May 2020

The Alpine Gossip

Phase 1 Worship Only plus Online	June 14 June 21 June 28
Phase 2 Worship Sun. School plus Online	July 5 July 12 July 19
Phase 3 Resume all services/ activities	July 26

Congratulations

Jenna Warlick

who is graduating
from

Childersburg High
School

summa cum laude,
4th out of 106,
and will attend
Mississippi State.
What an accomplishmet, Jenna...
so proud of you!

What's Not Happening at Alpine Baptist

This has definitely been two (maybe three) of the most unusual months in our church's history. Covid 19 has turned our world upside down and it is unhealthy to even attend church service. Who would have ever thought!

The classrooms are empty, the pews are empty, no food in the kitchen...just an empty building waiting to be full of laughter, singing and worship again. A committee has been formed to implement a plan for our safe return to church. It has been decided to wait until June 14 to start back at Alpine Baptist and only if the rate of reproduction of the virus (R_t) is below 1. We will monitor this rate and call all members beforehand if our plans change. If all goes as planned, we will have church service only at llam ...no Sunday School. We will try this Phase 1 of returning to church for 3 weeks (through June 28). We will gradually add more activities in Phase 2

and Phase 3 after monitoring the statistics of the virus. A list of quidelines is being developed and will be sent to you soon. Please contact Neva Smith, Suzanne Kelley or Kathy Ryan with any concerns or suggestions with this plan. We welcome your input. If you don't feel good or are afraid to join us yet, please don't come. We plan to continue having some sort of online service or recording for those that must stay at home. More details to come. If anyone needs help of any kind during this difficult time, please don't hesitate to call any of our deacons. Their phone numbers are in our church directory.

Thank you, Brother Brad, for preparing a message for us each Sunday during this pandemic. Even though it is read by email



The New Normal

and listened to through YouTube, it gives us that needed connection to our church that we all long for. What a glorious day it will be when we can all see each other again and enjoy togetherness in our special little church in the country. Until then, everyone stay safe and healthy and follow the guidelines as closely as possible.

We will all get through this together with patience, cooperation, prayer and remembering that God is in control.



Meta and I are grateful to be a part of Alpine Church. We thank you for

your concern, prayers, visits, phone calls, food and remembering us during my sickness the last few weeks. During surgery, the doctors and nurses said they felt answered prayers. It's good to be back. Thank you, Lindsey & Meta

Dear Alpine Church Family,

It's so hard to believe that Gary is gone. He loved this church and all its sweet members. During these short five weeks, you have shown your love for us in so many ways. Thank you for the calls, visits, food, prayers, flowers, and the wonderful meal after his Celebration of Life. The list goes on and on. Please continue to pray for us as we try to adjust to life without Gary...no more stories, his famous BBQ, his dry sense of humor, and just being here for us. But we know he is in a far better place and can only imagine the stories he is telling now. We love you all and are so grateful for all your acts of love and concern during this most difficult time. Kathy Ryan and Family

Ladies of Alpine Baptist, From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for hosting the luncheon after our Uncle's celebration of Life. When we talk about "the church we grew up in", Alpine is an equal pat of our best memories as First Presbyterian Sylacauga and it's because of the service and kindness Alpine and its people display everyday. Having a congregation of support and love has always been a comfort in our family's times of need. Thank you for always being that for our family, especially Aunt Kathy and Uncle Gary. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! Love, Alana, Caitlin and Madison

My Dear Church Family,

Please forgive me for waiting so long to respond to your cards and letters wishing me well. I truly love and appreciate you all. I pray you all are being careful to keep yourselves well. I pray to God to keep our church family our of harm's way. Hopefully, our Lord will soon breathe on us to give us clean air that we can come together to praise His name. Just in case you haven't heard, I was tested for the virus last week. I was informed by my doctor that I do not have it. I am getting better a little each day. I'm waiting to see a pulmonary (lung) doctor. Other than that, I'm doing better.

Love to you all! Kip Robinson

Dearest Church,

Your generous gift has meant the world to me. I am blessed to know that when challenging events occur, not only are you with me and my

family in spirit, you are all my constant living examples of kindness. Thank you again and we love you all,

Michelle, Carolina, Tess and Henry

I would like to thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. It is very much appreciated. It really meant a lot, Brenda and George Allen

Pastor and Members,

My husband and I would like to thank you for the beautiful memorial for our friends, Paul and his loving wife, Brenda. The words spoken, the songs, the food and all your caring was so heart felt. Doris and Harvey Trammell

I truly want to thank everyone for all ya'll did for Paul and me during his illness, for the prayers, food, phone calls, and monetary gifts and flowers. I was so thankful for the great outpour of love and attendance for Paul's memorial service. Ya'll are so special here at Alpine Baptist Church Love to you all, Brenda McBrayer

The family of Katie Williams is sending their love and thanks for the prayers and the beautiful flowers you sent in her behalf. May God Bless. She was so sweet and we miss her.

Love, Katie's Family

Thank you Church Family for your most generous Christmas gift. I'm grateful for your gift and blessed to be your pastor. Bro. Brad

MAY Birthdays, Anniversaries and Events

3rd Maria Simpson

4th Coltyn Patefield, Paula

Haynes, Tommy Morris

19th Johnathan Hardy

20th Everett Wofford, Patsy Jenks

23rd Elaine Palmer

25th Daniel Mitchell, Rodney

Culver

27th Nancy Howle

5th Andrew & Hattie

10th Dan & Liz, Donald & Teresa

14th Adam & Lindsey

18th Bill & Kat

20th Donald & Dolores

26th Brad & Cynthia

Unfortunately, all activities were cancelled due to Covid 19. Hope all Mothers had a wonderful Mothers' Day

March 2020 Financial Report

General Fund

February Balance: \$23,905.42

March Receipts: \$ 7,360.55

March Disbursements: \$ 7,901.68

March Balance: \$23,364.29

Prayer List

Bereavement: The family of Larry Pennington, the family that had the car accident in Alpine where one was fatally injured

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: Frances Brown, Preston Carmack (upcoming shoulder surgery), Joanne Duncan, William Merritt, Jimmy Nelson (Brenda McBrayer's brother-in-law), Frenchie Floyd (MDS), Corona virus situation

Praise: Jacqueline Owens' surgery went well, Jane Bailey is doing well

"Good Bye" to Brother Brad and Cynthia

Congratulations to Brother
Brad on his new job as chaplain for Tyson Foods in
Eufaula, AL. As you remember, Brad took a 12-month
course last year in hopes of
pursuing a career as a chaplain. He feels the Lord is
leading him and Cynthia to
this new town and job, and
we wish them the best in
these new ventures. Of
course, we will certainly
miss them both and hope
they will come back soon,

after this virus situation is better under control, so we can say good bye in person and give them a proper farewell. Brad came to Alpine as our new pastor in November of 2011 and was loved immediately by all. He fit right in with his great personality and love for people. He has been a faithful friend to all and has helped us get through the good and bad...he helped us say goodbye to those that went

to be with the Lord but also welcomed new members and several newborns.

What a blessing! I think we all feel a great sadness in losing them both but at the same time are happy to see them find this new way of serving the Lord. Thank you ,Brad, for over eight years of serving Alpine Baptist Church. You have a gift of pastoral care and will be a great asset to Tyson Foods.

Thank You Tharel

Dr. Tharel Shirah has graciously accepted our offer to be the Pulpit Supply Preacher at Alpine Baptist during our time of transition to a new pastor. He will begin June 7, 2020. He will prepare and send a sermon via e-mail/mail to members that first Sunday and then will preach at the church on June 14. After we start Phase 2, he will also teach a Bible study on Sunday nights.

Tharel is also available for spiritual consultation. He and Pam will live in the pastorium on weekends.

Tharel has a vast knowledge of the Bible and has a unique and dynamic style of sermon delivery...he can definitely hold your attention. We all love Tharel and Pam and look forward to seeing them each Sunday.

Congratulations

Kaylee Rice

who is graduating
from

The Way, The Truth,
The Life Christian
School where she received a gold cord and
had a 3.8 GPA.

Kaylee will attend
Jefferson State in Pell
City majoring in Nursing. We are very proud
of Kaylee and wish her
the best!

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