

**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**

**The Soon Return of the Church to the Church House**

There's a day coming hopefully soon -- unless the Lord returns first in the Second Coming - that will be a day of happiness and special blessing for churches in our state and beyond. I'm thinking of the day when the COVID-19 pandemic is gone and people can gather safely again for sports, entertainment, education, shopping, recreation and -- most importantly for Christians -- worshipping the Lord Jesus in person with brothers and sisters in Christ.

We know that the future is hard to predict, although meteorologists often forecast weather with an amazing degree of accuracy. Some experts anticipate the rise and fall of the stock market with great skill. Some years, the outcome of the Iron Bowl confounds many who make seemingly reasonable predictions based on the track record of both teams. Political contests can likewise end in upsets. Right now, it's impossible to know when the pandemic will end. At some point, it may become obvious, and experts and newscasters will no doubt announce that the much-awaited conclusion is near.

What a day of rejoicing that will be, to quote a familiar "heaven song," when local churches can meet together again. But a much greater day of rejoicing for believers will be the Lord's Second Coming -- and that date cannot be predicted at all, though many have tried throughout Christian history. Indeed, Jesus tells us in Acts 1:7: *"It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power."*

We eagerly hope the day comes quickly when the church can once again worship our Lord together in the church house!

**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 03/29/20**

Offerings Received --\$1,615.00

Annie Armstrong-----0.00

Sharing Fund-----0.00

Designated Funds -----0.00

Tithes/Offerings -----\$1,615.00

### 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!**

### A Thanks for Prayer...

Hello Highland Avenue Friends,

Thank you for continuing to pray for me. I read your notes and feel loved and surrounded in prayer. Please know they are special to me. I just read the note referencing 1 Peter 5:7. What a beautiful verse and what a relief to know when life and the world gets crazy.

**THANK YOU! Sincerely, Glenda Pollard**

*"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."*

*1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)*

**NOTE:** A prayer list is enclosed in this week's mailing.

Updates will be included as they are received.

Please remember to pray for these people who continue to need our support.

### STAYING INFORMED

*"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 (currently through April 30th) and any further recommendations they make regarding this pandemic."*

#### Notes:

1. Bro. Keith and Bro. Chris are currently preparing a weekly worship time for us to review online.
2. Chris Palmer is recording the weekly Sunday School lesson which will be put on our website by Jerry Burger.
3. The church office will remain open Tuesdays-Thursdays.
4. **The Friendly Fellowship** will be mailed.
5. Please let the church office know of any needs that arise and any new prayer requests you may have.



## SPRING RENEWAL

### Ladies Prayer Lunch

Will Be Rescheduled

at a later date...

at the home of

Glenda (Lamar) Boyd

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