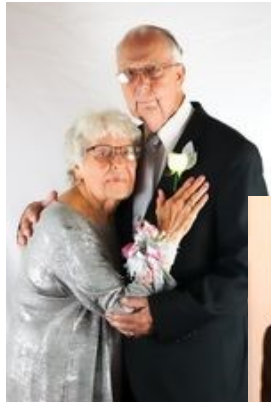


# The Alpine Gossip

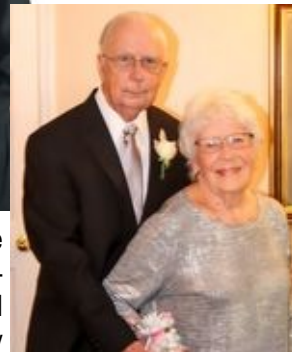
## Tidbits of News



What a great Vacation Bible School we had! Thank you to our awesome director, Michelle Head, for three days filled with singing, crafts, fun activities, Bible lessons, and of course, food! Thank you also to all who helped. It was great to see several of our community children attend. Please come back and worship with us. Everyone is welcome at Alpine Baptist.



Meta and Lindsey Stephens had a beautiful 25th wedding anniversary reception in the Fellowship Hall on June 26. Fred and Kathleen Jenkins hosted the gala event with several of the church ladies helping. Then the happy couple took off the very next day on a trip to the Smokies where scenery and



tion. Congratulations our wish is for years together!

they enjoyed the some good relaxations you two and many more happy

Start boxing those unwanted items you have sitting around the house/yard and bring them to Alpine Baptist by August 6 for our yard sale. Spread the word as this is not only a mission fundraiser but also a service to our community. Hotdogs and goodies will be for sale also.

While Dylan, Hannah and the girls were basking in the sun on their Florida vacation, we enjoyed having Dr. Gary Furr at the pulpit on that Sunday. He and his wife, Vickie and their friend, Kathy, arrived early enough to enjoy some of Kathy Curlee's famous fried pies. Dr. Furr just couldn't stop eating them!

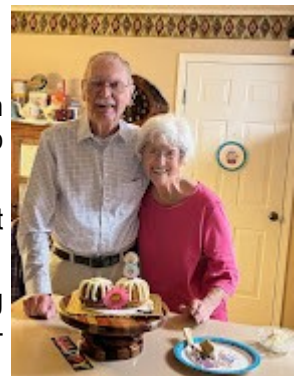
Somebody special had a birthday! Wishes for many more, Janet Fazekas

See Jackie Potts if you are interested in purchasing a reverse drawing ticket to benefit the Arc.

Speaking of Jackie, she's doing a great job as our new Deacon Chairman.

Thank you to Chris Brownlow for taking an interest in our chimes and your dedication to getting them to work again. You are very much appreciated!

Hope each of you had a safe and fun



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

Unexpected conversations are par for the course when it comes to high school reunions. In the course of reconnecting with people at my ten year reunion, I met another pastor, Ted. Ted is married to a former high school classmate. They'd moved to a city in Louisiana to plant a church. As happens with pastors, Ted and I started talking about church. Not too far into our conversation, Ted asked me how many people attend Alpine Baptist. I told him we had between thirty to forty-five attend worship. He responded, "Well I know you aren't satisfied with that! What's your growth strategy?"

I was, to be honest, somewhat taken aback by his response. With a comment of such presumptive boldness, part of me wanted to look at Hannah, and pointing to Ted, say, "Who does this guy think he his?" Part of me wanted to say, "You know Ted, Jesus Christ said, 'Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am.'" Instead, I dodged the question. I didn't want to get into an ecclesiological debate in a brewery at my high school reunion with someone I'd just met.

I also understood where Ted's question was coming from. There were times when I'd thought about the church along the same lines. Ted's response originates with a view of the church that says the bigger a church is (bigger buildings, bigger staff, bigger programming, etc.) the more life or vitality within said church. In this understanding, the life of a church depends on getting resources, not the revelation of the Living Christ among us through the power of the Holy Spirit and the indwelling love of God in the present body of Christ, the church.

This Fall, at Alpine Baptist, we are going to begin having a church-wide conversation that, I hope, will be important in the life of our church. We are going to begin a process of discernment. Discernment comes from the two Latin words that mean to sift through. We'll have the opportunity to sift through our past and present in order to get a better sense of how God is working among us and God's call upon us as Alpine Baptist. There will be a lot more information about what this process of discernment will look like in the coming weeks...this is already a lengthy column.

I've told the story about Ted as a cautionary tale because we're all tempted to hold to Ted's view of the church. As we begin this process of discernment, it's my prayer that we will do so seeking to know God's will, bear witness to the living Christ, and encounter the power of the Spirit through listening, reflecting, and engaging in the story of our church. Will you join me in this prayer?

*Pastor Dylan*

### July Birthdays, **Anniversaries** and Events

<b>July 1</b>	<b>Lily Kate Thompson</b>	<b>July 24</b>	<b>Kenny Waggoner</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Donald Free</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Bari Lynn Thornton</b>
	<b>Rex Killough</b>		<b>Stephen Woods</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Janet Fazekas</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Gail Joiner</b>
	<b>Macie cCoy</b>		<b>Greg Dyer</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Angela Lott</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Maverick Roberson</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>John McDonald</b>		<b>Xan Fields</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Terry Roberson</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Eric Pruitt</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Gary Garner</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Greyson Boldin</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Lilly Pruitt</b>		<b>Molly Hardy</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Amanda Roberson</b>		
<b>21</b>	<b>Jeff Harry</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>Harold &amp; Marsha</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Caitlyn Boldin</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Tharel &amp; Pam</b>
	<b>Holden Waggoner</b>		
	<b>Jamie Lightfoot</b>	<b>July 31</b>	<b>5th Sunday Fellowship</b>
	<b>Meagan Gurganus</b>		<b>Meal</b>

### 2022 June Financial Report

#### General Fund

May Balance:	\$28,622
June Receipts:	\$ 7,343
June Disbursements:	\$ 7,484
<b>June Balance:</b>	<b>\$28,481</b>

#### Deacon on Call for July:

Week of July 3	Lindsey Stephens
Week of July 10	Pat Rhodes
Week of July 17	Larry Vincent
Week of July 24	Kathy Ryan
Week of July 31	Ann Morris

#### Count Offering:

July 3	Nancy Howle & Jackie Potts
July 10	Cindy Strickland & Bill Curlee
July 17	Nancy Howle & Ann Morris
July 24	Cindy Strickland & Pat Rhodes
July 31	Nancy Howle & Melissa Dyer

**Thank  
You!**

Our Dear Friends,

We want to say a big thanks for making our 25 years very special, for everyone that had a part in making it a beautiful day, and for Kathy and Ann doing such a beautiful job with our flowers, and for Kathy gathering so many flowers in her yard, for Neva, Jackie and Michelle serving the cake and punch and most of all for Pat, Louanne, and Ann for taking care of the food and kitchen. This made our trip to Tennessee more enjoyable. Love, Meta and Lindsey

### **Prayer List**

**Bereavement:** The families of Leonard Haynes, Sharon Morgan, James Hendrick, Fay Fuller, Preston Bowen

**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:** Catherine Colquitt, Donetta Harris, Pat Hendrick, Baby Candon Hollingsworth, Mila Potts, Billie Jean Rognelson, Carrie Stephens, Luke Thomas, Dot Vincent, Jennifer Mann, Jackie Potts, Jennifer Roberts, Joey Taylor, Terry & Marie, Cathy Knight, Meg Alismail, Donald Free, Joan Rhodes, Jim Fazekas, William Killough, Justin Roberts, Jerry Pruitt, Mary Ann Chapman, Tanner Bowen

**Praise:** Brenda Hardy got a good report, Pattie Waldrop's husband is better, VBS was a big success, Ella Ann Rogers is doing great, Neva's friend got a good prognosis, Gunner Camp will be baptized



Jim and Linda Jones from Alabama Childhood Food Solutions (ACFS) will be joining us for worship on Sunday, July 24th to share about the wonderful work they do at ACFS! Be sure to be present and find out how God is working through our support of this much needed organization.

**Deacons Meeting is Thursday, July 14 at 5pm**  
**No meal this meeting**

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

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