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FROM YOUR PASTOR

I enjoyed being with the church family Sunday in worship. It was a great and enjoyable day of worship, praise and fellowship, morning and evening. If you were not in attendance, you were missed, and I hope you will be back on track in church attendance this Sunday. Invite someone to come to church with you!

We welcome Shane, Stephanie, and Savannah Rodgers in our church fellowship as they united with our church Sunday morning. Shane, Stephanie and Savannah, welcome to our community and family!!

This Sunday evening, 3 April, at 5 P. M., Mr. Boris Goldin of the Chosen People Ministries will present "Messiah in the Passover" at FBC. Mr. Goldin will set a table with items traditionally used at the Passover meal and detail their spiritual significance. He will explain the connection between the events of the first Passover in Egypt and the redemption that Jesus accomplished, as well as the deep bond between the ancient Passover feast and the Christian communion celebration today. He will also answer questions after His presentation.

Mr. Goldin was born in Russia and is now leading the Chosen People Ministries work in Ukraine, so it will be an interesting evening. You don't want to miss this special presentation.

Sunday, April 10 is Palm Sunday, and the next Sunday, April 17 is Easter Sunday. These are always great opportunities to be in church and to remember Gethsemane, the Cross, the Empty Tomb and our Risen Lord. And again, great opportunities to invite others to church because people are very open to attending church on these special days on the church calendar.

Good Friday service is April 15 at 6 p. m. The Sanctuary Choir will present "When Darkness Comes", and we will observe the Lord's Supper in this service.

In 1895, the first missions offering to benefit the work of home missions in the Southern Baptist Convention was promoted by the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU). The Home Mission Board (now known as the North American Mission Board) asked for \$5,000 toward its work. The WMU exceeded that goal.

Today, more than \$1 billion has been raised since the beginning of the Annie Armstrong offering for North American mission efforts. 100% of the offering (named after mission's advocate/WMU leader, Annie Armstrong, in 1934) goes to missionaries and their work of sharing the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the United States, Canada and their territories.

A tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate and supporter of mission's efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong rallied churches to give more, pray more and do more for reaching people for Christ.

Her work led women to unite in missions' endeavors that ultimately led to the formation of the Woman's Missionary Union, for which she served as the first corresponding secretary.

The Annie Armstrong offering goal this year is \$70 million. The goal of First Baptist Church is \$4,000. FBC gave \$4,193.00 to the Annie Armstrong Offering last year.

It is important that you know that your church gave a total of \$112,358.91 in 2021 to all phases of the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program, including the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the Arkansas Baptist Children's Family Ministry, Baptist Collegiate Ministries at UAPB and SEARK, and to the Dixie Jackson, Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong Missions offerings.

In addition, we also financially supported Hope of the Delta, Salvation Army, Wycliffe Translators (Wes and Kim Clement), Neighbor to Neighbor and Pine Bluff Mission. **Our total mission-related giving to all causes this past year was approximately 20% of our total budget offerings.**

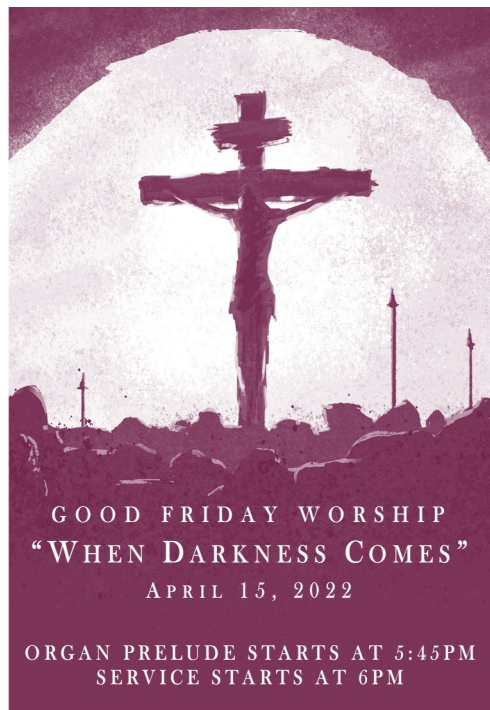
You can give to Annie Armstrong Easter Offering throughout the year through your church. God is using First Baptist Church in a mighty way through missions and evangelistic outreach, including our giving and television ministry outreach!!

Also, First Baptist Church this week sent \$4,000 to Samaritan's Purse and \$4,000 to the International Missions Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for humanitarian relief in Ukraine. Pray for the church in both Ukraine and in Russia. **Thank you for your faithful support of missions and the Great Commission!**

It is a great time to go back to church! God bless you and yours, and I look forward to seeing you back in church this Sunday! Invite someone to come with you. Pastor

Here by Design

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children



The Kinsmen Quartet In Concert

*Sunday, May 1, 2022
at 5:00 pm
in the Sanctuary*

A Love Offering will be received.



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www.facebook.com/themusicministry

Deacon of the Week

MAC NORTON

April 3, 2022

RODNEY RODGERS

April 10, 2022

BILL ROSS

April 17, 2022

BILLY STONE

April 24, 2022



Over the last several months, I have been praying to God about the direction of where the FirstKids and Students Ministries are and where He wants them to be. While I believe strongly in the power of the local church and its influence on the next generation, I am convinced that the ministry needs to be more intentional and strategic in its approach.

Some ministries focus only on getting kids and students to come to church, but if the family, especially the dad, is not involved in, or practicing the correct way to worship God, then the kids and students will most likely fall away later in life. That is why I have been praying and seeking a better way to minister to the families of First Baptist Church.

My desire for the FirstKids and Student Ministries is to become committed to not only the kids and students but to partner with their families and supply the parents with resources to aid in their spiritual discipleship in the home. Our ministry cannot be a substitute for home-life discipleship. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 teaches that parents are to be the primary spiritual leaders in the life of their children. The home is to be the center of spiritual activity and what is done at the church supports what is happening at home.

My goal is to be a help in this endeavor. I desire to provide support to our parents and grandparents while devising a plan to connect with our kids and students regularly. How is this plan going to work or look? I have no clue! That is why I am still praying. I do hope to have more to share in the coming weeks. I ask that you join me in praying for God's direction as I continue this journey.

First Record

March 6, 2022

Budget Needs	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts	\$11,023.37
TV Receipts	\$955.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$50.00
Other	\$1,933.00
TOTAL	\$13,961.37

March 13, 2022

Budget Needs	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts	\$7,422.23
TV Receipts	\$305.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$50.00
Other	\$1,350.47
TOTAL	\$9,127.70

March 20, 2022

Budget Needs	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts	\$10,344.00
TV Receipts	\$150.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$100.00
Other	\$6,226.75
TOTAL	\$16,820.75

March 27, 2022

Budget Needs	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts	\$10,782.00
TV Receipts	\$0.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$150.00
Other	\$815.00
TOTAL	\$11,747.00

The Deacons' Meeting will be
Sunday, April 3 at
4:00 pm.

The Admin. Board will meet
Sunday, April 10 at
4:00 pm.

Sunday, April 17, 2022
will be



SUNDAY

*Undesignated offering
will go to
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

Evening Service at Trinity Village

Sunday, April 24, 4:00 pm
Trinity Village Great Hall

New phone directories will
be printed soon. Please let
the office know if there
have been changes to your
contact information.

Prayer Room

Did you know that our church has
a Prayer Room? It is located on the
north wing of the main building,
in Room 414. It is for everyone in
the church. Any time you would
like to go there to pray during
office hours, you may and are
encouraged to do so.



Thank you

Dearest First Baptist Family,
You have been a tender touch of our Lord for us as we've grieved the loss of
our mother, Nell Herrington. Each card, text, phone call, and memorial has touched
each of our hearts. You have been comfort in the midst of this sorrow.

May our Lord help us to keep tender hearts toward each other.

With deepest gratitude,

The Family of Nell Herrington

Dear First Baptist Church Family and Pastor Thornton:

Words cannot express our warm "thanks" for the monetary gifts you blessed the
Coleman Elementary scholars and teachers with. The scholars and teachers were
excited and appreciative to receive their incentives. Additionally, the staff was
grateful for the meals you provided them for the Parent-Teacher Conference night.

On behalf of the staff and PTO members of Coleman Elementary School, we
appreciate your "blessings" and thoughtfulness. May the God we serve continue to
"richly" bless you and your church family.

Sincerely,

Marcia Merritt, Principal

Phyllis Cage, Assistant Principal

Thank you, dear Friends at FBC, for your thoughts and prayers during the
passing of our mom, Norma Caldwell. We are so grateful.

Love,

Juliana Caldwell

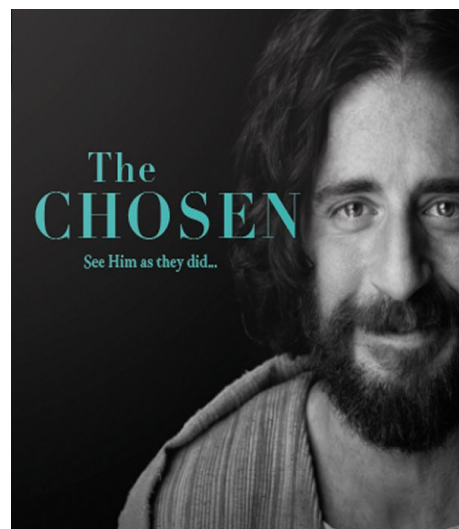


New Video Series

on Sunday Nights
with The CHOSEN

5:00 PM // Fellowship Hall

Videos will be shown on
April 10 and 24.



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

Deacons 2022

Blasius Awonsang 318-278-4208
M. H. Bitely 718-3764
Kenny Bonds 540-7001
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Buster Crook 692-3976
Dan Crowder 501-944-1236
Tommy Fowler 501-517-0490
Tommy Grace 866-0916
James House 692-7921

Lawrence Kenney 413-2599
Lynn King 540-7400
Billy Kittler 550-8910
Bruce Morgan 370-8318
Mac Norton 718-2895
Rodney Rodgers 543-9936
Bill Ross 329-9763
Billy Stone 692-1191
Marc Stratton 329-6906

News from the Pews

Vi Ross

welcomed a new great grand-daughter on March 18, 2022. Her name is Violet Starr Owens.

STAFF PHONE NUMBERS

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1-501-425-7097
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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