
First Baptist Church Builder

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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. If you have been away, know that you are missed, and we look forward to seeing you again soon. Also, our Baby Bottle Offering for HOPE Resource Center for Women was \$3,700. Thank you for your support of HOPE!

In recent weeks, we have seen many opportunities of service and outreach at FBC. We recently honored our teachers, assistant teachers and Bible Study Fellowship leadership with a wonderful breakfast.

We also personally met with all the City of Pine Bluff firefighters, prayed with them and thanked them for their service to our community. Each firefighter was presented a personal "thank you" card written by a member of FBC. Included with the card was a Gospel tract, information about FBC, and two certificates for a free meal at Mama's Diner. Many of our people were involved in this special outreach to our firefighters, and I thank all for your support of this event.

WorldChangers was with us last week, and it was truly an amazing week! We hosted 110 WorldChanger volunteers for five days and nights from six different states and churches, who came to Pine Bluff at their own expense to serve and share the Gospel in our community.

The WorldChangers stayed in our facilities and had breakfast and dinner in our fellowship hall. Thanks to all who helped provide lunches and drinks at their ten worksites during the week, and also for bringing many gallons of homemade ice cream on Tuesday evening. Thank you, Sunday School classes, for your excellent support of this effort. Thanks to Kenny and Christi Bonds for bringing cold watermelons for all on Thursday evening. Thanks to John Redmond for sharing the Gospel to the WorldChangers last Wednesday evening.

Some of you attended the different services with them in the evenings. And many served as "runners" and daytime and evening "helpers" during the days they were here. Several took out the trash and checked on our facilities each evening. Many made sandwiches and prepared meals. A huge "THANK YOU" to all of you for your faithful service. The WorldChangers staff and many participants told me that our people and church efforts were "truly impressive". I agree.

WorldChangers prepped and painted, trimmed shrubs, cleaned up, and even moved our local Association office to its new location. All the projects were completed. During this week, there were 23 gospel shares, 96 prayer requests, 2 salvations, and 12 recommitments! It was truly a great week. We are talking with WorldChangers about coming back to Pine Bluff next year.

My thanks also to Shannon Road Baptist Church, New Fellowship Baptist Church, Family Church of Pine Bluff, Eastside Baptist Church, New Fellowship Baptist Church, and Elm Grove Baptist Church for their assistance in feeding and supporting our guests at the work sites. Thanks to Mayor Washington and the City of Pine Bluff, especially the Department of Economic and Community Development under the direction of Mr. Larry Matthews for providing all necessary supplies for the work to be done last week.

Thanks to the Harmony Baptist Association for its continued support and for providing a van that was used. And thanks to Southern Edge Truck Stop and Rich's Hamburgers for providing food for the WorldChangers.

There was much work completed in what has so far been the hottest days of the year, but much was accomplished to the glory of God and the good of the people of our community. We made a huge difference in the lives of homeowners and in our community. And I know this week has been positive for the WorldChanger volunteers as well as for each of us. Praise the Lord for the privilege to serve Him!

We will have a "Chosen" video with fellowship snacks on Sunday evening at 5:00 p. m. on July 17 and August 21. Bring yourself and food :)

Ms. Stephanie Rodgers will share the work of the Arkansas Baptist Family Ministries with us on Sunday, 10 July. FBC is sending a special offering of \$5,000.00 in July to this wonderful ministry.

Our deepest sympathies to the families of Lloyd Sims, long time member and deacon, and to Vincent Pryor in the passing of his brother, Emmett. Our love and prayers are with these families.

On Sunday, July 24, we will have our quarterly business luncheon following morning worship.

God bless you and your families. I look forward to seeing you Sunday. Bring someone with you!

Here by Design

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children

Choir's Choice. The Sanctuary Choir will be giving an encore presentation of their favorite anthems from the 2021-2022 Choir Year. A top 10 list has been compiled and will be presented each Sunday, during the Summer months. The count-down will begin Sunday, July 17.

Handbell Ministry to Make a Return. We may start gearing up The Handbell Ministry soon after Labor Day. Keep a watch for more information in future "Builder" newsletters. Join me in praying for the possible return of this special ministry.



One Day VBS at FBC
JULY 23, 2022
9am to 1pm



3 ways to register:

1. Scan the QR Code
2. Register online at www.fbcpinebluff.org/vbs
3. Call Bro. Bryan at 534-4741

This year at our Spark Studios Vacation Bible School, kids will learn that they are Created In Christ and Designed For God's Purpose. The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim and transform us. Ephesians 2:10 says: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." We are a masterpiece in process!

Our VBS is for all children who have completed Pre-K (must be 5 by August 1, 2022) thru 6th Grade. We highly recommend that you register your child or grandchild at www.fbcpinebluff.org/vbs before July 16, 2022.

Invite your friends and neighbors! Invitation cards are available at the VBS display in the church foyer or by calling 534-4741.

FBC STUDENT MINISTRY

BACK 2 SCHOOL

POOL PARTY

DATE, TIME & LOCATION ~ TBD

COMPLETED 6TH - 12TH GRADERS

ONE PIECE OR TANKINI FOR GIRLS

NO SPEEDOS OR SHORT TRUNKS FOR GUYS

VBS

Donations

12 bottles of Hawaiian Punch in the following colors: blue, green, orange or yellow. **NO RED, please!**

All donations need to be turned in by Sunday, July 17, 2022.



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www.facebook.com/firstpinebluff

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Deacon of the Week

JAMES HOUSE

June 5, 2022

LYNN KING

June 12, 2022

BILLY KITTLER

June 19, 2022

BRUCE MORGAN

June 26, 2022

MAC NORTON

June 26, 2022

First Record

June 5, 2022

Budget Needs	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts	\$9,138.50
TV Receipts	\$882.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$100.00
Other	\$1,925.00
TOTAL	\$12,045.50

June 12, 2022

Budget Needs	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts	\$12,231.30
TV Receipts	\$465.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$150.00
Other	\$458.00
TOTAL	\$13,304.30

June 19, 2022

Budget Needs	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts	\$11,772.50
TV Receipts	\$55.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$100.00
Other	\$2,641.45
TOTAL	\$14,568.95

June 26, 2022

Budget Needs	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts	\$11,537.50
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$75.00
Other	\$4,068.00
TOTAL	\$15,685.50

CHURCH CLOSING

The church office will be closed Monday, July 4 for Independence Day.

The Deacons' Meeting will be Sunday, July 10 at 4:00 pm.

The Admin. Board will meet Sunday, July 17 at 4:00 pm.

Sunday, July 17, 2022
will be



SUNDAY

*Undesignated offering
will go to
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

**Evening Service at
Trinity Village**
Sunday, July 24, 4:00 pm
Trinity Village Great Hall

SYMPATHY

To Ernie Cullins, in the loss of his brother, David, who passed away in Batesville, AR.

To the family and friends of Peggie Howard, who passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

To Vincent Pryor and family, in the loss of his brother, Emmett, who passed away in IL.

To David and Robert Sims and families, in the loss of their father, Lloyd, who passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

Feeding the Fire Department

The Fire Department project was a huge success. We were able to meet & visit with almost all of the Fire Crews & Admin staff & they were very appreciative of our gesture. Thanks to all who wrote notes and a big thank you to Freda Green at Momma's Diner for working with us to provide the meal certificates.



QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING WITH POTLUCK!
FBC QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE JULY 26,
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MORNING SERVICE. HOT DOGS AND
HAMBURGERS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH. PLEASE BRING
YOUR FAVORITE SIDES AND DESSERTS!

Trinity Village Salad Luncheon

July 13, 2022

12:00—2:00 pm

Beat the heat and join us for lunch!

View the improvements your past generous donations have made, and hear about our future plans. No tickets will be sold, but donations are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

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

TUESDAY

6:00 pm	Griefshare (schedules to be announced)
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WEDNESDAY:

12:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Deacons 2022

Blasius Awonsang	318-278-4208
M. H. Bitely	718-3764
Kenny Bonds	540-7001
Joe Clement	692-2659
Buster Crook	692-3976
Dan Crowder	501-944-1236
Tommy Fowler	501-517-0490
Tommy Grace	866-0916
James House	692-7921

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

Do you have news, weddings, grandchildren, graduations, retirements announcements for your church family? Please let the office know and we will get it out there in this space.

STAFF PHONE NUMBERS

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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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