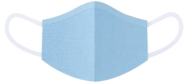


The Alpine Gossip



Tidbits of News



The recommendation to wear a mask in the church building has been lifted. The number of cases in our county will continue to be monitored and the recommendation adjusted accordingly. Please feel free to wear a mask if so desired.

The February fundraiser for scholarships was a huge success! Thank you all that volunteered to help with the calendars and to all that donated. As of today, the amount is \$4,000. The amount of each scholarship is \$1,500, so that is enough to send two deserving students to the college or trade school of their choice. This is another example of Alpine Baptist's commitment to missions and is something to be proud of. Scholarship applications will be accepted during the month of April. The application form can be downloaded on our church website:

alpinebaptistchurch.weebly.com

Members, children of members and grandchildren of members are eligible and encouraged to apply.

The next fundraiser is for our cemetery. The months of March through May have been designated to focus on this worthwhile cause. Please prayerfully consider donating to help with the maintenance and upkeep of our historical cemetery. The committee will mail out a letter of request in the near future.

Lucas Dorian, from Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, shared with the congregation on February 27 on how our offering is used to help in so many different ways in our state. One of the major projects that is funded is **Seeds of Hope** in Perry County. He stressed that every penny we send is put to good use and that because of our Alpine money, people are being helped.



Congratulations to Spencer and Ashlee Thompson (and sister Lily Kate) on the birth of daughter No. 2, Charlee Anne. After a return to the hospital for a couple of days, because of jaundice, all are doing fine. Grandparents Tom and Cindy Strickland are on cloud nine also!



Terry Roberson and Ray Chandler enjoyed a whole month in beautiful Key West where they caught plenty of fish and soaked in lots of warm sunshine. Ray got to celebrate his birthday while there. What a great place to celebrate! Welcome back to Alpine you guys!



And now from Brenda McBrayer:

Well, another first for me this past January. My friends from Indiana, Mark and Nina Dillon, came down, picked me up and we all headed to Kemah, Texas, which is in Galveston Bay. We were under the impression it would be warmer weather than what was predicted here in Alabama and their home town of Washington, Indiana. Our friends in Texas live in Houston and have a smaller home in Kemah. The Dillons and I had the Kemah house all to ourselves for the whole month of January with access to golf cart, freezer full of deer meat, safe streets to walk on and the Kemah Boardwalk just down the street. On the Boardwalk were amusements, rides, food, restaurants and some shopping. We tried Bubba Gump's Seafood, Joe's Crab Shack and Landry's (I'm a seafood connoisseur), enjoyed all the different seafood. One funny thing (to me, not Nina), we went to Tookie's Seafood (Nina does not eat seafood) and I got the raw oysters appetizer. Nina could not even look at me and had to get up and leave the table for a while. We did most of our eating and cooking at the house as it was very expensive to eat out. Darlene and Johnny, the Texas couple, came over and spent time with us. We went to several Harley Davidson shops, a trip by ferry to Bolivar, where the storms had torn up the houses really bad several years ago. People are building back and lots of travel trailers are there now. We enjoyed a visit to Taylor Lake Estates which is very large houses that look like condos with 4 and 5-car garages and very beautiful. The weather was about like here, either cold, cool, or raining with only a few very nice days. Nina and I still walked most every day. Johnny was going to take us wild hog hunting so we carried all the guns and hunting clothes but the government was on his land working on the pipe line and we were not able to fire guns.

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From The Front Porch

Generosity. That is a word that came to mind as I thought about what I have seen from the front porch of our church.

When I thought about the financial picture of our church two months into 2022, the word generosity came to mind. In February the church voted to move extra funds from the 2021 budget year to our Reserve Fund, making our Reserve Fund total \$49,200. We are now less than \$1,000 from the \$50,000 goal that was set just two years ago! We started off the 2022 budget year receiving over \$13,000 in contributions for the month of January. Generosity.

All the folks on our primary committees have carved out time to meet over the past two months for the sake of our church's ministries. Generosity.

I came home two weeks ago on Saturday after a one-night camping trip and could hardly make my way around the dining room because of all the gifts on and around the table that Hannah, Ida, and the new baby were showered with at the baby shower. In the coming days, we continued to receive gifts and gift cards from you, our church family. Generosity.

Speaking of our new baby, she or he could arrive any day now (insert sound of Ida saying, with squealing voice, "I'm excited")! I'll be off the Sunday immediately following the baby's birth. Pat Rhodes will be preaching in my absence. I'll be back in the pulpit the next Sunday. Yet, I will continue to take off the next two weeks. All in all, I'll be off for one Sunday and three weeks. The Deacons will keep me informed of any pastoral care emergencies. The Deacons and I came up with this plan and you agreed to it several weeks ago now. When I think about all of this - the Deacons' willingness to serve and take pastoral care calls in my absence, Pat Rhodes's willingness and eagerness to preach and I mean preach, and your support of this plan - there is one word that comes to mind. Generosity.

It's been a nice view from the front porch. Thanks be to our abundantly generous God.

Pastor Dylan

March Birthdays, Anniversaries and Events

March 6	Emalee Culver	March 23	Tess Head
	Meg Lesley	24	Michael Pruitt
7	Grace Masterson	25	Kip Robinson
	Patrick Morris		Nathanell Killough
10	Vivian Parks	27	Thomas Lightfoot
11	April Camp	29	Adam Hardy
	O'Neal Roberson		Larry Vincent
	Pam Killough	30	Adele Peters
	Zoe Swain		
12	Holly Sherman	March 21	Wallis & Martha
	Teresa Parks		
13	Mary Lines	March 10	Deacons Meeting
14	Aimee Pruitt		6:00 pm
17	Pat Rhodes		
	Preston Pilkerton		
18	Craig Culver		

2022 Feb Financial Report

General Fund

Jan Balance:	\$54,151
Feb Receipts:	6,297
Feb Disbursements:	35,988
Feb Balance:	\$24,460

Deacon on Call for March:

Week of March 6	Jackie Potts
Week of March 13	Bill Curlee
Week of March 20	Lindsey Stephens
Week of March 27	Pat Rhodes

Count Offering:

March 6	Ann Morris & Kathy Ryan
March 13	Jackie Potts & Terry Roberson
March 20	Pat Rhodes & Bill Curlee
March 27	Lindsey Stephens & Gary Garner

**Thank
You!**

Thank you to all that helped with the Scholarship Fundraiser!
I love to tell all my friends and family that we are a team at Alpine Baptist.
All work together to make it happen.
Our leaders of tomorrow will benefit from this effort.
With love and gratitude, Kathy Ryan

Prayer List

Bereavement: The families of Becky Watts, Ellen Turner, Jeff Brown, Annette Grady, death in Jearlean Carmack's family

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: Meg Alismail, Larry and Renee Tew, Larry Branum, David Branum, Tabatha Johnson, Matt, Don Parrott, Pattie Waldrop's husband, Paulette Barclay, Jeff Brewington, Mike Brown, Camron and his brother, Jediah's friend, Hannah Rigg, Carolyn Welch, Meverly Hearst, Mary Beth Hubbard, Wallis Schuessler, Jackie Potts, Ukraine/Russia situation

Praise: Wayne Smith is much better, Carolina Head had a baby boy, Jacob, and both are doing well, Jay Smith is doing well, Meta Stephens is feeling well enough to attend church, Scarlett Dyer is better, Perry Clark is recovering nicely after surgery on his finger, Brandi Hurst's cancer is in remission, Jeri Nell Nocua is feeling better, Kip Robinson's headaches are better, Ashlee and Spencer Thompson have a new baby girl, Charlee, Brittain Alismail is better after Covid

Ministry Partner Highlight



"My clinic in Togo sees an average of 50 patients a week for wound care and primary health. With support from CBF churches, we have managed to prevent amputations and refer both children and adults to other larger hospitals for health issues ranging from cardiac to cancer.

We share a devotional with them in the morning and encourage them to pray for each other. Some of our patients are Christian, some Muslim but the vast majority practice ancestral worship/voodoo. Our clinic strives to be the presence of Christ to those in need and be a reflection of God's love and grace to all. Thanks to CBF for its continued support!"

Karen Alford, CBF field personnel serving in Vogan, Togo, West Africa

The Talladega County Bookmobile
will be at Alpine Baptist Church parking lot
on Monday, March 21 from 1 til 2 pm

(Brenda McBrayer, continued)

The only ride at the Boardwalk I wanted to ride was the wooden roller coaster, but much to my dismay, it was being repaired and not completed until February. Nina didn't want to ride anything, however, on our last day, she did go up in the Kemah Tower on a very slow ride with a beautiful view and we got great pictures of the area. Another interesting thing was all the fire hydrants were painted with different scenes. We are all travel buddies and they drag this 5th wheel (me) around with them. I sure am glad. We already have several trips planned for this year. Good Lord willing, I'll be seeing more of his wonderful creations. I'm so thankful for our safe ventures, but I really do miss my travel partner and the love of my life (Paul)!

P.S. Oh yeah, I forgot the story of my purple hair!



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