March 2023

# **ALPINE GOSSIP**



## From the Front Porch

What is one of your lowest moments in life? When you think about one of your lowest moments in life, does a specific place come to mind?

I remember where I was during one of my lowest moments.

My senior year of college I was driving back to Samford on I-65 on a Friday afternoon. I received a phone call and was told that my good friend had died by suicide earlier that afternoon. We'd made plans to go to the movie theater that night.

One of Jesus's lowest moments occurred in the Garden of Gethsemane. It was there that Jesus said to his disciples, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death".

We're meeting in our Prayer Garden on Friday, April 7th at 6:00 P.M. for our Good Friday Service. This will be a time to reflect on the love of the One who knows the grief, pain, and place of your lowest moments and who endured the cross set before him so that we might be able to make our way through such moments in life with hope.

#### Pastor Dylan

We are all so happy for Michelle being in her new home. Several of us visited with her last Sunday and enjoyed the tour and showered her with some home essentials. We all agreed that it is simply charming!

The Cemetery Committee is busy with plans for a new sign. A design is in the process with hopes that it will last for years to come. Any donations for this project are welcomed!

Thank you to Gary Garner for installing new blinds in the Adult Sunday School classroom and to Pat Rhodes and Gary Garner for repairing the handicap ramp.

Speaking of donations, the Scholarship Envelope Fundraiser was a huge success. The grand total was \$2,405. Thanks to all that helped to make these scholarships possible! Applications for scholarships will be accepted the whole month of April. All members, sons, daughters, and grandchildren of members are eligible. Applications can be downloaded on our website: <u>www.alpinebaptistchurch.weebly.com</u>, or you can get in contact with Kathy Ryan.

Congratulations to Josh Smith for winning 3rd place at an extemporaneous speech event at Shelton State. Josh was given a subject and had to develop a speech in five minutes. Also, Josh and his Mom enjoyed a trip to Disney World with his school band.

The Schuesslers recently hosted three loads of Alfa Young Farmers for a tour of their farm. The event was to decide on the top young farm families. Whit Lovelady manages their ranch, Cedar Roost, which has been in the same family for 200 years. Whit and Amanda Lovelady won their division, which is hay and forage, and are now in the running with nine other families to win the top Young Farm Family in the state. You will see the signs awarded to them by Gov. Ivy and Alabama Agriculture Commissioner, Rick Pate.

Pastor Dylan and his family have moved to Birmingham, not far from the Vulcan. He will be at the church on Wednesdays and all day on Sunday. We wish them well in this new venture.



A sample of Michelle's house

2023 February Financials	
General Fund	
January Balance:	\$33,814
February Receipts:	\$ 7,434
February Disbursements:	\$ 5,967
February Balance:	\$35,281



#### **Happy March Birthdays**

Emalee Culver, Meg Lessley, Grace Masterson, Patrick Morris, Vivian Parks, April Camp, O'Neal Roberson, Pam Killough, Zoe Swain,

Holly Sherman, Teresa Parks, Mary Lines, Aimee Pruitt, Pat Rhodes, Preston Pilkerton, Craig Culver, Tess Head, Michael Pruitt, Kip Robinson, Nathanell Killough, Thomas Lightfoot, Adam Hardy, Larry Vincent, Adele Peters

**Good Friday Service** Friday, April 7 6:00 P.M. In Prayer Garden



Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 8 10:00 A.M. Bring 1 Dozen Plastic, Candy-filled Eggs



Jim Robinson, Rick Schneider, Rena Thompson, Erica Tupola, Kiandra Barclay, Bill Curlee, Faith Duncan, Eric & Becky Hoffman, Gabrielle Thomas, Patty Waldrup, Sandra Stover, Barry Vaughn, Meta Stephens

The families of Charles Gilbert, Jim Fazekas, Susan Barnett, Ed Castleberry, Betty Lipham, Wayne Bennett, Waite Powell



Caimn, Jediah, Pastor Dylan and Noah (Dylan's brother) escaped! They all had a good time doing an escape room at Breakout Birmingham. Teamwork, persistence and a few clues helped them escape the room with ten minutes to spare!





Trevor Dye had the time of his life while working on a Sprint car at Talladega Short Track this past Friday night. He and Aunt Kristin went to a World of Outlaw race and while talking with a crew member on another team, they asked if Trevor would help a competitors team as they only had 2 crewmembers on their team. This absolutely made Trevor so happy. He learned a lot and had the time of his life!!

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