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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. I know we all face difficult days from time to time, but God always provides grace and strength to aid us in going through all of our days. God is faithful and true.

**The Lord willing, I plan to speak this Sunday morning about Barnabas the Encourager**, and how he is such a wonderful example to us as to what a Christian is to be by God's grace. This past Sunday, I preached about Zacchaeus from Luke 19:1-10 in a message entitled, "Jesus Knows Your Name". And the Sunday prior, I preached about Apollos from Acts 18:24-28, in a message entitled, "Apollos, the Passionate Believer".

**I plan to preach about other people in the Bible over the next few months**, people you need to know. God gives us these men and women in His Holy Word as examples of encouragement, instruction, and of warning. You need to know about them. These are messages God wants you to hear, and I believe they will be helpful to you in many ways. I hope to see you every Sunday morning for this special series of messages.

Please remember we have worship services at **Trinity Village every fourth Sunday at 4 p. m.** We have members who are residents at Trinity Village who attend these services, who I know would be thrilled to see you at these services as you are able. It is always a wonderful time of singing, worship, and fellowship. You are invited and encouraged to attend.

**On Thursday evening, March 2, at 6:30 p. m., First Baptist will provide pizzas, salads, soft drinks and desserts to the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at UAPB.** We are also invited to join them in Bible study at that time, and to share the meal with them. Matthew Hall is the new Director of the BCM ministry at both UAPB and at SEARK, and we welcome him and his wife, Rebekah, to our area, and we look forward to being active partners with them as they minister here. Matthew will be speaking at FBC soon.

**Saturday night, March 11, please move your clocks forward** one hour as Daylight Saving Time begins.

**On Thursday, March 16, at 3:30 p. m. FBC will provide a meal for the teachers and staff of Coleman Elementary school** from Lybrands. Please let me know if you can help with this.

**On Sunday evening at 5 p. m., March 12,** Ann and I will show pictures of the Holy Land as it was in the first century, as it is today, and of our recent trip there. We will have a fellowship meal together also at 5 p. m.

**Beginning March 12 and going through May 21 (except Easter and Mother's Day), at 5 p. m., we will have a church fellowship and will view Season 3 of the "The Chosen" video series.**

"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. Again, I believe it will be helpful to be present for the viewing of pictures of the Holy Land on March 12 to help give a better understanding of the setting of "The Chosen".

**First Baptist Church will host about 20-25 volunteer workers** from the Harmony Baptist Association in Missouri on March 25-April 1, as they will come to Pine Bluff to work on various ministry projects in our city. They will be staying in our church facilities, and we will need some volunteers to assist them during their stay. Please get with me if you can help.

**We have a church prayer meeting every Wednesday at noon and you are encouraged to attend.**

**Palm Sunday is April 2, Good Friday service is April 7 at 6 p. m. The Lord's Supper will be a part of the Good Friday service, as well as the Sanctuary Choir presenting "Candles of Grace—A Service of Tenebrae". Easter Sunday is April 9.**

**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.

Let's be 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. I love and appreciate each of you. See you Sunday. Pastor

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

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

## 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*

The Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra will present "Candles of Grace" for our annual Good Friday Worship.

We will be led through the journey of darkness and reflect deeply on the events of the Passion. We will commemorate the death of Christ at the Lord's Table.

Bring your heart in a spirit of reflection, meditation, repentance and gratitude as we gather in the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm. for this moving time of worship. Then leave in silence on that night – to return on Easter Sunday to the glad hallelujahs of the glorious resurrection!

KIDS

**BIBLE  
STUDIES  
For  
LIFE**

*For FirstKids  
(PK-grade 6)*

*The Spring  
Quarter  
begins  
March 5 at  
9:45 am*

## THE GOSPEL PROJECT

*For Students (grades 7-12)  
A new study begins March 5  
at 9:45 am*

### *Volunteers wanted for Vacation Bible School!*

Volunteers are the mainstay of VBS! Leaders, teachers, assistants and youth volunteers are needed in all areas before, during, and following VBS. Won't you consider joining our VBS 2023 team and help in sharing the Gospel with children this year?

Volunteer registration forms will be available at the VBS display in March or you can contact Bro. Bryan for more information at 534-4741 or 489-8970.

Kid registration begins May 1.  
Watch for more details in the months ahead.



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### **Deacon of the Week**

**BILLY KITTLER**

March 5, 2023

**BRUCE MORGAN**

March 12, 2023

**JOE NEALEY**

March 19, 2023

**MAC NORTON**

March 26, 2023

### **First Record**

**January 29, 2023**

Budget Needs .....	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts .....	\$6,250.00
TV Receipts .....	\$38.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$50.00
Other .....	\$145.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$6,483.00</b>

**February 5, 2023**

Budget Needs .....	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts .....	\$14,973.00
TV Receipts .....	\$615.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$200.00
Other .....	\$852.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$16,640.00</b>

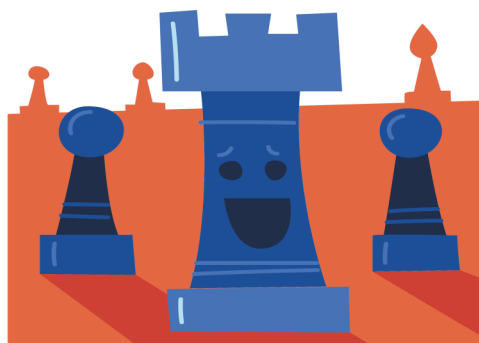
**February 12, 2023**

Budget Needs .....	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts .....	\$8,160.00
TV Receipts .....	\$280.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$250.00
Other .....	\$1,706.01
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$10,396.01</b>

**February 19, 2023**

Budget Needs .....	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts .....	\$9,940.00
TV Receipts .....	\$550.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$75.00
Other .....	\$1,293.92
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$11,858.92</b>

**MAKE YOUR  
MOVE  
&  
JOIN A TEAM  
FOR VBS**



**SYMPATHY**

To Anne Smithey and family,  
in the loss of her husband, Bob,  
who passed away in Pine Bluff.

The Deacons' Meeting will be  
Sunday, March 12 at  
4:00 pm.

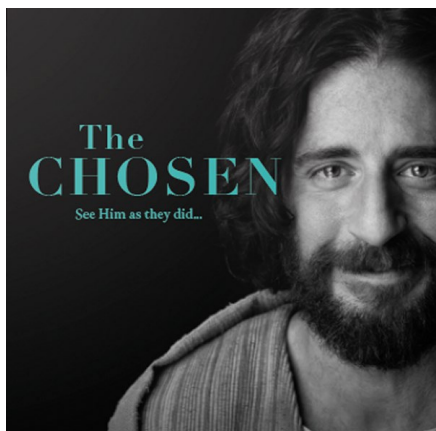
The Admin. Board will meet  
Sunday, March 19 at  
4:00 pm.

Sunday, March 19, 2023  
will be



**SUNDAY**

*Undesignated offering  
will go to  
Neighbor to Neighbor.*



Season 3

5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall  
The series will resume on  
Sunday, March 19

Bring a snack food to share

**Evening Service at  
Trinity Village**

Sunday, March 26, 4:00 pm  
Trinity Village Great Hall



**BEGINNING SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

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

Kenny Bonds and Lynn King, teachers

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.

Room 401(across from the Prayer Room)

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



**March 5 – 12, 2023  
Church Goal: \$4,000**





## 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 2023

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Kenny Bonds 540-7001  
Travis Chisom 489-3881  
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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

# 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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