



# Kindred Lines

Newsletter of the Alexandria Baptist Church  
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## Falling Asleep

Hello church family.

The Bible says upon the passing of the servants of God that they have fallen asleep, or that they sleep with their fathers. It was a temporary state in hades while they awaited the coming Messiah.

For the three days that the disciples thought Jesus was dead, the Old Testament saints were the first to know that they're awaited Messiah was alive. (Ephesians 4:8-10)

I buried my mom, my dad, my brother, and the same of close friends.

I remember my brothers crying uncontrollably. I don't think I ever shed a tear. Not because I didn't care. But because I knew. I had the only hope that one day I would see them again. So, I didn't grieve as those who have no hope of ever seeing the ones they loved again. (1 Thessalonians 4:13)

While here at Alexandria Baptist Church I've buried some of the best people I've been blessed to know. But even as the body was being laid in the earth, I knew that the person was enveloped in the arms of Jesus, alive forever and free from the prison we call flesh.

As I write this, my next task today is to write another funeral. Another friend. Another Saint. I'll miss him as I miss the others. I'll remember fondly

the first time we met. But grieve? No.

I know, as I knew about the others, that we will be united again at the time of God's choosing. That there will be no sorrow. No hurt. No pain. No tears.

One of my favorite early Christian singers was a man named Al Denson. I volunteered to work at a woman's conference once after finding out he was going to be the worship leader for the event.

It turned out that he had a booth right next door to the one I was working so I got to hang out with him for three days.

Denson wrote a song that begins like this...

**Here's an open invitation to all who have ears  
To the party of a lifetime at the end of our years**

**You can be on the guest list if you do one thing  
Just R.S.V.P. to Jesus the King**

Make sure you've sent in your reply. Jesus loves you.

Pastor Brian

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It is time to think about ordering Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. *You can choose to purchase them in Honor of someone or in Memory of a loved one.* Orders need to be placed by November 17. Envelopes are in the vestibule. If you have any questions, contact Michelle.



**NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>**

Let's pray earnestly *and* vote biblically. Christian, your vote matters! Go out there and make a difference.

**NOVEMBER 11, 2024**



**November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Join us for a game of Jeopardy – Pastor Brian style!!**

**Bring your favorite board game and a sweet or salty snack to share! Drinks will be provided.**

**Sign up in the fellowship hall today!**



**Mohican Men's Meeting**

**November 18 at 7:00pm**

**Sign up in the fellowship hall!**

Our church is hosting the dinner/meeting if you can help with the food or help serve let Brenda know ASAP.



## QUARTER MISSION 2024 GIVING GOAL: \$1,000.00

**Shiloh Military Ministries**  
**Larry and Linda Ingalls**  
GIVING GOAL: \$1,000.00

Shiloh Military Ministries provides Bible based teaching, hospitality, and activities for our military service members to grow in Christ. **Larry and Linda Ingalls** are missionaries with SMM, who are currently based in Ft. Riley Kansas, ministering to the base there. **They reach out to soldiers who are faced with very difficult circumstances, open their home to provide teaching and fellowship, and lead them to Christ.** Thanking you in advance for supporting their mission.



### November – December 2024 *Mini Mission* **Adopting the Smith Family This Christmas**

*This has been a hard year for the Smith family as they've been slowly recovering from their loss. Day by day, they are becoming stronger and stronger with God's help. They've been enjoying reading and learning God's Word, and have nightly Bible study time together.*

*Recently, the Smith family experienced a hardship that depleted Tiffany's Christmas savings. Even though this year brought a new life into the Smith family, this Christmas will still be difficult for them. So, the Board of Christian Education decided to adopt the Smith family for our Giving Christmas Tree this year.*

*Tiffany and all the children were so appreciative and overwhelmed with last year's gifts. Let's show them this year that we're still understanding and supportive. Once we receive their wish list the Giving Tree will be set up with ornaments and envelopes as we have done in the past.*



**Practice has begun for our Christmas cantata. Join us at 6:30pm on Wednesday evenings. We are excited as we begin rehearsal on the music to celebrate the birth of Jesus!**



**Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!**

### In all things Give Thanks

4-year-old boy who was asked to return thanks before Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. He began his prayer, thanking God for all his friends, naming them one by one. Then he thanked God for Mommy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the dressing, the fruit salad, the cranberry sauce, the pies, the cakes, even the Cool Whip. Then he paused, and everyone waited--and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the broccoli, won't he know that I'm lying?"