
First Baptist Church Builder

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

GOOD NEWS!! Sunday School at First Baptist is re-launching on June 6, at 9:45 a. m. That's right, Sunday School is back the first Sunday of June! It has been about a year and three months since we stopped having Sunday School due to the pandemic, and I know we have all missed our Bible study groups.

I hope you will again make Sunday School attendance a priority, and that you will invite your friends and family to join you. There are several reasons why you should consider doing this:

1. Sunday School improves your Bible knowledge. When we know our Bible's better, we can know and love and obey God better, too.
2. Sunday School is a great way to invite your friends to come to church by inviting them to your Sunday School class. Church growth happens in Sunday School.
3. Sunday School assists your spiritual growth. Think of the Sunday School teachers and class members you have known through the years who have modeled the Christian life and were mentors to you. You learned from their examples how to live for Jesus. Spiritual growth often occurs best in small group Bible study.
4. Sunday School provides a "place to belong." In a Sunday School class, you get to know others better. We need Christian community, and Sunday School helps to provide that connection. In Sunday School, we can build meaningful relationships. You meet people, learn their names, and get to know them better.
5. Sunday School gives you opportunities to serve and minister. You show the love of Jesus by ministering to class members who also have needs. And you can work with others on class projects in the church and community.

So, I hope you will make plans now to get started back in Sunday School as we bring this all-important ministry of FBC back. Please keep social distancing (3 feet) and mask awareness in mind if not vaccinated.

Due to Father's Day on Sunday, June 20, Deacons will meet on Sunday, June 6 at 4 p. m., and Admin Board will meet on Sunday June 13 at 4 p. m.

We have also started back our 4th Sunday worship services at Trinity Village at 4 p. m., and you are always invited to attend.

Please remember Wednesday prayer meetings at noon in the fellowship hall.

This Sunday, May 30, is Memorial Day Sunday. Memorial Day is observed on Monday, 31 May. Memorial Day is more than just a three-day weekend. Too many do not appreciate the significance and meaning of Memorial Day. To many it is nothing more than a federal holiday that gives them a long weekend in May.

Memorial Day is the day when we remember and honor those who have died in military service to our country. It was originally called Decoration Day because it was the tradition to decorate the graves of those who died in the Civil War. After World War One, it was expanded to include those who had died in any war or military action. It is always observed on the last Monday of May.

Every American owes a huge debt to every man and woman who died while serving this country. There are privileges we enjoy each and every day that were gained or preserved by those who paid the ultimate price for our country.

President Woodrow Wilson said, "A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday will not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do." On the other hand, Karl Marx, the father of Communism said, "Take away the heritage of a people, and they are easily persuaded." We dare not forget our heritage and history!

We observe a Memorial Day so we do not forget! We desperately want our next generation to remember the lives, the legacies, and the lessons of those upon whose shoulders we stand. We remember men and women who paid for our freedom with their blood. Jesus said, "**Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends**" (John 15:13).

So, I hope to see you in church this Sunday morning, as I plan to preach about some things that we need to remember. God bless you this week.



CHAMPIONS OF FAITH

Hebrews 12:1-2



Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children



Extended Teaching Care for Preschoolers, ages 3-5

Although we are relaunching Sunday school on June 6, the Extended Teaching Care during the morning worship hour will be waiting to restart until the Fall.

In the meantime, we are currently praying for and seeking teachers and helpers to love on our children and tell them about Jesus! Keep watch for more information about this exciting ministry opportunity.



Virtual VBS 2021: Concrete & Cranes June 14-18, 2021

We are excited to change things up this year at Vacation Bible School and this year we will be doing a Virtual VBS! Monday, June 14 thru Friday,

June 18 for those who have completed Kindergarten thru 6th Grade. We will have all the same fun activities just in a different way and we can't wait!

Experience learning and fun exploring the need for a rock-solid foundation! Craft kits and other resources will be provided to all registered families. Visit the Virtual VBS page at www.fbcpinebluff.org to register your family.



Student Summer Camp at FBC.

Student summer camp at our facility is still being prepared and “constructed.” On Wednesday evenings (July 7, 14, 21, 28, and August 4) at 6:00 pm, students grades 7-12 will meet to dig into God’s Word, have time for fellowship, and of course some interactive games (with COVID prevention protocols in place). Students will learn to be wise builders who continue in what they've learned and firmly believe. And they will discover that He who began a good work will be faithful to carry it on to completion.

Experience learning and fun exploring the need for a rock-solid foundation!

Keep watch for more news and updates as these “blueprints” come together.

Deacon of the Week

BUSTER CROOK

June 6, 2021

DAN CROWDER

June 13, 2021

LARRY DANIEL

June 20, 2021

TOMMY GRACE

June 27, 2021

The Deacons’ Meeting will be Sunday, June 6 at 4:00 pm.

The Admin. Board will meet Sunday, June 13 at 4:00 pm.

First Record

May 2, 2021

Budget Needs	\$11,151.75
Budget Receipts.....	\$11,914.00
TV Receipts.....	\$665.00
Capital Needs & Repairs.....	\$75.00
Other	\$525.00
TOTAL	\$13,179.00

May 9, 2021

Budget Needs	\$11,151.75
Budget Receipts.....	\$20,258.00
TV Receipts.....	\$505.00
Capital Needs & Repairs.....	\$100.00
Other	\$4,209.95
TOTAL	\$25,072.95

May 16, 2021

Budget Needs	\$11,151.75
Budget Receipts.....	\$11,276.00
TV Receipts.....	\$1,785.00
Capital Needs & Repairs.....	\$100.00
Other	\$532.00
TOTAL	\$13,693.00

May 23, 2021

Budget Needs	\$11,151.75
Budget Receipts.....	\$9,150.00
TV Receipts.....	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs.....	\$175.00
Other	\$731.00
TOTAL	\$10,061.00

SYMPATHY

To Larry and Linda Ard, in the loss of their son, Chad Ard, who passed away in Prairie Grove, AR. And on the loss of their son, Phillip Ard, who passed away in Russellville, AR.

To Kandy Moore, in the loss of her mother, Dorothy Watkins, who passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

To Vernon and Lisa Walker and family, in the loss of his father, Jack Walker, who passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

To David Hutcheson and family, in the loss of their cousin.

To Ann Topping and family, in their loss of Gordon, who passed away in Bentonville, AR.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

First Baptist Church College Students may apply for the following scholarships. Call the church office and we will email you an application.

Deadline is June 18

Robert and Pauline Blair Scholarship

General Scholarship

Sanders-Erwin Scholarship

OBU Scholarship

Woodbury/Rogerson Scholarship

Baptist or Christian School Scholarship

Wilton Steed Memorial Scholarship

General Scholarship

Sunday, June 20, 2021 will be



SUNDAY

Undesignated offering will go to Neighbor to Neighbor.

Evening Service at Trinity Village

Sunday, June 27, 4:00 pm
Trinity Village Great Hall

Mother's Day Baby Bottle Offering

As we do every year, we will be taking up the Mother's Day Baby Bottle Offering. The bottles will be out on the table in the foyer. We will be collecting funds from Mother's Day, May 9 through Father's Day, June 20. Checks are very welcome. You may use your contribution envelope also. Please make sure to circle "Other" on the front. All checks must be made payable to First Baptist Church.



Sunday School Relaunch
Sunday, June 6, 2021
All Ages at 9:45 am

Relaunch: VERB--reintroduce or restart. On June 6, we plan to restart Sunday school with in-person classes here at the church. We have gathered as much information as possible to make this decision. Of course, the safety and health of our members and guests are of utmost concern, but we also desperately

desire to be back together studying God's Word! So, here are a few things you need to know when coming that Sunday:

- All participants (unless under the age of 5 and those with health issues which cannot wear one) will be asked to wear a mask.
- Some classes may be relocated based on size and distancing requirements.
- Not all classes have chosen to meet in-person, but rather will return at a later time. If you are a part of one of these classes, but would like to come and participate in one of the classes which are meeting in-person, you are more than welcome to come and be a part of the class of your choosing.

We hope and pray that all will continue to show grace to each other as we journey together through these crazy times. We respect each person's decision about whether or not they will participate and so look forward to the day when masks and distancing are a thing of the past. But until that time, we look forward to this relaunch and our study of God's Word through Sunday school.



GriefShare in SEARK

Hosted by Greenlee Baptist Church
GriefShare is meeting at Greenlee Baptist Church on Tuesdays at 6 PM. If you would like more information, please call 870.540.7400.

Regular Schedule for Weekly Services

SUNDAY:
 9:00 am TV Broadcast on FOX 16
 (one week delay).
 9:45 am Sunday School begins
 11:00 am Morning Worship Service

MONDAY:
 4:45 pm Ladies Fitness
 6:00 pm Sanctuary Handbells
 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
 7:00 pm Family Dinner
 5:00 pm First Kids Ministry
 5:30 pm Adult Prayer Meeting
 6:45 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Cancelled until further notice

Deacons 2021

Blasius Awonsang	318-278-4208	Earl Keaton	535-6298
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John Hayden	510-0546	Marc Stratton	329-6906

News from the Pews

Anna Katherine Green, granddaughter of **Horace and Bonnie Green**, has just completed her first year at OBU. She made the President's List both semesters. This summer Anna Katherine will serve an internship in Children's Ministry at FBC in Rogers, AR.

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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.



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