

**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**  
**Congregational Church Government**

How should the local church be governed? Much of the New Testament, as I understand it, is a “you all” kind of document — instructions largely given in what grammarians call “second person plural.”

The Southern word “y’all” would be a better and more accurate translation of many instances of the Greek word for “you” as it’s rendered in most English translations of Scripture.

This is especially evident in the epistles which are mostly written to groups of Christians in specific local churches.

Paul writing to the church at Corinth, for example, gives instruction, admonition and exhortation to the body of all believers and doesn’t speak to leaders only.

In Acts 6, which many believe was the selection of the first deacons, the apostles told the believers to choose these servants according to certain qualifications. The apostles did not make the choice; rather, this was congregational church government in action.

When congregational church government works properly, the Holy Spirit governs the local church as He rules and guides the hearts of His people.

The late Herschel Hobbs treated the words pastor, elder and overseer (KJV) as synonymous; they are all words for what we call pastor. I agree with Dr. Hobbs’s interpretation.

Congregations govern themselves guided by the Holy Spirit with leaders gifted to the church by our Lord. May we as Southern Baptists always endeavor to strive for this ideal so that God may be glorified and the Gospel is spread!

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**OUR STAFF**

Keith Hinson, Interim Pastor  
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***Message From***  
***God's Word***

Sunday, May 31, 2020  
*"Marks of the Kingdom"*  
Mark 1:1-8

## THIS SUNDAY, MAY 31ST



During Morning Worship  
*Special 5th Sunday*  
*Musical Worship Time*



Chris Palmer and Lisa Schmacker will be sharing a "mini-concert" during morning worship prior to the message by Bro. Keith Hinson. Be sure to tune in on YouTube to view this special time praising our Lord through musical worship.



### For Week Ending 05/24/20

Offerings Received ----- \$819.00  
Operating Maintenance ----- 0.00  
Sharing Fund ----- 1.00  
Designated Funds ----- 0.00  
Tithes/Offerings ----- \$820.00

### 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.**

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. **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.

### Memorials

Memorials have been given by  
The Joy SS Class of HABC and  
Evelyn Wilson in memory of Debby Curtis.

### REMEMBER TO...

Stay home if you are sick or have a fever  
OR if a family member is sick or has a fever.

Wash your hands with hand soap 20-30 seconds...using hand sanitizer when hand soap is not available.

Avoid touching your face.

Stay at a 6-foot distance from folks not from your home.

Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside bend of your arm.

**SMILE!!**

### MASK OR NO

The mask debate continues and changes with the wind. Information is contradictory at best as to how wearing a mask helps. No matter what you believe, it remains that some will be wearing masks and some will not. Some of our folks will feel more at ease to wear them while others will not. Please do not let this be an issue for you...wear one or don't wear one. Just be kind to one another and not judgmental.

There will be changes in what we do and how we do it for a time. Only our Lord knows how long this period of time will last but there is comfort even in that fact. He commands us to come together and worship Him so there will be a way to work this out to HIS glory. Further information is included in this mailing regarding some temporary changes that we will be implementing as we return to the church building on our projected target date of Sunday, June 7th. Please look over these items and contact the church office if you have any questions.

Ultimately, you must make the decision you feel led of our Lord to make. If He impresses on you to remain "safer at home", do so...if He says go, please come.

SO looking forward to seeing you all!

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