



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

# MESSENGER

*A Family of Believers doing things God's way.*

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## BRO. ED'S EPISTLE

*"He is not here; He is risen, just as He said."* Matthew 28:6

The news delivered to the women who came to anoint the body of Jesus and mourn His death changed their tears to cries of joy. The prophecy of Jesus was fulfilled in His resurrection. More importantly, his resurrection has made possible eternal life for all who trust Him. As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, may we also continue to share the good news to those who have not yet trusted Him. Everyone deserves the opportunity to hear the good news that Jesus is alive and that He can give eternal life to all who call upon His name.

It is a joy to serve with you, especially during this time of year.

## HARRY'S HEARTBEAT- COMFORT FOR THE SORROWING

— Recently while reading a book by author Charles Koller, he gives his account of: "Good News From The Grave" based on Mat. 28:1-10. The first gospel sermon was preached, near Bethlehem, the night Jesus was born. An angel preacher, schooled in the throne room of heaven, brought the message, in 57 words – "I bring you good tidings . . ." Luke 2:10.

The first Easter Proclamation was likewise communicated by an angel. (Mat. 28:5) The same angel who spoke to Mary (Luke 1:30) and to the shepherds Luke 2:10). Same salutations "Fear not . . . good tidings . . ."

He describes the night after the crucifixion as: Earth's darkest night: body of Jesus in tomb - - grief, remorse, despair.

Next he points to the earth's brightest sunrise: Jesus emerging from the tomb, triumphant over death. Then the questions. What did the resurrection of Jesus mean to those who came within its radiance? What does it mean to us? It carries the assurance of three HEAVENLY BENEFITS: COMFORT FOR THE SORROWING. "They departed with great JOY." V.8- HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS . . . we had hope . . .(Luke 24:21). GRACE FOR THE GUILTY – "For by Grace ye are saved thru faith . . ." (Eph. 2:8). It's all about HIM!

I Love You, Harry

## LLOYD'S LINES "Peace in the Midst of a Storm"

— One of my favorite things about Jesus is found in Mark 4:38 in which Jesus calmed a storm. You remember he was in the boat sound asleep when it came and the disciples were so afraid and woke Jesus up and said "Master, do you not care that we perish?" and he arose and said to the sea "Peace Be Still." This story reminds us that Jesus is present in the stormy times of our lives. Are you going thru some storm in your life? Then Jesus reminds us that even in severe times that He is with us in His mercy and in His name we hope.

Thanks to each one of you who called a friend and had them in our worship this past Sunday. It was a great time and thanks Choir for your presentation of the easter Musical "Oh What A Savior."

And now let us look forward to Easter Sunday. There will be more Easter Music and then the Easter Sermon by Bro. Ed. Pray that the Lord will be honored and glorified and someone will find Jesus as their Savior. God is so good. And just remember . . . God loves you and so do I. SING-cerely, Bro. Lloyd

## SAVE THE DATE

April 6<sup>th</sup> Office closed for Good Friday

April 8<sup>th</sup> EASTER SUNDAY

April 10<sup>th</sup> Brotherhood at Cracker Barrel 8:00 AM

April 18<sup>th</sup> - Bread From Heaven 9 - 11 AM

April 29<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Bro. Buck & Randy Harwell will be our special guest speaker and Music Director. Be sure to call friends, former members, and neighbors and invite them here to share in the special day.

Christ is  
Risen  
Praise the Lord!

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VITAL STATS  
Week of April 1, 2012

ATTENDANCE	
Sunday School	99
Mission School	28
Shut Ins	24

TOTAL 151

<b>Regular Offering</b>	<b>\$ 9,826.43</b>
Annie Armstrong	95.64
Lottie Moon	40.64
Kathleen Mallory	20.93

**TOTAL \$ 9,983.64**

**April 8, 2012**  
**DEACONS ON CALL**  
Don Davidson 491-1076

**SECURITY PATROL**  
AM- Ron Thomas, Bob Key  
PM – Charles Marlow, Bob Key

**SENIOR SPOT LIGHT**  
Wanda Johnson  
116 Spring Garden Road  
B'ham, AL 35217  
Betty Knowles  
1009 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Midfield, AL 35228

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING IN LOVING MEMORY OF Pat Hazel, Dot Mitchell & Rachel Townsend**  
**GOAL \$5,000**  
**Received \$1,060.64**

Dear Savior, make me a more beautiful witness to you. When the words of others leave a mark, teach me to share love in return.

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