

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

April 26, 2020

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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*

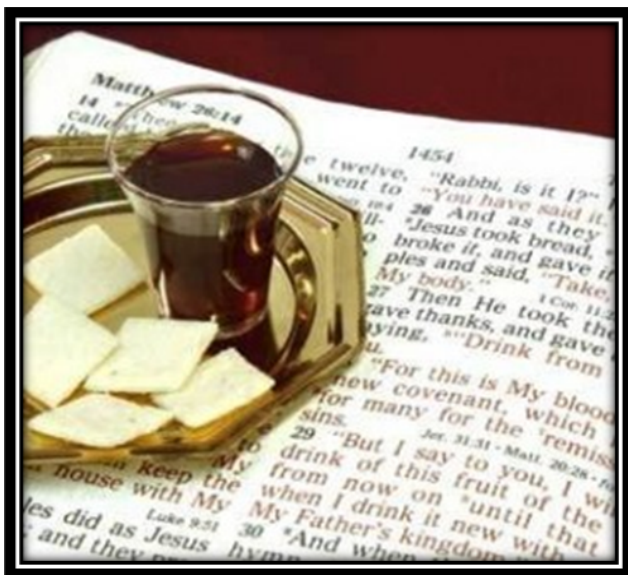
A Word from Bro. Keith
Pondering God's Love

It's never the wrong time to celebrate or ponder the meaning of Christmas. We celebrate the arrival of the Son of God on earth: eternal God, the Word, having become flesh and dwelling personally and visibly among some of humanity's ancient ancestors.

Having to bear the Christchild in a setting of something like a barn: Is that anything like quarantine? A little perhaps. Mary and Joseph were in a tough setting for giving birth even for a time that predated the arrival of modern medicine by more than a millennium.

In a cattle stall, they began their journey of becoming known as the earthly parents of Jesus of Nazareth. It was not an ideal setting, but there's no record of any grouching or self-pity. Rather Luke 2:19 declares: "But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart."

During this time of quarantine, of sheltering in place and of pandemic, may we as believers continue to ponder God's love for us, our Lord's majesty and His Great Commission that still calls us to proclaim the Gospel and share His love during unusual and challenging circumstances.



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

Message From God's Word

Sunday, April 26, 2020

"The Purpose of Pain and Suffering"

Luke 13:1-5

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

May Birthdays



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

Regina Owens	03	Letha Arnold	15	Dimple Hannon	21
Patricia Wright	08	James Owens	16	Lamar Boyd	23
Mason Espy	09	Chris Curtis	19		



For Week Ending 04/19/20

Offerings Received ----	\$1,091.00
Annie Armstrong-----	0.00
Sharing Fund-----	10.00
Designated Funds -----	0.00
Tithes/Offerings -----	\$1,101.00

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

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

The church office is open on the regular days of Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

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. **2020 GRADUATE RECOGNITION...**Please contact the church office if you have a high school or college graduate for 2019-20. We would like to recognize and celebrate their accomplishments.

Has it only been 6 weeks?? Feels like forever ago that we were meeting together to worship our Lord. Be assured it will be so again soon and very soon. As we wait, remember the Word of God that is a reminder of His love for each of us: *"For God so loved the world (us) that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16 (NIV) **Sharing His Love!**

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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