
First Baptist Church Builder

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

I trust that you are having a great week this week! Sunday was a wonderful day! The music was uplifting and worshipful, with songs of praise and encouragement. I am preaching at this time through the Seven Churches of Asia as written in Revelation chapters two and three. I encourage you to come for these messages.

We have read the letters to the careless church at Ephesus, the crowned church at Smyrna, the compromising church at Smyrna, and the corrupted church at Thyatira. This Sunday, Lord willing, October 2, I plan to preach about the feeble church at Sardis.

It is so very important for believers to be in the Word of God on the Lord's Day. The Apostle John recorded the book of Revelation to encourage Christians who were experiencing great suffering. In every age of the Church, Revelation has brought comfort and hope. Its symbols are timeless, and its prophecies are eternal and may be trusted by all of God's saints.

Revelation is the only book in the Bible that gives a specific promise of blessing to all who read it and obey it: **Revelation 1:3, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."** I encourage you to be present Sunday to hear another Word from God. God has a message for you. Don't miss it!!

My deepest appreciation to the Sanctuary Choir for a truly awesome and God-honoring presentation this past Sunday evening. The "Festival of Hymns and Psalms" was masterfully presented, and was uplifting to all in attendance. I thank Bro Bryan, the instrumentalists and choir members for leading us in this special worship!!

Many thanks to Bro. Kenny Bonds for his faithful teaching on Sunday evenings through the first half of the book of Ecclesiastes. These messages were very well presented and very well attended. I also thank all who brought food and desserts each of the Sunday evenings.

The ladies have a Women's Ministry Bruch in the church fellowship hall on Saturday, October 8, at 10 a. m. Please call the church office for more information.

Beginning October 9 at 5 p. m., the ladies will begin a Bible Study through the Epistle of James, and the men and youth will begin a study about how to share your faith with others. These studies will take place on 9, 16 and 23 October, and on 6, 13 and 20 November. The ladies will meet in the first room to the left as you enter the fellowship hall each Sunday evening, and the men will meet in the fellowship hall. Of course, on October 30, at 5 p. m., we will have our annual "Trunk or Treat" in the church parking lot. You are encouraged to attend each of these events.

Special thanks to Lynn King for his continued leadership with the Grief Share program on Tuesday evenings at 6 p. m. Grief Share meets in Room 202. Please see Lynn for more information on Grief Share. Thanks Lynn!

We are now preparing for 2023 with regard to our committees, teachers, deacons and budget. There will be a meeting of the Committees this Sunday, October 2, at 4 p. m. in Room 202

The Pastor Search Survey forms need to be turned in this Sunday. Thank you.

A new deacon nomination list is being printed and mailed along with a new ballot to our church members. Please call the church office at 534-4741 if you need assistance with the deacon ballot.

Chuck Swindoll of "Insight for Living" ministry, wrote, "The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...

I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our attitudes."

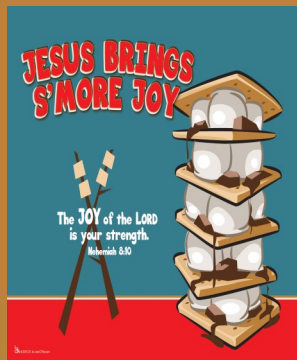
If we in faith have right attitudes, we will see God work wonders in our lives. God bless you and yours, and I look forward to seeing you back in church this Sunday. Pastor

S.T.A.R.S. SHINE THE SPOTLIGHT ON JESUS!

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children

Trunk-or-Treat Festival!

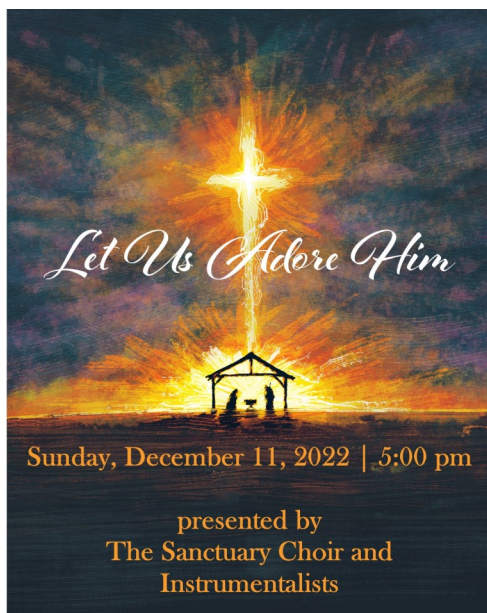
- ♦ **Sunday, October 30 | 5:00-6:45 pm**
- ♦ **Stroll by theme-decorated cars** playing games and receiving treats.
- ♦ If you want to help, come to a **volunteer meeting in Room 202** after morning worship on October 9.



The Trunk-or-Treat Festival is almost here and we need YOUR help! This is such a fun event and a wonderful opportunity for church-wide outreach. We are looking for people to host a trunk, direct traffic, staff the outdoor s'mores bar, and serve popcorn.

Help supply the Festival with candy and s'mores supplies. Starting Sunday, October 16, there will be tubs at each of the main entrances for you to donate bags of individually wrapped candy and the ingredients to make s'mores.

Groups and individuals are asked to bring their cars and participate in the Trunk-or-Treat (safe trick or treating in our north parking lot). Decorate your trunk, enlist volunteers from your Sunday School class and have fun! A sign up sheet will be in your Sunday School class or sign up with Bro. Bryan at bbolton@cablelynx.com. The more cars we have, the more fun it will be for the kids! ***Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors.***



October 16, 2022

To the glory of God
and in memory of
Harvey Chambliss
and **Dean Chambliss**

by

Jo Chambliss and family



Deacon of the Week

DAN CROWDER

October 2, 2022

TOMMY FOWLER

October 9, 2022

TOMMY GRACE

October 16, 2022

JAMES HOUSE

October 23, 2022

LYNN KING

October 30, 2022

First Record

September 4, 2022

Budget Needs	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts	\$8,690.00
TV Receipts	\$115.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$100.00
Other	\$1,260.00
TOTAL	\$10,165.00

September 11, 2022

Budget Needs	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts	\$9,889.00
TV Receipts	\$730.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$50.00
Other	\$2,918.00
TOTAL	\$13,587.00

September 18, 2022

Budget Needs	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts	\$9,160.00
TV Receipts	\$555.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$150.00
Other	\$2588.75
TOTAL	\$12,453.75

September 25, 2022

Budget Needs	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts	\$5,990.00
TV Receipts	\$50.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$50.00
Other	\$1,737.00
TOTAL	\$7,827.00

The Committee on
Committees will meet Sunday,
October 2 at 4pm

The Deacons' Meeting will be
Sunday, October 9 at
4:00 pm.

The Admin. Board will meet
Sunday, October 16 at
4:00 pm.

Sunday, October 16, 2022
will be



SUNDAY

*Undesignated offering
will go to
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

**Evening Service at
Trinity Village**
Sunday, October 23, 4:00 pm
Trinity Village Great Hall

SYMPATHY

To Mary Smith and Jonathan
Smith, in the loss of their husband
and father, Bill.

To family and friends of
Delores Huddleston.

To family and friends of
Melda Norton.

To Barbara Hutcheson and
Marilyn Hutcheson and family, in
the loss of their husband and
brother, David.

To Mary Gill and Bobbette
Carter, in the loss of husband and
father, Bobby Gill.

To Margaret Massey, in the
loss of her husband, Joe Massey.

Thank You

Dear Pastor Ken and Brothers and Sister of First Baptist Church,

We, the members of The Bridge Church thank you for the use of the Scout building for the past few years. It has been a great facility for us to use in ministry, and many needy people have come through those doors and have experienced the love of Christ through the members. We have also enjoyed wonderful times of worship, Bible study, and fellowship there as well as having seen a number of people turn to Christ.

As you probably know, we have moved the ministry to the new Harmony Association building and are adjusting our ministry to the group's needs at this time. This has also left your building available for another group, who is now meeting there. We pray it will continue to be used for the glory of God and for effective ministry to people.

Thank you again for your kind generosity to our church. You have blessed us more than you know! May God, likewise, continue to bless First Baptist Church!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Mike Manning

(on behalf of the other members of The Bridge Church)

Dear Rev. Thornton:

I want to once again thank you and the generous people of First Baptist Church Pine Bluff for supporting Coleman Elementary School. Your recent donation to our PTO fund will help us provide clothing and supplies for some of our students in need. As you know, meeting some basic needs for our students gives them a brighter outlook and a more successful school year.

We are so grateful for your continued partnership and dedication to the needs of our school.

Sincerely,

Marcia Merritt, Principal

GRIEF SHARE®

Tuesdays in October at 6:00 pm // Room 202
More information, call 870.534.7400

Neighbor to Neighbor Needs

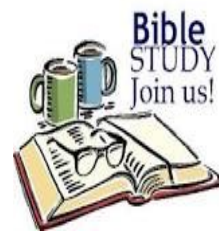
N2N is needing canned goods for
their Christmas baskets.

They are asking for 120 cans of

Sweet Potatoes

These need to be in our office by
October 26

Also, please be in thought on
sponsoring a child for Christmas.
The cost is \$60 to sponsor.



Fall Bible Studies

Student,
Women's and
Men's Bible
studies begin

on October 9 at 5 PM. All
studies will be held in the
Fellowship Hall building.

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 Handbells
Rehearsal
6:30 pm Bible Study Fellowship

TUESDAY

6:00 pm Griefshare (schedules to
be announced)

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.



IT IS TIME TO THINK ABOUT OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is time to pack your shoebox! Boxes are waiting in the foyer, ready to be filled. Children are waiting to receive the boxes. Here are 3 ways you can help: 1. Take a box (or 2 or 3), shop for items suitable for the age and gender you choose. 2. Bring suitable new items you've purchased or \$ to the Church. We have shoppers and packers ready to ship. Don't forget that shipping has increased to \$10. 3. Build a box online at SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC

STAFF PHONE NUMBERS

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1-501-425-7097
Bryan Bolton
489-8970

Remember, it's not just a shoebox. It's a demonstration of God's love in a tangible way that will deliver hope and joy to children around the world. It's a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship—transforming the lives of children & their families through the Good News of Jesus Christ!



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