



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

MESSENGER



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VITAL STATS	
Week of Dec. 18, 2011	
Attendance	
Sunday School	90
Mission School	0
Shut Ins	24
TOTAL	114

BRO. ED'S EPISTLE

"Then, opening their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts..."Matthew 2:11

The wise men came a great distance to see Jesus, the king whose coming was announced by a special star. When they saw Him, their joy prompted them to present gifts to Jesus. Our celebration of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, has become an occasion to give gifts to each other. However, there is a way for us to give gifts to Jesus. Obviously, we can be generous with our offerings through out the year. At this time of year, we can give above our regular offerings by giving to support international missions through the Lottie Moon Offering. I urge you to be generous so we can support more than 5,000 international missionaries around the world. We can also give Jesus our time and talents as we serve Him by serving others. This year, I hope we will find ways to present Jesus gifts out of our treasures of money, time and abilities.

It is a joy to serve with you during this wonderful Christmas season.

HARRY'S HEARTBEAT- Several years ago, our deacons had a training period on the right and wrongs when visiting a sick patient in the hospital and visiting with a family as their loved one was dying. When I read the following article it reminded me of that training.

The author Joseph Bayly wrote the following after the death of his three sons.

I was sitting, torn by grief. Someone came by and talked to me of God's dealings, of why it happened. of hope beyond the grave. He talked constantly, he said things I knew were true. I was unmoved except to wish he's go away. He finally did.

Another came and sat beside me. He just sat beside me for an hour or more, listened when I said something, answered briefly, prayed simply, left. I was moved. I was comforted. I hated to see him go. Sometime little is much.

I love you, Harry

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who sent their expressions of love, sympathy and prayer during mom's illness and passing. Also to my forever "Church family" Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church for their love and support during this time. You will always be my "Church Home." Mike Townsend and Family

LLOYD'S LINES -"Let's just praise the Lord and lift our hands towards heaven and praise the Lord" - and that is just what I am doing today as I think of the wonderful December that we have had here on the Highlands. It began with the Harmony Praise Choir (Dale's) on December 4th as they came and presented a beautiful Christmas Musical "Down From His Glory." Then all during the month of December as our talented soloist and adult choir presented beautiful music and then the choir as they presented the Christmas musical "Mary, Did You Know" on December 18th and then to close out the Christmas season as our church family observed the beautiful "Lord's Supper" on Jesus Birthday December 25th. To God be the glory.

And then special thanks to our W.M.U. ladies and their leadership and emphasis on the Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Christmas Offering. Let's continue to give, pray and go over our \$5,000.00 goal.

We continue to praise the Lord for the leadership of Evelyn and Ed Cruce and thank Him for sending them our way. Continue to pray for the entire church staff and for one another.

And just remember . . . God loves you and so do I.

"SING-cerely" Brother Lloyd

**Remember our
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for
Foreign Missions, our goal \$5,000.00
To Date \$3,165.00**

Each of us is
an Innkeeper
who decides
if there is
room for Jesus
-Neal A. Maxwell

REGULAR OFFERING \$4,800.00
Lottie Moon 1,895.00
Jeffco Tax Refund 88.88
Mem.Nell & Jimmy Jones 400.00
TOTAL \$7,183.88

DEACON MINISTRY

Week of Dec. 25, 2011
Andy Godley - 744-9580

SECURITY PATROL
AM - Bob Key

Contributions have been made to the Church for

MEMORIAL

In loving memory of my mother and step-dad, Nell and Jimmy Jones by Sylvia Ferguson. "Merry Christmas and loving wishes to all my dear friends at Fairfield Highlands Baptist Ch."

LOTTIE MOON

A donation of \$445 giving in loving honor of Ann Latty by her S.S. Class The Sunshine Class.

A donation of \$100 given in honor of Barbara & Bill Howton's grandson serving on the Mission field in Southeast Asia by Jean Bush's Sunday School Class.

Donation of \$50 in loving honor of Jean Jones by her Sunday School Class.

Donation made in loving honor of FHBC W.M.U. by Tom Higdon.

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