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 Bible: "Mine to teach me who I am"

In 1997, I was serving as a bi-vocational pastor in the Montevallo area. For approximately a year, my second vocation was working as a freelance writer for Christian magazines, newspapers and other publishers of freelance materials.

For one of my assignments, I covered a preaching/teaching conference where one speaker was a pastor and a part-time seminary professor. He told of a class time when a student had waxed eloquent about the nature and character of God. Sadly, the student's notions did not much match the teachings of Scripture. When the student finished, the professor said, "Thank you for telling us so much about yourself."

Scripture is God's truth and should sculpt, govern and transform what we believe. Christ, the living Word, will never tell us anything in our prayer time that contradicts His written Word, the Bible — and that means Old and New Testaments.

James 1:22-24 (NKJV) declares: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was."

May God mold us and make us after His will as revealed in Scripture. Let us rely upon the Bible as the only reliable spiritual mirror that the Lord has provided for our guidance, correction and growth in Christ.

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

Message From God's Word

Sunday, May 10, 2020 "Lessons from Mary, the mother of Jesus"



"Her children arise and call her blessed..." Proverbs 31:28a

The flowers in the sanctuary/foyer are provided by
Our Church Family in Honor or
Memory of All of our Mothers
Including our
Spiritual Mothers



For Week Ending 05/03/20

Offerings Received \$3,848.00
Operating Maintenance 2.00
Sharing Fund56.00
Designated Funds 0.00
Tithes/Offerings \$3,906.00

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.

It has been so encouraging to see our church family remaining faithful during this time. Our God is providing through you and your continued giving. Even during this stressful season, God is GOOD! His hand is in the "stimulus" of our lives and it is such a blessing to see you remember to give as you are receiving. WOW!!!

Just want to Praise Him for being THE GREAT PROVIDER!

Mail-in givers - give through the Mail to P.O. Box 70006, Montgomery, AL 36107 *God Bless You All for Remaining Faithful!*

Great Words for Times Such As This

"This is a time, I think, for all of us who are believers to rise above the fray and the panic. This is a time for all of us as believers to demonstrate our trust in the Lord."

John MacArthur, Pastor-Teacher,
Author and Conference Speaker

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NOTES FROM JOAN

- 1. The Quarterly Business Meeting for April was 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.
- 4. **MOTHER'S DAY** is THIS Sunday, May 10th. Please remember to express thanks to the mothers and spiritual mothers in your life.

Happy Anniversary To Chris Palmer

Celebrating his 11th as our Minister of Music THIS Sunday - May 10th!

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

(<u>currently through May 15th</u>) 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.