
First Baptist Church Builder

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

“WorldChangers” is with us this week. Special thanks to all who are providing lunches, ice cream, and water-melons for our guests. Thanks to John Redman for sharing the Gospel to the WorldChangers on Wednesday evening. Thanks to Southern Edge Truck Stop and Rich’s Hamburgers for generously providing food for the workers. Thank you to all volunteers for your excellent support of this outreach effort in our community!

Our thanks also to Harmony Baptist Association, Shannon Road Baptist Church, New Fellowship Baptist Church, Family Church of Pine Bluff, Eastside Baptist Church, Greenlee Memorial Baptist Church, and Elm Grove Baptist Church for their assistance in feeding and supporting our guests at the work sites during this week.

Thanks to the Mayor’s Office and the City of Pine Bluff’s Economic and Community Development and Public Works Departments for providing necessary supplies for the work to be done.

As you know, I am retiring from the active pastorate at the end of July. This is a decision Ann and I have made after much prayer and consideration. It was certainly not an easy decision, but we believe this is the Lord’s will for us. Solomon, one of the wisest men who ever lived wrote, “To everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Such is the case with the matter before us now.

I shared with you our intentions to retire during the summer of 2022, in order to give First Baptist Church time to prayerfully seek and call the man of God to serve as pastor here for the future. Over the past year, there has been much prayer, discussion, and meetings between me and your church deacons, pulpit committee, personnel committee and admin board in preparation for this transition.

At Sunday’s business meeting and luncheon, you heard from your pulpit committee about their recommendations regarding calling a pastor. Many pastoral candidates were considered, and much information was reviewed by your pulpit committee. The pulpit committee announced that on Sunday, August 13, Brother Dalton Adger will speak at First Baptist in view of a call as pastor. There will be a vote by secret ballot on that Sunday morning by church members as to whether or not to call Dalton Adger as your next pastor.

Again, this is presented with the understanding and agreement between the church deacons, pulpit committee, personnel committee and admin board, and without objection in the business meeting. I ask that you especially be in prayer about this, as well as for your church during this transition.

The Church will have the opportunity to meet with Dalton and his wife, Tori, on Saturday, August 12, at 2 p. m. in the church fellowship hall, to get to know him better and to ask him questions. He will also meet with the deacons and the admin board at 1 p. m. Dalton and Tori have three children, Llewyn, Anna, and Eloise Joy.

God has certainly been gracious to Ann and me in allowing us to do ministry together with you for 10 ½ years at First Baptist Church. We could not have asked for more support, love, and care from a congregation. Now we’re excited to see what God has in store for us in this next phase of our lives.

It has truly been a privilege to walk with you and to serve the Lord alongside you during these years. You are true and lifelong friends. It has been an honor to journey with you through your many personal joys and sorrows throughout these years. These memories will always be cherished. And though I will no longer be your pastor, Ann and I will always be your friends, and we will see you again.

We don’t know what the future holds for us. I know that we will continue to serve the Lord, just in a different capacity. Only time and God’s leadership will show us what that will look like.

So, what are the next steps for the First Baptist family? Appropriate steps are being taken to provide stability and continuity. Your church staff continues to serve, and I thank Bryan, Renee, Vincent and Katie for their continued faithful service to the Lord and to the church.

The church made the decision over a month ago to ask Associational Missionary Mike Manning to serve as Interim Pastor until a new pastor is in place, and Mike has agreed to assist the church in this matter. My deepest thanks to Mike for this and for his friendship.

The church is in good hands... it is in the Lord’s hands. And it has good leadership and a good spirit. First Baptist Church is truly a wonderful church, and deserving of your continued support! Please keep this transitional process in your prayers as we all move forward, seeking God’s will for the future at First Baptist Church.

In Christ and with all our love, Ken and Ann Thornton

THE BEATITUDES

Blessings for a Joyful Journey

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Mark Sunday, September 24 on your calendars now and make plans to attend our annual Hymn Festival. This year's theme will be Hymns and Spirituals.



Let's "Taco 'Bout" Extended Teaching Care for Babies, Creepers, & Preschoolers, ages 3-5

Would you prayerfully consider serving on the Extended Teaching Care (ETC) Team this school year? We are currently praying for and seeking teachers and helpers to work in the ETC during morning worship this Fall. I hope you will consider coming to a free training and taco bar dinner on **Sunday, August 20 at 5 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We will "taco 'bout" how you can be a part of this exciting opportunity to serve Jesus on the ETC team.



Sunday, August 13, 2023 during morning worship we will have the Blessing of the Backpacks. This is the Sunday that we encourage each student, teacher, and administrator to bring your backpacks to morning worship so that we can equip them with Scripture and most importantly, pray over them for the coming school year.



The Sanctuary Bells will resume rehearsals on **Monday, September 11 at 6:00 pm**. This

group provides a unique opportunity to minister to each other as well as the church through instrumental worship. If you would like more information on how you can be a part of this unique ministry, please call me at 534-4741 or email bbolton@cablelynx.com.



Coming This Fall! The Relaunch of the Student Ministry's Parent Partner Discipleship Program.

We want to partner with our parents in creating a weekly plan for discipleship with the students in their homes. Each week, an email from me with step-by-step instructions for connecting with your students will go out, along with a plan to engage through prayer and intentional conversation.



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Deacon of the Week

BILLY STONE

August 6, 2023

MARC STRATTON

August 13, 2023

VERNON WALKER

August 20, 2023

M. H. BITELY

August 27, 2023

First Record

July 2, 2023

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| Budget Needs | \$11,508.31 |
| Budget Receipts | \$12,262.00 |
| TV Receipts | \$815.00 |
| Capital Needs & Repairs | \$125.00 |
| Other | \$2,579.08 |
| TOTAL | \$15,781.08 |

July 9, 2023

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| Budget Needs | \$11,508.31 |
| Budget Receipts | \$7,395.44 |
| TV Receipts | \$550.00 |
| Capital Needs & Repairs | \$250.00 |
| Other | \$4,427.62 |
| TOTAL | \$12,623.06 |

July 16, 2023

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| Budget Needs | \$11,508.31 |
| Budget Receipts | \$6,225.00 |
| TV Receipts | \$0.00 |
| Capital Needs & Repairs | \$600.00 |
| Other | \$6,115.00 |
| TOTAL | \$12,940.00 |

July 23, 2023

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| Budget Needs | \$11,508.31 |
| Budget Receipts | \$4,455.00 |
| TV Receipts | \$15.00 |
| Capital Needs & Repairs | \$75.00 |
| Other | \$2,757.01 |
| TOTAL | \$7,302.01 |

The Deacons' Meeting will be
Sunday, August 13 at 4:00
pm.

The Admin. Board will meet
Sunday, August 20 at 5:00 pm.

Sunday, August 20, 2023
will be



SUNDAY

*Undesignated offering
will go to
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

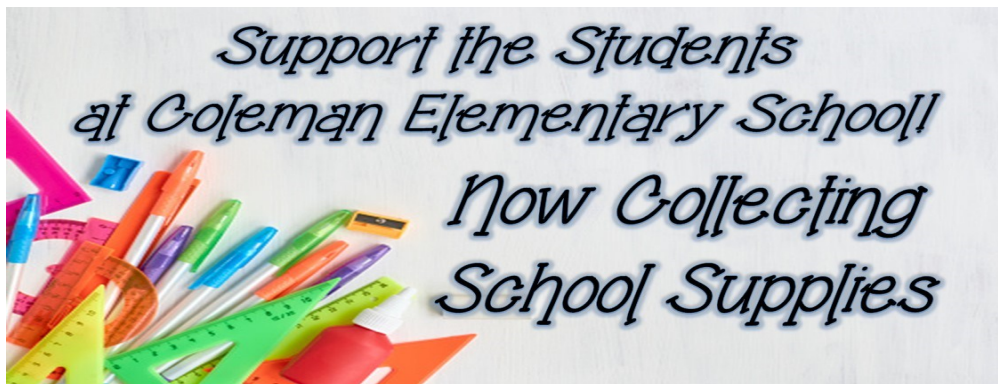
**Evening Service at
Trinity Village**

Sunday, August 27, 4:00 pm
Trinity Village Great Hall

SYMPATHY

To Kristine and David
Brooks, in the passing of her
grandmother, Miriam Melton.

To friends and family of Tom
Howell, who passed away in Bella
Vista, AR.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

From August 1 thru August 20, we will be collecting supplies for students at Coleman Elementary School (grades 2-5). You can help by purchasing items, bringing them to church, and drop them off at the marked bins in the church Foyer. This is a great way to support our community!

- 2 inch (3 ring) heavy duty, view binder (solid color)
- 1 inch (3 ring) binder
- 8-count plastic dividers with pockets on both sides
- Yellow highlighters
- #2 Ticonderoga pencils
- Large and Small glue sticks
- Composition notebooks (hard cover - no spiral or loose-leaf)
- Fiskars scissors (blunt or safety edge)
- Large pink erasers
- Crayola brand 24-count crayons
- Pencil bag (grades 2 & 3)
- Pencil box (grades 4 & 5)
- EXPO brand 4-count low-odor Dry Erase markers
- 1-subject spiral notebooks
- Colored pencils 24-count

Schedule for August 12 and 13 with Dalton and Tori Adger

The Pastor Search Committee recommends that Dalton Adger be called to serve as our Pastor. On Saturday, August 12, 2023, at 1 pm Dalton will meet with the admin. board and the deacons. From 2 pm to 4 pm, we will have a come-and-go reception in the Fellowship Hall where everyone can meet Dalton and his wife, Tori. Then on Sunday, August 13, 2023, Dalton will preach in the morning worship. At the end of the service, church members will be called into a brief special called business session to vote by secret ballot to approve calling Dalton as our Pastor.



Regular Schedule for Weekly Services

SUNDAY:

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| 6:00 am | TV Broadcast on KARZ 42 (one week delay) |
| 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:

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| 6:00 pm | Sanctuary Handbells Rehearsal (Will resume in September) |
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TUESDAY:

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| 6:00 pm | Griefshare, Rm. #202 |
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WEDNESDAY:

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| 12:00 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| 6:30 pm | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Will resume July 26) |

Deacons 2023

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| M. H. Bitely | 718-3764 |
| Kenny Bonds | 540-7001 |
| Travis Chisom | 489-3881 |
| Joe Clement | 692-2659 |
| Troy Cole | 540-7393 |
| Buster Crook | 692-3976 |
| Larry Daniel | 540-7534 |
| Tommy Fowler | 501-517-0490 |

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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 |

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.

STAFF PHONE NUMBERS

Bryan Bolton
489-8970
Renee White
329-8298



Our website is live and online giving is available again. Listed below are the steps you should follow.

1. Click the GIVE button on our church website: www.fbcpinebluff.org
2. Click the Give Now button.
3. Enter the amount you want to give.
4. Give to the fund pre-selected for you or choose a different fund from the drop-down menu.
5. Select a frequency.
6. Enter your email address.
7. Click CONTINUE.
8. Select your account type:
Credit/Debit Card
ACH/Checking Account

Enter your payment information to complete the transaction. You'll receive email confirmation of your gift.
If you choose ACH, be prepared to give the routing number of your bank and the account number.



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