



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

# MESSENGER

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

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**BRO. ED'S EPISTLE** "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord..." Acts 3:19

Peter's second sermon after the day of Pentecost is not as famous as his first, but it was effective in reaching thousands more with the gospel. The promise to anyone who repented and returned to the Lord is that times of refreshing would come from the Lord. We need a time of refreshing right now. I know we are planning for a revival this fall, but we can experience that kind of spiritual refreshing right now. Join me in a time of personal repentance and a return to our first love of Jesus. We are experiencing somewhat of a drought during these hot summer days. Some rain would refresh our land and our spirits, and give us some relief from the extreme heat. Even more do we need the refreshing presence of the Lord. Join your church family this Sunday as we seek God's refreshing spirit through worship and fellowship.

I love you and thank God for the privilege of serving as your pastor.

**HARRY'S HEARTBEAT-** Wed., May 17, there was a knock on my door, the nurse came in and said that a couple was at the front door and requested to have prayer with me, would it be alright? I said yes. In a minute, another knock . . . come in.

If you want an explanation to the rest of the story, you will have to get it somewhere else. I had never seen the couple before and they didn't know me. Except that I was here.

The man began by saying, "Sir, I know this sounds like I have lost my mind, but please allow me to share a heavy burden that my wife and I have. We were on the way to prayer meeting at our church. The Lord made it clear to me that He had intentions. I tried to explain to my wife what was happening, she thought I was kidding or crazy. I stopped the car and ask her to please trust me. After a moment of prayer, we continued on our journey.

The next thing I knew we were sitting outside the Rehab. My wife again felt uncomfortable with the whole thing. This is insane, you know they are not going to let us in because of security reasons. We don't even know who to ask for or who to visit. Again, I ask her to allow God to reveal all the answers.

As we continued talking, the Holy Spirit began to reveal his burden and need. It was the same burden that I had kept inside of me for 40 plus years. A call to Christian Vocation. Like myself he was trying but not trusting! Sleepless nights, Satan's lies, doubting, bargaining with God, while always running away. The Holy Spirit took over answering many of his questions. He left encouraged with a prayer on his lips, a smile on his face and tears in his eyes. (Out of space) Coincidence or divine intervention? Only God knows . . .

I love you, Harry

**LLOYD'S LINES** - We trust and hope that you have enjoyed all of the Patriotic Music for the past two Sundays. All the choir specials and the other specials as presented have added greatly to our worship service. This church is well blessed with musicians. Thanks so much to Delores and Eddie for the beautiful and inspiring pre-service music that they do. Then thanks to Darryl, Robby and Cissy for their contributions to the worship services. We challenge the Choir to do their very best in setting the tone for a spirit filled worship service. If we do our very best then it paves the way for Bro. Ed to challenge us with a word from the Lord . . . then we trust that you are enjoying the other special music that we offer. The special mini-concerts are always a blessing and add so much to the worship services. Then I always look forward to the "Fifth Sunday" special days. And seek the Lord's guidance in securing the best that we can get. As I have told you so many times this choir is very special to me. They are a blessing to work with. So let them know when you are blessed. And one of the other joys that I receive is the Sunday Evening PRAISE Choir. Very few churches have Sunday Night Choirs. So if any of you would like to join the choir, let me know. We can use your VOICE in our BUSINESS. But most importantly, please pray for me as we lead you in worship. And that we will always do the kind of music that glorifies and lifts up the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior. TO GOD BE THE GLORY.

Many churches have a Summer Slump in the summer months but lets not experience that here on the Highlands. Be especially faithful in your giving and attendance. And always to remember to pray for your staff and for each other and just remember - God loves you and so do I.

SING-cerely, Bro. Lloyd

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**VITAL STATS**  
July 1, 2012

ATTENDANCE	
Sunday School	93
Mission School	17
Shut Ins	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>134</b>

Regular Offering \$	8800.00
Bread From Heaven	100.00

**TOTAL \$ 8900.00**

**A contribution has been made to Bread From Heaven In memory of Myrtice Higdon by her son Tom Higdon**

**DEACONS ON CALL**  
Terrell Anderson-744-1876  
**SECURITY PATROL**  
AM- Johnny Handley  
PM-Winston Massey

**SENIOR SPOT LIGHT**  
**Ellene Ryan**  
Beverly Health Care  
Meadow wood Assisted Living  
82 Golf Course Rd.  
Bessemer, AL 35022  
**Lee Owens**  
Currently at UAB B'ham

**With Care and Concern our love and prayers go out to Evelyn, Bro. Ed and family in the death of her uncle, Hubert Robertson in Mobile.**

## **GOLD TONE AND HIGHLANDERS**

You have been invited to join Pleasant Ridge Baptist Senior Choir and participate in their activities. They have several activities coming up including a fall musical. Contact Jonathan Riddle, the director for more information. ALSO, our Highlanders will occasionally be attending some of their functions. (TBA) They have a luncheon planned July 10<sup>th</sup> at Niki's West, are taking their busses and need a head count, See Eddie Hill or Kenneth Hill (Sr. Director at P. R.) or call Pleasant Ridge 744-3771.

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