



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

# MESSENGER

FAIRFIELD HIGHLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH ♦ 910 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET MIDFIELD, AL 35228 ♦ PHONE: (205) 780-6621  
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Bro. Ed's Epistle- *So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.* Gal. 6:10 I thank God for the generosity of our people in responding to the storm victims related to our church family. Our Compassion Sunday offering was tremendous and will be distributed very soon to help those who can use the encouragement of our gift of love.

I am constantly amazed by the loving response of our church to any need. It is further evidence of God's love and grace operating in and through us for His glory. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your pastor. God is so good to us.

## SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

If you have a church family member who is graduating from high school or college, please call the church office (780-6621) and let the church know. We want to recognize them for their achievement.

Well, it's that time of the year again. Spring has sprung, and gardening fever has begun. I have, for the most part of my life, been able to have a garden of some kind. Mostly for a hobby, however, a good ole vine ripened tomato makes all the work worthwhile. The scripture refers to the husbandman when referring to a gardener having to prepare the soil, plant, be patient waiting for the first fruit and the early and latter spring rains. Then comes the harvest.

In Hosea chapter 10:12, we read: God's word is speaking of Ephraim, "Sow unto yourselves righteousness, reap in mercy, break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he comes and rain righteousness upon you."

As I thought about this, that would be a pretty good prescription for gardening and revival.

This verse has all the requirements of a successful revival. It speaks of preparation, Spiritual sowing, seeking righteousness, repentance, spiritual harvest, seeking God until he comes and rain righteousness upon us.

Let's start now - - - Aug. 28-31 is not very far off when time flies. I love you, Harry  
P. S. I'll let you know about topsy-turvy tomatoes.

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"TILL THE STORM PASSES OVER" was the special music by the Praise Choir on Sunday Evening, May 15<sup>th</sup>. So many in our church experienced the recent tornado that swept thru our state on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April with loss of homes, friends and possessions. Others in our church have experienced other storms in their lives. There is the loss of loved ones, problems with children and grandchildren, loss of jobs, times of depression, etc. An old man was once asked his favorite scripture to which he said "And it came to pass." He went on to explain no matter what your circumstances, they will pass. So with that in mind, cast your cares upon Jesus for He cares for you. And remember the song, "No one ever cared for me like Jesus."

Next Sunday will be the "Fifth Sunday Special Day" here. The morning service will be filled with great music. Bro. Ed will be singing. So will Jackie and the Choir be singing "Cornerstone" in the morning service. Then the evening service at 6:00 pm will be a full concert presented by Mr. Johnny Brock from Glen Iris Baptist Church. After the service we will be having a church wide fellowship in the fellowship hall. (NO COVERED DISH) but some good eating with sandwiches, drinks and lots of good Christian Fellowship. Invite others to come with you for this special day on the Highlands. So with that, just remember . . . GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO I. Bro. Lloyd

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### VITAL STATS May 22, 2011

Sunday School	101
Mission School	37
Shut Ins	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>

REGULAR OFFERINGS	\$4,159.00
Compassion Relief	1,730.00
Children's Home	
Mem. Norton Burgess	150.00
Annie Armstrong	65.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,104.00</b>

**TOTAL Compassion**  
**Sunday \$4,890.00**



**DEACON MINISTRY**  
Week of May 29, 2011  
Charles Marlow 491-0443

**SECURITY PATROL**  
Sunday, May 29, 2011  
AM - Bob Key  
PM - Ron Thomas,  
Bob Key



### Contributions for Church Ministries . . . **Compassion Sunday**

A donation of \$100 was made by the Jean Jones' Sunday School Class.

A donation made in loving memory Pat Hazel "for the influence she had on my life" by Christa Heaton Diffley.

#### **Baptist Children's Home**

A donation of \$50 was made in loving memory of Norton Burgess by the Curtis Jones Sunday School Class (Winston Massey's class).

A donation was made in loving memory of Norton Burgess by Tom Higdon.



Our love and prayers go out to the Burgess family in the death of their dad, Norton Burgess.

To Linda and Ronald Laney and families in the death of their son, Jason Laney.  
Gwen Godfrey and family in the death of Joe Godfrey.  
Bob Hazel and family in death of bro. Murrell Hazel.