

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*

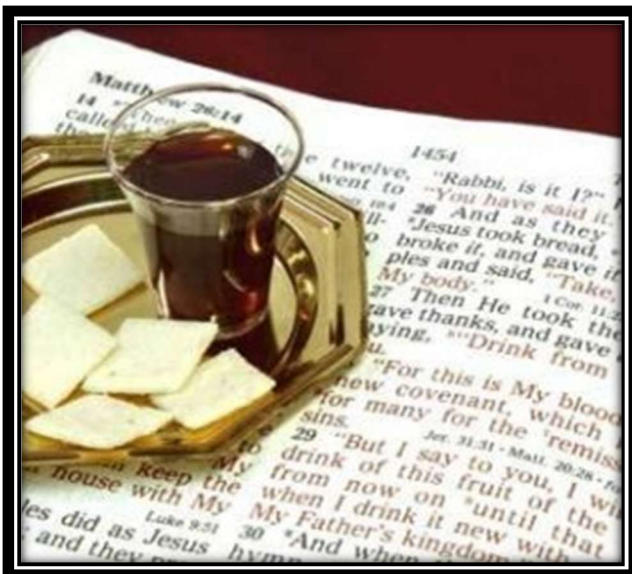
A Word from Bro. Keith
We Are The Church

The Highland Avenue Baptist Church building is emptier than it's ever been. In-person worship now has an attendance of two — Chris and me as we record the services for uploading to YouTube.

Yet the church is not the church building. We sometimes speak in shorthand fashion as if it is. There's nothing wrong with that as long as we keep in mind and heart the distinction and, more importantly, continue to behave like the church that we truly are.

Even in this time of exile from gatherings as a church family, we can still obediently carry out the essential functions of the church: (1) worship, corporately online and in personal times of praising God, (2) discipleship by hearing the Bible taught and preached and reading and obeying the Word, (3) evangelism by sharing with others the Gospel that Jesus saves, which we can do online and by phone, (4) missions by supporting financially the missions offerings, (5) ministry to others, praying that God will show us how to minister creatively during this unique timeframe, and (6) fellowship with fellow believers.

Oh, how we miss our in-person gatherings as God's church in the church building! May God help us to be His faithful church until we meet again, face to face at the church building in fellowship with each other.



The Lord's Supper will be observed on Sunday, May 3rd if we are able to gather together. Watch as details develop!

DEACONS

Bill Smith, Chairman 281-3452
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

One of the terms used during this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic has been the word **Essential** – businesses and employees “necessary” to be open and working. As we reflect on what is an “essential” Christian response to this time, we know it is essential to:

1. PRAY for God’s protection and guidance
2. Worship and glorify HIM
3. Stay in THE WORD for comfort and peace
4. Stay connected to one another
5. Look for opportunities to share the love of Jesus and the gift of salvation to all we encounter.

THAT’S ESSENTIAL! Praise the Lord!



For Week Ending 04/12/20

Offerings Received-----	\$690.00
Annie Armstrong-----	44.00
Sharing Fund-----	10.00
Designated Funds-----	10.50
Tithes/Offerings-----	\$754.50

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

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

The church office will reopen on the regular days of Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday beginning April 21st.

A table remains set up in the front foyer to receive your offerings **on the days the office is open** 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!

Notes from Joan

1. The Quarterly Business Meeting for April has been cancelled... our next meeting will be in July.
2. An update for your prayer list is included. Please know of our need to continue to pray for these and remember to let us know of any additional needs and changes.
3. Call me on my cellular number if you need me...334-207-4030. Please feel free to leave a message and your call will be returned.

These are awkward times but our Lord is with us. I am encouraged by your faithfulness to continue to give and your love for one another.

This time reminds us of God’s Word:

“Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10a NIV).

Looking forward to being with you soon!!

STAYING INFORMED

The following decision remains in effect 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 (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 will be recording the weekly Sunday School lesson which will be put on our website by Jerry Burger.
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.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

It's All About the Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Our 2020 Goal: \$2,300.00

Given-to-date: \$1,909.80

Only \$390.20 away...Deadline to participate is extended to Sunday, April 26th.

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