

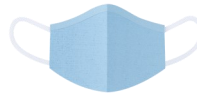
The Alpine Gossip

Tidbits of News

Happy New Year!

Please make certain all information is correct in our church directory. It will be going to press soon. A work copy is in the church sanctuary...make any corrections or additions.

Thank you to Michelle Head and her helpers for a wonderful Children's Christmas Pageant. It is always a favorite at Alpine Baptist. Each year has its own unique cast and presentation but always shares the true reason to celebrate Christmas...the birth of baby Jesus. Well done!



It was decided to wear masks in the church building during the month of January and then reassess. Unfortunately, the number of covid cases seems to be on the rise again.

The new church year brings about new committees and events on our calendar. Thank you to all that agreed to serve by being on a committee, teaching a class and being an officer. Some of our members were not able to commit due to health reasons but are encouraged to support and pray for those that could. Together, we look forward to a wonderful year at Alpine Baptist!

We hear that Ricky Hardy may need a second job. He and Brenda celebrated their wedding anniversary and he told Brenda to take his checkbook and go buy herself a present. Well...she picked out a doozy. Ask her to show you her beautiful new diamond necklace.

Happy Anniversary you two!

Sure was great seeing our college students home for Christmas! All seemed well adjusted but happy to spend some time at home with family and friends.

Several of us finally got to meet Jackie Pott's precious granddaughter, Mila. Hope Jackie gets to bring her to church soon and show her off to everyone!



See you at
Sunday
School!!!



From The Front Porch

It's that time of year again. Gyms are crowded and gym memberships are peaking. Healthy foods are finding their way into homes for the first time in several weeks or more. YouTube videos about getting organized and all kinds of DIY projects getting more views. There are long lines at the hardware stores. Folks are attempting to get their financial situation sorted out. All of these are signs of new years resolutions. Some of the most common new years resolutions every year are to lose weight, eat healthier, get organized, pick up a new hobby, and spend less money. These are all good, commendable things for a person to work towards.

Typically, the resolve people have to accomplish these things at the beginning of the year begins to wane well before the end of winter. Then comes the guilt over not being resolved enough to keep exercising, eating healthy, spending less, getting organized, or doing all the things you think you and are told you need to do to live your best life now. The guilt then acts like a vise grip, clamping down on joy and any sense of growth in grace. Then the next new year comes around and you muster up enough willpower to make a new list of resolutions. This is the hamster wheel that our culture, which sees "busyness as fullness" in the words of Andrew Root, is constantly running on.

I'll quit running over resolution making though, to say that there have been instances when resolution-making has been beneficial. Jonathan Edwards, a preacher of the Great Awakening, made a list of seventy resolutions concerning spiritual disciplines, his relationship with others, and his relationship with God. His resolutions are worth looking at but more important than the resolutions themselves is how he introduces them. Edwards writes, "Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God's help, I do humbly entreat him by his grace to enable me to keep these Resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to his will, for Christ's sake." It is "by his grace" and in God's grace that we find the strength for each day and for any resolution. So as we begin this new year, may you begin the year in God's grace, enabled by God's grace to live in faithful response to God, knowing that we are unable to do "anything without God's help." That sounds like a happy new year to me.

Pastor Dylan

January Birthdays, Anniversaries and Events

January 2	Jim Fazekas		
	Martha Schuessler		
6	Cynthia Mitchell		
7	Barrett Hutto	January 24	Kevin & Suzanne
10	Mary Masterson	27	Phil & Louanne
	Wesley Rhodes		
11	Michael Boldin		
15	Melissa Dyer		
16	Barbara Morris	January 30	Fifth Sunday
17	Nicholas Fields		Fellowship Meal
25	Gail Darden		
26	Dylan Rigg		
	Jamie McKinney		
29	Joni Baker		
	Karl Parks		
	Will Morris		

2021 Dec Financial Report

General Fund

Nov Balance:	\$44,630
Dec Receipts:	\$12,861
Dec Disbursements:	\$ 8,976
Dec Balance:	\$ 48,515

Deacon on Call for January:

Week of Jan 2	Stan Thomas
Week of Jan 9	Jackie Potts
Week of Jan 16	Bill Curlee
Week of Jan 23	Lindsey Stephens
Week of Jan 30	Pat Rhodes

Count Offering:

Jan 2	Jackie Potts & Terry Roberson
Jan 9	Pat Rhodes & Bill Curlee
Jan 16	Lindsey Stephens & Gary Garner
Jan 23	Ann Morris & Kathy Ryan
Jan 30	Stan Thomas & Louanne Smith



Thank
You!

Dear Alpine,
Thank you for giving Granny flowers. I felt happy and loved!!
Love, Everett

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the delicious meals you provided for us during our long illness.
We know your prayers helped us through this time.
Love, Wallis and Martha

To our friends at Alpine Baptist Church:
A heartfelt "thank you" for all the beautiful cards and messages we received in honor of our 68th wedding anniversary.
The love that flows out from this church is incredible.
Thank you for a wonderful memory to add to the 68 years we have been together.
Jim and Janet Fazekas

Prayer List

Bereavement: The families of Terry Dillard, Lydia (Kiana Thomas' cousin), Tim Bice, Pat Matson, Leah Kirk, Bill Jones, Larry Neville, Larry Howell, Debra Searcy, Madeleine Schueller

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: Emerald Eiland, Jackie Harkins, Polly Williams, Donald Free, Wayne Smith, Larry Vincent, Greg Dyer, Scarlett Dyer, Larry Ford, Carolina Head, Thelma Martin, Erma Dean Roberson, Joey Taylor, Carolyn Welch, Meg Alismail, George and Brenda Allen, Jonathan Crowfoot and wife, Melissa Dyer, Amy Hart, Cathy Knight, Kirby and Ashley Potts, Kip Robinson, Mike Smith, Stan Thomas, Meta Stephens, Ted Smith, Jennifer Roberts, Jerry McDonald, Marie Brach, Jeff Brown, Mark Curlee, Hunter Southern, Beth Atkinson, Joylyn Boggs

Praise: Brandi Hurst's tumor decreased 75%, Chase Chapman is better, Jamie Jones is doing better and taking new meds, Melissa Ellison is better, Wanda Bailey is well, Mary Robinson is doing well, Jay Smith is doing well, Carolina Head is doing better, Joylyn Boggs is better

The Talladega County Bookmobile
will be at Alpine Baptist Church parking lot
on Tuesday, January 18 from 1 til 2 pm

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

C. S. Lewis

2022 Church Calendar

Saturday, January 8th - Take down Christmas Decorations

Sunday, January 9th - 150th Anniversary of Sanctuary Dedication

January 30th - Fifth Sunday Fellowship Meal

February 19th - Tablescape Fundraiser, 6 p.m.

Feb. 20th, 27, March 6th - Moving Towards 200 (Church-wide visioning and discernment process)

March 2nd - Ash Wednesday Service

March to May - Cemetery Fundraiser

April 10th - Bring a Friend Sunday and Church-Wide Meal

April 15th - Good Friday Service in Prayer Garden at 6 p.m.

May 22nd - Graduate Recognition

May 27th - 28th - Church Retreat VBS - TBD by Children's and Youth Committee

June - Coffee and Conversation - 10:00 am

July 31st - Fifth Sunday Fellowship Meal

August 7th - Blessing of the Backpacks and Presentation of School Gift Cards Service

September 18th - Bring a Friend Sunday

October 8th - Community Yard Sale

October 30th - Fifth Sunday Fellowship Meal

November 5th - Fall Festival

November 20th - Church Thanksgiving Meal

November 26th - Hanging of the Green Work Day

November 27th - Hanging of the Green Service, 5 p.m.

December 18th - Children's Christmas Pageant, 5 p.m.

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m.

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