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Attendance November 17, 2013

Sunday School	73
Mission School	16
Shut Ins	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>112</b>

Regular Offering	\$ 4428.75
Samaritan's Purse	350.00
Bread From Heaven (Turkey Drive)	75.00
Honor and Memorials	115.00
Tax Refund	2.50
Tape Ministry	1.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4972.50</b>

**\$60.00 For the Bread From Heaven Turkey Drive was received from Peacemakers SS Class**

**A donation of \$90.00 was received for Samaritan's Purse in Honor of Susan Godley**

**A donation of \$15.00 was received in Honor of Burry and Maxine Thompson**

**A donation of \$10.00 was received in Honor of Margaret Hardy and in Memory of Ron Hardy**

Our Love and Prayers go out  
 to the family and friends of  
 Irene Northington  
 in her death.

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Bro. Ed's Epistle *"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."*

Philippians 1:3

October was pastor appreciation month and you were so generous to Evelyn and me in many ways. The month started with a lunch for our staff by Addie's Sunday School class. Then we received many cards throughout the month. Last Sunday, we were presented with a very generous love gift accompanied by a tremendous outpouring of love and support. We are so grateful for you, not just for the things just mentioned, but for your love all the time. We understand how Paul felt when he wrote, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."

**LLOYD'S LINES** – *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.: Philippians 4:13 – this is one of my favorite verses in the New Testament and I have to remind myself often and I tell others. Life is hard, Times are tough. Pressures are great and needs are many. Many times I fail so those are the times I need to remember the verse. How about you? But with Him – in and through His strength we can face the challenges of each day and every day. So just remember dear ones the promise found in Philippians 4:13 will get us through and give us the Victory. And as always remember Jesus says I am with you always. We can sing one of my favorite hymns that says "Victory In Jesus." (Taken in part from my Devotional Prayer Book."*

*One of the blessings of December is our emphasis on the Lottie Moon Christmas Mission Offering. Our Goal is \$3,500.00 and with the above verse "We can." Thanks WMU for your work here on the Highlands.*

*We are looking forward to December and all of the activities ere. Pray for and lend support to our Choir as they will present the Christmas Musical "Bethlehem Morning" December 15<sup>th</sup> in the 11:00 AM Service. I think you will be blessed. And remember "God loves you and so do I." SING-cerely, Bro. Lloyd*

**HARRY'S HEARTBEAT** – Let me preface what I am about to say: I don't have anything against health and fitness centers or anyone who goes to one. They have better attendance than most of our churches especially on Prayer Meeting Night. I recently read an article by Joni Eareckson about a fellow quadriplegic who attended physical therapy with her. As Joni was sweating and straining with weights and pulleys, Cindy merely played around with the weights. Years later when Joni returned to the hospital for a check-up, she saw Cindy. Joni was shocked. Her arms were thin and useless and she looked weak and tired. As quadriplegics, both had the same potential for gaining strength but Cindy played around and never applied herself.

I can't help but wonder how many Christians and others who are members of fitness centers are like Cindy. Just playing around believing that the Christian life will just "happen" to them without any real commitment (sweat) or tough obedience to God's Word. If you were to ask them if their spiritual fitness matched their physical fitness according to Eph. 6:5-10, what would be their answer? I love you, Harry

## Upcoming Events...

Everyone is Invited to the **Community Wide Thanksgiving Worship Service Tuesday Night, Nov.26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** at Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

**Handel's Messiah** – The Alabama Civic Chorale will present their 66<sup>th</sup> annual performance of Handel's Messiah with soloists and orchestra **on Sunday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM** at Riverchase United Methodist Church in Hoover. The performance is free and some of our members will participate along with other churches from our area.

## SENIOR CHOIR SPECIAL MUSIC

The Combined Senior Choirs of Pleasant Ridge and FHBC will share their Special Christmas Music on **December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** here at Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church