Bob Key

PM – Buster Williams,

Ron Thomas



Thank you so much for your prayers, your love & your comfort. My church has really sustained us through Nicki's illness. Without your support and the knowledge that God is in control, we could not have made it. We love each and every one of you.  
Ann Latty & Nicki

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