



Ed Cruce, Pastor
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DEACON ON CALL

Week of DEC. 22

Eddie Hill

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SECURITY PATROL

AM- Guy Sellers

PM-Bob Key, Charles

Marlow

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ATTENDANCE Sunday Dec. 16th, 2013	
Sunday School	71
Mission School	13
TOTAL	84
Shut Ins	22
Regular Offering	\$ 5588.00
Lottie Moon	661.00
TOTAL	\$ 6249.00

\$355.00 was given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by Anne Latty's Sonshine Class

\$106.00 was given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by Jean Jones Sunday School Class

\$50.00 was given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by Curtis Jones Sunday School Class

SENIOR SPOT LIGHT

Please remember all our Seniors.
 List available in vestibule.



Our love and prayers go out to the family of Ellene Ryan in her death, and to Ronald and Linda Laney in the death of his brother, Jerry Laney.

Church Phone Number 205-780-6621

BRO. ED'S EPISTLE "But you,

Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Micah 5:2

Micah prophesied more than 700 years before the birth of Jesus. He Predicted the precise place where the Messiah would be born. When the Magi came to Jerusalem looking for the new king whose star they had seen, the scholars referenced Micah's prophecy. For Jesus to be born in Bethlehem required a decree from the Roman Emperor and a long Journey for Joseph and Mary. Yet everything came together to confirm Micah's words. How wonderful in our God who promised Jesus' coming throughout the ages, and sent Him at just the right time in history to redeem us from our sins. May we marvel at the miracle of salvation during this Christmas season.

LLOYD'S LINES -Doing Good - "Let them do well, that they may be rich in good worked, ready to give." 1 Timothy 6:18-19 - The blessings of servanthood not only come to us, they also flow through us. We are to serve as a conduit of God's blessings to others. God, through Paul, instructs us to "Give" and to "Share" in order to "Do Good."

Paul is saying to us "be good like God." Be generous toward others, and share with others all that God has unselfishly given to and shared with you. So at this Christmas time let us pray this prayer: "God here and now, I pledge to live like Zacchaeus, who gave generously to others; like Mary, the sister of Martha, who gave extravagantly; like the unnamed widow, who gave sacrificially; and like Barnabus, who gave encouragingly. May the blessings of servant5588flow through me in this life. I pray this in the name of Him who gave His all to me, Jesus Christ. Amen" We will have a blessed Christmas if we do all of this. (Taken in part from My Devotional Prayer Book.)

It would not be Christmas if we did not share in the Lottie Moon Christmas Mission Offering. So let us pray and give. Our goal is \$3,500.00.

"Jesus The Reason For The Season" And remember God loves you and so do I.

SING-cerely, Bro. Lloyd



For Your Information . . .
The Church Office will be closed
December 24th , 25th
There will be no evening service
on December 25th , 29th
& Jan. 1st
We will observe The Lord's
Supper on Sunday Morning,
December 29th.



Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church would like to wish ALL of our church family and friends a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Jan. 1st is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one.

HARRY'S HEARTBEAT- Recently I was going thru my files and came to a file entitled Weddings. I__ Take you__ to be my wedded husband. To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness or in health, to love and to cherish till death do us part. And hereto I pledge you my faithfulness. This covenant was exclusive to one person.

Is this not basically the covenant you and I made to Jesus when we invited Him into our lives. That's what God wants and expects from us - an exclusive love relationship. (Ex.20:3) He doesn't want anything or anybody to take His rightful place in our lives. Basically, what God is saying is this first commandment is, "I am giving myself to you in grace, and I don't want anything to come between us. I want to be the sole object of your attention, loyalty and worship.

However, as we sadly realize, like in a marriage covenant, we sometimes allow situations to separate us from our exclusive loving relationship with each other. But the good news is that He is always ready to forgive and restore us back when we repent and ask forgiveness.

As we approach this Christmas, why not join me and renew your salvation covenant with the reason for the season "JESUS." I love you, Harry

