



Pastor Ken's Korner

February
2021

Dear AHBC Saints,

Well it is February already. What do you think of when someone says, "It's February"? That's right. Valentine's Day! Valentine's Day can represent a lot of different things to different people. For a child it may be making a card and candy for everyone in your class. For a teenager, it may mean letting a special someone know that you would like to be their boyfriend or girlfriend. For married people it may mean remembering all of the loving reasons that the two of you were married and the courtship that goes with that. For older married people it is a reminder of the longevity of your love for one another. For widows and widowers it may be a remembrance of the love you once had and remembering it so fondly. It is remembering the joy you brought to one another over the years and the joy you can now have in knowing that they are in the presence of God's perfect love that they now enjoy in heaven.

Hopefully, we also think about the "love" that God has brought into our lives that is not the romantic kind of love but the "agape" kind of love, that is, the unconditional love that God has shown us in coming and dying for us on the cross. Jesus rose again to life by His own power. That is the kind of love we are to show to one another, to our neighbors, and to the world. This kind of love goes beyond the walls of our church and goes out into our community and to our world. It goes beyond the walls of our homes out into our neighborhoods, to our county, and across our country.

Jesus made it easy for us. He summed up everything that we need to know about love in two commandments. When Jesus was asked by a Pharisee in *Matt 22:36-40*:

36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." NIV

Everything we do should relate in some way to one of these two great commandments. The 1st one keeps our relationship with God right and the 2nd one keeps our relationship with others right. What more can we ask? Love is the key to it all. Not just a romantic Valentine type love but TRUE Love that comes from God as we become more and more like God who loved us first and best by giving us Jesus.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. NIV

Love One Another Deeply From The Heart!

In The Love of Christ.

Pastor Ken



Reithabetse, who is 9, lives in Lesotho and she doesn't know her father. Her mother works in South Africa and checks on her once a year. Reithabetse lives with her grandmother. She didn't want to go to church with her grandmother because of not having any hygiene items. But she recently received a shoebox filled with a washcloth, soap, a doll, socks, books and pencils. She also participated in "The Greatest Journey" and loved learning about all the things God created. She accepted Jesus after hearing the Gospel message. She now goes to church and every time she uses her gifts from her shoebox, she is reminded of GOD'S GREAT LOVE for her.

What an awesome story! We will never know how many lives are changed by the shoeboxes that our church sends. It is exciting to think about. Thanks to the AHBC family for being involved in a ministry that starts with an empty shoebox, a packing party where those boxes are filled with all sorts of things, and the best part is that shoebox will introduce a child to Jesus!

Thank you! Candy

Remember to check the stores after Valentine's Day for sales on stuffed animals, pencils and all sorts of little toys.

OCC PRAYER FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY:

Pray for God to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of boys and girls like Reithabetse.

AHBC Women's Ministry **Let's make this journey together!**

If you missed the "start up" meeting in January its not to late to join us in ministering to our church family and our town.

Some of the things discussed

Outreach

Getting more involved and/or partnering with the Pregnancy center, local nursing homes, and Trinity Shores. Holding the annual Women's Conference in Feb./March 2022.

Be a part of the "Praise in the Park" outreach on March 27.

In-reach

Biweekly Ladies Bible Study and or a One Day Retreat with Lunch and Bible Study. We will be hosting a bake sale on Easter morning to help fund the outreach opportunities.

Our next meeting will be February 11 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please park in the back.

Let's Greet, Eat, and Meet (GEM)
Chick salad is provided, bring chips or crackers and any ideas that God has laid on your heart for ministry.



Bloom where you are planted!

1 Corinthians 7: 17-24

Please remember to wear your mask



Missions

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The total offering given to the Lottie Moon offering at the time of the newsletter was \$1400.00 **Thank you for giving to foreign missions** as it helps support our missionaries to be able to carry out the Great Commission.

Matthew 28: then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Backpack Ministry

If you have not had the opportunity to serve in this wonderful ministry we still need volunteers for the month of February and March.

Each Wednesday morning at 10 am we pack 7-15 backpacks for kids. The location is The CCCM Building * 311 Alcoa Drive .

There is a sign up sheet on the Information Board in the hallway next to the church office.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have faithfully supported this ministry!



Daily Bible Reading Guide

Feb 1 Ex 7-9	Feb 16 Lev 11-13
Feb 2 Ex 10-12	Feb 17 Lev 14-15
Feb 3 Ex 13-15	Feb 18 Lev 16-18
Feb 4 Ex 16-18	Feb 19 Lev 19-21
Feb 5 Ex 19-21	Feb 20 Lev 22-23
Feb 6 Ex 22-24	Feb 21 Lev 24-25
Feb 7 Ex 25-27	Feb 22 Lev 26-27
Feb 8 Ex 28-29	Feb 23 Num 1-2
Feb 9 Ex 30-32	Feb 24 Num 3-4
Feb 10 Ex 33-35	Feb 25 Num 5-6
Feb 11 Ex 36-38	Feb 26 Num 7
Feb 12 Ex 39-40	Feb 27 Num 8-10
Feb 13 Lev 1-4	Feb 28 Num 11-13
Feb 14 Lev 5-7	
Feb 15 Lev 8-10	

Wednesday Mornings
7:30am @Don Julio's
All men are welcome.



On Going Prayer Request

Pastor Ken and Haynes &
 The Deacon Body and leaders of the church.
 God's wisdom to lead the church in making wise
 decisions.

For all believers to respond in faith and not fear.
 Containment and cure of the COVID-19 virus

Pray for Our Nation!

Opportunities for members to witness to the lost and the
 lost to respond and be saved

Members committed to SERVE in the church that will use
 their God given gifts and talents and members to grow in
 the Lord

Sunday morning services

The Sunday School Teachers and classes

Wednesday night CIA, Mission Friends, Youth
 Praise/Worship and Youth and their Parents

Trinity Shores and their staff and residents

Marriage and Family Relationships

***We should never make prayer an option. It is the
 heartbeat of a vibrant church. A prayerless
 church is a powerless church.***

Happy Anniversary

**Gordon & Joshalyne
 Pfeiffer**

Jan 17 * 51 years



If you have not given us your wedding
 anniversary or your birthday please let the
 church office know these dates so we can
 honor you and remember you in prayer on
 these important dates.

Thank you to everyone for the cards,
 calls, the memorials and your love and
 concern in the passing of my mother.
 These all mean so very much.

Love,
 Linda and Jimmy
 Davenport



**Contribution Statements
 are ready to be picked up.**

February Birthdays

02/01 Kenneth Moehnke

02/10 Keith Gage
 Kendra Jackson

02/12 Ruben Zarate

02/14 Luke Nguyen

02/16 Norma Jackson
 Jeff Underwood

02/22 Shannon Chavana

02/27 Logan Chavana



Happy Birthday!





Nursery Volunteers

02/07	Robyn Osborn
02/14	Esther Aung
02/21	Delfie Guerra
02/28	Dawn Lopez
03/07	Kim Young
03/14	Grace Wooldridge

Deacon's Sunday to Pray

Feb 07 Buck Jackson
Feb 14 Jeff Lambert
Feb 21 Ruben Zarate
Feb 28 David Gaskamp
Mar 07 Tomas Guerra

Ushers

1st & 3rd Sunday

Ruben Zarate
David Chamrad
Joe Machacek
Kenneth Moehnke
Gordon Pfeiffer

2nd & 4th Sunday

Byron Carr
Buck Jackson
Tomas Guerra
Mark Reinhard
Joe Machacek
Kenneth Moehnke



Parent/Child Dedication May 09, 2021 Sunday Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.

The purpose of the ceremony is to dedicate the child to God, offer the parents an opportunity to commit themselves to raising their child as a follower of Jesus Christ, and encourage the church to support and pray for the family.

In the Old Testament, Hannah prays for her child, Samuel, and dedicates him to the Lord ([1 Sam. 1:11, 28](#)).

In the New Testament, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple to "present" Him to the Lord ([Luke 2:22](#)).

We invite you to participate in the Parent/Child Dedication Service. The registration form is on the next page and also on the information board at church.

****This dedication service is open to children of all ages****



**Daniel Chang
Steven Osborn
Lucas Castillo
Willian Britton
Chon Rosa**



Choir members and those who would like to be a choir member.

If you were unable to attend the reorganization meeting please see David Gaskamp or Candy Lambert for the information.

We would love for you to join in lifting your voices to the Lord and still stay within the regulations the government has set in place to keep us safe.

"I play the notes as they are written, but it is GOD who makes the music" J.S. Bach



Linda & James Davenport
in the passing of her
mother, Betty Moony

Heather & Shane Dunagan
in the passing of his
mother, Glenda Dunagan



May 09, 2021

BABY DEDICATION REQUEST FORM

If you would like to have a baby/child dedicated
please submit one form per child.

CHILD'S INFORMATION (Please Print)

Child's Full Name: _____

Gender: " Male " Female Date of Birth: _____

PARENT'S INFORMATION

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Address (Please include City, State and Zip): _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Are one or both parents born again Christians?

" Yes " No " Still Considering " Unsure what this means

Are one or both parents members of Alamo Heights?

" Yes " No If no would you like to become a member? _____

Return form to the church office on or before April 25, 2021

It's got to start right here,
It's got to start right now



The church
has left
the building.



If my people.....
2 Chronicles 7:14

It's been almost a year now since COVID-19 caused businesses, schools, churches, etc., to shut down.

Words like "quarantine", "social distance", "masks required" have become a norm in our vocabulary. Every one of us may have our own personal opinion about all of this, but the long term effects it is having on us is unreal. Of course, we will never know until later down the road what those effects are.

However, we see several effects now.

Depression is at an all-time high. Teens, and many adults, are stuck on social media more now than ever. No social interaction, no talking, just a screen to look at. I am seeing the effects of this in the youth room. Kids don't know how to have a meaningful conversation with someone. Isolation doesn't help. Along with depression comes the thoughts of self-harm and suicide. This is a touchy subject, I know, but it's something we need to acknowledge. I know COVID-19 is real, but we cannot ignore the fact that social distancing and isolation has been just as, or even more harmful, than the virus itself. If you are struggling with this, please don't ignore it. I pray you have the courage to reach out and ask for help. There are people that are willing to walk with you to get through this. You are not alone. **The Apostle Paul was dealing with this very same thing. We read in 1 Corinthians 1:8-10**

**"We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters.
About the troubles we**

**experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our
ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had the sentence
of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises
the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On
Him, we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us."**

We gain a lot of hope in this scripture. First, Paul said, "We do not want you to be uninformed...". Paul knew the importance of getting help. He wanted the readers to know how to pray for him and how their prayers comforted him during these trials. It's okay not to be okay, it's not okay to stay that way. You are not alone; we are here to help you. Second, the pressure that Paul felt caused him to think about death. In Paul's words, it was "Far beyond his ability to endure". Do you hear the depression and the thoughts of not wanting to live anymore? I hear it in many conversations I have with people on a weekly basis. We were not meant to battle our trials on our own. Third, Paul knew that he alone could not rely on himself to get better. You cannot rely on yourself either. Like Paul, you have to rely on God who "Raises the Dead." Fourth, know that God will continue to hold you up when you feel depressed and down. You have to just trust Him and put yourself in the palm of His hands and know He will protect you. What a beautiful picture...right? It's true, God knows exactly what is going on with you, He knows how you feel, and He cares for you. You are not forgotten. So church, I know we have to be mindful of COVID-19. I know we have to take persuasions. But let's not ignore the effects all this is having on people. I'm so proud of AHBC! We are pushing forward in ministry. Thank You! Our community is hurting and they need to see a glimpse of God who can deliver them from their depression. Let's not ignore the issue...it's real, just like the virus. If you are struggling or know of someone who is, please don't ignore it either. May God bless all of you. In Christ, Haynes

**Praise in the
Park
03/27**

**Youth
Easter Retreat
in Palacios
April 1-3**



**Youth
Camp
July
12-16**

February 2021

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1 Ladies Community Bible Study - 6 pm	2 Bible Study 10:30 am Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 pm	3 Men's Pray- er Breakfast 7:30 @ Don Julio's Youth, 6pm CIA, Mission Friends, and	4	5	6 <i>Outdoor Expo @ Son Valley Ranch 10-5</i>
7	8 Ladies Community Bible Study - 6 pm	9 Bible Study 10:30 am Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 pm	10 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 @ Don Julio's Youth, 6pm CIA, Mission Friends, and	11 <i>Women's Ministry Meeting 6 pm GEM- Greet, eat and meet.</i>	12	13
14  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>No school</i> Ladies Community Bible Study - 6 pm <i>Presidents' Day</i>	16 Bible Study 10:30 am Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 pm	17 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 @ Don Julio's Youth, 6pm CIA, Mission Friends, and	18 <i>Praise in the Park meeting 6pm</i>	19 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	20
21 <i>Retire the Debit offering</i>	22 Ladies Community Bible Study - 6 pm	23 Bible Study 10:30 am Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 pm	24 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 @ Don Julio's Youth, 6pm CIA, Mission Friends, and	25	26	27
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AHBC Vision Statement

"Through loving God and others, Alamo Heights Baptist Church is a united family committed to urgently spreading and teaching the Word of God as we eagerly await Christ's eminent return."

Come and join us. We are expecting you!

Bible Study 9:45 a.m.

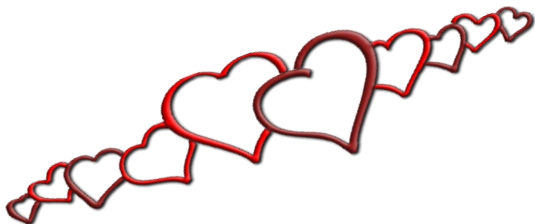
Sunday Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm



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Nothing Can Separate Us from
The LOVE of GOD
Romans 8: 38-39