

## *Come Join The Family!*

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Focusing on our God (the Father), the Son (Jesus Christ)  
and the Holy Spirit each time we gather in His Name.

*Looking forward to seeing you!*

### **Message from God's Word**

**Morning Worship at 10:15 a.m.**

Sunday, July 19, 2020

**Bro. Keith Hinson via ZOOM**

*"Big Surprises from Jesus the Christ"*

Mark 2:13-28

#### **DEACONS**

Bill Smith, Chairman  
281-3452

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#### **OUR STAFF**

Keith Hinson, Interim Pastor  
Chris Palmer, Minister of Music  
Lisa Schmacker, Pianist  
Joan Kelly, Church Administrator

#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*Closed on Mondays and Fridays*

#### ***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*

### **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!***

## ***The Friendly Fellowship***

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### **A Word from Bro. Keith**

#### ***Animals in Eternity?***

Will there be animals in heaven? I believe anyone who answers with a firm "no" is way too certain. Consider the words of Isaiah 11:6-8 (NKJV): *"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den."* This passage is clearly about the future or possibly eternity. Is it heaven? Is it a picture of the Messianic kingdom, the thousand-year reign of Christ on the earth? If these verses are a partial glimpse at heaven, many questions may come to mind. Will the animals be ones that have lived on earth? Will our pets be there? What about animals or insects like mosquitoes, skunks, bats, piranhas, murder hornets, termites or fire ants?

We only have glimpses at God's future for us and regarding heaven. There is much more I want to know, but Scripture hasn't told us as much as I'd like to know! In his book *The Problem of Pain*, the great British theologian C. S. Lewis wrote of the possibility of animals -- even "household pets" -- in heaven. His musings and thoughts about this are deep, complex and speculative. Lewis admitted a lack of certainty on the topic.

The beautiful song "Peace in the Valley" was written in 1937 for Mahalia Jackson but popularized later by Red Foley and Elvis Presley. The lyrics are a paraphrase of Isaiah 11: "Well, the bear will be gentle, And the wolves will be tame, And the lion shall lay down by the lamb, And the beasts from the wild shall be led by a child."

Short answer: We don't know about animals in heaven. What we do know is that we will be happy and joyous in heaven, and the supreme reason is because Christ will be there -- He who is the Author and Finisher of our faith.

## THE Jar for June

Sacrificial Giving Time Journey

**Total for 2020 is \$2,281.00**

**The four year total collected during  
this challenge to give is \$13,127.64!!  
HIS NAME BE PRAISED!**

### STEWARDSHIP NOTE

How can we remain faithful in giving during this time?  
On Sundays, please place your offering in the plates located at each  
entrance as you enter or exit the sanctuary.

**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!*

## WHAT ARE WE DOING?

We are meeting together to praise our Lord and study the Word of  
God on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

We are remaining faithful in our tithes and offerings as our Lord  
commands.

We are praying for the elections, our nation and our world during a  
time like we have never known.

We are trusting HIM to be our Guide and Comfort each day of our  
lives.

We are planning ways to not only endure but to conquer the enemy  
and his lies.

We are looking forward to ministries our Lord has yet for us to do.

*We are looking UP!!! May He bless you this day!*

## REMEMBER TO...

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

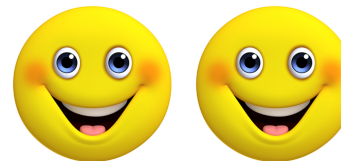
Wash your hands with hand  
soap 20-30 seconds...using  
hand sanitizer when hand  
soap is not available.

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!!



### For Week Ending 07/12/20

Offerings Received ----- \$916.00

Sharing Fund ----- 0.00

Designated Funds ----- 60.50

Tithes/Offerings ----- \$976.50



### JULY 12, 2020

Sunday School

#14

Morning

Worship

#21

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING

Each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.  
in the Sanctuary

*Bro. Keith will lead  
in a time of Bible Study  
via ZOOM*

## WHAT'S AHEAD

1. Prayer lists are now available on Wednesday evenings and on Sundays.
2. We will temporarily not provide Extended Session care for the morning worship hour.
3. Bro. Keith is now sharing the Word of God on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings via ZOOM.
4. **Our Quarterly Business Meeting scheduled for July 15th was cancelled.** The financial information for this quarter is now available. If you would like this mailed to you, please contact the church office. Otherwise, it will be made available to you on Wednesdays or Sundays.