

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

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***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**  
**God's Gift of A Merry Heart**

By now, most who attend Highland Avenue Baptist Church know that one of my favorite Bible verses is Proverbs 17:22 (KJV): "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." So do you laugh more at in-person humor, humor on video or audio, or even humor in print?

Let me try to help you smile or laugh at some printed humor here:

- \* AUNT ESTHER from Sanford and Son was about to hit someone with her purse. She told them, "God shall smite thee, but I can't wait!"
- \* JEFF FOXWORTHY once said, "You might be a redneck if the dog catcher comes to your house and has to call for backup."
- \* JERRY CLOWER once tried to order grits for breakfast in the Memphis airport. Not on the menu. The waitress offered hash browns. Clower said, "Lady, I grew up pore, but was never so pore that I had to eat an Irish potater for breakfast!"
- \* T. BUBBA BECHTOL, a big and tall comedian from Florida, said when he was growing up that "gravy was pretty much considered a beverage."
- \* SPEAKING OF BIG AND TALL: I've been that way since my early teens. Now to the story: Dan Johnson, who wasn't big or tall, was a deacon at Dogwood Grove Baptist Church near Montevallo. Shortly after Willa Dean and I moved there, he looked at my tummy area and asked, "Preacher, why don't you bring that shirt up to the house and let Nancy set that button over before it flies off there and puts somebody's eye out?!"
- \* DID YOU HEAR about the cross-eyed professor who lost control over his pupils?
- \* JOHNNY CARSON once said of Tommy Newsom, a quiet man in The Tonight Show orchestra: "Tommy's not exactly Mr. Excitement. In fact, his birthstone is dust."

Laughter is one of my favorite gifts that God gave to humanity. I hope you laughed or smiled a little as you read this column. Hoping to see you soon!

**DEACONS**

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**OUR STAFF**

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

Sunday, June 7, 2020  
*"Lessons from the  
Baptism of Christ"*  
Mark 1:9-11



*The Flowers in the Sanctuary this week are provided In Loving Memory of Sue Smith by Her Husband, Bill Smith and Her Family*



**For Week Ending 05/31/20**  
 Offerings Received ---- \$1,994.00  
 Operating Maintenance ----- 0.00  
 Sharing Fund----- 0.00  
 Designated Funds ----- 0.00  
 Tithes/Offerings ----- \$1,994.00

**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!*



I would like to thank you all for the calls and prayers for me. Bless you all!  
*Billy Bruner*

**NOTES FROM JOAN**

1. 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.
2. **FATHER'S DAY is Sunday, June 21st...**Join us as we worship our Lord and honor/remember our fathers and spiritual fathers.
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.
4. While we are meeting for **morning worship only**, we will temporarily not provide Extended Session care.

***Our Sympathy***

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

***Lance Kelly and Lisa Schmacker***

Death of their uncle, Erastus ("Ras") Harris

**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!!**

***OUR WAR ROOM IS OPEN!! ROOM #109***

Please feel free to use our special prayer room any time. A cork board is available for any prayer need you would like to share. Prayer is an important discipline that is often neglected. Let's use this area and our time to make prayer a priority in our lives.

***God will bless us as we look to Him for our answers!***

**RETURNING TO WORSHIP TOGETHER...**

This Sunday, June 7th will be our first service back at our church building. It's been 11 Sundays since we last gathered together to worship. Please remember only two entrances will be opened...the front glass doors and the back sanctuary door will be propped open as you enter and exit each Sunday. Other items were listed in last week's mail out. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**SO looking forward to seeing you all!**

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