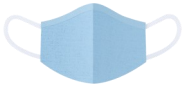


The Alpine Gossip

Tidbits of News



Two more weeks of wearing a mask in the church building. Then we will reassess. Good news is the count is going down.

February is our **scholarship fundraiser** month. Due to covid, we will not have a tablescape again this year but have come up with a fun and clever way to ask for donations. A calendar has been created and several copies handed out to loyal volunteers. Pick out a square on their calendar and donate at least that amount...say you write your name on February 10 square...you will donate at least \$10. You can donate by PayPal at alpinebaptist@gmail.com, by check or by cash. Just be sure and designate your donation to the scholarship fund. If you had rather, feel free to drop your donation check in the offering plate on Sunday during worship service. These scholarships are awarded each year around May to youth that have a connection to our church...member, son or daughter, grandchild...and who plan on continuing their education past high school. We have given \$144,054 in the last 27 years thanks to all the generous donations. Thank you for helping these youth reach their goal. They are the leaders of tomorrow!

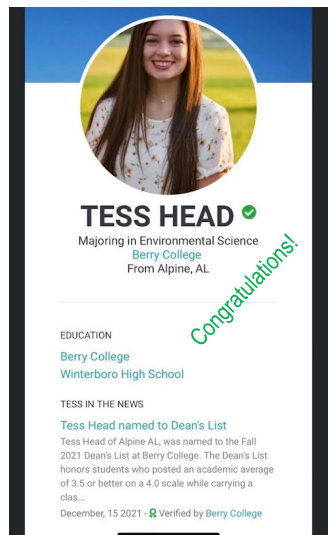
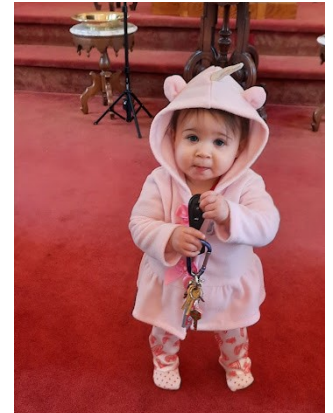
<https://www.babylist.com/baby-hannah-rigg?view=guest>

The time is drawing near for the birth of Dylan and Hannah's little bundle of joy. Several of us are planning a shower for Hannah on Feb. 26. All the ladies of the church are invited. Hannah has listed a few items online at [babylist.com](https://www.babylist.com). You can click on the above link to shop. Congratulations Dylan, Hannah and Ida! We are very excited to have a new little one in our church family.



Look at this cute visitor we had at church. Her Grandmother Jackie enjoys showing off Mila every chance she gets! We can't wait to see her again.

Carolina Head had a precious baby boy, Jacob, on Monday, February 7. *Darling* (Grandmother Michelle) says he is perfect.



Wallis and Martha Schuessler have moved back in their newly remodeled house. We hear it is beautiful and perfectly designed for them.

Josh Smith made A honor roll for 1st Semester at Calera High School. Congratulations Josh!

Congratulations to Samantha McDonald for completing her Associates Degree!

Dakota Borden made all A's and B's. Way to go Dakota!

Some of the committees have met and are working in their area of ministry. They will give updates in our next business meeting..

Happy
Valentine's Day!

From The Front Porch

This month marks one year since my first visit to Alpine Baptist Church. It's been one year since I spotted our beautiful church building, looked up at the chandeliers in the sanctuary, learned about the history of our church from pictures on the walls, shared coffee in the fellowship hall with many of you, and, most importantly met you. It's been one year since I first worshipped with you, prayed with you, fellowshiped with you, and heard your stories about how God had worked in your life through our church. It's been one year since I walked out of the sanctuary grateful for Alpine Baptist Church.

Many Sundays have passed since that first visit. After each Sunday, I have walked out of the sanctuary grateful for Alpine Baptist Church. I'll admit, some Sundays this has been more difficult than others (I'm thinking of the Sundays that have been impacted by COVID-19) and some Sundays easier than others (I'm thinking of baptism or dedication Sundays because I find these events particularly meaningful), but I have been intentional to walk out of the sanctuary grateful for Alpine Baptist Church.

This discipline is informed by some of the pastoral voices in my life. Paul says in Colossians 1:3, "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you...". Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes, "Because God has already laid the only foundation for our fellowship, because God has bound us together in one body with other Christians in Jesus Christ, long before we entered into that common life with them, we enter that common life...as thankful recipients." Bonhoeffer continues, "If we do not give thanks daily for the Christian fellowship in which we have been placed, even where there is not great experience, no discoverable riches, but much weakness, small faith and difficulty; then we hinder God from letting our fellowship grow according to the measure and riches which are there for us all in Jesus Christ."

One year removed from my first words of gratitude about Alpine Baptist Church, I hope these voices will continue to guide me in practicing gratitude for the gift of God's church; the gift of each of you gathered together in the name of Jesus Christ. I hope you will join us for worship this coming Sunday. After worship we'll walk out of the sanctuary grateful for what God is doing and grateful for Alpine Baptist Church.

Pastor Dylan

February Birthdays, Anniversaries and Events

February 2	Scarlett Dyer	February 26	William Killough
3	Kathy Ryan	27	Margie McCoy
4	Michelle Head		
9	Stan Smith		
14	John Sawyer	February 14	Greg & Melissa
15	Lori Upchurch	15	Gary & Diann
16	Brad Mitchell	18	Stan & Pattie
	Sidney Tourney	27	Jackie & Janice
17	Carolyn Welch		
18	Ashley Potts	February 26	Baby Shower for Hannah Rigg
	Louanne Smith		
19	Ken McCoy, Jr.		
21	Crystal Hardy		
	Quinn Killough		
22	Ray Chandler		
23	Dan Masters		

2021 Jan Financial Report

General Fund

Dec Balance:	\$48,515
Jan Receipts:	\$13,877
Jan Disbursements:	\$ 8,241
Jan Balance:	\$54,151

Deacon on Call for February:

Week of Feb 6	Larry Vincent
Week of Feb 13	Kathy Ryan
Week of Feb 20	Ann Morris
Week of Feb 27	Stan Thomas

Count Offering:

Feb 6	Jackie Potts & Terry Roberson
Feb 13	Pat Rhodes & Bill Curlee
Feb 20	Lindsey Stephens & Gary Garner
Feb 27	Ann Morris & Kathy Ryan



Thank
You!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your acts of kindness shown to Lindsey and me during my problems with my back. Your calls, cards, visits, meals and prayers are so much appreciated. I love each and every one of you and hope to feel like coming to church soon. I am ready to be my usual active self again.

Love, Meta Stephens

Prayer List

Bereavement: The families of Jamie Cochran Brown, Brandon McHugh, Wayne Treadwell, Gary Lott, Otis Alread, Edna Lusk, Dr. Lambert, Chuck Frazier

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: Meg Alismail, Jim and Janet Fazekas, Donald Free, Meta Stephens, Pattie Thomas, George and Brenda Allen, Wesley Knapp, Cathy Knight, Samantha Mandry and children, Bonnie Talley, Larry and Renee Tew, Dot Vincent, Lisa Martin, Jeri Nell Nocua, Bill Roberts, Frankie Trees, Connie Wright, Amy Hart

Praise: All 17 missionaries in Haiti were released from captivity with no serious injuries, Marie Brach is better, Erma Dean Roberson is better after having covid, Greg Dyer is better after having covid, Debra Wakefield is feeling better, Jonathan Crowfoot and wife are better, Barrett Upchurch is home and recuperating, Mark Curlee is better

Ministry Partner Highlight

Just a few months ago, Jennifer, one of our refugee shelter moms shared, "I never thought my baby would live."

Before coming to the Amani Sasa shelter, Jennifer was homeless, pregnant, and without the resources or skills to support herself. But through our ministry partners, God made a way! Instead of Jennifer's worst nightmare coming true, her beautiful daughter arrived safely and smoothly because you provided her with the medical care she needed to deliver her baby in a hospital with trained doctors and midwives. Instead of being without food, supplies and a home to bring her daughter back to, Jennifer and her baby were welcomed safely home as they returned to the shelter with sounds of celebrations and singing by the other staff and residents. "

Missy Ward-Angalla, CBF field personnel serving in Kampala, Uganda

The Talladega County Bookmobile
will be at Alpine Baptist Church parking lot
on Tuesday, February 22, from 1 til 2 pm

Enjoy walking downtown Sylacauga while reading a good book!

Pages of the book Head to Toe by Eric Carle are displayed in business windows on Broadway Avenue from the B. B. Comer Memorial Library to the Sylacauga City Schools Board of Education.

This “Sidewalk Story” begins at the library.

Walk together! Read together!

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