



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

# MESSENGER

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

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**BRO. ED'S EPISTLE** "...there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Luke 15:10

Every person is valuable to God, even worth Jesus dying on the cross for our sins. When one repents, there is celebration in heaven. We experienced that joy in our worship recently as Tony Handley professed his faith in Jesus. We celebrated here as the angels celebrated in heaven. This past Sunday we had the joy of seeing Tony follow the Lord in baptism. I urge you to support Tony as he continues to serve the Lord through our church.

Thank you for the joy of serving with you. Continue to pray that God will add more to our fellowship in the days to come.

**HARRY'S HEARTBEAT**- Many years ago, when I was a young lawyer, and Illinois was little settled, except on her southern borders, I, with other lawyers, used to ride the circuit; journeying with the judge from county seat to county seat in quest of business. Once, after a long spell of pouring rain, which flooded the whole country, making small creeks into rivers, we were often stopped by these swollen streams. Still ahead of us was the Fox River, larger than all the rest and we could not help saying to each other, "If these small streams give us so much trouble, how shall we cross Fox River?" Darkness fell before we had reached that stream and we all stopped at a log tavern for the night. Here we were glad to meet the Methodist Presiding Elder of the circuit (Peter Cartwright), who rode it in all weather, knew all the ways, and could tell us about Fox River. So we all gathered around him, and ask him if he knew about the crossing of Fox River. "Oh, yes," he replied, "I know all about Fox River. I have crossed it often and understand it well. But I have one fixed rule with regard to Fox River: I never cross it till I reach it."

As I read this article by Abraham Lincoln, I began to think how many times in my life I've tried to cross tomorrow's rivers before I get to them. Wasted worry! I need to stop and read Jesus' words in Mat. 6:25 and simply trust Him for my Fox River. I love you, Harry

**LLOYD'S LINES**- "J.O.Y." As most of you know that in addition to serving here with you as Minister of Music, that I also direct the Senior Adult Fellowship of the Baptist Church at McAdory. And that is the name of the fellowship. Recently, Charlie and Sharlene visited us for our Patriotic program in July. Charlie asked me what the name of the group was and what J.O.Y. stood for. I told him that the J.O.Y. meant Just Older Youth. Then he told me that it could also mean **JESUS** first, **OTHERS** second, and **YOURSELF** last. I had heard that in years past but thanks Charlie for reminding me about it once again. As as a little chorus that says, "The JOY of the Lord is our strength." So with that in mind, let me spread JOY thru out our fellowship and in our community that JESUS will be honored and glorified thru me.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** August 14<sup>th</sup> - Brotherhood Breakfast at Cracker Barrel at 8:00 AM. Last month we had 19 so we are still trying to have 25, so men, come out and help us reach this goal.

So also remember "This is the day that the Lord hath made and we will rejoice and be glad in it." And last of all just remember . . . God loves you and so do I. SING-cerely, Bro. Lloyd

### Upcoming Events...

**Brotherhood** at Cracker Barrel Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> 8 am

**August 12<sup>th</sup> - Mini Concert 6:00 PM David and Lois Weaver**

**October 14<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> - "Fall Revival"**

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

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

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August 5, 2012	
ATTENDANCE	
Sunday School	101
Mission School	22
Shut Ins	24
TOTAL	147
Regular Offering \$ 7583.00	
Bread From Heaven 100.00	

**TOTAL** \$ 7683.50

**Week of August 5, 2012**

#### DEACON ON CALL

Don Davidson 491-1076

#### SECURITY PATROL

AM-Bob Key

PM-Earl Robins

#### SENIOR SPOT LIGHT

Hazel Shaver  
532 Grant Street  
Midfield, AL 35228

Dolores Smith  
1235 Al Seier Rd.  
Hoover, AL 35226

#### NEW ADDRESS FOR

Evelyn Hoops  
Youngs Personal Home Care  
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Hephzibah, GA 30815

**HIGHLANDERS**  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>, dinner  
at Top Of The River,  
cost \$20.00. Vans  
will leave the church  
at 4 pm, call the  
church office to  
make reservations.  
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