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# First Baptist Church Builder

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## FROM YOUR PASTOR

I trust you are having a great week. Isn't it encouraging to know that God is always good, and He is always in control? There is never panic in Heaven, only plans. I know we all face difficult days from time to time, but God always provides grace and strength to aid us in going through those kinds of days. He is faithful.

The Lord willing, I plan to speak this Sunday morning about how we can trust God with those things that greatly concern us, things such as Covid, the financial markets and economy, nations threatening each other, health and family issues, and other personal concerns. We will be studying about what to do with our worries. I believe this message will be very helpful during these days we are facing. I hope to see you here.

We had great services Sunday morning, and we had some visitors. If you were unable to attend, you were truly missed. I encourage you to make every effort to attend church if you are physically able to attend.

We have re-launched Sunday School on Sundays at 10:00, with everyone meeting in the sanctuary for Sunday School at the present time. We hope to adjust back to our actual classrooms soon, just not certain yet with the Covid numbers being up and our desire to safely distance.

Thanks to Kenny Bonds, John Hayden, Dan Crowder and Cuba Keaton for teaching our combined Sunday School class in the sanctuary during the month of January! Great presentation on the Word of God given by all!

But now is the perfect time to return to church, to re-engage with Bible study and fellowship. Our sanctuary facility is sprayed for Covid periodically, and the sanctuary and other parts of our building is disinfected every week. I truly look forward to seeing you in church this Sunday.

Michelle Stroud has joined our church fellowship by letter. Welcome, Michelle, to the First Baptist family! We look forward to serving and worshipping the Lord with you.

Grief Share, a grief support group, will begin meeting at First Baptist Church on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p. m. in Room 202. Grief Share is led by Lynn King, and you can contact him for more information.

On Sunday evening, February 6, at 5 p. m., we will have a deacon ordination and installation service. Bruce Morgan will be ordained as a deacon of First Baptist, and James House, Billy Kittler, M. H. Bitely, Billy Stone and Tommy Fowler will be installed as deacons. Men, God bless you and your families. I look forward to serving service with you.

We again thank our five outgoing deacons for a job well done, as they have completed three years of service as deacons: Travis Chisom, Larry Daniel, John Hayden, Earl Keaton and Jim Simpson. You have served the Lord and His church very well!! And thanks to all of our deacons as they serve in First Baptist Church.

Note the new dates for February deacons and admin board meetings: the deacons will meet on Sunday, February 6 at 4 p. m. and the admin board will meet on Sunday, February 13 at 4 p. m.

We plan to begin showing "The Chosen" video series again on Sunday, March 15 at 5 p. m., and will show the series through the month of May, except for April 3, Easter, and Mother's Day.

"The Chosen" is truly a unique video series on Jesus' calling His followers during His earthly ministry. The background information of that day and the lives of Jesus' followers are so very well presented. This series will really help you see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew Him and followed Him.

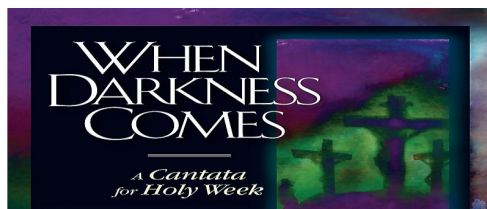
World Changers plans to return to Pine Bluff the week of June 20-24. Please place this week on your calendars, as we will probably be hosting 75-100 people who will work and minister in Pine Bluff and stay at our church during that week.

H. G. Wells was never particularly religious, but after he had studied the history of the human race and had observed human life, he came to an interesting conclusion: "Religion is the first thing and the last thing, and until a man has found God and been found by God, he begins at no beginning, he works to no end. He may have his friendships, his partial loyalties, his scraps of honor. But all these things fall into place and life falls into place only with God."

Let us make sure we are taking time with God and making time for God every day, but especially on Sunday, the Lord's Day. God bless you and your families.

# Here by Design

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children



**Save the Date!**  
**"When Darkness Comes"**  
**Good Friday, April 15, 2022**  
**at 6:00 pm**

The Sanctuary Choir and guest instrumentalists will present "When Darkness Comes" for our annual Good Friday Worship.



The Sanctuary Choir has been invited to participate in a hymn festival led by composer/arranger Dr. Benjamin Harlan at The Woodlands Auditorium in Hot Springs Village. The festival will take place on Sunday, February 27. Choirs from around the state will join together for this presentation.

## FirstKids Ministry Worship Sacks

The FirstKids Ministry wants to partner with parents as they disciple their children by providing Worship Sacks during Morning Worship. Each Worship Sack contains materials to help kids understand and engage in worship, and blank sermon notes for kids to follow along with that week's sermon. The Worship Sacks are available each week to all 1st thru 6th graders and can be picked up from the FirstKids Ministry counter in the Foyer.



Students, grades 7 thru 12, are also encouraged to pick up materials and their own sermon notes page from the designated racks in the Foyer.



Prayer Champions, continue to engage with your student during the remainder of the school year.

Pay attention to what God is bringing to the forefront of your mind. Chapter two of your Prayer Guide calls these 'spark' prayers.

Thank you for praying for the next generation.



Due to the temporary change in our Sunday school schedule on Sunday mornings, we are delaying the start of "The Core: A Deep Discipleship" program for students, grades 7 thru 12, until March.

Parents, there will not be a 'Parent Connection' email for February.

Stay tuned for further updates.



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**Evening Service at  
 Trinity Village**  
 Sunday, February 27 4:00 pm  
 Trinity Village Great Hall

## First Record

### January 2, 2022

Budget Needs .....	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$2,530.00
TV Receipts .....	\$0.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$75.00
Other .....	\$325.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$2,930.00</b>

### January 9, 2022

Budget Needs .....	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$9,113.20
TV Receipts .....	\$3,360.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$125.00
Other .....	\$2,740.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$15,338.20</b>

### January 16, 2022

Budget Needs .....	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$8,676.50
TV Receipts .....	\$593.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$1,591.91
Other .....	\$568.09
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$11,429.50</b>

### January 23, 2022

Budget Needs .....	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$11,328.00
TV Receipts .....	\$55.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$150.00
Other .....	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$11,633.00</b>

**Deacon of the Week****DAN CROWDER**

February 6, 2022

**TOMMY FOWLER**

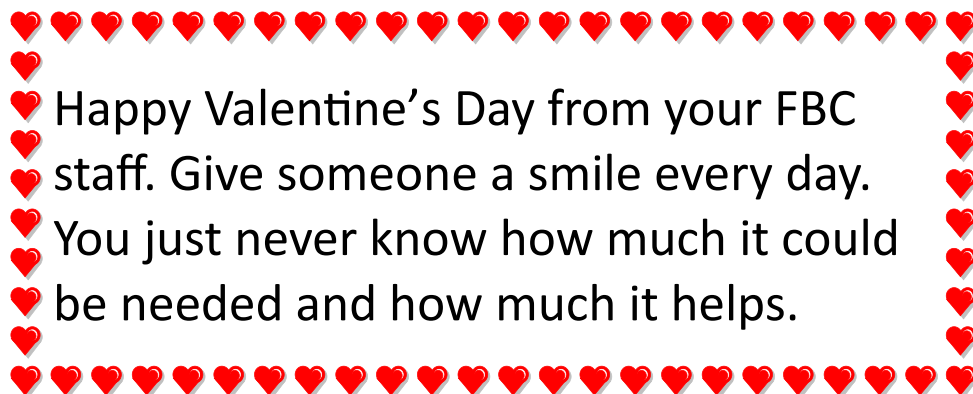
February 13, 2022

**TOMMY GRACE**

February 20, 2022

**JAMES HOUSE**

February 27, 2022

**SYMPATHY**

To Patsy Ferrell, in the loss of her husband, Alfred, who passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

To Cliff White and family, in the loss of his aunt, Shirley White, who passed away in Sebastian, FL.

To Debra and Jim Simpson, in the loss of her niece, Tiffany Taylor, who passed away in MS.

To Linda Work, in the loss of her brother in law, Dowell Hudson.

**GriefShare in SEARK**

GriefShare is meeting at First Baptist Church on Tuesdays at 6 PM. The group will be meeting for 9 weeks in Room #202. If you would like more information, please call 870.540.7400.

**Take Note of New Dates for February Meetings**

Due to some scheduling conflicts, the regular monthly meetings of the Deacons and the Administrative Board have been moved to a new date.

Deacons' Meeting will take place on February 6 at 4:00 pm and the Administrative Board will meet on February 13 at 4:00 pm.

**Thank you**

Dear FBC Family,

We wanted to express our deepest appreciation to our church family for all the acts of kindness, thoughts & especially prayers in response to my Mom's homecoming.

God's Blessings to each of you,  
Dan and Cindy Crowder

Sunday, February 20 2021  
will be

**SUNDAY**

*Undesignated offering  
will go to  
Neighbor to Neighbor.*



**Deacon Ordination Service  
Has Been Rescheduled for  
Sunday, February 6, 2022  
at 5:00 pm**

*Deacon Ordination for  
Bruce Morgan*

*Deacon Installation for  
M. H. Bitely, Tommy Fowler,  
James House, Billy Kittler,  
and Billy Stone*



## Regular Schedule for Weekly Services

### SUNDAY:

9:00 am TV Broadcast on FOX 16  
(one week delay)  
9:00 am Prayer room open  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship Service

### MONDAY:

6:00 pm Sanctuary Choir  
8:30 pm Youth Night Basketball

### TUESDAY:

12:00 pm Adult Prayer Ministry  
5:30 pm Men's Ministry  
5:45 pm Student Ministry  
6:45 pm Sanctuary Choir  
Rehearsal

# News from the Pews

**Kaitlyn Bolton** recently completed her Bachelor of Arts degree from Ouachita Baptist University. She will walk at graduation on May 14, 2022. Proud parents and brother are **Dr. Bryan and Erin Bolton** and **Keith Bolton**.

## STAFF PHONE NUMBERS

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489-8970

## Deacons 2022

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M. H. Bitely	718-3764	Lynn King	540-7400
Kenny Bonds	540-7001	Billy Kittler	550-8910
Joe Clement	692-2659	Bruce Morgan	370-8318
Buster Crook	692-3976	Mac Norton	718-2895
Dan Crowder	501-944-1236	Rodney Rodgers	543-9936
Tommy Fowler	501-517-0490	Bill Ross	329-9763
Tommy Grace	866-0916	Billy Stone	692-1191
James House	692-7921	Marc Stratton	329-6906



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](http://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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