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FROM YOUR PASTOR

I enjoyed worshipping with the church family Sunday! Sunday morning, we studied about how to make it through the storms of life from the Gospel of Mark. This is a message we all need in our lives sooner or later. You live by the promises of God, and He is going to bring you through the storm.

I like what the great Andrew Murray said. "God is willing to assume the full responsibility for the life that is totally yielded to Him." If you missed the message, you can watch it as well as other previous messages at <https://www.fbcpinebluff.org/videos/>

Sunday evening, we saw the second episode of the video series, "The Chosen". Thank you for the fellowship food Sunday each evening! We will continue to meet each Sunday through May (except Easter Sunday and Mother's Day Sunday) at 5 p. m. for fellowship and "The Chosen" series.

It was a great and sweet day of worship, praise and fellowship. If you were not in attendance, you were missed, and you missed a blessing. I hope you will be back on track in church attendance this Sunday. Invite someone to come to church with you!

There were some great questions and comments about the film we saw last week concerning Judas, as well as this past Sunday night. Lord willing, I will preach a message about Judas in the near future following Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

This coming Sunday, April 2, is Palm Sunday, and the next Sunday, April 9, is Easter Sunday. 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".

The greatest day in all of history was the first Easter Sunday! Those of us who are saved understand that the reason we come to church on Sunday is because Sunday is the day of the Resurrection of the Son of God. Acts 20:7, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them ..." Ever since Jesus burst forth out of the grave, having conquered death and hell, Christians have worshipped on Sunday. In so doing, we celebrate and honor the "Lord's Day", the day of His resurrection.

What difference has Easter made in your life? If Easter has not changed your life, it has not changed your eternal destiny! What a difference that day of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ makes. We should not celebrate Easter one Sunday a year. Easter should be an every day and especially every Sunday experience.

These are always great opportunities to be in church and to remember the cross and Gethsemane and our Risen Lord. And again, these are great opportunities to invite others to church because people are very open to attending church on these special days on the church calendar. I encourage you to reach out to your family members and friends and give them a special invitation on these Sundays!!

On Sunday, April 16, Matthew Hall, the new Director of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at both UAPB and at SEARK, will be speaking in the Sunday morning service. FBC recently provided meals for the BCM meetings at both UAPB and SEARK.

This week, First Baptist Church is hosting volunteer workers from the Harmony Baptist Association in Missouri who are now in Pine Bluff to work on various ministry projects in our city. They are staying in our church facilities, and some of our Sunday School classes are bringing meals for them. Thank you to all who are helping with this.

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.

I encourage you to be sure you are taking time with God and making time for God every day, but especially on Sunday, the Lord's Day. Remember that "Church attendance is as vital to a disciple as a transfusion of rich, healthy blood to a sick man." (D. L. Moody)

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!

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 at the VBS display in the church Foyer or you can click on the link at www.fbcpinebluff.org for more information.

A Volunteer Training Luncheon will take place on Saturday, April 29, at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

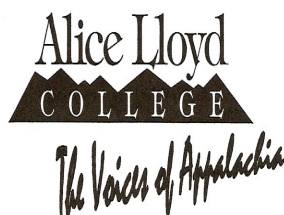


Guest Choir Coming in May.

The Voices of Appalachia from Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, KY will be in concert on Friday, May 12. Time is TBD. This is the group that Bro. Bryan directed before coming to First Baptist. A love offering will be taken.



The Student Ministry will be eating lunch together, Dutch treat. Meet in the Foyer after morning worship on Sunday, April 30.



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Deacon of the Week

JIM SIMPSON

April 2, 2023

BILLY STONE

April 9, 2023

MARC STRATTON

April 16, 2023

VERNON WALKER

April 23, 2023

M. H. BITELY

April 30, 2023

First Record

March 5, 2023

Budget Needs	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts	\$12,487.00
TV Receipts	\$1,089.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$75.00
Other	\$1,088.25
TOTAL	\$14,739.25

March 12, 2023

Budget Needs	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts	\$5,135.00
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$50.00
Other	\$1,206.00
TOTAL	\$6,396.00

March 19, 2023

Budget Needs	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts	\$10,222.00
TV Receipts	\$55.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$500.00
Other	\$1,483.00
TOTAL	\$12,260.00

March 26, 2023

Budget Needs	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts	\$186,165.00
TV Receipts	\$115.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$100.00
Other	\$2,573.00
TOTAL	\$188,893.00

SYMPATHY

To Lane and Michelle Stroud,
in the loss of his mother, Martha
Stroud, who passed away in Pine
Bluff.

The Deacons' Meeting will be
Sunday, April 2 at 4:00 pm.

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

Sunday, April 16, 2023
will be



SUNDAY

*Undesignated offering
will go to
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

April 23, 2023

**Quarterly Business
Meeting immediately
following the morning
service. Financial summar-
ies will be available on the
round table on Sunday
morning, April 23.**

**Evening Service at
Trinity Village**

Sunday, April 23, 4:00 pm
Trinity Village Great Hall

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

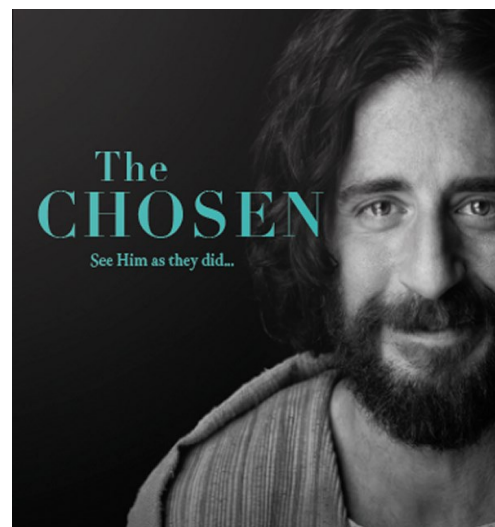
Thank You

To Pastor Ken and FBC Pine Bluff,
Thank you so much for your continued support of The Pine Bluff BCM! Your service
to us was incredible, and we hope that you were mutually encouraged to see college stu-
dents worship God on campus! We are so glad to lock arms with you in Gospel ministry!
Grace and Peace
BCM Leadership
Matthew Hall

Video Series, Season 3

Sunday Nights
April 2, 16, 23, and 30
5:00 pm | Fellowship Hall

Please bring a snack food to
share in fellowship

**Trinity Village is in need of piano players**

Every Wednesday at 10am, Trinity Village has a gathering in the Assisted
Living area. They would love to have piano players to help with the
ambience. You do not have to play every week. If you are interested,
please contact Toshia Jones at Trinity Village at 870.879.8235 or
870.879.3113.



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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Jim Simpson	692-3282
Billy Stone	692-1191
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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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