
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. God already knows all about 2023. We can confidently follow His guidance.

I want to thank Kenny Bonds for preaching in my absence on Sunday, January 15, while Ann and I were in Israel. I appreciate all who readily step forward to serve the Lord.

This past Sunday was "Sanctity of Human Life Sunday" in churches across America. If you were present, you would have heard me preach on the subject, "God Has Spoken – Thou Shalt Not Kill", from Exodus 20:13. There are few subjects that I am more passionate about than the sanctity of human life. I believe that God loves every child, including the unborn. Every child deserves a birthday.

I want to thank Pam Fowler for speaking to the church on behalf of HOPE Resource Center for Women. As you know, First Baptist Church is a faithful supporter of HOPE. We give to HOPE individually, as well as through our church budget, as well as through the Baby Bottle Offerings. FBC gave \$4,357.68 through the Baby Bottle Offering alone this past year. HOPE can use volunteer help if you feel led to volunteer. More than ever before, the Church of Jesus Christ needs to take a clear and unwavering stand for the defenseless unborn babies.

We also continue to support children through the Arkansas Baptist Children & Family Ministries. FBC is a huge financial supporter of ABC&FM, a recipient of the nearly 20% of tithes and offerings that FBC faithfully gives to all areas of missions and ministries outside the church.

Ann and I enjoyed our trip to Israel very much but are always glad to get back home. Lord willing, we will share pictures of our trip during a Sunday evening fellowship in March.

Also in March, we plan to begin showing Season 3 of "The Chosen" video series on Sunday evenings at 5 p. m., with fellowship meal, and will show the series into the month of May, except for 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.

First Baptist Church will host about 20-25 volunteer workers from the Harmony Baptist Association in Missouri as they will come to Pine Bluff to work on various ministry projects in our city. 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. The city of Pine Bluff has already graciously agreed to support this effort by providing worksites, materials and supplies.

This Sunday evening, January 29, at 5 p. m., we will have a deacon ordination and installation service, and I ask that you be present for this church event. Joe Nealey will be ordained as a deacon of First Baptist, and Travis Chisom, Troy Cole, Larry Daniel, Jim Simpson and Vernon Walker will be installed as deacons. Men, God bless you and your families. I look forward to serving service with you.

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

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. See you Sunday.

S.T.A.R.S.
SHINE THE SPOTLIGHT ON JESUS!
Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children

Sign Up for Camp!
Deadline is February 5, 2023



JOIN US FOR
CENTRIKID Camp at
Williams Baptist University
June 12-16, 2023
Sign up by Sunday, February 5, 2023.

For all FirstKids having completed 3rd through 6th grades. A **\$75 deposit is due at sign-up.** Call Bro. Bryan for more information and scholarship information.

WE'RE GOING TO CENTRIKID

JOIN US FOR
CENTRIFUGE Camp at
Ouachita Baptist University
June 5-9, 2023

Sign up by Sunday, February 5, 2023.

For all students having completed 7th through 12th grades. A **\$75 deposit is due at sign-up.** Call Bro. Bryan for more information and scholarship information.



CANDLES
of **GRACE**
A Service for Tenebrae
by Joseph M. Martin and Brad Nix

presented by
The Sanctuary Choir
and Chamber Orchestra

Good Friday, April 7, 2023
6:00 PM

Vacation Bible School is coming!

If you are interested in making a positive impact in the lives of children through VBS, please contact Bro. Bryan at 534-4741 or 489-8970. Dates for VBS are pending. Stay tuned. . .

We will need volunteers to serve as crew leaders of very small groups of children, teach the rotations, work the registration table, greet families, serve snacks, help with decorations, set up and tear down of decorations, and love and care for these families! Come join our team and help us make disciples!



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Deacon of the Week

BUSTER CROOK

February 5, 2023

LARRY DANIEL

February 12, 2023

TOMMY FOWLER

February 19, 2023

JAMES HOUSE

February 26, 2023

First Record

January 1, 2023

Budget Needs	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts	\$10,297.00
TV Receipts	\$650.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$125.00
Other	\$268.00
TOTAL	\$11,340.00

January 8, 2023

Budget Needs	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts	\$7,965.00
TV Receipts	\$500.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$150.00
Other	\$1,136.00
TOTAL	\$9,751.00

January 15, 2023

Budget Needs	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts	\$5,557.50
TV Receipts	\$50.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$550.00
Other	\$433.50
TOTAL	\$6,591.00

January 22, 2023

Budget Needs	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts	\$11,220.00
TV Receipts	\$225.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$125.00
Other	\$185.00
TOTAL	\$11,755.00

The Admin. Board will meet
Sunday, February 19 at
4:00 pm.

**Evening Service at
Trinity Village**
Sunday, February 26, 4:00 pm
Trinity Village Great Hall



*Undesignated offering
will go to
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

To family and friends of
Carol Boas, who passed away in
Hamburg, AR.

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

♥ Happy Valentine's Day
♥ from your FBC Staff. Give
♥ someone a smile every day.
♥ You just never know how
♥ much it could be needed
♥ and how much it helps.

FBC,
Thank you so much for your hard work for the Operation Christmas Child with Samaritan's Purse. We had a total of 1,626 boxes collected at the Family Church Pine Bluff Drop Off Location.
Merry Christmas,
Betty Brown



THE GOSPEL PROJECT FOR ADULTS
A CHRONOLOGICAL STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT WITH
LESSON BOOKS AND WEEKLY STUDY

This new class is open to anyone whether you are new to Sunday School or an experienced student—we hope you will try it out.

We look forward to seeing you March 5, 9:45 am



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 .

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)
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WEDNESDAY:

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

Deacons 2023

M. H. Bitely	718-3764
Kenny Bonds	540-7001
Travis Chisom	489-3881
Joe Clement	692-2659
Troy Cole	540-7393
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James House	692-7921
Billy Kittler	550-8910
Bruce Morgan	370-8318
Joe Nealey	329-8717
Mac Norton	718-2895
Jim Simpson	692-3282
Billy Stone	692-1191
Marc Stratton	329-6906
Vernon Walker	489-2683

Extended News from the Pews, because we have so much to be thankful for this month.

Anna Katherine Green, **granddaughter of Horace and Bonnie Green**, has been named to the President's List at Ouachita University for the fall semester 2022

Andrew McMahan, son of Scott and Jessica McMahan, grandson of Marc and Barbara Stratton, graduated from UCA in December, with a Bachelor of Science Degree under the School of Communication

Richard Stafford is now a US Navy Master Chief and Master Diver. Richard is the son of **Cindy Blackstock**

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.

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