

# The Alpine Gossip

## Tidbits of News

Vacation Bible School was a big hit! We averaged 20 young people and 20 adults each night. A big "thank you" to all that helped and came this year, especially to the director, Neva Smith. The



children enjoyed Bible lessons and songs in the sanctuary, crafts and snacks in the fellowship hall, a special guest speaker that taught about germs, and lots of play time and science lessons with the older boys who did a great job. Many memories were made and life lessons learned!



Chip was so tired by the 3rd night, he fell asleep

It was wonderful seeing Brad and Cynthia Mitchell on their special day, July 25. They made the long trip back to Alpine to say their goodbye as well as for us to say goodbye to them. They both seem happy and well and have adjusted to life in Eufaula. The church family gave them a beautiful framed picture of the church and many got to sign it. A donation in their honor will also be given to Alabama CBF. Hope to see them again real soon!

*"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."*



**Saturday, August 7**  
**Gary & Diann Garner's Pool**  
**12 Noon till 5 pm**  
**All younger children invited**  
**Lots of fun and hotdogs**

We will have a special service on Sunday, August 8 to bless the backpacks of our students and teachers. Remember to bring them to church with you. Also, we will have visitors from several of our area schools present to accept our donation for use in the new school year.

Welcome our newest members...

- \* Teresa Parks
- \* Caimn Curlee
- \* Trevor Dyer
- \* Greg and Melissa Dyer

Be sure to express your gratitude to these individuals for joining our church family.

Brenda McBrayer went on an exciting journey out west on her Sling Shot, along with friends, and was gone a whole month. I'm sure we would all like to hear the details.

The youth had a wonderful time at Cathy Knight's lovely and fun lake house on July 24. Cathy had lots of snacks and tasty lasagna and also treated them to a boat ride, not to mention all the fun lake toys they enjoyed. She even got Kip to help. You are the bomb Cathy!

See you all in church! You never know what you'll miss if you're not there!



Someone had a special birthday. Guess who?



### \*\*\*From The Front Porch\*\*\*

The former president of my alma mater, Samford University, often said, "We rest under the shade of trees we did not plant." This is certainly the case for the Christian faith and our church. At Alpine Baptist Church we worship in a building each Sunday built by church members that came before us. We share meals, celebrate special moments, and participate in Sunday School in spaces made possible by many church members who are no longer with us. We carry on ministries started by others.

As a pastor, I am stepping into a long line of people that have pastored, preached, discipled, and cared for this church before my time. I am resting in the shade of trees that I did not plant.

I've been thinking lately about one particular way this is true. "Where everybody is somebody" was placed on the church sign one day many years ago by Rev. Larry Morris. Very soon, the church started to own this phrase. Now this phrase can be found on our website, in our worship bulletin, on pens, on t-shirts, and our church sign. I came across this phrase many months ago now at the beginning of the pastor search process with you. It captured my attention then and has continued to capture my attention. Since becoming your pastor, I have seen many ways this phrase is lived out within the life of our church.

Over the next three Sundays, I'll be preaching on a word within this phrase. I hope we'll gain a deeper appreciation for the ways we have been a church "Where everybody is somebody." I hope we'll explore ways we can continue to be a church "Where everybody is somebody" for many years to come. This Sunday, I invite you to come rest in the shade of Alpine Baptist Church. Come participate in the good work of planting trees and providing shade for future generations. Come experience life in a community "where everybody is somebody."

- Pastor Dylan

### August Birthdays, Anniversaries and Events

Aug 2	Evan Lesley	Aug 25	Eric & Aimee
Aug 4	Tharel Shirah	Aug 27	Dennis & Xan
Aug 7	Jaxson Brannon	Aug 28	Mike & Neva
Aug 8	Lauren Deal	Aug 30	Gary & Jennifer
Aug 10	Jay Roberson		
Aug 11	Dot Vincent		
Aug 13	Stan Thomas		
Aug 14	Natalie Morgan	Aug 7	Swim Party
Aug 18	Wallis Schuessler	Aug 8	Blessing of the Backpacks, Business Mtg
Aug 19	Kyle Brown		
Aug 20	Ricky Hardy	Aug 10	Retirement Party for Pattie Thomas, 3-4:30
Aug 21	Taylor Woods		
Aug 23	Roy Searcy	Aug 13	Fall Retreat for Older Youth
Aug 25	Daniel Warlick		
	Haley Wofford		
	Tucker Brannon		
Aug 27	Luke Thomas		
Aug 29	Mike Smith		
Aug 31	Rebekah Fields		

### July 2021 Financial Report

#### General Fund

June Balance:	\$49,886
July Receipts:	\$ 8,841
July Disbursements:	\$ 7,081
July Balance:	\$51,646

Deacon on Call for August :

Week of August 1: Bill Curlee

August 8: Lindsey Stephens

August 15: Pat Rhodes

August 22: Larry Vincent

August 29: Kathy Ryan

# Prayer List

**Bereavement:** The families of Zoe Atkinson, Mason Rogers, Jeremy Moujoodi, Gayle Williams

**Military:** Jacob Hill, Sam McCall, Timothy Smith, Thad Smith

**Missionaries:** Missy Ward-Angalla, those serving in anonymity in dangerous fields, AL Childhood Food Solutions, **Jen, Andrew & family as they travel to a new destination**

**Sickness or Need:** Belinda Frost, Chris McGrady, Dianna Reeves, Jay Smith, Mike Beverly, Stephen Bryant, Andy Klett, Kelly Dix Pettus, Lane Smith, London Strickland, Langdon Hubbard, Brandi Hurst, Jackie Potts, Clyde Powell, Harriett Rice, Erma Roberson, Meg Alismail and children, Jennifer Roberts, Bonnie Talley

**Praise:** Bobby Curlee is doing well, Carolyn Welch is better, Paula Haynes is back at work, the dedication of Baby Holden Waggoner, Chris McGrady is doing better, Rena Thompson is doing well and staying with her daughter. We welcome new members Caimn Curlee, Teresa Parks, Trevor Dyer, Greg and Melissa Dyer.



Dear Alpine Baptist Church Family,

I am sorry this *Thank You* has taken so long to get to you. The money you sent has really helped with the bills that have been coming in.

Your prayers have also helped and are needed. I still have some things to go through, so please don't stop. I grew up in the church. I know that most of you don't know me, but that doesn't matter. God still hears and acts for people that care enough to pray. God Bless You All!

Love, Sandra Caldwell Neville

Dear Alpine Baptist Church,

Today is my last Sunday at church before I head back to Starkville. While I am very excited to return to school, I will miss you all dearly. I have had a wonderful summer at home, and you deserve the credit. It has been a pleasure getting to talk to everyone about my academic journey and receiving your support. I have enjoyed getting to spend time with you and see all of your smiling faces. I have so much to thank you for, from awarding me a scholarship, to welcoming me back so enthusiastically, to involving me in the youth group's activities. This really has been one of my best summers, one that I will cherish for years to come. This church is a special place, and I am glad to call it my home and to call you my family.

With love and Hail State, Jenna Warlick

Dear Alpine Family,

Thank you so very much for the farewell recognition and lunch! We were thankful to have the opportunity to be back in worship with you, to see all of you, and to have the opportunity to say a formal farewell. The way we had to leave when the church was not meeting in live worship in May last year left a hole in our spirits. So we are most grateful that we got to be there on the 25th. Thanks too for the offering to Alabama CBF in our honor and for the wonderful autographed photograph of the church. We found the perfect place to hang it and treasure seeing everyone's signature on it daily.

We will continue to pray for you and humbly ask that you do the same for us.

Gratefully, Brad and Cynthia





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