



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

MESSENGER

A Family of Believers doing things God's way.

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Jesus
loves me yes I know, for the
Bible
tells me so.

BRO. ED'S EPISTLE *"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift."* II Corinthians 9:15

God has given us many tremendous gifts. Recently, Evelyn's Uncle Hubert went to be with the Lord, and we were reminded how blessed we were to have been given such a wonderful person in our family. So many of you have prayed with us and comforted us, and we are reminded that you are a precious gift from God to us. Even the breathe we take is a gift from God. But the only gift that can be called "indescribable", is the gift of Jesus who died and rose again that we might have everlasting life with Him. As we give thanks for many of God's gifts each day, may we always remember His indescribable gift.

I love you and look forward to worship with you this week.

HARRY'S HEARTBEAT - I don't know about you but I am sick and tired of all the negativism that's thrown at us from almost every area of our lives. Think for a minute, how long has it been since you've heard an inspiring, wholesome, heartwarming, spirit lifting or encouraging word or challenge. Regardless of the writer of Ecclesiastes name, I wonder if he might not have been in our position. "Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity." Blank out this mess.

Let's hear some humor from a child. These words were taken from an article entitled, "From a Child's Heart."

A daddy was listening to his child say her prayers, "Dear Harold . . ." "Wait a minute honey, how come you called God Harold?" The little girl looked up and said, "That's what they call Him at church. You know the prayer we say, 'Our Father, who art in heaven Harold be thy name.'"

And then there was this particular four year old who prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

And finally, the realist: "Dear God, please take care of my Daddy and my Mommy and my sister, brother, doggy and me. Oh yes, please take care of yourself God. If anything happens to you, we're really gonna be in a big mess." I love you, Harry

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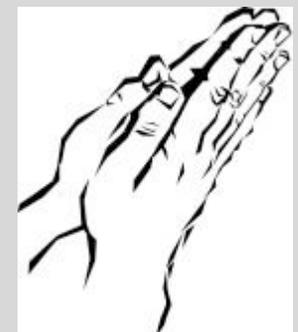
| ATTENDANCE | |
|----------------|------------|
| Sunday School | 91 |
| Mission School | 26 |
| Shut Ins | 24 |
| TOTAL | 141 |

Regular Offering \$ 4025.00

TOTAL \$ 4025.00

July 22, 2012
DEACON ON CALL
Charles Crump 424-37544

SECURITY PATROL
AM-Buster Williams, Earl Robins
PM-Earl Howton, Bob Key



SENIOR SPOT LIGHT
Ellene Ryan
Beverly Health Care
Meadowwood Assisted Living
82 Golf Course Rd.
Bessemer, AL 35022

Lee Owens
St Vincent East
50 Medical Park Drive East
B'ham, AL 35235

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Lloyd's Lines - "God Bless America"

Do you know the story behind this great Patriotic Song? If not, let me tell you. In 1918 during World War I, Irving Berlin wrote "God Bless America." The publishers rejected it and he put his manuscript in a trunk for 20 years. In 1938, Kate Smith, a popular vocalist, approached Berlin and ask him to write a patriotic song for her performance on the 20th Anniversary of the end of World War 1. Berlin remembered the song in the trunk. He retrieved it, dusted it off, made some changes and published it. Soon it became one our most loved American songs. I'm sure many of you remember as I do, Kate Smith singing that song. She has been long gone, but I don't think anyone else could do it like Kate Smith. It was performed on the weekly production of the Kate Smith Hour, December 10, 1938. It electrified the nation and the rest is history.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America, land that I love, stand beside her and guide her, through the night with the light from above. From the mountains, to the praries, to the ocean white with foam,
God bless America, My home sweet home.

Author: Irving Berlin, 1918; Revised 1938
We will be singing it many times throughout the month of July.

And just remember, God loves you and so do I.
Bro. Llovd

Upcoming Events...

July 22nd - "Deacons Meeting"
Deacons Meeting at 5 PM

July 29th - "Fifth Sunday Celebration"

Special musical guest Mr. Frank Nelson from North Highalnds Baptist Church. He will be singing a full concert in the evening service. After the service we will be having a Church Wide Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is sandwiches, dips, chips, drinks and desserts.

Call your family members and friends and lets have another great Fifth Sunday on the Highlands.

October 14th through 17th - "Fall Revival"

Bro Bill Hatley will be preaching. Bro. Dale Jones will lead the singing.