

Highland Avenue Baptist Church
1900 Highland Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36107
The Friendly Fellowship

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(A Temporary Format for these Temporary Times)

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Highland Avenue Baptist Church is to be a fellowship of baptized believers living out the Great Commandment through the ministry of the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 22:37-38, 28:18-20;
and Acts 1:8*

A Word from Bro. Keith

Scripture allows for the existence of small churches and megachurches. Jesus tells us in Matthew 18:20 (NKJV): *"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."* That sounds like a small church to me.

On the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came in His fullness, Acts 2:41 (NKJV) says, *"Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them."* Three thousand definitely sounds like a megachurch!

Southern Baptist congregations worship regularly together with single digits in attendance all the way up to thousands attending. Numerous small local churches have endured for many decades, even some with especially low attendance for a very long time. How can this be? How can a congregation survive for years or decades with attendance in the teens or single digits? I believe the answer may be found in Matthew 16:18a (NKJV): *"...on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."*

Local churches are highly durable organisms, created by Christ and established with Him as the foundation -- composed of imperfect sinners saved by grace but serving a perfect Savior who loves His church and gave Himself for it (Ephesians 5:25). Do we want Highland Avenue Baptist Church to grow -- reaching the lost for Christ and giving Christians a place to worship and serve the Lord? Yes. But even if our attendance is small, Christ still loves our local church — ever calling us to grow in obedience to Him and in love for others by telling them of God's love as demonstrated in Christ's sacrifice on Calvary.

DEACONS

Bill Smith, Chairman

NEW: 207-1383

Billy Bruner	322-6554
Jerry Burger	328-2063
Lance Kelly	531-5755

OUR STAFF

Keith Hinson, Interim Pastor
Chris Palmer, Minister of Music
Lisa Schmacker, Pianist
Joan Kelly, Church Administrator

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

It's All About the Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Our 2020 Goal: \$2,300.00

Given-to-date: \$1,795.80

Deadline to participate is Easter Sunday, April 12th



For Week Ending 03/22/20

Offerings Received ---- \$410.00

Annie Armstrong----- 90.00

Sharing Fund-----0.00

Designated Funds -----0.00

Tithes/Offerings ----- \$500.00

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

How can we remain faithful in giving since we are not meeting together at this time?

The church office is currently open Tuesdays-Thursdays. A table is set up in the front foyer to receive your offerings by either slipping your envelope through the glass door or ringing the doorbell, entering into the foyer area, and placing it into the offering plate **OR** you may to desire to mail in your offerings during this time.

Please be encouraged to continue to offer the Lord your gifts if you are:

Weekly givers - give Weekly

Monthly givers - give Monthly

Bi-monthly givers - give Bi-monthly

Mail-in givers - give through the Mail to P.O. Box 70006, Montgomery, AL 36107

God Bless You All for Remaining Faithful!

April Birthdays



"May the Light of Christ light up your life on this special day."

William Churchwell	01	Brayton Boswell	14	Rhett Churchwell	19
Connie Rooker	03	Billy Bruner	15	Ty Bradon	26
Tammy Pietz	04	Bill Smith	15	Obadiah Dotson	26
Elizabeth Bearden	06	Linda Young	18	Lance Kelly	26

STAYING INFORMED

On Monday, March 23rd the leadership team made an updated decision regarding congregational meetings at HABC during this pandemic season.

"We believe it would be prudent to follow the recommendations of the Alabama Public Health Department and the CDC to suspend congregational gatherings until the established deadline (through Sunday, April 5th) and any further recommendations they make regarding this pandemic."

Notes:

1. Chris Palmer will be recording the weekly Sunday School lesson which will be put on our website by Jerry Burger.
2. The church office will remain open Tuesdays-Thursdays.
3. **The Friendly Fellowship** will be mailed to those unable to view it online through email.
4. Please let the church office know of any needs that arise and any new prayer requests you may have.



SPRING RENEWAL

Ladies Prayer Lunch

Mark Your Calendars...

Noon on Saturday, April 25th

at the home of

Glenda (Lamar) Boyd

Bring your favorite dish!

Van transportation is available.

If needed, we will reschedule after the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

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