

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
HEADLINE: Obeying Acts 1:8

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8, KJV).

Have you considered that the command to spread the Gospel in these geographic regions is a mandate for the church to go into all the world, all the time, at the same time? The early church did not wait until Jerusalem was thoroughly evangelized before they begin sharing the Good News well beyond the Holy Land.

At times, some Christians have said something like this: "We haven't reached our Jerusalem yet. We need to do so before we move on to Judaea, Samaria and the uttermost parts." But the Lord's declaration that we shall be witnesses is intended to be simultaneous not sequential.

Many Southern Baptists choose to support missions through the Cooperative Program (CP) which allows any church, no matter how small, to support world missions. Many foreign missionaries must raise money to support their own ministries. Not so with Southern Baptists who serve through the International Mission Board. Through CP and the Lottie Moon offering, Southern Baptists raise the support for our IMB missionaries. While some missionaries must spend 50% or more of their time in fundraising, our IMB personnel are able to spend 100% of their ministry time in ministry.

Thank God for anyone spreading the Gospel. Thank Him for the especially effective means by which many Southern Baptist congregations have chosen to obey Acts 1:8. To God be the glory!

DEACONS

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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 17, 2020

"The Cure for the Pandemic of Sin"

Numbers 21:5-9;
1 Corinthians 10:1-11; John 3:14-17

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

Congratulating the Graduating Class of 2019-20...Don't forget to turn in the information to the church office for recognizing the high school and college graduates in your family.

Mother's Day Update...A flower was donated for each of our ladies and a small gift ordered on April 23rd has not yet been received. An order update states that they were shipped on May 7th. These will be available as soon as they are received. Apologies to our ladies for the delayed receipt of this item in loving recognition of our mothers and spiritual mothers.



For Week Ending 05/10/20

Offerings Received ---- \$3,085.00
Operating Maintenance ----- 0.00
Sharing Fund-----10.00
Designated Funds ----- 0.00
Tithes/Offerings----- \$3,095.00

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!

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. **JAR for JUNE** is underway and preparations are being made to receive your sacrificial giving during the month of June. Jars are still available in the church office for your use.

Our Sympathy

The Church Family expresses our sincere sympathy to these who have experienced the recent loss of a loved one:

Chris Curtis

Death of his wife, Debby Curtis

STAYING INFORMED

Because of the possibility of returning to worship together in the church building, there are many different opinions as to what to do next and when to do it. At the current time, this is being evaluated and discussed. Even when we return to gathering together, things will be different for a while. Please know that every precaution and consideration is being reviewed and will be announced as soon as possible. In the meantime, we will continue to remain faithful and take all possible and practical steps needed to go forward.

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.



MEMORIAL DAY Monday, May 25th

Please remember to honor our military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle.

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