



## February, 2019

# The Alpine Gossip



Maybe we see it in the rainbow after a storm, or in a colorful sunrise painted across the horizon. Maybe we see it in glistening snow, spring rains, or in the majesty of mountains, and beauty of the ocean. Maybe we hear it in the early morning songs of chirping birds, or in children's laughter, or through an encouraging word from a friend at just the right time. God's in it all. Yet often, we may miss it. Sometimes we're just too busy to notice. Or we take it for granted, or don't give God the credit. But it doesn't change the truth that His love is all around, surrounding, protecting, covering, every hour of every day. In case you need a reminder today in the swirl of battles and brokenness around us, God's love is perfect. God's love is real. It has no end and there's nothing we could ever do to make Him stop loving us. He's drawing you closer to Himself, in the bright, sunny days, and even through the tough times, in the heartache and pain. He is faithful. He is good. He is loving. He is with us!

### Tablescapes for Scholarships

The date is Saturday, February 23 at 6 pm. A special invitation is extended to all past recipients of scholarships from Alpine Baptist. It is a delight each year to see the creativity and talent that goes into making each table beautiful and unique. A few more volunteers are needed to decorate a table so let Pattie Thomas, Ann Morris or Jackie Potts know if you are interested. The food will be delicious and we are excited to have Mr. Joel Dixon, Human Resources Supervisor for Shelby County School System, as our guest speaker. It will be a night to remember and all for a good cause.

Brother Brad has been doing a wonderful job with the January Bible Study on Revelation. He stresses that the book is not all doom and gloom but its purpose is to build our faith in and reliance on Christ, give us hope through difficult times, and assure us of the Lord's love for us and the eventual triumph of good over evil.



Michelle, Carolina and Tess have 2 new members in their family...almost as cute as little Henry.

Terry Roberson and Ray Chandler enjoyed a trip to the keys...oh wait, that's not Ray!

We seem to be having a bout with surgeries in our little church. Nancy Howle is at home recovering from knee replacement, Cathy Knight is at home recovering from surgery on her finger and Lindsey just had knee replacement. We pray for a speedy recovery for all three.

Thank you to a sweet couple that plans to wed at Alpine Baptist in September, Alison Kelley and Creed Aklin. They brought enough pine straw to cover the entire prayer garden.

It is always such a pleasure to see Joylyn Boggs at worship service. She and her workers with special needs are planning a trip to Washington DC in the near future. We love you Joylyn! Hope all of you have a wonderful trip.

Joanne Duncan reports that she is better after arm surgery. She got her stitches out last week from both incisions and now has a brace that she will wear for several weeks.

Gary and Diann Garner enjoyed Christmas in Colorado with several family members. They enjoyed lots of fun activities both outside and inside. Gary reports that he and his team lost the gingerbread house contest but sure had fun trying.

It was wonderful seeing Wallis and Martha Schuessler in worship service a couple Sundays ago. They have both been struggling with health issues but felt well enough to join us. We have all been praying for you two.

Plans are in the making for a fun activity in March for youth, young adults and young at heart. Stay tuned for more details

A priest and a pastor are standing by the side of a road holding up a sign that reads "The end is near! Turn around now before it's too late!" A passing driver yells, "You guys are nuts!" and speeds past them. From around the curve, they hear screeching tires—then a big splash. The priest turns to the pastor and says, "Do you think we should just put up a sign that says 'Bridge Out' instead?"



Dear Alpine Outreach,  
Wallis and I sincerely appreciate your help in our time of need. You have truly been a blessing to us. Wallis had both ankles broken and his back in serious pain, and I am unable to bend and unable to stand for long periods of time, so we truly appreciate your kind help. Sincerely, Martha and Wallis Schuessler

Dear Alpine Church Family,  
Thank you so much for all the prayers. For cards and calls (including texts). For support and your so appreciated gifts. You are truly the best church, and I love you so much. Cathy Knight

Dear Alpine Baptist Church,  
Thank you all so much for the generous gift you gave to me this year! You're always so kind and thoughtful to my family and myself, and I really can't express my gratitude to you enough. 2018 was a difficult year for all of us, but through prayer and faith, I'm hopeful that 2019 will be much better! Much love, Zoe Swain

Dear Church Family,  
Your beautiful flowers were greatly appreciated at my sister's funeral. Mere words cannot express the emptiness you have at the loss of someone so close and so dear. But with God's guidance and love, along with all of you, we shall persevere and overcome. Thank you again, Kevin and Suzanne Kelley

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for your very generous Christmas gift. You are so loving, supportive and gracious, and we appreciate it greatly. With Love, Brad and Cynthia

We received Christmas cards from Missy and Francis Angala and Jen and Andrew Holloway wishing us a Merry Christmas and thanking us for our continued support while they serve overseas. Let's remember to pray for all our missionaries as we seek to partner with them in their work.

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Ushers: Pat Rhodes

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Spaghetti Supper Plankroad Station 4 - 6:30 pm	2 Groundhog Day
3 🌸 Andy Tyler 👤 Stan & Pattie 💰 Suzanne & Bill 🎈 Kathy Ryan	4 🎈 Michelle Head	5	6	7 SRES Backpackers 8:00 am	8	9 🎈 Stan Smith  Deacons Meeting 6:30 pm
10 Business Mtg. 🌸 👤 Ricky & Brenda 💰 Stan & Jackie	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day SRES Backpackers 🎈 John Sawyer 💕 Greg & Melissa	15 💕 Gary & Diann	16 🎈 Brad Mitchell
17 🌸 Kathy & Andy 👤 Kathy & Andy 💰 Gary Ryan 🎈 Carolyn Welch	18 🎈 Ashley Potts Louanne Smith 💕 Stan & Pattie	19 🎈 Ken McCoy, Jr.  Book Mobile Alpine Baptist 1:00 pm	20	21 🎈 Crystal Hardy Gary Ryan Quinn Killough SRES Backpackers 8:00 am	22	23 🎈 Dan Masters  Tablesapes For Scholarships 6:00 pm
24 🌸 Dan & Liz 👤 Cindy & Cynthia 💰 Pat & Lindsey 💕 Gerry & Fay	25	26 🎈 William Killough  💕 Jackie & Janice	27	28 SRES Backpackers 8:00 am		

 Flowers

 Extended Session

 Counting Committee

 Happy Birthday

 Anniversary

**Bereavement:** The families of Hazel Frost, Eddie Haynes, Jeff Greene, Mable Parton, Johnny Walton, Kerry Deason, Sargent Carter (Birmingham), Myra Hassell, Lisa Scott, Jim Rawlinson, Rex Dye, Bo Fuqua

**Military:** Jacob Hill, Jake McCoy, Ory Dyer, Sam McCall (back better but diagnosed with cancer in jaw), Timothy Smith

**Missionaries:** Missy Ward Angalla-ministering to refugee women in Uganda, those serving in anonymity in foreign fields, Alabama Childhood Food Solutions, Inc., Jen, Andrew and family

**Sickness or need:** Patsy Hubbard, Nicole Hosmer, Paul McBrayer, Vera Clark, Melissa Dyer, Tabatha Johnson, Doug Reeves, Rena Thompson, Barry Hazelwood, Robby Richardson, Ryan Estes and family, Randy Hall, Teresa Hall, Nancy Howle, Cathy Knight, Lindsey Stephens, Beth Watson, Jesse Simpson, Wetumpka storm victims

**Praise Report:** Trevor Dyer got his cast off and wears a brace for 3 weeks, Josh Smith has his cast off from a broken wrist, Deb and Jamey Wakefield are both doing well, Lincoln and Kirstin Goswick are both doing well



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