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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. We all face difficult and discouraging days from time to time, but God always provides grace and strength to aid us in going through those kinds of days. Remember that God is faithful!!

We had a great day this past Sunday, as I preached about the lukewarm church at Laodicea in Revelation chapter 3. Over the past few months, I have been preaching through the first three chapters of Revelation, which is the only book in the Bible that clearly gives a blessing to those who read and obey its words (Rev. 1:3). I hope that you have been a part of this study to this point. If you haven't, you truly have missed some blessings.

If you are unable to attend any of our services, you can always go to our website at [www.fbcpinebluff.com](http://www.fbcpinebluff.com) to watch the entire service. And as you know, we broadcast our Sunday morning messages on Fox 14, KLRT, on Sundays at 9:00 a. m., a couple weeks delayed. But I encourage you to make every effort to attend church if you are physically able to attend.

And we also had a wonderful lunch fellowship and business meeting Sunday. Thank you to all who provided the delicious food. And a special thank you to our hostess committee that always does a great job in planning, preparing and making our fellowships a truly great experience for all!

Don't forget this Sunday, October 30, is Trunk or Treat at 5 p. m. Call Bro. Bryan for more details.

Sunday, November 13, all Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are to be turned in and prayed over during the morning service. For ideas of what to pack and what not to pack visit [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) Please note that postage is \$10 per box and needs to be included in your shoebox gift.

Also on Sunday, November 13, Wes and Kim Clement will share about their ministry with Wycliffe Translators with the church during the Sunday School hour, with all classes meeting in the sanctuary.

Lynn Heagler Davis joined our church fellowship this past Sunday. Lynn has attended our church services for a few years now. Welcome, Lynn, as First Baptist Church's newest member! We look forward to serving and worshipping the Lord with you.

This past Sunday, the church elected Travis Chisom, Troy Cole, John Hayden, Joe Neely, Vernon Walker, Jim Simpson, and Larry Daniel were elected to serve as deacons. Their ordination and installation service date will be announced soon. Men, God bless you and your families. I look forward to serving service with you.

We thank our five outgoing deacons for a job well done, as they have completed three years of service: Lynn King, Dan Crowder, Blasius Awonsang, Tommy Grace, and Rodney Rodgers. Thank you, men, you have served the Lord and His church very well!! Thanks to all our deacons as they serve in First Baptist Church.

Please remember to vote on Tuesday, November 8. I have shared with you information regarding Arkansas issues 3 and 4, which deal with the matters of religious freedom and the total legalization of marijuana in our state. I believe issue 4 will be harmful to our state and certainly to our children, and deserves our opposition. If you would like more information on these two issues, I will be happy to discuss this with you.

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6, so move your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 5.

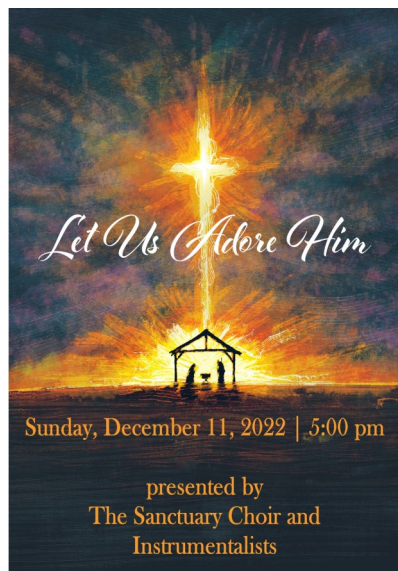
World Changers plans to return to Pine Bluff the week of July 24-29. Please place this week on your calendars, as we will probably be hosting 75-100 people who will work and minister in Pine Bluff and stay at our church during that week.

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.

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

*Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children*



***Save the Date!!***

***Let Us Adore Him***

*Presented by  
The Sanctuary Choir  
and Instrumentalists*

*Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 PM  
in the Sanctuary*

Mark the date on your calendars now!  
Inspired by the verses of the familiar Christmas  
carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful," this special  
evening will focus on those who were present at  
that first Christmas and will tell the life story of  
Jesus Christ. Make plans to join us and bring  
someone with you.

***Save this Date, too!!***

***Ring the Bells:  
A Christmas Dessert Concert  
Celebrating the Savior***

*Presented by  
The Sanctuary Bells*

*Sunday, December 18 at 5:00 PM  
in the Fellowship Hall*

Mark the date on your calendars now!  
Join us for a special Christmas celebration at First  
Baptist Church. The Sanctuary Bells will present  
the many wonderful and beautiful sounds of  
Christmas. Delicious homemade dessert will also  
be served around decorated tables.



***The Season of Advent***

*Begins Sunday, November 27  
and Ends Saturday, December 24*

The word advent means *arrival*, or *presence*. For  
hundreds of years, believers have celebrated the  
advent, or arrival, of Jesus. We celebrate that He  
came as a baby in Bethlehem in order to take away  
the sins of mankind. We also look forward to the  
time He will come again in splendor to set up  
God's kingdom on Earth. During the morning  
worship each Sunday, we will focus on a different  
characteristic of the Christian life. They are things  
that every heart longs for, but that can only be  
gained through faith in Jesus.



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### **Deacon of the Week**

***BILLY KITTLER***

November 6, 2022

***BRUCE MORGAN***

November 13, 2022

***MAC NORTON***

November 20, 2022

***RODNEY RODGERS***

November 27, 2022

### **First Record**

**October 2, 2022**

Budget Needs .....	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$15,972.00
TV Receipts .....	\$770.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$265.00
Other .....	\$921.65
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$17,928.65</b>

**October 9, 2022**

Budget Needs .....	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$7,262.00
TV Receipts .....	\$475.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$50.00
Other .....	\$1,667.80
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$9,454.80</b>

**October 16, 2022**

Budget Needs .....	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$28,405.00
TV Receipts .....	\$550.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$150.00
Other .....	\$866.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$29,971.00</b>

**October 23, 2022**

Budget Needs .....	\$11,075.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$8,568.00
TV Receipts .....	\$15.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$75.00
Other .....	\$589.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$9,247.00</b>



The Committee on Committees will meet Sunday, November 6 at 4pm  
 The Deacons' Meeting will be Sunday, November 9 at 4:00 pm.  
 The Admin. Board will meet Sunday, November 16 at 4:00 pm.

Sunday, November 20, 2022  
 will be



**SUNDAY**

*Undesignated offering  
 will go to  
 Neighbor to Neighbor.*

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

### **SYMPATHY**

To Bro. Ken and Ann Thornton, in the loss of his aunt, Maureen Harris, who passed away in TX.

To Lynn King and family, in the loss of his wife, Janell, who passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

### **CHURCH CLOSING**

The church office will be closed at noon on Wednesday, November 23 and will be closed November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving.



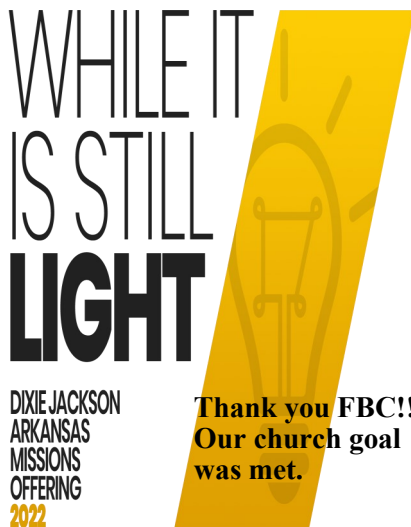
### **Fall Bible Studies**

Student, Women's and Men's Bible studies continue on November 6, 13, and 20 at 5 PM. All studies will be held in the Fellowship Hall building.

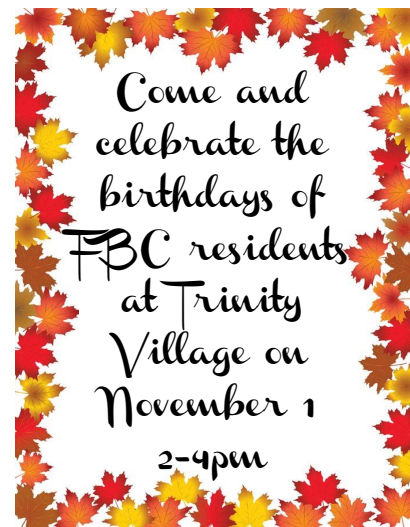
We will close out the Bible Studies with a Thanksgiving Dessert Fellowship on November 20. Bring your favorite dessert and join us.



FBC is collecting soda cans. The funds from the cans will be used for Operation Christmas Child expenses. Please leave them, in bags, in the wooden enclosure next to the kitchen door.



**Thank you FBC!!  
 Our church goal  
 was met.**



### **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  
**November 3**

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



## 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  
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.



## There is still time to fill a box for Operation Christmas Child

There are still boxes to be filled and still time to do that! Children are waiting to receive the boxes. Here are 3 ways you can help: 1. Take a box (2,3), shop for items suitable for the age and gender you choose. 2. Bring suitable new items you've purchased or \$ to the Church. Please remember that shipping for the boxes is \$10. We have shoppers and packers ready to ship. 3. Build a box on line at

[SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC](http://SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC)

We are asking that all OCC boxes be returned to the church by **November 13.**

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