



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

MESSENGER

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GOD IS SO GOOD

Bro. Ed's Epistle – *"The Lord's loving kindnesses indeed never cease. For His compassions never fail."* Lamentations 3:22

The book of Lamentations is an account of Jeremiah's grief over the Lord's punishment of Israel. It is almost depressing to read. Jeremiah understood why Israel was being punished, but he loved and wept for the nation. In the midst of his anguish, Jeremiah affirmed a great truth. God's grace is unending and amazing. His love is constant. What a gem Jeremiah discovered in the midst of the garbage landfill of Israel's despair. It is also a truth we can treasure regardless of the circumstances we face. I thank God for our church which continues to experience His love and grace in abundance.

I look forward to worship and service with you this week.

HARRY'S HEARTBEAT - After my first experience with eight topsy-turvy tomatoes, I offer this commercial: First you have to be 100% retired, in good health, have a good well full of water and looking for a 24/7 hobby. Next you buy 8 baskets, \$8 -\$10 a piece. Then you spend \$50 or more building a rack to hold them high enough to keep them off the ground. Next you spend \$50 plus for Miracle Grow Potting Soil, 3 or 4 bags of Miracle Grow Garden Soil, \$5 a bag, buy 8 good healthy plants approximately \$2 a piece, follow exact planting instructions, hang them up, water every day, sometimes twice a day, double your water bill, pray and wait on the Lord, and watch them slowly, one by one, turn yellow, wither and die.

Along the way you get that first juicy, vine-ripened tomato and as usual, it is out of this world. As you continue to eat them one by one, as best as I can figure, each one cost about \$10 plus labor.

Try it, you may like it! But as for me, I'm back to the right side up, like God intended them to grow. Until next year. . .

I love you, Harry

WITH CARE AND CONCERN

We send our love and prayers to the family of Amos and Ginny Elam in the death of his cousin, John Smitherman.

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Never doubt in the dark
what God told you in the light.

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LLOYD'S LINES - "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses" (1 Timothy 6:12) - This week I ran across some promises from God's word that blessed me and I'd like to share them with you. "The Lord is my helper. I will not fear, what can man do to me. (Heb. 13:6) God, because You are my helper, I fight against sin, the world and the principalities and powers that you now allow to reign in it. Because Jesus said, "All authority has been given me . . . and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matt. 28:18, 20) Nothing can separate me from the love of Christ and today I rest in Him placing all my care upon Him, for He cares for me (1 Peter 5:7) Thank you Father, Thank you Jesus, Thank you Holy Spirit.

These are especially meaningful to me since I am going thru some difficult days. But I can rest assured as I think of the scripture that says "And by His Stripes we are healed."

I am so proud to be a part of a praying church. So, please lift me up in your prayers today.

And just remember . . . "GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO I." "SING-cerely" Bro. Lloyd



KATHLEEN MALLORY MISSION OFFERING

In loving memory of
Clara Boockholdt,
the month of September, sponsored
by the WMU

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VITAL STATS For September 18, 2011

ATTENDANCE	
Sunday School	86
Mission School	25
Shut Ins	24
Total	135
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Regular Offering	\$ 3,406.00
Kathleen Mallory	200.00
Audio Tape Min.	5.00
Highlanders Trip	620.00
Total	\$ 4,231.00

A donation has been made to the Kathleen Mallory Mission Fund in honor of the WMU



DEACON MINISTRY
Week of Sept. 18, 2011
Joe Hosmer 744-8340

SECURITY PATROL
Sept. 18, 2011
AM – Johnny Handley,
David Harmon
PM – Ron Thomas,
Joe Hosmer



SENIOR SPOT LIGHT
Ellene Ryan-Beverly Health
Care- Meadow Woods Assisted
Living-82 Golf Course Rd.-Bess.,
AL 35022
Hazel Shaver-532 Grant
Street-Midfield, AL 35228

HIGHLANDERS
Vans will leave the church
for the trip to Tuscaloosa
at 3:30 pm on Sept. 29th.