

# The Alpine Gossip



## Tidbits of News

What a special time of year this is! Beautiful decorations, lots of delicious food, parties, festive clothing but most important of all...the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior. It is near impossible to fully understand the importance of Christmas until you recognize what **Jesus** came to accomplish. The purpose of Jesus' birth was to live a blameless life, and, one day lay it down, taking upon himself the burden of sin so that we could be saved. A good place to reflect on this is in our beautiful sanctuary...it is just mesmerizing, especially at night with the lights dimmed and the Christmas tree glowing. The children will present the story of Jesus' birth with their annual Christmas Pageant on the evening of Sunday, December 19 at 5:00. Bring your favorite snack to enjoy afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

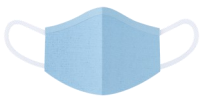
The children are encouraging all to bring staple goods for the Red Door Kitchen. A box has been placed in the vestibule for collections until December 12.

The Riggs have invited all to a Christmas Party at their home on Sunday evening, December 12 at 5 pm. The menu will include soup and sandwiches.

Christmas Eve Service will be at 5 pm. This is a wonderful way to prepare your heart for the next day amongst church family and friends. Be sure and encourage all family members to attend.

The Nominating Committee has been meeting to prepare for the next year. You may receive a call asking for your commitment to help. Our church needs you! If you feel led to fill a particular job, please let Pastor Dylan know. He would be more than happy to discuss it with you.

It was wonderful to gather together for our Thanksgiving meal after the long Covid restraints. The food was catered by Donnie Miller and delicious desserts provided by some of our ladies.



Speaking of Covid, it was decided to change the mandatory mask requirement in the church to wear only by choice. Thankfully, the reported cases have declined drastically in our county.

*Merry Christmas*

## Christmas Events in the Area

December 10-22 Christmas Market at Comer Museum  
 December 10 Shopping Spree, downtown Childersburg  
 December 16 Childersburg Christmas Parade  
 Thru Dec. 24 Heritage Hall Holiday Market, Talladega

So glad that Meta is feeling better and that she and Lindsey were able to attend church last Sunday! Prayers for continued improvement!



Jim and Janet Fazekas have made quite an accomplishment! They will be married 68 years on December 5.. Congratulations to this sweet couple. You both are loved and are wonderful examples of what marriage is all about.

It's always a joy to see our Joylyn Boggs at worship service. Joylyn lives in Tuscaloosa but enjoys coming home to Alpine to see friends and family.

It was also wonderful to see Mary Beth Hubbard, also from Tuscaloosa, Harold and Marsha Pruitt from Birmingham and Jenna Warlick who was home from college at Mississippi State.



The four Sundays preceding Christmas, known as Advent, are recognized for four virtues. The candles on the Advent wreath symbolize **hope, love, joy and peace**.. Stan and Pattie Thomas lit the candle of **Hope** on the first Sunday of Advent during a beautiful *Hanging of the Green* service.

Our church services are recorded. If you miss a Sunday or want to listen to a service again, look on our Facebook page for a link to YouTube.

***For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.***

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

Anniversaries (like birthdays and other annual celebrations) give one an occasion to look back, look up, and look forward. Some anniversaries are marked by reflecting on the past. When a married couple celebrates a marriage of many years, they will often look back upon all the years they've enjoyed and endured together. Others mark these occasions by looking to the future. I remember thinking about the anniversaries still ahead when I celebrated my second wedding anniversary. Still others observe an anniversary by looking up and taking stock of all that is before them at the present moment.

On January 14th, 1872, the dedication service for our current sanctuary was held. This year, January 14th, 2022, marks the 150th anniversary of this dedication service. During the worship service on Sunday, January 9th, we will commemorate and celebrate this anniversary by looking up. Specifically, we will recognize and recommit.

First of all, we will take some time to recognize those that will be serving on committees and as church officers during 2022. Committee membership is a calling and important role of service in our church and we want to take some time to acknowledge that on this day. Our church officers will be recognized for the crucial role of teaching and continuing the essential discipleship ministries of our church.

Secondly, we will be recommitting ourselves to a renewed church covenant. You can find a church covenant that was drafted in 1832 at the founding of our church in our church history book, *The Ties that Bind*. Over the next several weeks, this covenant will be revised and renewed. Then on January 9th, we, as Alpine Baptist Church, will have an opportunity to recommit to our church covenant.

I hope this work of recognizing and recommitting will be a service of renewal for you. Whether you are a long-time member that has been committed to this church for decades or a new member that's just getting started, I hope you will be renewed. If you are reading this and haven't darkened the doorstep of the church in years or your church attendance has been sporadic at best, I hope you will come and be renewed. If you are tired, unsure about church, searching for meaning or purpose, looking for a Christ-centered and loving community, or needing some folks to pray with you, I hope you will come and be renewed.

Pastor Dylan

## December Birthdays, Anniversaries and Events

Dec. 6	Joe Lessley	Dec. 28	Mike Brown
	P. J. Powers	29	Mallory Morris
7	Penny McKinney	30	Grant Lightfoot
11	Thad Smith		John Wesley Pruitt
14	Mary Beth Hubbard		Trevor Dyer
18	Jackie Harkins	Dec. 5	Jim & Janet
	Jackie Potts	8	Tom & Cindy
	Keith McGilberry	19	Pat & Joan
	Kiana Thomas	29	Ricky & Brenda
19	Joylyn Boggs	Dec. 12	Christmas Party at
21	Luke Potts		Rigg's Home, 5pm
	Pattie Thomas		Last Day to bring
22	Kyle Killough		items for Red Door Kitchen
23	Opal Parks	Dec. 19	Christmas Pageant
25	Phil Smith		5pm
26	Karlie Rae Smock	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service
			5pm

### 2021 Nov Financial Report

#### General Fund

Oct Balance:	\$45,962
Nov Receipts:	\$ 7,129
Nov Disbursements:	\$ 8,461
Nov Balance:	\$ 44,630

#### Deacon on Call for December:

Week of Dec 5	Pat Rhodes
Week of Dec 12	Larry Vincent
Week of Dec 19	Kathy Ryan
Week of Dec 26	Ann Morris

#### Count Offering:

Dec 5	Pat Rhodes & Bill Curlee
Dec 12	Lindsey Stephens & Gary Garner
Dec 19	Ann Morris & Kathy Ryan
Dec 26	Stan Thomas & Louanne Smith



**Thank  
You!**

Jackie and Alpine Baptist Church,  
It warms our hearts that Alyson touched so many hearts and so many cared about her. Thank you for the generous donation to help with all of her medical and funeral expenses. It truly helps lift a burden off our shoulders in this very difficult time. Much Love, Matt and Abby Wassman

Dear Church family (Hostess Committee),

I want to thank you for preparing the meal after my cousin, Joanne's, funeral. It meant a lot to our family, getting to be together after the funeral. Being at Alpine Church is like coming home to me. Thank you so much for everything you did for our family!! Lynne Alston Fountain

## **Prayer List**

**Bereavement:** The families of Louie Vincent, Amelia Wofford, Joanne Duncan, Heather Grommes, Liz Smih, Billie Parks

**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:** Brenda Allen, Jackie and Janice Harkins, Brandon McHugh, Larry Neville, Meta and Lindsey Stephens, Jamie Jones, Jerry Nell Nocua, Sam Osborne and Kristen Fields and their baby Beta, Chase Chapman, Donald Free, Stephanie McGhee, Nelda Nelson, Allen Parks, Dylan Rigg, Van and Pearl Stewart, Ida Rigg

**The Talladega County Bookmobile**  
will be at Alpine Baptist Church parking lot  
on Monday, December 20 from 1 til 2 pm

## **Nursery Worker Needed** **Alpine Baptist Church**

- **Care for the children (ages 0-4) in the nursery during worship.**
- **Oversee the volunteers working in the nursery.**
- **Provide a safe, inviting, playful and caring environment for the children.**
- **Prepare a snack for the children.**
- **Ensure the space is cleaned after dismissal.**

The Nursery Worker will be paid \$20 for working from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Sunday. The Nursery Worker will be given two Sundays off a year.

The ideal candidate will meet the following qualifications:

- A high school diploma or GED
- 21 years of age or older.
- Minimum 2 years of experience caring for children from ages 0-4 in a similar childcare setting.
- CPR Certification (Preferred)
- Demonstrate knowledge of child development. (Preferred)
- Demonstrate a genuine concern for children.

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