



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

# MESSENGER

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

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**BRO. ED'S EPISTLE** "Hold men like him in high regard." Philippians 2:29b

Paul gave a high commendation to Epaphroditus, a member of the church at Philippi, who had served the Lord and Paul so well. His admonition to hold men like him in high regard is appropriate for us today. We have experienced a sad milestone in our church in the home going of our last charter member, Bro. Arthur "Slick" Roberts. Slick devoted himself to the Lord and to our church, giving of himself to advance the gospel and our church. He is receiving his commendation from the Lord now, but we will miss him. The challenge is now for us to carry out the mission and ministry God has for our church. We rejoice in the contribution of so many through the years. Now let us do our part in the ongoing history of this great church.

Thank you for your words and deeds of love for our family in the recent death of my brother, Neal. We are so grateful for the privilege of serving with you. May we extend that same love to a lost and dying world.

**LLOYD'S LINES** – *This is the day that the Lord hath made – I will rejoice and be glad in it.* I hope that is your theme today. It is with me. We

are praising the Lord for the month of April as we celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior JESUS CHRIST. And now it is May and another month to worship and praise Him. The Lord just keeps on blessing us on the Highlands. Thanks for all of you who came to celebrate the Fifth Sunday. It is always a pleasure to welcome Bro. Buck and Randy and they bless our hearts.

Now let's look forward to May just to see what the Lord has in store for us. So here are some things happening in May.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly Brotherhood Breakfast at Cracker Barrel at 8:00 am

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** "Mother's Day" This is always a highlight for us as we recognize the Mothers of FHBC.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** Our monthly MINI-CONCERT in the 6:00 pm service. Special guest will be Mr. Buddy Majors. He recently retired and is now doing programs and fill-ins for other churches.

There will be other special events and services during the month so keep reading your newsletter each week and the bulletin. Continue to pray for your staff and each other and just remember – God loves you and so do I. "SING-cerely, Bro. Lloyd

**HARRY'S HEARTBEAT-** I recently visited one of our members who, while doing some spring cleaning, found an old antique alarm clock that probably belonged to his grandmother. I had never seen one that looked like it. It was a wind up clock that had several different gadgets on it. He wound it up and it started keeping time. It was made by Westclock Corp. established in 1850 to 1980. It required rewinding every day.

As I left his home I began thinking about the old Big Ben and Little Bens that used to be found in almost every home. I remembered that I had a Little Ben in a dresser drawer. It had not been used in years. I went home, found it, wound it up and it still went tic, tic, tic, keeps good time, alarms on time. "IF" I remember to wind it up every night. It has the adjustment on the back to use when it gets older and begins to lose time. The setting affects the tension on the main spring, which occasionally breaks. So the older it gets the more maintenance it needs. You're saying Harry, where are you going with this.

Well- I began comparing that old clock to our bodies and the Christian Life. I'm told that an old alarm clock had over two hundred parts, each one dependant on the other. So it is with our body. So as time goes on, we have to have a little daily maintenance (pills, doctors, therapy, etc.) to keep us wound up.

Likewise, as Christians, we sometimes need to do a daily spiritual checkup to survive in our anti-Christ society. The only way as Christians to keep running for Christ is to keep our main spring (Jesus) fore front and keep wound up through Bible Study, Prayer and Worship. I love you, Harry

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VITAL STATS

Week of April 22, 2012

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	90
Mission School	32
Shut Ins	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>146</b>

April 29, 2012

Regular Offering	\$ 5,102.00
Special	885.00
Memory Sam Bass	100.00
Annie Armstrong	305.00
Audio Tape Ministry	100.00
Gideon Bible-Troy Jones	25.00

**TOTAL \$ 6517.00**

Contributions have been made to the church for . . .

Audio Tape Ministry

Donation made in loving honor of Nancy, Marsha and Guy Sellers by their friend, Tom Higdon.

Annie Armstrong Easter

In loving memory of Pat Hazel, Dot Mitchell, and Rachel Townsend by Susan Godley.

Gideon Bibles

Five Gideon Bibles have been donated in loving memory of Troy Jones by Ann Latty's Sunshine Sun.Sch. Class.

May 6, 2012

DEACONS ON CALL

Eddie Hill 744-6341

SECURITY PATROL

AM- Bob Key

PM- Earl Robins, Ron Thomas

SENIOR SPOT LIGHT

**Mamie McNutt-**

1009 Sunny Dell Lane

Hueytown, AL 35023

**Betty & Marvin Murphee**

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Fairfield, AL 35064

*Our love and prayers go out to Valerine Jones and family in the death of her husband, Troy Jones.*

*To Jeffery and Debbie and families in the death of their mother, Dean Whitley,*

*To Polly Cannon and family in the death of her sister-in-law, Melba Brackin.*