Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church

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SECURITY PATROL

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Attendance July 26, 2015	
Regular Attendance	69
Shut Ins	24
Total	93
Regular Offering	\$4703.00
Highlander Trip	\$140.00
Total	\$4843.00

Sunday Morning, August 16

Bro. Harry Sims will be giving his personal testimony

Sunday Morning, August 23 Wade Hammond

will be in concert at

Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church
Wade is an Award Winning
Christian recording
artist/songwriter. His music can
be heard on Christian and
Country radio stations as well as
XM Enlighten radio.

We are looking forward to his concert – hope to see you there!

SENIOR SPOT LIGHT

John and Hazel Shaver

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Bro. Ed's Epistle

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:21

Every week it seems we hear news of a terrorist shooting, or the senseless deaths of innocent people just going about their daily lives. The good people of Lafayette, La. did not expect the drifter from Alabama to open fire on them as they watched a movie last week. It would be easy to yield to the temptation to withdraw from normal activities and conclude that we have lost the culture and even our country. But God's word challenges us to confront evil, not yield to it. And the way we confront evil is important. We are not to "fight fire with fire" by using evil methods on those who wish us harm. Instead, we are to overcome evil with good. And the greatest good I know is the gospel of Jesus. We need to unleash the power of the gospel and watch it change evil people into good people. After all, that's what it did for you and me.

I love you and pray for you daily as you seek to share Jesus with others.

Highlanders Trip Thursday, August 6th

Vísít Crooked Creek Cívíl War Museum

Followed by dinner at

The Old Cookstove

Vans will leave the church at 2:00 pm - Cost \$20.00

Festival of Hope with Franklin Graham

Friday Night - August 14 (7:00 pm - 9:30 pm)Saturday Night - August 15 (6:00 pm - 9:30 pm)Sunday Night - August 16 (5:00 pm - 7:30 pm)

HARRY'S HEARTBEAT –"Forgive your enemies" was the topic of

the pastor's sermon on this particular Sunday. At the close of his rather long message, he asked how many were willing to forgive their enemies. About half of the congregation raised their hands.

Not satisfied, he preached for another twenty minutes and repeated the question. This time a few more lifted their hands. Still unsatisfied, he went on another few minutes, and repeated the question. Now all hands raised except one elderly lady on the back row. "Miz Jones, aren't you willing to forgive your enemies?" the pastor asked.

"I don't have any" was her answer.

"Miz Jones, that is very unusual. How old are you?"

"Ninety-three"

"Miz Jones, would you please come down front and tell this congregation how a person can live ninety-three years and not have one enemy in the whole world."

The sweet little lady rose from her seat and tottered down the aisle, very slowly turned around, and answered,

"It's easy, I just outlived 'em all!" Been there and done that as far as I know. How about your enemies?

See you Wednesday and Sunday. God is So Good! I Love you, Harry.