

# The Alpine Gossip

## Tidbits of News

September brings cooler temperatures, school classes, muscades, and football, to name a few. Each season brings its own opportunities, excitement, challenges and trials. We are indeed fortunate to have each other, at Alpine Baptist, to share yet another season together and give thanks to our loving heavenly father for all his many gifts.

Begin thinking about our Fall Festival which is Saturday, November 5. The committee wants to have a country store and needs your canned goods, goodies, and/or crafts.

The Thomases are busy as ever in Elkmont. Everett loves his new school and teacher. He's discovered two other Everetts in first and second grade. Soccer season has begun. He has two wonderful coaches and talented team members. Sundays are spent visiting churches! They've met some wonderful people, but nothing close to Alpine!



Jackie and Janice Harkins went to Pigeon Forge for Janice's birthday and also for the **Shades of the Past** car show. On their last day, Janice and some friends went through Cades Cove and enjoyed seeing the old cabins and churches. They got to see several turkeys, horses, deer and some bears. They came upon a mama bear and her three cubs climbing a tree until she saw them and left quickly with her cubs. They had a good time celebrating Janice's birthday with good friends, good food and seeing lots of beautiful street rods.

Brad and Cynthia report that they are doing well. They stay busy with work and family and are grateful for the *Gossip* and Dylan's emails to keep up at least a bit with what's going on at Alpine Baptist. It's about time they came for another visit!

We had our quarterly business meeting on September 11 and the following items were discussed:

- Building and Grounds: Pat Rhodes reported that the new carpet was installed and also the new floor covering in the pastorium. He is seeking a quote on new outside shutters. The window shades have been ordered.
- Finance: Beginning to work on the 2023 Budget and will meet October 9.
- Missions and Outreach: Met June 29 and July 24...thanks to all for the hard work at the yard sale and for donations. Brenda McBrayer is coordinating meals for the sick, bereaved, etc. Pastor Dylan expressed his gratitude for keeping a high amount in our Benevolent Fund.
- Jackie Potts reported that the deacons continue to meet monthly and shared that:
  - ◇ September 18 is Bring a Friend Sunday
  - ◇ Saturday, October 8 is church cleaning day
  - ◇ October 30 is 5th Sunday Fellowship
  - ◇ November 5 is Harvest Festival
  - ◇ November 6 is All Saints Day Service
  - ◇ Love offering appreciated for Alabama Civic Chorale which celebrates its 75th *Messiah* presentation on the Sunday before Thanksgiving



Lily Kate and Charlee enjoyed a trip to Orange Beach with Mom and Dad!

Ida Rigg and Mila Potts getting to know each other

**Precious little girls!!**



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

The season of Fall is not officially upon us, but it's in the air. Fall is also in the stores; fall decor is lining shelves and the smell of pumpkin spice is wafting up to the rafters. Soon there will be the smell of candy corn and the sight of Jack-O-Lanterns. Halloween is just around the corner.

Halloween began as a religious holiday that was also known as All Hallow's Eve. It fell on October 31st, the night before All Hallows or All Saints Day on November 1st. It was a time when people remembered and honored the dead. Some of the traditions observed during Halloween took place in cemeteries. People would light candles in cemeteries and place them on the graves of loved ones or have bonfires in cemeteries to ward off evil spirits.

During October, we will not have a bonfire in the cemetery, but we will be thinking about the cemetery. On October 9th we'll be starting a sermon series called, "Cemetery Tales." Throughout this series, we will be reflecting on the ways our faith impacts our understanding of death and dying. Here are the sermon texts and titles for this series:

- Oct. 9th - "The Monster of Mortality", Psalm 90
- Oct. 16th - "Death's Expiration Date", 1 Corinthians 15:12-26
- Oct. 23rd - "The Art of Dying Well...What?", Hebrews 2:10-18
- Oct. 30th - "Where Are They Now?", 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Nov. 6th - "All Saints Day", Ephesians 1:11-23

In October, as you carve pumpkins, go to Halloween parties, trick-or-treat, attend Fall Festivals or visit a pumpkin patch, I hope you will also join us on Sunday morning to talk about what lies behind all the ghost stories, horror movies, and ghoulish Halloween costumes - our death.

Pastor Dylan

### September Birthdays, Anniversaries and Events

<b>Sept 5</b>	<b>Glenn Dillard</b>	<b>Sept 28</b>	<b>Kathy Curlee</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Brenda Hardy</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Eloise Sawyer</b>
	<b>Liz Masters</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Joseph Hardy</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Janice Harkins</b>		
<b>10</b>	<b>Harold Pruitt</b>	<b>Sept 10</b>	<b>Mike &amp; Angela</b>
	<b>Spencer Thompson</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Rodney &amp; Sandy</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Don Campbell</b>		
<b>17</b>	<b>Mike Lott</b>		
<b>18</b>	<b>Whitney Gregg</b>	<b>Sept 18</b>	<b>Bring a Friend Sunday</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Caitlin Harkins</b>		<b>Evening meal</b>
	<b>Jeff Harry</b>		
	<b>Sheila Parks</b>		
<b>22</b>	<b>Ann Morris</b>		
	<b>Dakota Borden</b>		
<b>26</b>	<b>Samantha McDonald</b>		
<b>27</b>	<b>Carolina Head</b>		

### 2022 August Financial Report

#### General Fund

July Balance:	\$30,284
August Receipts:	\$ 6,631
August Disbursements:	\$ 9,104
<b>August Balance:</b>	<b>\$27,811</b>

#### Deacon on Call for September:

Week of September 4	Larry Vincent
Week of September 11	Kathy Ryan
Week of September 18	Ann Morris
Week of September 25	Jackie Potts

#### Count Offering:

September 4	Cindy Strickland & Ann Morris
September 11	Nancy Howle & Pat Rhodes
September 18	Cindy Strickland & Melissa Dyer
September 25	Nancy Howle & Kathy Ryan

**Thank  
You!**

To our wonderful and sweet church family, you have taken care of Lindsey and me for two weeks with delicious food, phone calls and prayer. Please know we love you and a Big Thanks for all the prayers.  
May God Bless, Meta and Lindsey

Talladega High School sent a card of appreciation for the gift cards we gave them to use for students that could use a little help.

## Prayer List

**Bereavement:** The families of Joyce Braswell, Betty Webb, Bobby Wyatt's wife, Bobby Ray Edwards, James Haynes, Louise Johnson, Pete Townsend, Queen Elizabeth II

**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:** Jayden Dates, Catherine Dublin, Richard Hill, Retha Newman, Lisa Gilligan, Elaine Patterson, Joan Rhodes, Barry Stephens, Perry Williams, Robert Hester, Lena Landers, Phil and Louanne Smith, Wayne Jemison, David Martin, Donald Free

**Praise:** Meta Stephens is healing, John Luke Lovelady is better, Trevor Dyer is better but sore, Greg Dyer is better but having tests, the Mike Smith family is recovering from covid, Lena Landers is better after a car accident, Phil and Louanne are starting to feel better

## Ministry Partner Highlight

### Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) Global Ministry



"Here, I find peace."

These were the words uttered by Ariya, one of the moms in Mamáventura, as we were reflecting on the past few months and wrapping up the course prior to summer break. Ariya was referred to the program from social services along with her two-month-old son. Each Monday and Wednesday morning she comes to the ministry center to join with other immigrant mothers who also find themselves in vulnerable situations. They sing songs with their children, have story time and receive support with parenting concerns. But above all, they have found community and peace in the midst of the difficulties of life.

*Michelle Norman, CBF field personnel serving in Barcelona, Spain*



One of the best parts of our work is building relationships with the community from the Center of Hope. We have the privilege to journey with refugee friends through times of celebration as well as through times of hardship, sorrow and challenges. Recently, one of our dearest refugee families celebrated the wedding of their oldest daughter. We have known this family for 12 years and have watched many of their children grow up. We were invited to be guests of honor and to give a speech at the wedding. The wedding was a vibrant, colorful celebration with traditional dancing and good food. This family has experienced the loss of their home due to war and political turmoil. They have struggled and suffered so much. They have also experienced HOPE and love.

We are grateful to CBF Global missions for allowing us to be present in Uganda and "do life" with our refugee brothers and sisters.

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

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