



September 2019

The Alpine Gossip

Where Everybody is Somebody
Pastor: Brad Mitchell



Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. Wishing you all a fun and happy day with friends and relatives.



Congratulations to Brother Brad on successfully completing the Ingalls Center of Pastoral Ministries ACPE Clinical Pastoral Education class at Princeton Baptist Medical Center. Brad started his class last August and was proud to accept his certificate this year on Friday, August 30 at a special ceremony and luncheon along with seven other residents. We are all proud of you, Brad, and wish you the best as you wait on God's direction.

We were honored to have the Director of Pastoral Care (Brad's supervisor), Dr. Cecelia Walker, speak at Alpine Baptist on August 28. She brought a wonderful message of discerning collateral beauty in our lives. It is quite obvious that Cecelia loves God and serving the people of God as they journey through the successes and challenges, joys and sorrows of life. We enjoyed having several of her family members and friends with us also and welcome them all back to Alpine Baptist.

Janet and Jim Fazekas enjoyed a short trip to Burbank, California to visit Janet's sister, Vera Clark, who has been on our prayer list. They saw all of her family at a cookout and enjoyed low humidity weather while there.

Brenda Hardy was featured in *Beginnings*, a publication by Presbyterian Home for Children in Talladega. Brenda's mother left her and her 4 siblings at the home in April of 1977 with the promise of returning for them in six months. They were still waiting five years later. Brenda says they resented it at the time,

but it was really a blessing. Before they came to the Home, they barely had shoes to wear to school and the school lunch was often their only meal of the day. Brenda lived at the Home until she graduated from Talladega High School in 1982, then went on to Nunnally Technical School. She married later that year to a boy she had met at the roller skating rink several years earlier...Ricky. Brenda states that "if it wasn't for the Home, I don't know where I'd be," Brenda has given back to the Home by helping to lead the Alumni organization and helped with overhauling the area around the Home's iconic "arch" as a memorial garden to remember those alumni who have passed away. We are glad you stayed in the community, Brenda, and are blessed to have you in our church family. To read the entire article, go to <https://issuu.com/phfc/docs/phfc.newsletter.summer19-digital> (may have to hold down control and click)



Brad and Cynthia are taking a trip to England and Ireland. They will be visiting some old friends of Cynthia's in Yorkshire and Oxford. Then they're taking the ferry to Dublin and plan to spend several days in western Ireland.

During Brad's absence, Dr. Tharel Shirah will bring our message on Sunday, September 8 and Dr. Jim Jeffers will be at the pulpit on Sunday, September 15. We look forward to having them both.

Thank you Kathy Curlee for the delicious cakes and treats you are bringing to Sunday night Bible Study. Kathy has discovered Facebook and is having fun trying out new recipes she sees and then trying them out on us. Good reason to come on Sunday night!

Congratulations to Todd and Paula Brannon on building a beautiful new home. I know they are looking forward to many family gatherings full of happiness and new memories with those grandchildren.

The Ryan family wants to thank our precious church family once again for all you have done during Andy's illness with his foot. Your gifts, food, calls, cards, prayers and love mean more to us than you will ever know, and we will be forever thankful for each and every one of you! Andy still has a ways to go but is improving each day thanks to a wonderful team of doctors and nurses and all the prayers. We are blessed!

Don't forget 5th Sunday Fellowship

Sunday, September 29

Following morning worship

From July's Financial Report

General Fund

June Balance:	\$23,831.86
July Receipts:	\$10,761.51
July Disbursements:	\$10,192.16
July Balance:	\$24,401.21



Dear Alpine Baptist Church,

On behalf of Talladega City Schools, thank you for your most generous gift cards to several of our schools. Our district is 85% free and reduced lunch rate, and the needs are great. Most importantly, these cards give principals/counselors added resources to help throughout the year. Great idea and wonderful way to shower support on needy children. Sincerely, Pattie Thomas

Dear Alpine Church Members,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of Walmart gift cards for our students. We appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness for our students who are less fortunate. It's people like you that make a difference in the lives of children. Thanks again for supporting our school and our students. Sincerely, Linda Haynes, Principal, Raymond L. Young Elementary School

Dear Church Family,

































I want to thank Alpine Baptist for the many prayers, love and cards during my wife's illness! Judy loved all of you and so do I! You are a precious congregation and show the love of Jesus! In Christ, Terry Frey


Dear Beloved Church Family,


Thank you for showing your love for us in the passing of my brother, John. Through more than 50 years, you have shown your support in more ways than you know. From a newly-married couple until today, we know that you are there, sharing our life with us. Even though we are now separated by miles, we are close in heart and know that we are blessed to be a part of the Alpine family. It's always a joy to come "home" to worship with you. May God bless each of you, Harold & Marsha Pruitt

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Ushers: Bill Curlee


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Neva Smith  Cynthia & Maria  Gary Ryan	2 	3	4	5  Glenn Dillard SRES Backpackers 8:00 am	6  Brenda Hardy Liz Masters	7  Terry & Patsy
8  Stan & Pattie  Pat & Lindsey	9  Janice Harkins	10  Harold Pruitt Spencer Thompson  Mike & Angela	11  Suzanne Dickinson	12  Andrew Mitchell SRES Backpackers 8:00 am Deacons Meeting 6:30 pm	13  Sandy Culver	14
15 Business Mtg.  Ann Morris  Jennifer & Teresa  Suzanne & Bill	16 Book Mobile Alpine Baptist 1:00 pm	17  Eugene Freeman Mike Lott	18  Whitney Gregg	19 SRES Backpackers 8:00 am	20	21  Caitlin Harkins Jeff Harry Sheila Parks
22  Gary & Kathy  Stan & Jackie  Ann Morris Dakota Borden	23	24	25  Andy Tyler	26  Samantha McDonald SRES Backpackers 8:00 am  Rodney & Sandy	27  Carolina Head	28  Kathy Curlee
29 5th Sun. Lunch  Michelle Head  Gary Ryan  Eloise Sawyer	30					


 Flowers

 Extended Session

 Counting Committee

 Happy Birthday

 Anniversary

 **Bereavement:** The families of Barbara Hickman, Alton Shell, Chris Pelton
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, Sally Edwards, Sue Alford, Jimmy Hazelwood, Grant O’Neal, Luke Wheeler, Peyton Robinson, Reggie Hall, Nelda Nelson, Kiana Thomas, Donnie Wykoff, all shooting victims around the country and storm victims
Praise Report: Sarah Bridewell is home and doing well, Vera Clark is home and doing much better, Charlotte Wesley is doing well after surgery, Baby Thomas Braden Hardy arrived safely, Chandler Smith is much better and back at school, Grant O’Neal is doing much better, Robert Smock is maintaining, Lindsey Stephens’ test went well

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