



May, 2018



The Alpine Gossip

Where Everybody is Somebody
Pastor: Brad Mitchell

On April 8th Alabama CBF hosted an evening to celebrate excellence and recognize nine individuals who have served and led with distinction among Baptists in our state. The event was held at Samford University and was a wonderful banquet. Those honored were: Lee and Catherine Allen, Sigurd and Sara Bryan, Wayne and Dorothy Flynt, Bob Ford and Joe and Frances Jones. All of these folks have made life-long contributions to our Baptist life together. Johnny Pierce, Executive Editor of Nurturing Faith, was the keynote speaker and he did a wonderful job of thanking the honorees and of challenging us all to continue to live our faith in Christ Jesus out to make a difference in our world. Brad and Cynthia said it was good to see a room full of folks from across our state who represent the larger Alabama CBF family.

We received a letter from the Alabama Historical Commission informing us that the nomination of the Alpine Baptist Church was reviewed successfully and has been placed on the prestigious list of the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage. This is an honorary designation, but it means that the Commission felt that because of the deeply historic significance of the church, it was a landmark worthy of recognition and preservation. A big THANK YOU to Janet Fazekas for all the time and effort in securing this recognition and for her love for Alpine Baptist.

Janet and Jim had a wonderful week with their daughter, Susan, and family while attending the wedding of their step grandson on Easter Sunday in Everett, Washington. It turned into a real family reunion with son, Thomas, coming from Dallas, TX and granddaughter, Charlotte, coming from Castle Rock, Washington. There was a lot of laughter and telling of family stories. But they were glad to get back to Alabama—Jim was cold the whole time they were away. Janet says she will never complain about 280 traffic again after going through 6 lanes of stop and go Seattle traffic trying to get back to SeaTac airport...scary! She also commented, "For a Yankee, I'm really glad to get back to Alabama. While we were gone, the lawns all greened up and the azaleas have bloomed beautifully. There's no place like home."

Gary Garner has been busy with projects at the church. He and Bill Curlee painted the porch steps and got them looking pretty just in time for Easter. He and Kathy Ryan stained the bridge in the Prayer Garden and he also cleaned and reinforced the picnic table in the playground. Thank you Gary!

Tess Head has been a very busy girl! She won first place in state at the FBLA National Leadership Convention in Publication Design. She won first place in video production at JSU's Technology Fair in April which sent her to AUM to compete state wide this past Saturday. She placed 3rd in the state at AUM for video production. She and Mom are traveling to Atlanta for her to compete in the Peach State Feish (Irish dancing) this upcoming weekend. Wow Tess!

Fifth Sunday Fellowship was enjoyed by all...thanks to all that helped with decorating, preparing delicious food and cleaning up. As Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

April 25 – 27, Bro. Brad and Cynthia travelled to Winston-Salem, North Carolina for Cynthia to attend the board meeting of Nurturing Faith. In addition to the board meeting, this meeting was the setting for the annual Judson-Rice Award Dinner. This year's recipient is Melissa Rogers who was honored for her work to promote religious freedom in the public sphere. Melissa was chief council for the Baptist Joint Committee in Washington, D.C. for a number of years, before being tapped by the Obama White House to serve as council to the president in matters of religion. She served there with distinction, advising the president on matters of religion and the free exercise thereof for four years. Johnny Pierce interviewed Melissa as part of the banquet, an interview we will no doubt be able to read in an upcoming edition of the journal. At that dinner Brad and Cynthia were privileged to meet Judge Albert Kirby, who is featured in the lead article in the latest edition of the journal. He is an extremely humble man and was asked to offer the blessing for the meal. Brad got to chat with him a few minutes before the meeting began and was honored to do so.

One highlight of the board meeting was that they got to hear a report from Tony Cartledge, who writes the Sunday School lessons our adult class uses from the Nurturing Faith Journal. Tony is also a very humble person, and it was great to get to meet him and hear him report on the many things he does, not only for Nurturing Faith, but also for his classes at Campbell School of Divinity. It's really neat to meet someone whose work you admire and use as practically as we make use of Tony's writing for us.

Brad got to tour Old Salem with some of the other spouses of the board members. All in all, it was a quick, but good, trip.

Sunshine Saturday will be held May 12, 2018 from 9:00 until 3:00 at Central Park across from Blue Bell In Sylacauga. The event includes family-friendly activities, plants and vendors with all proceeds to support The ARC of South Talladega County. Contact Jackie Potts by Friday, May 4, to place your order for Boston Butts (\$30) or ribs (\$20) Jackie works at ARC and hopes to see you at this fun fundraiser.



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Ushers: **Bill Curlee**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><i>baby girl</i> it's a baby shower for ASHLEE THOMPSON may 10th 2 o'clock ALPINE BAPTIST CHURCH</p>		1	2 Small Group-6 pm	3 Maria Simpson SRES Backpackers 7:30 am	4	5 Coltyn Patefield Paula Haynes Tommy Morris
6 Bill & Kathy Teresa & Jennifer Stan & Jackie Ashlee's Baby Shower	7	8	9 Small Group-6 pm	10 SRES Backpackers 7:30 am Dan & Liz	11 Donald & Teresa	12 Sunshine Saturday Blue Bell Park Sylacauga 9-3
13 Mother's Day Dan & Liz Stan & Pattie Harold & Gary	14 Adam & Lindsey	15	16 Small Group-6 pm	17 SRES Backpackers 7:30 am	18 Bill & Kathy	19 Deacons Meeting Jonathan Hardy
20 Business Mtg Pattie & Stan Suzanne/Jackie Pat & Lindsey Everett Wofford Patsy Jenks Donald & Dolores	21 Book Mobile Alpine Baptist 1-2 pm	22	23 Elaine Palmer Small Group-6 pm	24 SRES Backpackers 7:30 am	25 Chloe Butler Daniel Mitchell Rodney Culver	26 Outreach Meals Brad & Cynthia
27 Honeybuns & Coffee Melissa & Kristin Gary & Kathy Suzanne & Bill Nancy Howle	28 	29	30 Small Group-6 pm	31 SRES Backpackers 7:30 am		



Flowers



Extended Session



Counting Committee



Happy Birthday



Anniversary



Bereavement: The families of Patricia Miller, Buddy Gilliland, Sonny Landers, Philip Jenkins, Pattie Gillum, Houston Jones, Jessica Tucker, Ed Dark, Bill Quinley, Ruby Tidwell

Military: Jacob Hill, Jake McCoy, Ory Dyer, Dakota McDonald

Missionaries: Missy Ward Angalla-ministering to refugee women in Uganda, those serving in anonymity in foreign fields, Alabama Childhood Food Solutions, Inc., Jen, Andrew and family

Sickness or need: Bobby and Patsy Hubbard, Francis Headrick, Alex Wilcox, Anessa Brewer, Kim Mitchell, Wallace and Elaine Morgan, Bobby and Johnnie Palmer, Rod and Faith Patefield, Sheila Burton, Bella Caldwell, Billie Joe Hardy, Peggy Porch, Wallis Schuessler, Greg Houston, Juanita Lackey, Dr. Alfred Randall, Jane Wideman, Haley Wofford, April Camp, Jackie Harkins, Paul McBrayer, Joan Rhodes, Lester Talton, Audra Waldrop's son, Bill Yates, Wayne Armbruster, James Humphreys, Mary LaRue

Praise Report: Phillip Powers is better, Kathy Curlee's leg injury doctor released her, Pat Rhodes' uncle is cancer free, Crystal Hardy is expecting, Audra Waldrop is doing very well after surgery, Overton Gibson got good test results