



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

MESSENGER

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VITAL STATS

Week of June 24, 2012

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	83
Mission School	15
Shut Ins	24
TOTAL	122

Regular Offering \$2720.00

Bring your Friends, bring your Family and Celebrate the goodness of God.

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HARRY SIMS, MINISTER OF EDUCATION & EVANGELISM ◆ LLOYD JONES, MINISTER OF MUSIC

Bro. Ed's Epistle- "Now when Pharaoh had let the people go, God...led the people". Exodus 13:17-18

When the Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt, they were in a very vulnerable position. The key to their successful escape and formation of a new nation was that God led them every step of the way. He even provided them a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. When the Egyptians pursued them, God delivered them through the Red Sea and destroyed the Egyptian army. America has also been blessed by God. In the early days of our new nation, we were also vulnerable. But God in His providence led our founders each step of the way. We defeated the British army against all odds. We resisted the way of state religion and crafted founding documents that honored God and preserved freedom for all. Israel eventually disobeyed God and was taken captive from their land. Will America go the same way? The answer lies not in our political or military leaders. It all depends on you and me continuing to follow God day by day. It is a joy to serve as your pastor.

As we celebrate our nation's birth, may we commit to follow God as our founders did.

HARRY'S HEARTBEAT - Have you ever been surprised at how God's mind works? As I looked back over my life, I still stand amazed at those unexplainable experiences that only God could have orchestrated in my life. As the old saying goes, "they just came right out of the sky." No forethought, preparation, or planning, they just happened.

Examples: the telephone rang, I say "Hello." They asked for an unknown person followed by "I'm sorry, I must have the wrong number." I say "that's ok, just remember God loves you." The Holy Spirit takes over as we begin sharing and praying. Time moves on - - end of story. The lady was trying to call and let someone know she was committing suicide. A life spared. Wrong number? Or God's providence?

A young student from Samford visits our service. The next day I call his number and I ask for Mr._____. The party on the other end says he's not in could I tell who called. I invited him to come next Sunday with his friend. He asked if I would have prayer with him. Again the Holy Spirit takes control. The young fellow came the next Sunday. Time passed on. The end of the story. The young preacher boy had become discouraged and was rethinking his calling to ministry and was dropping out of college. He stayed in school, graduated, and became a successful pastor at one of our neighborhood churches. Did the wrong man answer the telephone? Or was it God's providence?

For the sake of space, this article will be continued until next week I love you, Harry

LLOYD'S LINES - Here comes July, my second most favorite month of the year. (The first being December and the celebration of the birth of our Lord.) But we too have so many things to celebrate in July the first being the Birth of our Nation almost 300 years ago. (1776) We have lots to celebrate here at Fairfield Highlands. On the first Sunday, July 1st, in the morning service, we are having a Patriotic program with a Mini-Concert entitled "America I Love This Land." It will feature songs of our country such as "This Is My Country, You're A Grand Old Flag, Let Freedom Ring, Let There Be Peace On Earth" and others. We will recognize Veterans with a musical salute for all branches of the Armed Forces. Eddie Hill will bless us with the Lee Greenwood version of "God Bless the U.S.A." and Bro. Ed will close out the service with a message for all Americans to hear. Then July 4th comes on Wednesday. Then we will have our usual "Fifth Sunday" celebration on Sunday July 29th. In the evening service Mr. Frank Nelson from North Highlands will present a full concert. We will have a church wide fellowship immediately following the service. So we challenge you to invite your family members and friends to come and help us celebrate during the month of July. And in the meantime be sure to pray for each other and pray for your church staff and just remember - God loves you and so do I.

SING-cerely, Bro. Lloyd

A donation has been made
In Memory of
Mom, Dad
& Brothers:
Foster, Jr. & Tom Northcutt
By Martha Paulk

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AM-Buster Williams, Bob Key
PM- Bob Key



JOIN US JULY 1ST
AS WE CELEBRATE WITH A
SPECIAL
JULY 4TH
PATRIOTIC PROGRAM,
11 A.M.
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SENIOR SPOT LIGHT

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