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# First Baptist Church Builder

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Grace and peace to all you! As I am writing this, I have not quite reached the one month mark since I started my ministry here as your pastor. The last several weeks have been a whirlwind as my family and I have transitioned here to Pine Bluff. We have very much enjoyed getting to know this congregation, and we look forward to seeing how the Lord sees fit to use us here. I do ask that you continue to pray for us as we continue to settle in. As joyous and exciting as it has been for us, major changes come with their difficulties, so Tori, the kids, and I would all benefit greatly from our new church family continuously praying for us.

As you are aware, we have begun our sermon series through the book of Philippians. The content of this book is so rich, and I hope that it sets the tone for the ministry of our church moving forward. I would encourage each of you to set some time aside and read through the book of Philippians in its entirety. As you do, notice the themes that recur throughout the letter—union with Christ, unity with one another, joy in adversity, the spread of the gospel, humility, prayer, and so on. There is much for us to learn from this letter, and I pray that God's Spirit would use Philippians to sanctify each one of us as we journey through the book together. One devotional resource I would recommend to you is *40 Days in Philippians: Finding Joy in Jesus* by Sean Cole. This devotional guide is published by G3 Ministries, and you can order a copy online. If you need assistance finding that resource, please let me know and I would be happy to help.

In the book of 1 Corinthians, Paul feels the need to address some severe disunity and sectarianism that had infiltrated the church. The Christians in Corinth had begun to divide over who they claimed to follow. Some followed Paul, some Cephas, and some Apollos. Paul had to remind them that the body of Christ should not be divided, and also that these figures they were claiming to follow were merely humans, and in fact saw themselves as servants of Christ. Further, he reminded them that each servant had role to play, but growth in the church was ultimately dependent on God alone. **1 Corinthians 3:5-7- "What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives growth."**

This is an exciting time for the church. When a church gets a new pastor, the congregation tends to think back on accomplishments that happened under the leadership of previous pastors and to imagine what great things might happen under the new one. This is all appropriate, but we must remind ourselves that I, and every previous pastor this church has had, are merely human and we are but servants. What happens under my ministry will be whatever the Lord has assigned to me. We each have our roles to play, and must serve faithfully, but we are totally dependent on God for the results. Pray that God would yield great results.

In Christ,  
Bro. Dalton Adger

# THE BEATITUDES

## Blessings for a Joyful Journey

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



The 2023 edition of the Trunk-or-Treat Festival is almost here and we need YOUR help! The Festival will take place on Sunday, October 29 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. We are looking for people to host a trunk, direct traffic, and serve popcorn. This is such a fun event and a wonderful opportunity for church-wide outreach.

Groups and individuals are asked to bring their cars and participate in the Trunk-or-Treat (safe trick or treating in our north parking lot). Decorate your trunk, enlist volunteers from your Sunday School class and have fun! A sign up sheet will be in your Sunday School class or sign up with Bro. Bryan at [bbolton@cablelynx.com](mailto:bbolton@cablelynx.com). The more cars we have, the more fun it will be for the kids! Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors.

You can also help by supplying the Festival with candy. Starting Sunday, October 8, there will be tubs at each of the main entrances for you to donate bags of individually wrapped candy.

If you would like to participate, come to an informational meeting in the Sanctuary after morning worship on Sunday, October 22, 2023. Let's "Light Up the Night" together!!



*December 10, 2023  
at 5:00 pm*

*presented by  
The Sanctuary Choir and  
Instrumentalists*



### Sign up today!

We are looking for some "adult age" workers to take care of Bed Babies and Creepers in the nursery on Sundays and/or Monday evenings. We are currently praying for and seeking teachers and helpers to love on our children and tell them about Jesus!

Call me at 534-4741 if you are interested in serving the FBCPB church family in this way!



The Student Ministry will be eating lunch together, Dutch treat. Meet in the Foyer after morning worship on Sunday, October 29, 2023.

### Deacon of the Week

**BUSTER CROOK**

October 1, 2023

**TOMMY FOWLER**

October 8, 2023

**JAMES HOUSE**

October 15, 2023

**BILLY KITTLER**

October 22, 2023

**BRUCE MORGAN**

October 29, 2023

### First Record

#### September 3, 2023

Budget Needs .....	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts .....	\$8,465.00
TV Receipts .....	\$170.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$175.00
Other .....	\$1,866.51
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$10,676.51</b>

#### September 10, 2023

Budget Needs .....	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts .....	\$11,020.00
TV Receipts .....	\$555.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$50.00
Other .....	\$2,175.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$13,800.00</b>

#### September 17, 2023

Budget Needs .....	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts .....	\$4,800.00
TV Receipts .....	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$100.00
Other .....	\$2,109.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$7,014.00</b>

#### September 24, 2023

Budget Needs .....	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts .....	\$5,809.00
TV Receipts .....	\$55.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$50.00
Other .....	\$532.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$6,446.00</b>

The Deacons' Meeting will be  
Sunday, October 8 at 4:00 pm.

The Admin. Board will meet  
Sunday, October 15 at 5:00 pm.

Sunday, October 15, 2023  
will be



SUNDAY

*Undesignated offering  
will go to  
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

**Evening Service at  
Trinity Village**

Sunday, October 22, 4:00 pm  
Trinity Village Great Hall

**SYMPATHY**

To the family of Ann Clark,  
who passed away in Pine Bluff,  
AR.

To Janine Tiner and family,  
in the loss of her father, Byron  
Reeves.

To family and friends of Jo  
Chambliss, who passed away in  
Pine Bluff, AR.



**Pickleball is  
here!**

Pickleball is here!  
On Thursdays, the  
gym in the Family  
Life Center will be  
open from 9am to  
7pm. Contact the  
office to let us  
know you will be  
here.

**Thank You**

To our loving church family,  
A vast and sincere thank you for the outpouring of love and support shown for Marlene and our family during the recent months of her illness. To each of you who called, sent cards, visited, brought food, and most of all kept us in your prayers during this time, our family thanks you.

Her service was beautiful. The family meal was excellent. A special thank you to all involved in making both so meaningful. I thank God for our First Baptist Church Family. Marlene loved her church.

Sincerely,  
Rodney, Marla, Scout, Weston, and family of Marlene Rodgers.

**Neighbor to Neighbor  
Holiday Food Baskets**

N2N is planning for the handout of holiday food baskets between Thanksgiving and Christmas. FBC is being asked to provide 100 cans of sweet potatoes. The Thanksgiving **deadline to have them to the church is October 25.**

It is also time for N2N to plan for the upcoming holiday season. They would like FBC to consider sponsoring at least 1 child for Christmas. A cash donation of \$60 per child will insure that a child will wake up Christmas morning with toys under their tree and food on their table.



**IT IS TIME TO THINK ABOUT  
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

It is time to pack your shoebox! Boxes are waiting in the foyer, ready to be filled. Children are waiting to receive the boxes. Here are 3 ways you can help: 1. Take a box (or 2 or 3), shop for items suitable for the age and gender you choose. 2. Bring suitable new items you've purchased or \$25 to the Church. We have shoppers and packers ready to ship. 3. Build a box online at [SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC](http://SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC) 4. Please note that shipping has increased to \$10 for the boxes. We are asking that all OCC boxes be returned to the church by **November 5.**

## Regular Schedule for Weekly Services

### SUNDAY:

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:

6:00 pm	Sanctuary Handbells Rehearsal (
6:30 pm	Bible Study Fellowship Women and Men

### TUESDAY:

6:00 pm	Griefshare, Rm. #202 TBD
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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
Buster Crook	692-3976
Larry Daniel	540-7534
Tommy Fowler	501-517-0490

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

## STAFF PHONE NUMBERS

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489-8970



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](http://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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