



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

MESSENGER



A Family of Believers doing things God's way.

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GOD IS SO GOOD
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Bro. Ed's Epistle "There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24

The obvious reference in Proverbs is to the friendship we have with Jesus. He is the ultimate friend to all who trust Him. He calls us friends in the Gospel of John. But there is another friend who is that close. It is the person who introduced you to Jesus, who became your closest friend. For me, it was my pastor, Harry Kirkley. He took the time to share himself and the gospel in such a way that I was convicted of my sins, repented and trusted Jesus as savior and lord. It was because of the friendship of Harry Kirkley that I asked Jesus into my heart. Who was your friend that introduced you to Jesus? More importantly, are you being that kind of friend to anyone? "Friend Day" is a great opportunity to pray for and share Jesus with a friend who needs Jesus. We don't have much time before April 1st. Join me in sharing Jesus with a friend.

I rejoice in the privilege of serving as pastor of such a friendly church. May God be glorified in all we say and do.

HARRY'S HEARTBEAT- One year at Jr. Camp, I did an object lesson using salt and another substance which looked like salt, using Mat. 5:13 for the scripture. We were encouraging the kids to be a Christian influence among their peers. Recently reading this scripture again, I became convicted of the number of times I fail as a Christian to make a difference in my daily life. The Lord set forth some characteristics of salt. Salt is a purifier, I remember my daddy salting down a ham before putting it in the smokehouse. There is supposed to be something purifying about the presence and influence of God's people. How often does the entrance of a Christian sweeten and freshen the atmosphere like a breath of clean air in a stuffy room?

Salt also seasons, gives flavor to enhance the food we eat. I hope and pray I will never have to go on a salt less diet even though I've heard all my life that too much salt can kill you. This following statement is not to be taken critically but to inspire. It is my personal observation that the world is viewing our Christianity today, in private and public, as being flat, lacking flavor. Christians and churches can put on all the appearances of saltiness, but we can't fool the world. I'm afraid our only hope is a good old time revival that stirs up the gift of God and restores the lost joy of His salvation and awakens us afresh with His free Spirit. Only then will the world notice. I love you, Harry

With Care and Concern

We send our prayers, love and support to Penny, Mike Gregg & David in the death of their dad and grandfather, Bill Warren.

LLOYD'S LINES - Easter Music - The wonderful hymns "The Old Rugged Cross - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - At The Cross - Were You There - Down At The Cross - and many others along with the new music about the cross - *Then Came the Morning - The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference* helps us celebrate the Easter Season and reminds us of what JESUS has done for us. All these and many more will be sung during the months of March and April. So don't miss a single service. Remember our special emphasis about the ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERINGS. I've been told that our goal is \$5,000.00 this year. Let's pray for this effort and go over the goal. Also remember the special days of April. Circle these dates:

April 1ST : FRIENDS DAY - Invite a friend and join with us. The Choir will be presenting their Easter Musical "O What A Savior." Lunch will be served you and your friend.

APRIL 8th - EASTER SUNDAY. More Special music by the choir and the Easter Message by Bro. Ed.

APRIL 29th - Another special "Fifth Sunday" with Bro. Duke and Randy. Robbie Elliott will join with us also. Bro. Duke will bring the message and Randy will lead the music. The Church wide Fellowship Dinner will follow the morning service. Invite others to join in with us.

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

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Vicki Haynes, 6008 Gwin Circle Bessemer, AL 35023

Robert Hazel, 105 Thornberry Lane Madison, AL 35758

VITAL STATS

For March 11, 2012

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	88
Mission School	26
Shut Ins	24
Total	138

Regular Offering	\$ 6,246.00
Food Pantry(Bill Warren)	75.00
Mem. Robert Wilson & Donna George	70.00
Mem-Bill Warren	100.00
Honor Ed Lowley	20.00
Annie Armstrong	275.00
Hon. Jean Jones	100.00
Sam's Membership	35.00
Total	\$ 6,921.00

Contributions made to the Church for . . .

Annie Armstrong in loving honor of Dot Mitchell, Edna Jinks, & Rachel Townsend

Donation of \$100 in loving honor of Jean Jones by her Sunday School Class.

Memorials & Honorariums

Donation made in loving memory of Bill Warren from his niece Sandra Williams

Donation made for missions in loving memory of husband, Robert Wilson and daughter, Donna George by Kay Wilson. In loving honor of Ed Lawley.

Food Pantry Ministry

Donation of \$75 made in loving memory of Bill Warren by Peacemaker Class.

March 18, 2012
DEACON MINISTRY
Jerry Bagwell 785-7291

SECURITY PATROL
AM - Johnny Handley
PM - Ron Thomas, Joe Hosmer

CORRECTION

HIGHLANDERS

TRIP TO TUSCALOOSA
APRIL 19 - **COST \$35ea.**
DINNER AT WENTZEL'S
AND THEN TO
THEATER PRODUCTION
"Smoke on the Mountain"
VANS LEAVE CHURCH
AT 5:00 P.M.