

February 2023

ALPINE GOSSIP



From the Front Porch

Ash Wednesday, February 22, is the first day in the season of Lent. Lent is the forty-day season in the church calendar that comes before Easter. Lent is not observed by all Baptist churches. The church I grew up attending may have mentioned it once or twice, but it did not hold a place of prominence in the life of the church or in my own spiritual life.

The first Ash Wednesday service I attended was during my first year in seminary at Harris Creek Baptist Church. That was also the first year I observed the common Lenten practice of giving up something during the season of Lent. Another common practice during Lent is to take on another spiritual practice.

This Sunday there will be many Lenten devotionals by Christian writer, Kate Bowler, available for you to take. Kate Bowler has written several books over the past few years. Most popular is her bestseller, *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved*, which she wrote after being diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer at the age of 35. For this Lenten season, she wrote a free devotional booklet titled, *Bless the Lent We Actually Have*. In the preface, she writes the following:

“Lent is our annual rehearsal of the cosmic moment when Jesus’ suffering and death and resurrection will change how we experience death. Death will not be the defining truth about us. Someday we will be freed from the gorgeous and horrible limitations of our human lives, and we will live forever with God (which is VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO IMAGINE. But it’s the truth.). But first Jesus suffers and dies. We walk with him. And he walks with us. Jesus will walk with us through whatever kind of Lenten day you are having. The lovely one. The garbage one. The one that barely seems like it counted at all. As we toggle through every kind of emotion—boredom, devastation, happiness, irritation—we want to say: bless this Lent.”

I hope you’ll pick up a devotional this Sunday, read it as your Lenten practice, and be blessed by the One that walks with us through every day and forevermore.

Pastor Dylan

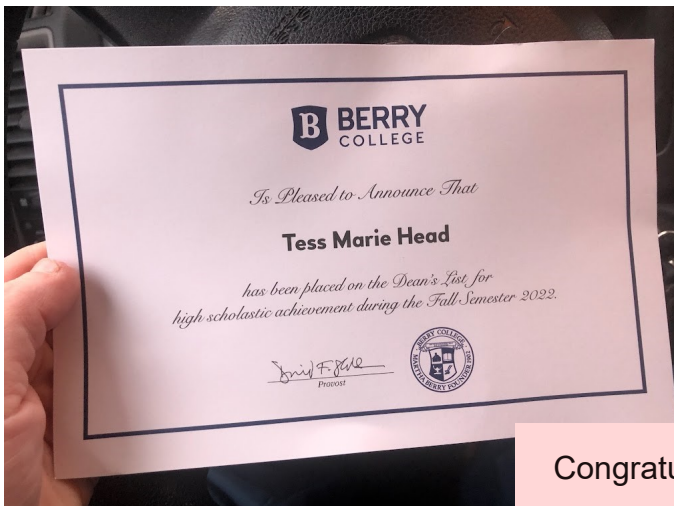
Hope all had a wonderful Valentine’s Day full of love and happiness!



Martha Schuessler reports from her family: Suzanne and Tom Salters moved to Lake Martin and are in the process of unpacking and finishing their basement. Their son, Wallis, and his wife, Denise, are in Huntsville with their 3-year old, Duncan. Wallis works for Amazon.

Mary and Steve are doing well in Ft. Myers, as well as his Mom, who is in her 90’s. They are safe after surviving the scary Category 5 hurricane.

February is Scholarship Fundraiser month. We are trying an envelope bulletin board where you choose one of the marked envelopes and put that amount in the envelope and leave either in the basket by the bulletin board or drop in the offering plate. Mailed in donations are certainly appreciated, as well as by Paypal. These scholarships are awarded each year to deserving youth in our church who choose to further their education. Contact Kathy Ryan for more details.



Congratulations to Tess! She continues to make us proud!

Thank you

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your generous donation to the Alabama Civic Chorale. Your support allowed us to present the 75th performance of Handel's Messiah. It was a wonderful event, and I promise you that it was a blessing for so many people.

I love that I belong to a caring and giving group of believers. Your supporting this special occasion means a lot.

Thank you for your continued support of this organization. May our Lord bless each of you as you continue to bless others with your gifts. I am grateful for Alpine Baptist Church!

Blessings,
Jackie Potts

2022 December Financials

General Fund

November Balance:	\$22,282
December Receipts:	\$14,622
December Disbursements:	\$ 6,946
December Balance:	\$ 29,958

2023 January Financials

General Fund

December Balance:	\$29,958
January Receipts:	\$10,684
January Disbursements:	\$ 6,828
January Balance:	\$33,814



Happy February Birthdays to Scarlett Dyer, Kathy Ryan, Michelle Head, Stan Smith, John Sawyer, Lori Upchurch, Brad Mitchell, Sidney Tourney, Carolyn Welch, Ashley Potts, Louanne Smith, Ken McCoy, Jr., Crystal Hardy, Quinn Killough, Ray Chandler, Dan Masters, William Killough and Margie McCoy!!

Prayers

Brenda Allen, Rick Sneider, Lindsey Stephens, Bill Curlee, Terry Martin, R.L. Farmer, Roy Jenkins, Pat Rhodes, Jim Robinson, Chuck Miller, Elizabeth (Gunner's Mom) Sandra Stover, Jerry McDonald, Overton Gibson
The families of Dottie Braswell, Debbie Danelutt, Lucas Dorian's Dad, Earl Lawson, Joyce Gardner, Wayne Jemison, Joanne Brewer

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