



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

MESSENGER

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Rev.. Ed's Epistle, "Let us come before His presence with Thanksgiving." Psalm 95:2

The first duty of worship is to give thanks to our Lord. Whenever we worship privately or publically, our first response is thanksgiving, because God is gracious, great and good. During the season of thanksgiving, we are especially reminded of all God has done for us. I encourage you to "count your many blessings" as the hymn admonishes us to do. It will help you remember more of God's grace and mercy.

I am especially grateful to God for our church. He continues to bless us and use us in His work. I look forward to our times of worship and thanksgiving this week.

LLOYD'S LINES -November and December will be a wonderful season here on the Highlands. There will be lots of family get togethers during the Thanksgiving season and then in December lots of Christmas parties, class parties, etc. to help us celebrate the Christmas Season. Let me ask that you circle your calendar for the following activities here.

November 22nd (Tuesday night) Our Annual Thanksgiving service at 7:00 P.M.

December 4th (Sunday Evening Service) 6:00 P.M. Guest Choir from Harmony Baptist Church, Andalusia, Alabama will be our Guests and they will be presenting the Christmas Musical "Down From His Glory": arranged by Mike Speck. It will be directed by our son, Dale, who was here with us for our last revival. Invite others to come with you.

December 18th - In the morning service 11:00 A.M. our Choir will be presenting the Christmas Musical "Mary Did You Know." Our choir has worked hard in preparation for this service. So be here to support our wonderful Choir. You will enjoy this beautiful musical.

In addition to these we would remind you of the Special Christmas offerings that we are a part of. First off, we are supporting "Samaritan's Purse." Then the second thing is our "Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Christmas Offering." Our goal this year is \$5,000.00 so pray as to what you should give to support these two worthy Christmas projects.

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

HARRY'S HEARTBEAT - Thought this was worth sharing. Anne Graham Lotz shares this story. An old farmer demonstrated the value of firsthand observation when he showed his new, young farmhand around the barn. After he pointed out the stalls, the tack room, and the feed bins, he led the young man to the corral where his prize mule was lazily munching away on some tufts of grass. The old farmer ducked under the pole fence, walked up to the mule and began to stroke his neck. The younger man also approached the mule from behind. In a flash, the mule's hind leg shot out sending the farmhand 20 feet into the air. In a daze, the young man picked himself up off the ground, staggered toward the farmer and in a shaky voice, inquired accusingly, "Why didn't you tell me that mule would kick?"

The old farmer shifted the wad of tobacco in his mount from one side to the other, leaned over, let loose a long stream of brown juice, wiped his mouth on the back of his shirt sleeve and drawled, "Well . . . showin is better'n tell'n."

As I read this I thought, this is good theology for we Christians. More people would respond to our showing faith than a telling faith might respond to Jesus through our living faith than our telling faith. I love you, Harry

Handel's Messiah

The Alabama Civic Chorale will present their 64th annual performance of Handel's MESSIAH with soloists and orchestra on Sunday, Nov. 20th at 3:00 P.M. The program will take place at Riverchase United Methodist Church in Hoover. The chorus is comprised of approximately 100 people from churches in our area and throughout the state. Some of our members are participating. The performance is free. Please make plans to attend. This is a wonderful, spiritual way to begin your holiday.

With Care and Concern . . .
Our love and prayers go out to the family of Lorean Bowen in her death.

GOD IS SO GOOD

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VITAL STATS

Sunday, November 13, 2011	
Sunday School	81
Mission School	22
Shut Ins	24
Total	127

Regular Offering	\$ 5,062.00
Shoebbox Ministry	129.00
Lottie Moon Offer.	100.00

TOTAL \$5,291.00

Contributions have been made to the Church for . . .

Shoebbox Ministry

In loving memory of Myrtice Higdon a donation has been made for six shoe boxes by her son Tom Higdon.



DEACONS ON CALL
November 20, 2011
Jerry Bagwell 785-7291

SECURITY PATROL
AM - Ron Thomas, Burry Thompson
PM - Bob Key, Guy Sellers



SENIOR SPOT LIGHT
Carnes Steely, Jess Lanier Apts.
1500 Exeter Ave. Apt. 613
Bessemer, AL 35020
Doris Stone, 110 Knoll Circle
McCalla, AL 35111

SAMARITAN'S PURSE



Don't forget OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX MINISTRY each box cost \$15.00 total. Mark your envelope SHOEBOX MINISTRY when you turn it in. Deadline for money is Nov. 21st..

New Baby
Congratulations to grandparents Bill and Barbara Howton on the birth of a 7 lb. 2 oz. girl, Erin Marie, born November 9, 2011. Proud parents are Robert and Jill Screws.