



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

MESSENGER



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BRO. ED'S ESPITILE *"She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."* Matt. 1:21

We have officially begun the Christmas season. Our worship center is beautifully decorated, we are already singing the great Christmas hymns, the choir from Andalusia shared their Christmas music with us in a tremendous worship experience last week, and we have observed the week of prayer for international missions and heard missionary speakers. Christmas is the season we celebrate the birth of Jesus. But it is not a normal birthday celebration. He was born in order to bring salvation to the whole world. No one else has a birthday celebration like that. We have put many traditions in our Christmas celebration which are wonderful in their own right. However, if we leave out the reason Jesus came, we miss the whole point. May we take advantage of the Christmas season to share with others that Jesus came to save us from our sins.

It is a joy to serve with you in a great mission field. Pray that God will use us for His glory during these days.

HARRY'S HEARTBEAT-

I enjoy watching people. I love to go to a mall or anywhere there are large groups of people. Not to judge by what I see, but to observe their expressions and mannerisms. Very seldom do you see a smile or expressions of joy.

I also love to watch elderly couples. For instance, maybe you are in a nursing facility. You see a couple in their latter years sitting in the visitor's room. A man in a wheelchair and his wife sitting next to him. The scene automatically draws your attention. As you continue making your own visit you continue to observe them. They never say a word that whole time you were there, just sat holding hands and looking at each other, and once or twice the man patted his wife's hand or tenderly patted her cheek. The feeling of love is so thick in that room that you feel as if you are sharing their love, their pain and a lifetime of devotion to each other. Something somewhat sad but also joyful. The fullness of a marriage relationship. But, sadly to say, in today's society, scenes like this will become fewer and fewer if not forgotten.

This is the kind of love and devotion that Jesus was talking about when He spoke of an everlasting love for Him, His church and for a marriage.

I love you, Harry

THANK YOU

To Ginny, Carrie, Guy, Ann, Bonnie, Nell, Susie, Bob, Lynette & Bill for all your hard work on the Pastor's Christmas Dinner. You are the best. I Love & appreciate you all. Barbara

LLOYD'S LINES *"Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere, go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born"* and that is exactly what we have been doing all month of December. We hope that you have enjoyed all the beautiful music presented by the Choirs as well as other specials done by our excellent soloist, duets, etc. . . We are so fortunate to have so many talented people here. If you have not expressed it to them, then let them know.

And it will continue as our Choir will be presenting their musical, *"Mary Did You Know?"* in the a.m. service next Sunday. Then in evening service we will be singing all the carols of Christmas. Perhaps we may not have sung your favorite. So we are asking you to let us know in the service that night. Also, Bro. Ed will be singing *"Joseph's Song"* as well as presenting the evening message.

Then to close out the December program, we will be having *"The Lord's Supper"* in the morning service, December 25th. *"This you do in remembrance of me"* and as we have said before *"Jesus is the reason for the season."*

And remember, God loves you and so do I.

"SING-cerely" Brother Lloyd

SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 18th

Our Adult Choir will share

MARY DID YOU KNOW

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CHRISTMAS MORNING 10:00 am

We will have **The Lord's Supper**

This will be the only service of the day.

VITAL STATS

December 11, 2011

Sunday School	79
Mission School	30
Shut Ins	24
TOTAL	133

REGULAR OFFERING \$5,536.00

Lottie Moon Offering	700.00
Shoe Box Ministry	100.00
Children's Home Mem	100.00
Food Pantry	40.00
SS Class Gas Money	10.00
Harmony Bapt. Ch. Choir	368.00
Total	\$6,854.00

Contributions made to the Church for ministries

Ala. Baptist Children's Home

Donation in Loving honor of Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church Staff by Tom Higdon.

Food Pantry

In loving honor of Joe and Lynette Hosmer from a dear friend.

Lottie Moon

In loving honor of our teachers Jean Bush, Addie Lee, Evelyn Cruce, by the Fellowship Class.

In loving honor of our teachers Evelyn Cruce and Margaret Hardy by the Friendship Class.

In loving honor of our teacher Guy Sellers by the Peacemaker Sunday School Class.

DEACONS ON CALL

Week of December 18th
Ed Davidson 540-6799

SECURITY PATROL

AM-Ron Thomas, Jimmy Gilmore
PM-Terrell Anderson, Bob Key

SENIOR SPOT LIGHT

Jessie Walton, Woodlands Assisted Living, 8071 Kimbrell Cutoff Rd. Room 145, McCalla, AL 35111
Lillian Warnock 1709 Bradford Lane, Bessemer, AL 35022