

April/May 2023

# ALPINE GOSSIP



## From the Front Porch

A few weeks ago, I was on the front porch of our church building and saw three longtime church members engaged in conversation with one another in the parking lot after worship. I watched as they laughed, listened, and hugged. I saw friends caring for one another. I saw brothers and sisters in Christ bearing one another's burdens. I saw the love of the church.

Conversations like this one I saw take place are essential for the life of the church. These conversations - the words of caring and burden sharing that are exchanged - are the pulse of our fellowship.

May 10th we're kicking off Hobnobbers once again! I expect there will be laughing, listening, and some hugging. I know I'll see friends having fun with one another. I might even see the joy of fellowship...and you might experience it!

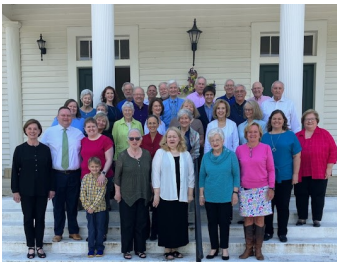
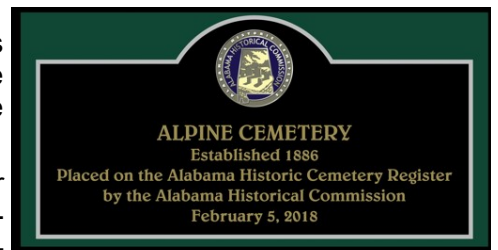
I hope to see you on May 10th at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide drinks and we ask each person to bring their own lunch.

*Pastor Dylan*



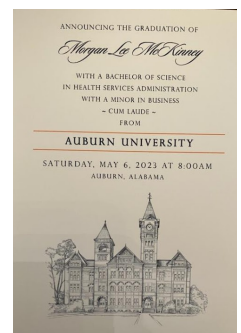
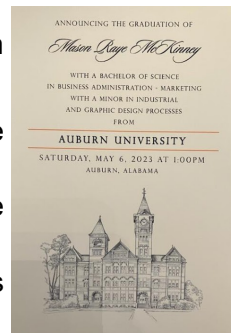
Easter is always a special time at Alpine Baptist. The Easter message reminds us that we serve a risen Savior. The grave could not hold Christ; he defeated death. He paid the price for our sin with his own blood. And the consequences for us are *huge*. The message of Easter tells us: You need not be afraid of anything—not life with all its insecurities, its conflicts, its uncertainties; not afraid of even death itself. You need have no fear—no fear! We also gathered together in our Prayer Garden on Good Friday to reflect through scripture and communion on the pain and suffering of Jesus on the cross.

Gary Garner and the Building and Grounds Committee did a great job on the new Alpine Cemetery sign. Plans are being made for the posts, and the sign will be in place in the cemetery soon.



The Vestavia Hills Baptist Church Choir blessed us in song and music during our service on April 23, and then we all enjoyed fellowship around the table in Fellowship Hall with a delicious lunch prepared by our own church ladies and a few special men. It was a wonderful experience!

Congratulations to Mason and Morgan McKinney! They both graduated from Auburn University! Alpine Baptist is proud of you girls!



Look for Samantha McDonald in the Garden Dept. at Ace Hardware.

Ann Morris enjoyed having her niece and family for a visit recently.

So good to see Eric Pruitt and his daughter, Lilly at church service.

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you

Thank you for the donation to our family to help us while our granddaughter is in UAB with brain lymphoma.

Samuel Barclay and family

### 2023 March Financials

#### General Fund

February Balance:	\$35,281
March Receipts:	\$ 7,083
March Disbursements:	\$ 6,852
<b>March Balance:</b>	<b>\$35,512</b>

### 2023 April Financials

#### General Fund

March Balance:	\$35,512
April Receipts:	\$10,696
April Disbursements:	\$ 5,198
<b>April Balance:</b>	<b>\$41,010</b>



### Happy Birthdays

**April:** Gage Thornton, Teresa Free, Colton Taylor, Pat Hendrick, Taylor Lightfoot, Cindy Morris, Matthew Smith, Jenna Warlick, Jim Lessley, Nicole Dyer, Chad Gregg, Pam Shirah, Shea Smith, Dolores Brannon, Austin Smith, Ida Rigg, John McKinney Hadley Boldin, Jake McCoy, Diann Garner, Judson Warlick, Neva Smith, Raegan Camp, Kristin Tollison, Krystle Smock, Cindy Strickland

**May:** Maria Simpson, Coltyn Patefield, Paula Haynes, Tommy Morris, Rowdy Roberson, Chris Rhodes, Hazel Moncus, Jonathan Hardy, Everett Wofford, Rodney Culver, Nancy Howle

## Prayers

Donald Free, Kiandria Barclay, Bobby Engstrom, Stacy Parton, Adalyn Bates, Ashley McGrady, Larry Vincent, Chris Davis, Larry Hall, Brenda Hardy, Wallis and Martha Schuessler, Luke Thomas, Joan Rhodes, Jediah, Judson Patterson

The families of Jean Free, Steve Free, Brenda Allen





Everyone loves Ms. Michelle



Church Buddies



The Bulletin Girls Celebrated Cindy's Birthday  
at Kathy's House  
(Love those round table discussions)

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