

# The Alpine Gossip

## Tidbits of News



The Harvest Festival and 5th Sunday Fellowship have been combined and will be held on Sunday, October 30 at 5pm. Louanne Smith has handed out signup sheets for food and supplies. You can find these sheets in the sanctuary. The

Harvest Festival is a favorite at Alpine Baptist and will include a chili meal, cake walk, go fishing, hayride and a country store. Items are needed for the country store like handmade items, crafts, canned and baked goods. As usual, proceeds go towards our Mission Fund. You don't want to miss it!

It's that busy time of year with lots of holiday gatherings and activities. Enjoy your family and friend time and remember to thank our Heavenly Father for all our many blessings. God is Good!

Thank you to all that helped with the cleaning of our church building. It will take another Saturday or two to complete everything on the list. Pat Rhodes will inform us of the dates.



The new solar shades in the sanctuary look awesome! We hope they help to keep our new carpet from fading. Thank you, Gary Garner, for spearheading this project.


Several church members have enjoyed fall vacations recently, including Brenda McBayer, Terry Roberson and Ray Chandler. Some have plans for one in the near future. Safe travels and enjoy God's beauty!

Our own Jackie Potts will sing with the Alabama Civic Chorale and invites all to attend. Alpine Baptist is taking up a love offering for this spectacular performance. Remember to bring your donation during November.



**We appreciate our Pastor Dylan and his precious family!!!**

  
**The Alabama Civic Chorale**  
*cordially invites you to*  
**Handel's Messiah**  
*Earl and Frances Clark, Founders*  
*Bebe Clark Kok, Conductor*  
 Members of the Alabama Symphony and Soloists  
 Walt Rogers, Organist  
**Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.**  
 RIVERCHASE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 Hoover, Alabama  
*In honor of Handel's charitable spirit,  
 we are collecting items to donate to children in need.  
 See QR code.*  
 Check us out on   
[www.alabamacivicchorale.com](http://www.alabamacivicchorale.com)  
 Early arrival suggested. Seating is limited.



## \*\*\*From The Front Porch\*\*\*

I joined a mountain biking group ride this past Saturday in Sylacauga. When other folks found out I pastored Alpine Baptist Church, they commented on the beauty of our church building. One person said, "I didn't know Baptists had church buildings like that...I thought it was only the Presbyterians and Methodists." In response to such comments, I say something like, "Yes, it is a great building! The folks at the church have done a great job of maintaining it over the years." I suppose there are many reasons you and others before you have maintained our church building. I suspect a sense of gratitude is one reason.

Pastor and Reformer Martin Luther said that gratitude is the "basic Christian attitude." For Luther, this attitude of gratitude doesn't arise from counting your blessings, but from being encountered by the grace of God. The grace of God transforms a person and leaves them with the God-given desire to be, in Luther's words, "ready and glad, without compulsion, to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything, in love and praise of God, who has shown him this grace." In a word, the Christian life is one of gratitude in response to God's grace.

Here's where I'm going with this. We are in the final quarter of 2022. The end of the year is important for the financial health of our church. All of us need to do our best to give faithfully to Alpine Baptist over the next several weeks to ensure that we meet our budget needs for the year. If you've given faithfully throughout the year, I ask that you try to give a little more in the coming weeks.

And *please hear* this: it is my hope that your giving to Alpine Baptist is done *not* out of "compulsion", but in "love and praise of God" who has shown you grace. I know God has shown me grace through all of you. For that reason, I have a wonderful sense of gratitude not only for our church building, but for you and the gifts you've given that God uses to graciously bless Alpine Baptist Church.

Pastor Dylan

### October Birthdays, Anniversaries and Events

**October 1** Talon Woods  
**2** Gunner Camp  
 Mason McKinney  
 Morgan McKinney  
**3** Elliot Upchurch  
 Hannah Rigg  
**4** Brooke Rhodes  
 Todd Brannon  
**5** Skylar Brannon  
**6** Isabella Woodard  
 Maria Woods  
**7** Paula Brannon  
**10** Gary Parton  
 Marsha Pruitt  
**11** Christi Lessley  
 Jaxtyn Roston  
 Lindsay Hardy

**October 14** Meta Stephens  
**17** Bobby Smock  
**18** Novalee Gregg  
 Tom Strickland  
**19** Erma Roberson  
 Jacob Lynn Hardy  
 Liz Sansing  
**20** Alana Thomas  
**21** Suzanne Kelley  
**23** Pat Dennis  
**24** Bill Curlee  
**25** Josh Smith  
**27** Buddy Murner  
 Kevin Kelley  
**29** Brent Morris  
 Kirby Potts  
**30** Lou Ann Howard  
**31** Joan Rhodes

**October 10** Jay & Amanda  
**16** Don & Joni  
**20** Jamie & Penny  
**21** Luke & Kiana

**October is  
Pastor Appreciation Month**

**October 30:  
Harvest Festival/5th Sunday  
Fellowship/Country Store**

#### Deacon on Call for October:

Week of October 2	Bill Curlee
Week of October 9	Lindsey Stephens
Week of October 16	Pat Rhodes
Week of October 23	Larry Vincent
Week of October 30	Kathy Ryan

#### Count Offering:

October 2	Cindy Strickland & Terry Roberson
October 9	Nancy Howle & Jackie Potts
October 16	Cindy Strickland & Bill Curlee
October 23	Nancy Howle & Ann Morris
October 30	Cindy Strickland & Pat Rhodes

## Prayer List

**Bereavement:** The families of Danny Wideman, Teresa Shell, Edward Christie, one of Neva's students had loss in their 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:** Donald Free, David Martin, Donald Harvell, Delores Lines, Stephanie McGhee, Betty Smith and her daughter, Julie, Luke Thomas family, Barry Vaughn, Brenda Hardy, Jennifer Parton, Meta Stephens

**Praise:** Jayden Dates is slowly getting better, Lauren Deal is better, Jennifer Parton got good results from her stress test, Thomas Fazekas is doing good, Mike Smith received good test results, Deseree Jemison is doing better but has to take it slow, Mike Brown is better but having physical therapy

### 2022 September Financial Report

#### General Fund

August Balance: \$27,811

September Receipts: \$ 6,749

September Disbursements: \$15,152

**September Balance: \$19,408**

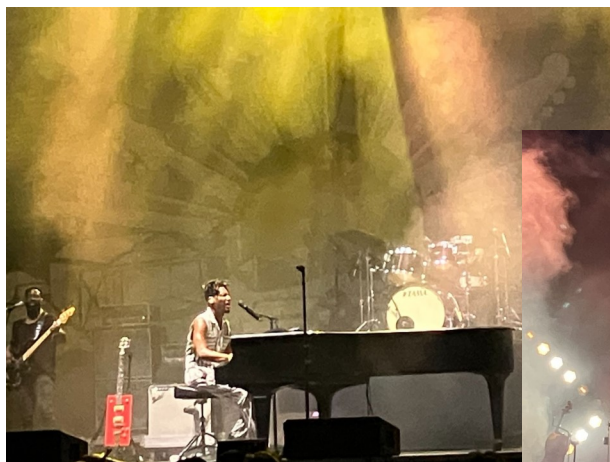
## Ministry Partner Highlight

### CBF Global

At the end of each school term, Cheikh comes into our office and thanks us. Without fail, he is smiling and shaking our hands, or fist bumping since COVID. Cheikh is a refugee from West Africa. Thankfully, Uganda continues to provide a refuge for over 1,000,000 refugees like Cheikh and his family. Cheikh has two young sons who attend primary school in Kampala. Our ministry provides school fees for about 12 students and two of these scholarships are for his sons. While Cheikh is not a Christian, he constantly says, *"God bless you! God bless your family! God bless this place."*

Without these scholarships, there is no way his children could attend school. He proudly shows us their report cards at the end of each term. And at the beginning of each term, when school fees are due, he comes into our offices and says loudly for everyone to hear. **"THANK YOU!!"** He leaves with a smile on his face, but goes into uncertainty. He has had several jobs, but finding and keeping a job is hard in Kampala. Their family struggles and have struggled for many years. He hopes one day to return home. But for now, he scrapes by to provide for his family. Thankfully, his two boys are in a good school and are making good grades. God has provided for them, and we are all thankful.

*Shelah Acker, CBF field personnel serving in Kampala, Uganda*



Pastor Dylan and Hannah enjoyed attending a  
Music Festival in Nashville



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