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FROM YOUR PASTOR

I trust you are having a wonderful week this week. We had a really good worship service Sunday morning, though our attendance continues to be somewhat hindered because of the pandemic. Just know that you are missed when you are not here. And, as always, if you ever need to speak with your pastor, I am available to speak and to pray with you.

This Sunday morning, 29 September, we will observe the Lord's Ordinance of Communion. Every church member should be present for this, as it is an obligation of the believer. If you are unable to attend due to illness or shut-in, please let the pastor know and we will arrange for you to observe communion at a later time.

The Lord's Supper is a memorial, a reminder of something. It is given to us by Jesus Himself to remember. **"This do in remembrance of Me."** As the music is quietly played, we take the bread and the cup. A prayer is offered. Our partaking of communion stands out in our services by its understatement and simplicity.

In some churches, the Lord's Supper has lost some of its significance. To some, it's just another tradition people go through, kind of like shaking hands or eating a donut in Sunday School. But that's not what it is intended to be. The Lord's Supper is necessary to maturity as a Christian. It is necessary to fellowship as a Christian. It is necessary to witness as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul writes, **1 Cor. 11:1-2, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ...keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you."**

From a Biblical point of view Lord's Supper has deep theological and spiritual meaning. In Luke 22:19 Jesus tells His disciples that they are to observe this ordinance in remembrance of Him. The Lord's Supper, is an event that is 2000 years old, but this event is based upon another event that is 1000 years older than that. 3500 years ago in the land of Egypt, God told Moses to go to the Pharaoh of the Egyptian nation and command him to allow the Hebrews, the Jewish people, to leave Egypt so they could return to Canaan, the land God had promised to Abraham and his descendants. Pharaoh repeatedly refused Moses' request.

In a last ditch effort to secure their release, Moses told Pharaoh that on a certain date, the first-born of each family in Egypt would be slain by God's angel of death unless he released His people. There were two ways this terrible judgment could be avoided: Pharaoh could either release the Israelites or the Egyptians could come under Jewish protection.

God told each Jewish family to sacrifice a lamb and smear some of the blood on the door post of their houses. When God's angel of death passed through, if he saw the blood on the door post, he would "pass over" the marked houses and spare anyone who was inside. Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go and the Bible tells us that angel of death took the lives of many Egyptians. Pharaoh finally relented and released the Jewish people and the annual Jewish feast of Passover began.

In Jesus' day, each Jewish family would bring a lamb to the temple and after the lamb was slain by the priest, the meat would be cooked for the Passover feast. This sacrifice reenacted the event that took place in Egypt 1400 years earlier. Jesus then took the Passover feast and showed its real meaning. Jesus is that Passover Lamb. He is **"The Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world."** The blood on the doorpost was a prophecy and symbol of His blood that covers all sin for those who will receive His forgiveness and therefore His protection.

The simple message of the Lord's Supper is that, because of the dying of His body and the shedding of His blood, a Holy God can pass over your sins, or forgive, your sins. That is why we did not come to the Lord's Table to mourn someone who is dead. We come to celebrate our Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

On Sunday morning September 5, and then on Sunday afternoons of September 12, 19, and 26 at 5:00 p. m., Kenny Bonds will be preaching through the Epistle of Jude. Please make plans to attend this special series. And please invite your friends and family members to join us for this special study.

You may have noticed that the Livestream of our Sunday morning service has not been working for the past three Sundays. This is due to a technical problem that we are attempting to work through, and we hope to have our Livestream back up soon. But you can still watch the Sunday morning service one-week delays on Fox 16 at 9 a. m. Sundays, as well as on the church website at <https://www.fbcpinebluff.org/videos/>.

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

Here by Design

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children



Encore!: Choir favorites through the years.

Encore! is a word usually heard called out by an audience at the end of a grand performance. The audience is enthusiastically imploring the performer to sing one more song or play another piece. While the Sanctuary Choir does not ‘perform’ music in the church to an ‘audience,’ we do present our music to the Lord and on the congregation’s behalf.

With the choir returning after a 17-week break and the uncertainty of these challenging times, we are preparing to present an ‘encore’ of our number one favorite anthems from each of the past 10 choir years. I have added three of my favorites to round out the list of 13 anthems. Each of these selections was the ‘number one favorite anthem’ chosen by the choir for that particular choir year. We pray that the message of these anthems comes to life in you as you hear them again or for the first time. We look forward to seeing you in worship as we praise the Lord together!

Pray for Me Campaign

Unfortunately the sign up deadline for the *Pray For Me Campaign* has come and gone. However, you can still find information about the campaign on the church website at www.fbcpinebluff.org. Even if you missed the deadline to sign up we encourage you to join in and pray for our students as they navigate through this school year.

The *Pray For Me Campaign* will launch in September.

The Prayer Guides have been purchased and will be distributed in the coming weeks. Prayer partnerships will be assigned and shared via email. Keep watch for further details on the insert in the Sunday worship guide.

Coming up this Fall...

A very special Christmas presentation

Peace on Earth

is being planned for
Sunday, December 12 at 5:00 PM

Mark the date on your calendars now and plan to be present. Seating will be limited. We will follow proper social distancing guidelines.

Do you want to sing in the Christmas Choir?! Rehearsals begin this month, with a brief kick-off event on September 15, 2021, and will continue into December. Wednesday nights from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM (in the Sanctuary). Come and join us! You will be glad you did!



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Deacon of the Week

MARC STRATTON

September 5, 2021

BLASIUS AWONSANG

September 12, 2021

KENNY BONDS

September 19, 2021

TRAVIS CHISOM

September 26, 2021

First Record

August 1, 2021

Budget Needs	\$11,151.75
Budget Receipts.....	\$7,714.00
TV Receipts.....	\$815.00
Capital Needs & Repairs.....	\$175.00
Other	\$1,015.00
TOTAL	\$9,719.00

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Budget Needs	\$11,151.75
Budget Receipts.....	\$11,752.00
TV Receipts.....	\$877.00
Capital Needs & Repairs.....	\$75.00
Other	\$358.00
TOTAL	\$13,062.00

August 15, 2021

Budget Needs	\$11,151.75
Budget Receipts.....	\$9,321.00
TV Receipts.....	\$0.00
Capital Needs & Repairs.....	\$50.00
Other	\$419.00
TOTAL	\$9,790.00

August 22, 2021

Budget Needs	\$11,151.75
Budget Receipts.....	\$6,201.00
TV Receipts.....	\$115.00
Capital Needs & Repairs.....	\$150.00
Other	\$535.00
TOTAL	\$7,001.00

SYMPATHY

To family and friends of Corenne Tull, who passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

To Lynn and Janell King, in the loss of his father, Harold, in North Carolina.

CHURCH CLOSING

The church office will be closed Monday, September 6, for Labor Day.

The Deacons' Meeting will be Sunday, September 12 at 4:00 pm.

The Admin. Board will meet Sunday, September 19 at 4:00 pm.

Sunday, September 19, 2021
will be



SUNDAY
*Undesignated offering
will go to
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

**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.

New phone directories are printed. You may pick one up on the round table. We will be happy to email you a digital copy if you prefer.

 **Bible Study Fellowship**

Ladies and Men BSF begins Monday, September 13. Both classes will be meeting here at FBC at 6:30 pm. Contact Cindy Crowder or Kenny Bonds if you have any questions.

September 12-19, 2021

IGNITE

State goal \$1.85 million
Church goal \$3,000

DIXIE JACKSON ARKANSAS MISSIONS OFFERING 2021

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AND THE WORD OF THE LORD WAS SPREADING THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE REGION ACTS 13:49

GRIEFSHARE®

Grief recovery groups

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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.

Please join Kenny Bonds as he leads the Sunday Evening worship services in September.

He will be speaking from the book of Jude.

September 5, he will speak in the morning service.

September 12, 19, and 26 at 5 pm.

Regular Schedule for Weekly Services

SUNDAY:

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

MONDAY:

- 6:00 pm Sanctuary Handbells
6:30 pm Monday Night P

TUESDAY:

- Adult Prayer Meeting
5:30 pm FirstKids Ministry
5:30 pm Sanctuary Choir
6:00 pm Rehearsal

Canceled until further notice

News from the Pews

Some news from Sue and Bob Smith's grandchildren: Zachary Inzer, in Air Force, San Angelo, TX specializing in Spatial Intelligence. Emily Inzer has finished 2nd yr. of pre-med at the Univ. of OK. All A's. Olivia Smith, made the Dean's List at the Univ. of CO.

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3 Ways to Give



in person.



by mail.



online.

more information at www.fbcpinebluff.org

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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