September 2021

# The Alpine Gossip

#### **Tidbits of News**

Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday in September in any given year (i.e. a single day from September 1 through September 7) to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, trade unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor. "Labor Day" was promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, which organized the first parade in New York City. In 1887, Oregon was the first state of the United States to make it an official public holiday. By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, thirty states in the United States officially celebrated Labor Day.

Alpine Baptist was proud to present donations to several area schools in Talladega County to help deserving students with supplies for the new school year. Some of the schools had representatives attend church service on August 8 to accept the donation.



We also had *Blessing of the Backpacks* on that Sunday. The children and teachers brought school backpacks, and we prayed over them to have a safe and successful school year.

The Youth Retreat planned for Phil and Louanne's home was cancelled but will be rescheduled at a later date.

Thank you Gary and Diann Garner for hosting the children's swim party at your beautiful backyard pool. The children and adults enjoyed the food and fellowship and of course, the pool.







Congratulations to Pattie
Thomas on her retirement
from Talladega City School
System.. Her retirement
reception was August 10
and was attended by
friends, coworkers and
family.

There are still some openings on the flower list. Please remember to sign up for a Sunday.



Pastor Dylan, Hannah and

Ida enjoyed a week off the last of August and enjoyed doing, seeing and playing and getting some much needed relaxation. We hope to hear more details in the near future.

Lori Upchurch has figs and muscadines and is offering them to anyone that needs them.

Please call or text her at 256-493-8998

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

A few weeks ago I heard that a friend was struggling with her job. The work she was doing was difficult. She found herself tired and emotionally exhausted. She began to wonder if this was the sort of work she was really supposed to be doing. As I heard about this, I had to think back to some of my previous jobs to understand her situation. The sort of things my friend was experiencing - emotional exhaustion, doubts about her work, a feeling of not being in the right position or place - are all foreign to me right now. All this to simply say - I love where I am and what I'm doing. Frederick Buechner, pastor and writer, once said, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." I have found a deep gladness in being the pastor at Alpine Baptist Church. It has been a joy to carry out my responsibilities as your pastor over the past several weeks. Even though I have only been here a short time, I can confidently say that it has been a great start for me. I hope you can say the same. And it is only just the start. I believe God has much more in store for me as the pastor called to this place and for you as the church, the ones called together by God, in this place. So let us continue to listen to God's call, be faithful to God's call, commit ourselves to the work of God at this church, and call on others to join us at Alpine Baptist Church. As others join it will only be a few weeks before they're saying, "I love this place." I know that because it only took a few weeks before I was saying, "I love this place."

- Pastor Dylan

#### September Birthdays, Anniversaries and Events

Sept 5	Glenn Dillard Brenda Hardy Liz Masters	Sept 7 10 26	Terry & Patsy Mike & Angela Rodney & Sandy
9	Janice Harkins		
10	Harold Pruitt		
	Spencer Thompson	Sept 5	Labor Day Picnic
13	Sandy Culver	11	Luke & Kiana's
17	Mike Lott		<b>Baby Shower</b>
18	Whitney Gregg		It's a Boy!
21	<b>Caitlin Harkins</b>		
	Jeff Harry		
	Sheila Parks		
22	<b>Ann Morris</b>		
	Dakota Borden		
26	Sam McDonald		
27	Carolina Head		
28	Kathy Curlee		

### **August 2021 Financial Report**

General Fund

July Balance: \$51,646

August Receipts: \$ 9,482

August Disbursements: \$ 9,556

August Balance: \$51,572

Deacons on Call for September

**Louise Hayes** 

**Eloise Sawyer** 

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September 5 Ann Morris

September 12 Stan Thomas

September 19 Jackie Potts

September 26 Bill Curlee

## **Prayer List**

**Bereavement**: The families of Adam Swindall whose daughter was killed in a car accident, John Matson, Jess Mathis who lost his girlfriend, Elaine Morgan, Sonny Elkins Williams, Jackie Swinford, Patricia Gade Conn, Wyner Phillips, Jane Treadwell Holston

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**: Brenda Allen, Melissa Ellison, Brenda McBrayer, McKinsey Turner, Debra Wakefield, Debbie Hall, Marjorie Eubanks, Zoe Goosman, People involved in Afghanastan situation, Kip Robinson, Otis "Jay" Smith, Meta and Lindsey's neighbors with Covid, Alyson Wassman, Josh Gragen's father, Josh Smith

**Praise**: Harriett Rice is doing better, Stan Hartdegen is home and slowly getting better, Erma Dean Roberson is doing better, Caimn Curlee and Gunner Camp are better, Perry Clark is feeling better, Jackie Potts is better, Terry Roberson is better, Ray Chandler is doing somewhat better, Dean and Cindy Hardy are recovering from Covid and doing better, Mark Curlee and his wife are doing better after having Covid



Blessed to have this sweet family...Pastor Dylan, Hannah and Ida Rigg

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