

The Alpine Gossip

Tidbits of News

Alpine Baptist Church YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE 2021

"Promoting Education...changing futures"

Donations in Honor of:

All Graduates
Alanna Thomas, Everett Wofford, and Holden Waggoner
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Alpine Baptist Church
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Vera Bryner (Janet Fazeka's Mother)
Wayne and Lisa Joiner
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Paul McBrayer

Thank you to all that donated to this very worthwhile cause. The total so far is **\$3,090..**
donations welcomed all year long.

Thank you to Jenna Warlick and Tess Head for sharing with us about their plans and ambitions and how the scholarships have helped them in their education goals. We are so very proud of them both!

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Hope all have enjoyed the "40 Days of Prayer" guide. Tharel did a great job sending each day's lesson by email and reminding us to stay on track. Prayer is such a special time to spend with the Lord, and the guide reminds us that it's not all about our desires and requests but to remember to thank God for all he does and to praise him and give him glory.

Work will begin soon in the storage room by fellowship hall where the water leak did damage to the floor. Gary Garner has been dealing with our insurance company and a contractor to get the repairs done. Plans are to also do some sanding and refinishing of the hardwood floors in the fellowship hall and paint the walls.

It is wonderful to see more members attending Sunday morning worship service. Our attendance is still low but better than it was. Hopefully, this will continue to improve as more get the Covid vaccination. We need you!

From Lacey Green of Trinity Episcopal Church...

We are attempting to see if there is any interest in yoga classes being taught at Trinity on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Natalie Brannon's daughter, Kaylee will be teaching. If you are interested, please contact Lacey Green at 205-283-1506.

Free to a good home: 3 beautiful Roosters...Kathy Ryan has too many of these gents ...will deliver! Just give her a call!

Please send any info you want shared in **The Gossip** to Kathy Ryan at kathyryan1954@gmail.com or to alpinebaptist@gmail.com or text to 256-404-1166.





Dear Alpine Baptist Church,

Thank you for allowing me to come speak to you all. It was refreshing to see everyone, even if all I saw was your eyes. I hope to share more of my experiences once I finish this semester. Thank you again for all the

support. I love you all and Hail State! Jenna Warlick

Grateful thanks to our church family for being such a blessing! Lindsey and I want to say a big thanks for all your prayers, phone calls, and the delicious food you have in love brought to us during this time. We love you, Meta and Lindsey Stephens

Thank you all for following along with us during 2020 as we bounced around the US, saw some of you here and there, and tried our best to wait patiently to return home. 2021 is here, and the year has started much the way 2020 ended: moving and waiting. We wanted to let all of you know that we have moved once again, and we hope this was the last move until we are able to return overseas. We began having conversations with our country and US leadership several weeks ago, and we determined our family needed more stability and support after a rather tumultuous year. We have noticed the stress the constant transition has caused us, and we've really noticed how it has begun to affect our kids. Thankfully, our organization recently finished a few long-term housing facilities for workers who are in situations similar to ours. We have moved to North Carolina where we are living in a new two-bedroom, one-bath duplex. We are on campus, so we have easy access to a playground for the kids, trails, and we can easily have meetings with other workers based here. We are continually monitoring the situation in our country, but unfortunately, restrictions have only increased as Covid cases around the world continue to increase. Borders remain closed to us, so we will continue to wait while also praying and having conversations with those around us to determine if God might have another path for us at this time. We will keep you posted on any new developments!

For HIS name, Andrew, Jen, Silas, Charlie and Ande Holloway

March Birthdays, Anniversaries and Events

March 3 Joanne Duncan

March 6 Emalee Culver

Meg Lessley

March 7 Grace Masterson

Patrick Morris

March 10 Vivian Parks

March 11 April Camp

O'Neal Roberson

Pam Killough

Zoe Swain

March 12 Holly Sherman

Teresa Parks

March 13 Mary Lines

March 14 Aimee Pruitt

March 17 Pat Rhodes

March 18 Craig Culver

March 23 Tess Head

March 24 Michael Pruitt

March 26 Kip Robinson

Nathanell Killough

March 27 Thomas Lightfoot

March 29 Adam Hardy

Larry Vincent

March 30 Adele Peters

March 21 Wallis & Martha Schuessler

March 14 Daylight Savings Time starts

January 2021 Financial Report

General Fund

December Balance: \$42,510

January Receipts: \$22,257

January Disbursements: \$ 7,813

January Balance: \$56,954

*****From Jackie Potts*****

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each member of the Alpine Pastor Search Committee for his/her commitment, diligence and prayers as we have worked together in search of a pastor. For the countless hours spent, I am grateful. I also thank each of you, in advance, for the love, support and service we will continue to offer to the new pastor at Alpine.

Proverbs 3: 5-6 reminds us to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Leadership is all about making big decisions, while collaborating with others. This is profound when we think of the impact of any decision any of us makes.

The Pastor Search Committee has worked diligently for 10-11 months in order to make a decision which will affect and influence each one of our spiritual lives. We have relied on our Lord's wisdom and goodness as we have moved forward in this process. We have prayed fervently to know God's will--and to do God's will.

The Committee received and read many, many resumes. We listened to numerous sermons, checked about as many references and participated in a number of interviews. As one can imagine, this has been a tremendous task, especially considering the difficulties surrounding the Covid 19 pandemic.

As was stated on that Sunday, Alpine should be honored that the three finalists were outstanding young ministers who expressed great interest in our little church in rural Alabama. All three were committed individuals with amazing resumes, as well as references. We are grateful for their interest. However, the Committee, after considerable feedback from you and after much thought and prayer, felt confident in its recommendation to you, the congregation on Sunday, February 28—that Dylan Rigg was the best fit for Alpine.

Some of the reasons the Committee felt Dylan to be the best fit included the following:

- Dylan's preferred worship style was the closest fit for us, although there is always room for change.
- Dylan had the most practical ideas for outreach, for growth and for increasing participation among current members, as well as in the general Alpine community.
- Dylan appeared to be the most moderate in terms of belief systems.
- Dylan was familiar with Alabama and the general area, having grown up in Trussville (along with his wife, Hannah).
- Dylan appeared to honor the particular culture of Alpine, acknowledging that growth and change grow out of who we are already.

Some comments references shared with us about Dylan included the following:

- "Dylan has a pastor's heart."
- "Dylan is very grounded and has a wisdom which usually comes when one is older, but Dylan has it now."
- "Dylan is good at outreach and is a great leader."
- "Dylan loves people and loves community."

- “Dylan and Hannah are very involved and want to be in a church where family is important.”
- “Dylan is a great person and makes good decisions collaborating with others.”
- “Dylan has a wisdom about how the Gospel is brought to bear on needs whether they be differences, issues, or whatever.”
- Dylan’s Senior Minister commented, “I plan to retire in 10 years or sooner. If I were retiring tomorrow, I would have no qualms in handing my congregation over to Dylan.”

Some of the thoughts Dylan expressed to us during our conversations included the following.

- “I have three important gifts--pastoral care, preaching, and leadership. These work together and bring me equal amounts of joy.”
- “Getting to know each other, making connections, listening and learning together, forming relationships, regardless of differences, continuing to love and care for each other, being part of a family are all most important to me.”
- In a recent correspondence to the committee, Dylan shares that he does not think a pastor should ever promote his/her agenda on issues in the congregation. He does see discipleship as a primary pastoral task, and Dylan feels that it is within the pastor’s role to proclaim the gospel through teaching and preaching, etc., and help the congregation see the implications the gospel has for every part of our lives. He shares that a good pastor knows that this work of discipleship is best done slowly, with patience and attention to how the Spirit is working and moving among the church. Dylan feels that this is done by walking with the congregation--not standing over them; as the pastor walks with the congregation, it is God, revealed to us through Scripture, who is over us all, leading us to be the people that He would have us be.

Fortunately, the congregation voted to call Dylan to Alpine on Sunday, February 28. Subsequently, the Search Committee extended the call and Dylan accepted, expressing that he and Hannah had sensed a calling to Alpine as well. On Sunday, March 7, the congregation approved a compensation package presented by the chairs of the Deacons, the Search Committee, and the Finance Committee, on behalf of their respective groups/committees. Dylan accepted that package and his first Sunday as Pastor at Alpine will be April 25, although they will arrive in Alpine roughly a week before then.

Again, thank you for your prayers and for your feedback and participation in this process. It is our hope that every member at Alpine will make every effort to be present, to participate, and certainly to support Dylan and his family in every way possible in the coming weeks and months—doing our part to make his ministry and our work at Alpine successful!

Prayer List

Bereavement: The families of Margaret Hubbard, Sarah Garrett, Frances Hubbard

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

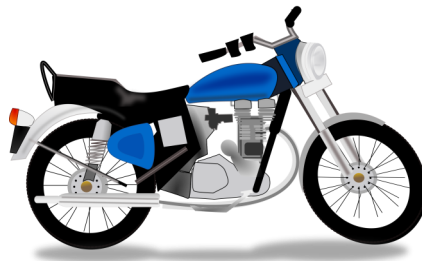
Missionaries: Missy Ward-Angalla, those serving in anonymity in dangerous fields, AL Childhood Food Solutions, Jen, Andrew & family

Sickness or Need: Brenda Allen, Ricky and Becky Armstrong, Wallis and Martha Schuessler, Francie Songer, Patrick Alexander, Meg Alismail and children, Dan Edwards, Linda Hodnett, Joan Rhodes, Hunter Roberts, Jay Smith, Brian White, Caimn Curlee, Heather Grommes, Billy Ray Elkins, Bobby Jean Atkinson

Praise: Judith Fielder is better, Jane Steele is much improved, Brenda McBrayer is doing better after knee surgery and then eye surgery, Hugh Holley is covid-free, Bobby and Shea Claridy are Covid-free, Tywillia Gurganus has recovered

9th Annual Lyla Ride

Hosted by
Cedar Grove Baptist Church F.A.I.T.H. Riders



Saturday, April 17, 2021

7 am Registration

9 am Kickstands up!

**Cedar Grove Baptist Church
2001 Cedar Grove Road
Leeds, AL 35094**

\$25/rider or \$30 per rider with passenger

Join us after the ride for complimentary lunch and door prizes!

Contact Ronny Burleson at 205-229-2136 for questions or pre-registration

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