

The Alpine Gossip

Tidbits of News



What a fun night we had at our Harvest Festival. Kyle and Megan were the chili judges and awarded first place to Joan Rhodes. All enjoyed good food, a country store, face painting, fun activities and a cake walk. Thanks to Louanne Smith and her committee for organizing this fun fundraiser for Missions. \$4,283.50 has been raised so far this year. Jackie and Fran were enjoying the festivities and some good bonding time!!



Look at these cute trick or treaters that were seen in the community on Halloween night. Rumor has it that they got enough candy to share with Mom and Dad! 🍬

We all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving meal on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Thank you to Kathy Curlee for the dressing...it was delicious! There were many tasty dishes and good fellowship. It was wonderful to see Pattie Thomas, Mary Beth Hubbard and Chris Brownlow's special niece.



Thanksgiving Day is a uniquely American holiday, originally designed as a time for the nation to stop what it was doing and thank God for his provision. Scripture teaches us that the practice of thanksgiving is one of the best ways to "be still" and know our God.

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;

I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and rejoice in you;

I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

Psalms 9:1 – 2 (NIV)

Then comes December and Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of baby Jesus. Alpine Baptist has a busy schedule to celebrate this special holiday including decorating our sanctuary, observing Advent, parties and get togethers, the children's pageant and Christmas Eve service. It is a wonderful time of year where all can enjoy being together and rejoice and be glad at all the good things **He** has done for us and for all the good things to come.



Look who went to New York

From The Front Porch

I want to let you know about our advent services, at the risk of appearing to skip over Thanksgiving. However, skipping over Thanksgiving is not my intention nor should it be anyone else's intention (yes, this is a not-so-subtle dig, all in good humor, at those of you who have already played Christmas music and put out Christmas decorations.)

Now for Advent...

Advent is the season of the church year when we reflect on the coming, or advent, of Christ at Christmas and his future Second Coming. Our theme this Advent for our services is "Joyful Anticipation".

On November 27th, the first Sunday in Advent, I'll set the stage for the other services of Advent by explaining this theme as we begin to await Christ coming.

The next three Sundays during Advent guest musicians will join us for worship. All throughout Scripture we see joy lived out through song and music. In Exodus 15, after God led the Israelites across the Red Sea, Miriam played her tambourine and sang a song of victory. The Psalmist tunes our ears to the sound of various instruments as an act of joyful praise to God. The birth of Jesus is announced to the shepherds by the sound of angelic voices floating through the night sky. Finally, in Revelation, we hear angels singing around the throne of the Lamb.

On December 4th, classically trained jazz pianist, Choko Aiken, will be joining us for worship. Choko will be playing some of her original pieces and leading us in familiar hymns of the season. On December 11th, Gary Furr will be helping lead us in worship. You've heard Gary preach but now you will have the opportunity to hear him sing some songs from his own albums and help lead us in our hymn singing. The Rob Angus Band, a local bluegrass band, will lead us in an Advent Concert on December 18th.

I'm excited about the opportunity to joyfully anticipate the coming of Christ with you and these gifted guest musicians that will be joining us for worship.

Pastor Dylan

November and December Birthdays, Anniversaries and Events

November 4 Gabriel Thomas
Jennifer Parton
7 Caimn Curlee
12 Sharon Killough
19 Mila Potts
24 Jessica Brannon
26 Lindsey Stephens
27 Chandler Rhodes
28 Stan Trimm
29 Ashlee Thompson

December 6 Joe Lessley
P.J. Powers
7 Penny McKinney
11 Thad Smith
14 Mary Beth Hubbard

December 18 Jackie Harkins
Jackie Potts
Kiana Thomas
19 Joylyn Boggs
21 Luke Potts
Pattie Thomas
22 Kyle Killough
23 Opal Parks
25 Phil Smith
26 Karlie Smock
28 Mike Brown
29 Mallory Morris
30 Grant Lightfoot
John Wesley Pruitt
Trevor Dyer

November 1 Kevin & Maria
20 John & Eloise

December 5 James & Janet
8 Tom & Cindy
19 Jake & Ashley
Pat & Joan
29 Ricky & Brenda

Nov 26 Hanging of the Green
Workday

27 Hanging of the Green
Service at 5 P.M.

Dec 11 Christmas Party at the
Rigg's house

Dec 18 Christmas Pageant

Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

Deacon on Call for November & December

Week of November 27	Lindsey Stephens
Week of December 4	Pat Rhodes
Week of December 11	Larry Vincent
Week of December 18	Kathy Ryan
Week of December 25	Ann Morris

Count Offering:

November 27	Cindy Strickland & Jackie Potts
December 4	Nancy Howle & Bill Curlee
December 11	Cindy Strickland & Ann Morris
December 18	Nancy Howle & Pat Rhodes
December 25	Cindy Strickland & Melissa Dyer

Prayer List

Bereavement: The families of Stephanie McGhee, Steve Sprayberry, Dustin Studdard, Joey Taylor, Clyde Powell, Pat Godfrey, Betty Smith, Van Stewart

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: Donald Free, Ginger Forsythe, Meradith Aplin, Tommy Curlee, Sally Edwards, Meta & Lindsey Stephens, Chris Brownlow, Sheena Hurst, Jay Roberson, Joe Gilliam, Brenda Allen, Thomas Taylor, Mike Smith

Praise: Dennis Lee is home from the hospital but adjusting to new meds and treatment, Victor Moncus is much better, Judy Horton is doing well, Jerry McDonald is doing better, Tommy Curlee is home after having rehab, Cathy Knight is home after back surgery, Luke Thomas family is better, Lindsey Stephens is doing well after surgery, Martha Schuessler is home after a stay in the hospital

2022 October Financial Report

General Fund

September Balance:	\$19,408
October Receipts:	\$ 11,254
October Disbursements:	\$ 9,624
October Balance:	\$ 21,038

Missions Highlight

As we near the end of the year, I want to highlight our Missions and Outreach Committee. These are the folks in our church who help organize our two mission events, the Church Yard Sale and the Fall Festival, discuss every request for funds from the Benevolent Fund, and lead our church in serving and loving others in the name of Jesus.

Thank you to all the members on this committee - Kat Curlee, Brenda McBrayer, Jackie Potts, Hannah Rigg, Kristin Tollison, and chair, Louanne Smith - for your dedication to Alpine Baptist Church and our neighbors. You've served others well and for that we are grateful!

The Talladega County Bookmobile
will be at Alpine Baptist Church parking lot
on Monday, December 19 from 1 til 2 pm

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