
First Baptist Church Builder

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

Wonderful services Sunday morning, with representatives of the Arkansas Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries (ABCH&FM) speaking in the service. Many thanks to John Ross, Director of Special Projects, and Stephanie Rodgers, Director of Donor Engagement, for presenting the work of ABCH&FM with us.

First Baptist Church received a special offering yesterday of \$1950.00, and the church authorized another \$7,500.00 offering toward this wonderful ministry specifically due to this visit. We support ABCH&FM each month through our gifts to the Cooperative Program and through special individual gifts given through the church directly to them. Thank you for faithfully praying for and supporting this most worthy ministry. It has been my privilege to be a board member of the ABCH&FM for the past six years.

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, August 1, International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries Ryan and Joy Thomas and their five children will be with us for morning worship. The Thomas family has served as IMB missionaries in China, and will soon relocate to another country in East Asia. More about this later.

On Sunday afternoons at 5 p. m. August 15, 22, 29 and on Sunday morning September 5, Kenny Bonds will be preaching through the book of Jude. Please make plans to attend this special series.

On Sunday morning, October 3, Dr. Sonny Tucker, Executive Director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will be our guest speaker. You will want to hear this gifted leader and preacher share the Word of God.

Throughout the United States this Sunday, 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."

While many revisionists are working hard to remove any trace of Christian and Biblical ideals from the foundations of America, our Fourth of July 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.

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

God's Word to our nation is being ignored today. Words such as, **Psalms 33:12, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance."** And words such as those found in **2 Chronicles 7:14, "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 and God's blessings brought back 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! We ignore God and His Holy Word at our own peril!!

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!

Thank God for America! Our national motto is 'In God we Trust,' reminding us that faith in our Creator is the most important American value of all."

God bless you and yours, and I look forward to seeing you back in church this Sunday. Pastor



CHAMPIONS OF FAITH

Hebrews 12:1-2



Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children



Extended Teaching Care for Preschoolers, ages 3-5

Have you been looking for a way to get more involved in our FirstKids Ministry? We are currently praying for and seeking teachers and helpers to work in the Extended Teaching Care during the morning worship hour.

What is Extended Teaching Care (ETC)?

- ETC is a ministry provided for preschoolers, ages 3-5, during the Sunday morning worship hour.
- ETC is easy! All of the curriculum and supplies are provided for you. No prep work is necessary.
- ETC is a weekly rotation. You only serve once every 6, 7, or 8 weeks, depending on how many people volunteer. The more people that volunteer, the less frequently they need to serve.
- ETC is the last impression preschoolers and their parents have of our church.
- ETC is a valuable opportunity to minister to preschoolers by providing fun, Bible-learning experiences which lay foundations for their faith in Jesus Christ.

Sign up today!

Be part of a growing team! If you are interested in serving in ETC, give me a call at 534-4741. Thank you!



July 11, 2021

To the glory of God
and in memory of

Peggy Koen

By

Dr. Carl Koen

on what would have been their
65th Wedding anniversary



Deacon of the Week

JOHN HAYDEN

July 4, 2021

EARL KEATON

July 11, 2021

LAWRENCE KENNEY

July 18, 2021

LYNN KING

July 25, 2021

First Record

June 6, 2021

Budget Needs	\$11,151.75
Budget Receipts	\$12,457.00
TV Receipts	\$1,565.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$80.00
Other	\$2,035.00
TOTAL	\$16,137.00

June 13, 2021

Budget Needs	\$11,151.75
Budget Receipts	\$11,322.00
TV Receipts	\$305.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$200.00
Other	\$1,439.21
TOTAL	\$13,266.21

June 20, 2021

Budget Needs	\$11,151.75
Budget Receipts	\$6,230.00
TV Receipts	\$45.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$95.00
Other	\$1,377.12
TOTAL	\$7,747.12

June 27, 2021

Budget Needs	\$11,151.75
Budget Receipts	\$9,248.00
TV Receipts	\$70.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$125.00
Other	\$2,253.61
TOTAL	\$11,696.61

SYMPATHY

To Alison and Steve Dalrymple, in the loss of her father, William Craig, Jr., who passed away in Little Rock, AR.

To Marnell Clement, in the loss of her sister-in-law, Nada Clement.

To Carol Boas and family, in the loss of her son-in-law, Jerry Reid.

Thank you

Dear Friends and Family at First Baptist Church,

Thank you all for your thoughts, calls, prayers and many contributions in our sons' names. We need our church family. Thanks for all your kindness.

Love,
Larry and Linda Ard

The Deacons' Meeting will be Sunday, July 11 at 4:00 pm.

The Admin. Board will meet Sunday, July 18 at 4:00 pm.

**Benevolence Committee
Volunteers Needed**

Due to Covid19, our benevolence committee has not met for the last year with clients. It is time that we start meeting with those in need. However, to do that, we need volunteers. If we have enough, you will only need to work one afternoon a month.

Appointments are made one afternoon a week. You will see no more than 4 clients. Please call the office at 534.4741 if you would like to serve.

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 🍷 We have hit summer in the south. It is HOT!
 🍷 Make sure you stay hydrated! Don't work
 🍷 outside in the middle of the day. PLEASE check
 🍷 on your neighbors!
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Sunday, July 18, 2021
will be



SUNDAY

*Undesignated offering
will go to
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

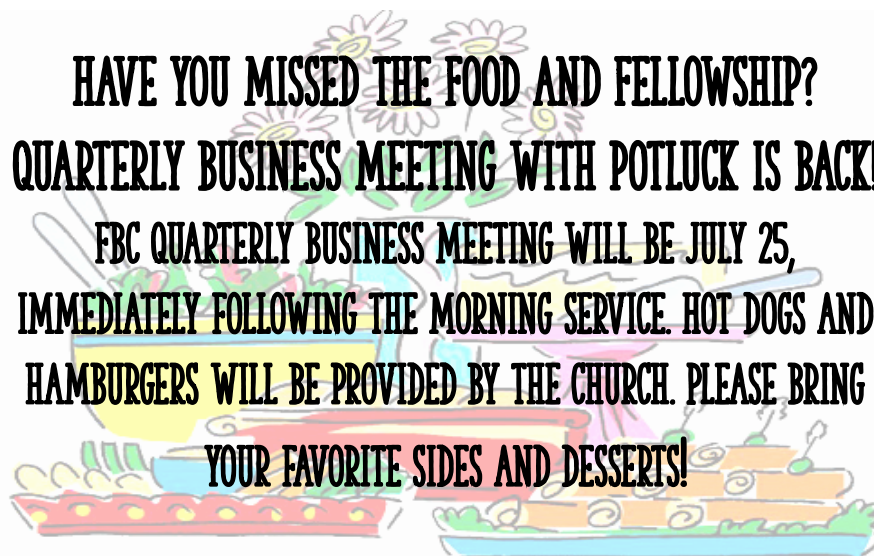
**Evening Service at
Trinity Village**

Sunday, July 22, 4:00 pm
Trinity Village Great Hall

New phone directories will be printed soon. Please make sure your information is up to date. If you have dropped your house phone, changed email addresses or cell phone numbers, please call the office to update.

HAVE YOU MISSED THE FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP? QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING WITH POTLUCK IS BACK!

FBC QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE JULY 25,
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MORNING SERVICE. HOT DOGS AND
HAMBURGERS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH. PLEASE BRING
YOUR FAVORITE SIDES AND DESSERTS!



GRIEF SHARE

Grief recovery groups

GRIEFSHARE.ORG

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:

6:00 pm Sanctuary and Church
6:30 pm Men's Ministry
12:00 pm Adult Prayer Meeting
5:30 pm Women's Ministry
5:45 pm Children's Ministry
6:45 pm Sanctuary Choir
Rehearsal

**Cancelled until
further notice**

Deacons 2021

Blasius Awonsang	318-278-4208	Earl Keaton	535-6298
Kenny Bonds	540-7001	Lawrence Kenney	413-2599
Travis Chisom	489-3881	Lynn King	540-7400
Joe Clement	692-2659	Jim McBurnett	692-8132
Buster Crook	692-3976	Mac Norton	718-2895
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Larry Daniel	540-7534	Bill Ross	329-9763
Tommy Grace	866-0916	Jim Simpson	692-3282
John Hayden	510-0546	Marc Stratton	329-6906

News from the Pews

Elizabeth Green, granddaughter of **Horace and Bonnie Green**, has been named to the Law Review at the University School of Law in Fayetteville, AR.

STAFF PHONE NUMBERS

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Bryan Bolton
489-8970



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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