

October 2019

The Alpine Gossip

Alpine Baptist Church

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Where Everybody is Somebody

Pastor: Brad Mitchell



Attention! Hostesses needed for this year's Cookie Swap. The ladies have been having this event for several years and two or three volunteer as hostesses to plan a meal and organize the event in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, talk to a couple others to help and pass the word around. The planned date is Monday, December 2 at 6 pm. Let's keep this tradition going!



Meta, Lindsey, Gail, Ann, Ray and Terry traveled to Montana recently. They visited Yellow Stone National Park and enjoyed seeing all the wonderful land formations and wild life. They say if you have a bucket list, put a trip to Montana on it.

Cynthia and Brad were blessed to have the opportunity to visit England and Ireland the first part



of September. They saw two long-time friends of Cynthia's in Yorkshire and Oxford. Carleen's late husband, Neville, was a student at Oxford the same time Cynthia's late husband Phillip studied there. Tony is a retired professor of geography at Mansfield College who was teaching when Phillip was there. Then Brad & Cynthia drove across England through Wales to the port city of Holyhead where they caught a ferry to Dublin, Ireland. They then drove to the west coast of Ireland and stayed in Doolin. A visit to the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren region was most interesting, with a visit to a burial site that is over 6,000 years old. Then it was back across Ireland to Dublin where they attended Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral and visited the Book of Kells exhibit at Trinity College, Dublin. The Book of Kells is an illustrated copy of the four gospels by Irish monks in the 4th century, which actually preserved the Scriptures from destruction by barbarian invaders. Finally they took the ferry back across the Irish Sea and drove to Manchester for the flight back home.



The Garner Italian Vacation was amazing. Gary, Diann, Talon, Taylor and Grayson visited Italy recently and words cannot express adequately the wonderful things they were able to see and do. A short summary would include The Vatican City, The Pope (yep, saw him up close), toured the Vatican Museums, saw the Sistine Chapel, Saint Peter's Basilica, Castle D'Angelo, Trevi Fountain, the Roman Coliseum and Roman Forum and Caesar Palace. In Pompeii they saw a 2,000 year-old city well preserved down to the lead water pipes and beautiful mosaics! Their last stop was in Venice which was their favorite because it is truly one of a

kind. They walked along the canals and rode in a Gondola operated by a 3rd generation Gondolier. The food was great and the weather was perfect for sitting at the sidewalk cafes and eating croissants and drinking great cappuccinos. What a wonderful experience!

We were fortunate to have two wonderful speakers while Brad and Cynthia were gone on their trip. Tharel Shirah filled the pulpit on September 8 and Jim Jeffers was with us on September 15. Both did an outstanding job and filled our souls and minds with plenty to think about.

We begin a new year in Sunday School on Sunday, October 6. Judson Warlick is the new adult class teacher and he really is very good--leading very thoughtful and challenging lessons. We will kick off the year by meeting this coming Sunday in the fellowship hall at 10:00 am with coffee and donuts. We hope you'll join us and make the commitment to attend Sunday School as much as possible this year. We'd love to have you!



Trunk or Treat / Fall Festival

Sunday, October 27

5:00 pm

Hotdogs and Chili, Cake Walk, Treats for Kids, Face painting, Go Fishing...all to benefit missions...loads of fun!

Assignments will be handed out soon

From August's Financial Report	
General Fund	
July Balance:	\$24,401.21
August Receipts:	\$ 7,566.44
August Disbursements:	\$10,810.67
August Balance:	\$21,156.98

***** Pastor Brad Appreciation *****































Marsha and I don't get back to Alpine as often as we would like, but please know that you, Cynthia and everyone at Alpine are always very close to our hearts and minds. I also want you to know how much I appreciate you taking that "leap of faith" back in 2011 when you agreed to answer the call to Alpine as our pastor. I strongly believe that true "Divine Intervention" was very much in control during that period of time because Alpine needed a pastor and you were looking for a church to lead. We had just completed a small scale renovation to the pastorium and you had just recently sold your home in Helena, and needed a place to put all that furniture. We were praying for a pastor and the Lord answered our prayers by supplying your name and phone number. Alpine has gone through a lot of changes over the past eight years. Several of our members have gone on to Heaven and quite a few of us have moved away. At the same time, and with your continued leadership, the church has continued to provide a place of worship for the congregation. Brother Brad, you have been, and continue to be a blessing to Alpine and we want you to know how very much we appreciate you and Cynthia. Harold and Marsha Pruitt

Brad (or Ref, as Everett calls you)...your gentle spirit, kind demeanor, and sweet messages inspire and give me hope. I am proud to call you pastor and friend. Cynthia is a greatly added bonus. She has added so much to our congregation, especially with the children. Thanks to both of you for your service and love! Pattie Thomas

We appreciate all your thoughtfulness, love and concern, especially these last few months during hospital stays, treatments and uncertainties. Thank you for keeping us focused and lifting us up in prayer. We love you and Cynthia and feel very blessed to have you at Alpine Baptist. Gary, Kathy and Andy



Dear Alpine Friends: Words are much too inadequate when expressing my gratitude for the countless acts of kindness expressed during my recuperation from foot surgery. I thank God for every one of you because you are truly examples of what kindness, generosity and compassion mean. Every card, every visit, every phone call and every meal touched my heart. And I have no doubt that your prayers, and I know they were flowing, contributed greatly to my healing, and with minimal pain. I know that we serve a magnificent God and He continues to show His magnificence through people like you. I continue to be so grateful that the Lord sent me to Alpine Baptist Church, a place filled with love and devotion. Thank you for your many generous gestures of kindness. May God bless each of you as you continue to bless others with the gift of your love. Blessings, Jackie Potts

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pastor Appreciation Month		1  Talon Woods	2  Mason McKinney Morgan McKinney Gunner Camp	3 SRES Backpackers 8:00 am	4  Brooke Rhodes Todd Brannon	5
		6 Communion  Kevin & Suzanne  Pat & Lindsey 	7  Paula Brannon	8	9	10  Gary Parton Marsha Pruitt Jay & Amanda  SRES Backpackers 8:00 am Deacons Mtg 6:30pm
13 Business Mtg.  Jennifer & Teresa  Suzanne & Bill 	14  Meta Stephens	15	16	17  Bobby Smock SRES Backpackers 8:00 am	18  Terry Jenks Tom Strickland	19  Erma Roberson Jacob Lynn
20 CBF Fall Gath'ng  Alanna Thomas Jamie & Penny  	21 CBF Fall Gath'ng  Suzanne Kelley  Luke & Kiana Book Mobile Alpine Baptist 1:00 pm	22	23  Pat Dennis	24  Bill Curlee SRES Backpackers 8:00 am	25  Josh Smith	26
27 Harvest Festival  Buddy Murner Kevin Kelley  	28	29  Brent Morris Kirby Potts	30  Lou Ann Howard	31  Joan Rhodes SRES Backpackers 8:00 am		


 Flowers

 Extended Session

 Counting Committee

 Happy Birthday

 Anniversary



Bereavement: The families of Gary Hardee, Annie Walker, Reggie Hall, Wilford Bickel, Delene Patterson, Craig Hunnicutt, Adrian Young

Military: Jacob Hill, Jake McCoy, Ory Dyer, Sam McCall , Timothy Smith (western Mediterranean)

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: Zoe Swain, Haley Wofford, Andy Tyler, Paul McBrayer, Joan Rhodes, Jackie Potts, Otis Jack (Jay) Smith, Roger Barker, Genett Holmes, Donna Payne, Kip Robinson and his son, Meta Stephens, Lindsey Stephens, Pat Norton, Anthony Arnold, Rod and Sheila Hall, Meg, Britton, Jacob, Dylan, and Zander Alismail, Rodney Sartain, Beverly Nettles, Sheri Smith

Praise Report: Kiana Thomas is doing better, Steven Harkins is home and doing better, Janice Harkins got good test results and doing therapy, Pam Shirah is doing better, Dottie Montgomery is doing better, Nelda and Jimmy Nelson are doing much better