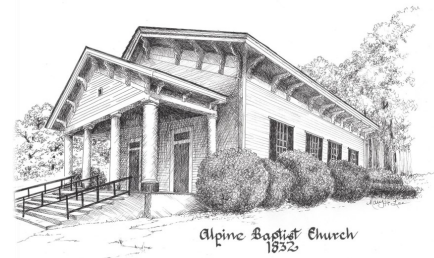


July/August 2023

ALPINE GOSSIP



Both young and old enjoyed Vacation Bible School in June with Neva Smith as director. Some of the children shed a few tears when it was over and wanted to come back. Thank you Neva and all her helpers for making this another VBS to remember!

Then the adults got to enjoy VBS with Dr. Jeff Leonard leading. Dr. Leonard is very passionate about

teaching the Old Testament and provided two nights of very unique and thought provoking ways to analyze scripture. We can all enjoy Dr. Leonard again at the pulpit on Sunday, August 27.

Congratulations to scholarship recipients Tess Head, Daniel Warlick, and Rebekah Fields. They each received \$1,500 for the 2023-2024 academic year from Alpine Baptist.

Come join us on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 12 noon for Hobnobbers. Kathy Curlee caters and there is a special guest each time. We may even go on a few trips!



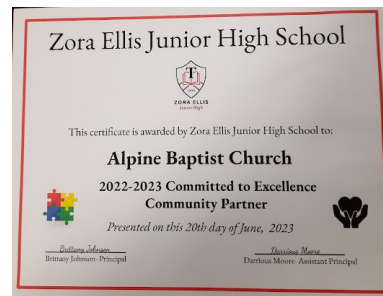
Our dear friend and church member, Janet Fazekas, made the decision to move to Washington State to live with her daughter, Susan, and son-in-law, Todd. Janet was a delight to know and did an awesome job with getting Alpine Church and Cemetery registered with the Alabama Historical Commission. Several of the ladies treated her to brunch at Ann's and a memory book to take with her. We will surely miss her and wish her the best!

Judson Warlick has a new position as Principal of Genesis Alternative School in the Talladega County School System and Melissa Dyer has a new position as Coordinator of Student Services for the Talladega City Board of Education. Congratulations to both of you! And by the way, you are really missing out if you haven't attended any of Judson's Sunday School classes. He has such a gift, and each Sunday is a true blessing to all



Mother Nature decided it was time for one of the old trees behind the church to come down. Thankfully, it fell away from the church but really made a mess. We hope to find someone soon who will clear it up for us.

The church parking lot looks much better after having it sealed. Plans are to have it resurfaced in the future.



It's that time of year for Alpine Baptist to give gift cards to area schools as they begin the new school year. Susan Ogle from Sycamore Elementary attended church service and received their gift cards in person as did Neva Smith for Calera High School. Zora Ellis sent this certificate of recognition for gift cards we have given them in the past.



Our pastor, Dylan Rigg, made a very difficult decision to resign. He and his family served at Alpine for two years. We will miss his *From the Front Porch* article in our newsletter, his visits in our homes, the heart-warming notes and cards he sent, the cute stories he included in his message, that strong voice that everyone could hear, his youthfulness and strong back, his willingness to help with anything, and his two adorable little girls that felt safe in the church building and grew to love us. We will also miss Hannah, the loving wife and mother, who slowly got to know all of us and volunteered on several committees. Alpine was fortunate to have them, and I hope they remember their time here with love and appreciation.

Thank
you

To the wonderful congregation of Alpine Baptist Church,

On behalf of my brother, Thomas, and my husband, Todd, I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation and thankfulness for all you have done for my parents, Janet and Jim Fazekas. In fact, I don't think there are enough words to let you know just how much your support has meant to us, especially in the last few years. It's so hard when you live far away, Thomas in Texas and Todd and I in Washington State. But knowing our parents have had a support system of good friends has helped to ease the mental burden. Although you are a hard act to follow, now that Mom is here with us in Washington, we promise to take good care of her for you.

All my love and sincerest admiration, Susan Sears (daughter)

2023 June Financials

General Fund

May Balance: \$39,839
June Receipts: \$ 8,383
June Disbursements: \$13,562
June Balance: \$34,660

2023 July Financials

General Fund

June Balance: \$34,660
July Receipts: \$ 9,568
July Disbursements: \$ 8,130
July Balance: \$36,098

Happy Birthdays July

Lily Kate Thompson, Rex Killough, Donald Free, Janet Fazekas, Macie McCoy, Angela Lot, John McDonald, Terry Roberson, Gary Garner, Lilly Pruitt, Amanda Roberson, Jeff Harry, Caitlyn Boldin, Holden Waggoner, Jaime Lightfoot, Meagan Gurganus, Kenny Waggoner, Bari Lynn Thornton, Stephen Woods, Gail Joiner, Greg Dyer, Maverick Roberson, Eric Pruitt, Greyson Boldin, Molly Hardy

Happy Birthdays August

Brenda McBrayer, Evan Lesley, Tharel Shirah, Jaxson Brannon, Lauren Deal, Jay Roberson, Ory Dyer, Dot Vincent, Stan Thomas, Natalie Morgan, Wallis Schuessler, Kyle Brown, Ricky Hardy, Taylor Woods, Thomas Hardy, Abel Gregg, Daniel Warlick, Haley Wofford, Tucker Brannon, Luke Thomas, Mike Smith, Rebekah Fields

Prayers

Ensley Howard, Langdon Hubbard, Meg Alismail, Wesley Rhodes, Peggy Rhul, Peggy Rickles, Janet Fazekas, Donald Free, Stewart Tang, Deanna Brooks, Nancy Howle, Brandy Hurst, Amanda Riggins, Mike Smith, Charles Stone, Luke Thomas, friend of Samantha who was attacked by a dog, Chris Brownlow, Samantha McDonald, Phyllis Shaw, Teddy Shaw and his wife Annette, Carolyn Welch, Dylan Rigg and family

The families of Mary Allen, Patricia (Knuckles) Tucker Fowler, Belinda Frost, Donnie Brittain, Erastus Godfrey, Bobby Engstrom

Praises: Jim Robinson, Billy Cook, Ben Caco, Jerry Rayfield, Deanna Brooks are all doing well.

Upcoming Speakers

Sunday, August 20

August 27

September 3

September 10

September 17

September 24

October 1

October 8

October 15

October 22

October 29

November 5

November 12

Beaver Tinsley

Jeff Leonard

Tharel Shirah

Ronnie Brewer

Gary Furr

Hal Warren

Dr. Stanley Jett

Chuck Poole

Dr. Stan Albright

BBQ lunch after service

Pat Rhodes

Keith Pugh

All Saints Day



**Hobnobbers Guest
Lecia Whiteside
First Family Services**

Lilly with her Dad, Eric Pruitt



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