



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

# MESSENGER

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**Bro. Ed's Epistle** *"See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God."* I John 3:1 I heard a recent statistic that there are 145 million orphans in the world. Most of them are in poverty with little hope of a normal life. Yet, many are adopted and transferred to a caring, prosperous family. They have become the recipients of tremendous love by their adoptive family.

How much greater are we loved by our heavenly Father. We were dead in our trespasses and sin. We were aliens from God with no hope in this world. But God in His great love and mercy has adopted us into His family. Now, instead of death we have life, instead of despair, we have hope; instead of hell, we have heaven. No wonder John exclaimed, "see how great a love the Father has bestowed on us." No greater love has ever been shown than what our Father has shown us through Jesus. Give thanks today for God's great love to you, and share His love with someone else.

### SENIOR SPOT LIGHT

Betty and Marvin Murphee-1004 Highland Dr.- Fairfield, AL 35064  
Mildred Munn-Self Nursing Home -131 East Crest Rd.-Room 101- Hueytown, Al 35023

### COMING UP . . .

WMU Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 am in Fellowship Hall  
Brotherhood Breakfast Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8 am at Crackerbarrel  
Fathers Day May 19<sup>th</sup>

**HARRY'S HEARTBEAT-** "Behave Yourself." Have you ever heard these words before? These were the last words my mother and daddy would say to me when they left me somewhere, and back then these words were serious words. They simply meant, you make yourself behave properly, OR. Their desire was that I would be a model or example of what they had tried to teach me.

Over the years I have found out that nothing will kill a Christian's testimony faster than misconduct. People all around us are watching. Paul wrote: "You are our letter, known and read of all men (people). You are known to be the letter of Christ." (2 Cor. 3:2-3)

We're told the facets of a diamond gather and reflect light for the purpose of giving brilliance to the stone. Likewise a disciple of Christ has at least six facets for giving brilliance to our Cornerstone, Jesus. Our thoughts (which lead to actions), our looks, our speech, our attitude, our expressions, and our behavior. How strong is your reflection as a Christian? I love you, Harry

**LLOYD'S LINES-Let Jesus solve your problems** - I marvel sometimes when I read the Bible lesson for the day. Just this week I was again reviewing the passage of scripture that revealed the first miracle of Jesus. You remember the story in John's gospel when Mary came to Jesus and informed him that they were running out of wine? But remember how Mary handled it. Instead of looking for someone to blame or making excuses, she took her problem to Jesus. Isn't that just the way that we do when we have a problem? That's always the best move. "O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear. All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer." There are basically two reasons we make prayer our last choice instead of our first :1) we like to think we're able to solve our own problems :2) we feel insignificant and think it's okay for Mary to ask Jesus; she's His mother, but He's got bigger problems to solve than mine. No dear one, our problems are important to God - all of them. He delights in you (Ps. 18:19). You and I are never too small to ask our heavenly Father for help. Just take your cue from Mary: indentify the problem, bring it to Jesus, do what He tells you, and watch Him work it out. And remember the scripture and song that simply says "take your burdens to the Lord and leave them there."

The month of June is here. We rejoice in the Lord and thank Him for the many blessings he is restoring on our fellowship. This month we will observe "Father's Day." Just be here for every service, remember to pray for each other. Just remember - God loves you and so do I.

SING-cerely, Bro. Lloyd

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### VITAL STATS

#### ATTENDANCE

|                |     |
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| Sunday School  | 101 |
| Mission School | 37  |
| Shut Ins       | 24  |
| Total          | 162 |

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**TOTAL  
COMPASSION SUNDAY  
\$4,890.00**



**DEACON MINISTRY  
Week of June 5  
Winston Massey 788-2248**

**SECURITY PATROL**  
AM -Amos Elam, David Harmon  
PM - Tacky Johnson, Charles Marlow



**Contributions have been  
made to the Church for**

### Memorials

Donation of \$100 made in loving memory of Norton Burgess, "a godly man who made an impression on my life", by Lee Ellen Mills.

*"Be still and know  
that I am God"*

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