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FROM YOUR PASTOR

Psalms 33:12, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.”

Throughout the United States this Saturday, July 4, most everyone will be celebrating the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence -- a document through which leaders of the colonies in the New World broke free from the King of England.

The declaration begins, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Revisionist historians are working hard to remove any trace of Christian/Biblical ideals from the foundations of America, our July 4 celebration finds its basis in a foundational document which appeals to the authority of a Divine Creator, One Whom most our founding fathers fully believed to have been the author and main subject of the Holy Bible, and who was the guarantor of certain “inalienable rights”. So, the Fourth of July – more than just a celebration of independence, ought also to be a day which recognizes God’s participation in our nation’s birth.

We have read all kinds of advice about how America ought to be transformed. Most Americans believe elections and the orderly, lawful democratic process is how political change should happen. But now, rioters and looters who are destroying public and private property are seeking to change our nation through chaos, destruction and anarchy.

God’s covenant offer to a nation is being ignored right now. The words found in 2 Chronicles 7:14 could be claimed and applied to any nation, but particularly one whose foundational documents and institutions have drawn their inspiration substantially from Biblical monotheism. “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

If we truly want to see healing brought to our nation, then this conditional covenant is for us and the restoration of our land will require our part in the covenant: humility, prayer and repentance, so that God can forgive our sin and heal our land!

True restoration and healing for an individual, a church and a nation only comes through true repentance and God’s grace! With so much work to be done -- may restoration begin with us!

I hope you have a safe July 4th! Thank the Lord for our nation! “Our national motto is ‘In God we Trust,’ reminding us that faith in our Creator is the most important American value of all.” (Senator Marco Rubio)

God bless you and yours, and I look forward to seeing you soon! Call if we can be of assistance to you.



Arkansas postcard past

By Ray Hanley

Pine Bluff (1907): “The boat stays here two hours, enroute to Little Rock.” The riverboat passenger had sent a card to Minnesota looking east from the intersection of Linden and West Sixth streets. First Baptist Church is seen on the left of the then-unpaved Sixth Street. The church is gone today, with a modern First Baptist Church on Hazel Street.

Arkansas Postcard Past, P.O. Box 2221, Little Rock, AR 72203



CHAMPIONS OF FAITH

Hebrews 12:1-2



Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children



Say YES to VBS!

We are one month away from opening our “Concrete and Cranes” VBS!!! I just got word from the zoning board and we have been cleared to begin construction.

Excavators and jackhammers, wrecking balls and blueprints are all part of building a strong foundation. VBS is a fun-filled, spiritual adventure for children Kindergarten through those having completed the 6th Grade that provides Bible study with Crafts, Music, Missions, Recreation, and Snacks.

We are all a work in progress. Life is a hard hat zone. But just wait ‘til you see what God will do at VBS 2020! Join us on the five Sunday nights in August (2, 9, 16, 23, and 30) from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. and be ready to start building on the love of Jesus! Register now at www.fbcpinebluff.org for Concrete & Cranes. Crew Members are needed too!

If you have helped in the past, and have not been contacted or would like to help for the very first time, we would love for you to join our VBS Crew! Please contact me for the link to the “virtual VBS training” or go to our church website and sign-up. I will contact you via email with further information so SIGN-UP TODAY!

I am looking forward to seeing what God is going to do and is already doing through VBS 2020. Please be in prayer now and invite your friends and their kids and your kid’s friends, anyone and everyone you know! With your help we are excited about the opportunity to help kids build a firm foundation built on Jesus and his love, forgiveness, worth, promises, and life.



Choir Rehearsal to Resume!

We are coming Baaaaaaack! Choir rehearsal will resume in August with a different look and schedule. Continue to keep the choir members in your prayers as we “venture back in.”

As we begin working on Christmas music, we will conduct sectional rehearsals in the Choir Room on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm. to

7:45 pm. with proper social distancing, wearing masks, etc. We will adhere to the following schedule from August through October:

- Sopranos - August 5, September 9, October 7
- Altos - August 12, September 16, October 14
- Tenors and Basses - August 19, September 23, October 21

On November 4, the entire choir will come together to rehearse each week through December. We will meet in the Sanctuary and spread out among the pews. Our first time to sing in worship will be on Sunday, December 6.

Deacon of the Week

STEVE DALRYMPLE

July 5, 2020

LARRY DANIEL

July 12, 2020

TOMMY FOWLER

July 19, 2020

TOMMY GRACE

July 26, 2020



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First Record

June 2, 2020

Budget Needs	\$11,151.75
Budget Receipts	\$28,635.00
TV Receipts	\$1,125.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$55.00
Other	\$343.00
TOTAL	\$30,158.00

June 14, 2020

Budget Needs	\$11,151.75
Budget Receipts	\$8,816.00
TV Receipts	\$6.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$55.00
Other	\$451.64
TOTAL	\$9,328.64

June 21, 2020

Budget Needs	\$11,151.75
Budget Receipts	\$9,725.00
TV Receipts	\$245.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$255.00
Other	\$2,577.23
TOTAL	\$12,802.23

June 28, 2020

Budget Needs	\$11,151.75
Budget Receipts	\$8,281.00
TV Receipts	\$1,150.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$55.00
Other	\$420.61
TOTAL	\$9,906.61

Hope of the Delta Baby Bottle Offering

The Baby Bottle Offering will continue through July 26. Please remember we are not accepting change this year. There is no need to write a separate check. You may include it with your regular tithes and offerings and check "Other" on the front of your envelope and note Hope or Baby Bottle Offering. Please make all checks payable to First Baptist Church.

SYMPATHY

To Cliff White and family in the loss of his aunt, Miriam Morgan, who passed away in Austin, TX.

To Family and friends of Duke Irwin, who passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.



Our church is moving to a new kind of church record keeping solution called Realm. It primarily serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church. Not only will this improve work life for our ministry staff, it will make it easier for our church family to connect with each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a connected community of believers.

Everyone in our church gets a unique profile. Your profile contains everything you want people to know about you. Your profile enables you to join a small group, RSVP to events, track your giving, update your contact information, change family details, or replace an outdated family photo.

Groups and classes are an important part of our church, and now you can connect with the people in them throughout the week.

Review your giving history or make new donations online or on your mobile phone. Simply sign in to look over your year-to-date giving, print a contribution statement or make a new one-time or recurring donation. It's always available and kept secure in an easy-to-use online environment.

Your privacy is very important to us. You have complete control over who can see your contact and personal information. Contact information is never public or searchable on the internet. Authorized staff will always have access to your profile information.

I hope you have received your invite from Realm. Please do consider accepting the invite. It is not necessary and completely up to you.



Our website is live and online giving is available again. Listed below are the steps you should follow.

1. Click the GIVE button on our church website: www.fbcpinebluff.org
2. Click the Give Now button.
3. Enter the amount you want to give.
4. Give to the fund pre-selected for you or choose a different fund from the drop-down menu.
5. Select a frequency.
6. Enter your email address.
7. Click CONTINUE.
8. Select your account type:
 - Credit/Debit Card
 - ACH/Checking Account

Enter your payment information to complete the transaction. You'll receive email confirmation of your gift.

If you choose ACH, be prepared to give the routing number of your bank and the account number.

Regular Schedule for Weekly Services

SUNDAY:

9:00 am TV Broadcast on FOX 16
(one week delay).
11:00 am Morning Worship Service

MONDAY:

4:45 pm Ladies Fitness
6:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Men's Bible Study
5:00 pm Family Dinner
5:30 pm Student Ministry
5:45 pm Adult Prayer Meeting
6:45 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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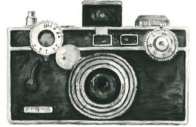
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**Cancelled until
further notice**



The new church directory project has been postponed. Keep an eye out in the Builder for when the photos will be taken. We have sent an e-directory out. If you would like a paper copy, please let the office know.



News from the Pews

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