

# The Alpine Gossip

## Tidbits of News

Fun was had by all at the church cookout last Sunday. The weather was perfect, food delicious (thanks to master griller Pat Rhodes), games were fun and fellowship was grand after the long one-year mandate of no gatherings due to Covid-19. Thank you to all that helped make this possible! I'm sure we're all looking forward to the next gathering.



It was decided to discontinue the face mask requirement for worship service at Alpine Baptist. It is wonderful to see those smiling faces again and hear what everyone is saying! What a blessing that the vaccine is working and the count of those infected with that dreaded virus is decreasing.

Congratulations to all our young people that graduated from one grade to another or one school to another and to Tess Head who graduated with high honors and scholarships from Winterboro High School and will be off to Berry College this fall. Pastor Dylan presented her with the Alpine Baptist scholarship certificate at her graduation ceremony.

We are pleased to announce that four of our young people applied for scholarships this year...Tess Head, Jenna Warlick, Kaylee Rice and Pierce Deneke. Each of these applicants will receive \$1,500 from Alpine Baptist. Congratulations!

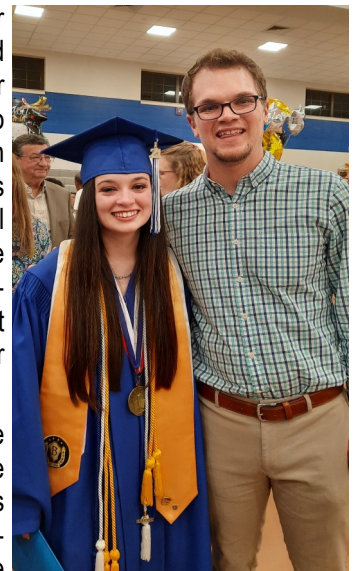
Plans are being made to have Sunday School and Children's Church again. Details coming soon!

Jim and Janet Fazekas enjoyed having their daughter, Susan, visit for a week from Washington state. They brought Susan to morning service where all enjoyed meeting her.

It was wonderful seeing Cathy Knight's daughter, Meg, and her four cute grandsons. They also brought a friend...hope they all come back soon!

If you start looking for Gary Garner, you won't find him. He and Diann are off on another adventure, this time to see their son, Greyson, in Colorado and do some sightseeing.

Pastor Dylan has a new study which is in the room to the right of the vestibule as you enter the front door. He welcomes all to drop by for a visit or to discuss any concerns you may have. He is there Monday through Thursday mornings.



### Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 14 through Friday, July 16  
5:30 till 7:30 pm  
Volunteers needed...See Neva Smith

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

Moving will disrupt your rhythm. It disrupted mine. But after moving over five weeks ago, I've now been on more than one bike ride. Our bedroom has pictures on the wall. Ida has a new rug that matches her newly painted walls. I know what is in each cabinet. Though, don't test me on that one...We know where the closest grocery stores are located and have started to learn about the neighboring towns. Our house is coming together and we're starting to get in a rhythm.

A pandemic will disrupt the rhythm of the church. We didn't have VBS last summer, we haven't heard the choir sing for far too long, we haven't seen the children gather at the front of the sanctuary for the children's message for months, and we haven't had Sunday School in over a year.

Yet, we're emerging from the pandemic and this past Sunday we had our first church meal in over a year! We're singing again in worship. We are planning some summer events for the children, youth, and college age folks. In the coming weeks we'll be hearing the choir sing, passing the offering plate, and gathering at 10:00 for Sunday School. We're starting to get back in a rhythm!

Perhaps your rhythm has been disrupted and you haven't been involved in church as much as you desire. Maybe this disruption occurred during the pandemic or years before it. Either way, this is a good time to renew old rhythms or get in a new rhythm. You certainly won't be alone in doing so. So whatever disrupted your rhythm, I invite you to come along and join us as we all find our footing again.

- Pastor Dylan

## June Birthdays, Anniversaries and Events

June 1 Kevin Simpson  
June 3 Greyson Garner  
June 5 Anna Kate Morris  
June 6 David Parks  
Kaylee Rice  
June 15 Joey Peters  
June 17 Dennis Fields  
June 20 Stacy Parton  
June 21 Steve Lines  
June 25 Cathy Knight  
June 28 Henry Head

June 13 Jonathan & Crystal  
Spencer & Ashlee  
June 28 Lindsey & Meta

June 6 Deacons Mtg, 5pm  
June 13 Business Meeting

## May 2021 Financial Report

### General Fund

April Balance:	\$48,482
May Receipts:	\$12,803
May Disbursements:	\$ 7,814
May Balance:	\$53,471

Deacon on Call for June:      Week of June 6: Bill Curlee  
Week of June 20: Pat Rhodes

Week of June 13: Lindsey Stephens  
Week of June 27: Larry Vincent

# Prayer List

**Bereavement:** The families of Bobby Jean Atkinson, Susan Pickren Johnson, Kenny Green, Mrs. Baker

**Military:** Jacob Hill, Ory Dyer, Sam McCall, Timothy Smith, Thad Smith

**Missionaries:** Missy Ward-Angalla, those serving in anonymity in dangerous fields, AL Childhood Food Solutions, Jen, Andrew & family

**Sickness or Need:** Jay Smith, Amelia Wofford, Janet Fazekas, Dot Vincent, Brenda Allen, Otis Alread, Opal Parks, Wayne Smith, Van Stewart, Tammy Whitten, Dez Howard, Lonnie Reeves, Piper Klate, Larry and Sandra Neville, Barry Skipper, Jennifer Roberts, Bonnie Talley

**Praise:** Barbara Hester and Hunter Roberts are doing well after surgery, Blake Gaither is better, John McKinney's hand is much better, Abby Rigg was accepted at Faulkner, Ricky and Becky Armstrong are better after a bout with Covid-19, Angela Tankersley's tumor was benign



Dear Alpine Friends,

Our hearts are filled with gratitude! It was such a joy to spend 11 months with you. I had no idea we would receive such hospitality as you displayed. Even when we arrived after a storm one night, we were greeted with help to get in the house and getting equipped for dealing with no electricity. We always had the most delicious meals and sweet treats! We're missing the church "animal friends" also! (Birds nesting in our car windshield,

peacocks strutting by, roosters crowing and sweet deer peering into the bay window. God's beautiful creatures!) The birthday party meant so much to me. Our first gathering outside of church after Covid made it even more special! What a splendid night for my 68th! We are sooo excited about our trip to Point Clear! We are loving the windchimes! They sound AMAZING and remind us of the sweet memories of being with the Alpine family and the Sunday evenings in the garden with the beauty surrounding us!

Our love and appreciation, Pam Shirah

Dear Members of Alpine,

On this Memorial Day, I am reflecting on the eleven-month interim at Alpine. It is a memory filled with gratitude for having had the opportunity to serve the church. When I look back on my life, this period of time will stand near the top of my list of fulfilling spiritual experiences. Your initial reception, daily prayer support, weekly affirmation, and exceptional generosity during our time together reflects the kind of church in which God can do some remarkable things. Now that Dylan has arrived, I know the future of Alpine is in good hands.

Specifically, Pam and I want to thank you for ensuring all of our needs were met each weekend, including the rocking chair. We certainly never suffered any hunger pangs. The parsonage provided a quiet getaway to which we looked forward to enjoying each weekend. You recognized our anniversary in July by giving us a gift certificate to the Back Porch Grill. In April, you made Pam's birthday very special with a "party" at the Back Porch Grill, including cake and presents. She loves the wind chimes and every time we hear the melodious jingle on the back patio, we think of Alpine.

We received many cards, calls, cookies and cakes over the course of our time there. We appreciated each and every one of them. Your generosity overflowed when you presented us with the gift card to the Grand Hotel in Point Clear. We are planning to use it sometime this fall. Both of us are still basking in the blessings we received at Alpine. We pray for Dylan and his family and the church's ministry regularly. Later this summer, we plan to return for a visit. In the meantime, we will continue to keep you in our prayers. In Him, Tharel Shirah

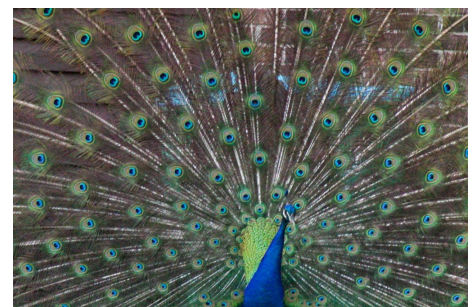


Everett won 3rd place in the logo contest at school and didn't even tell



Ida loving the dart game

Great photography Luke Thomas!



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