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Grace and peace to all of you! I hope you had a very Merry Christmas celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I certainly enjoyed my first Christmas season with you as your pastor. I enjoyed preaching select passages from Luke 1 & 2 this month as we took a break from our series through Philippians. I hope that these Christmas messages helped you reflect on the grace of God in sending Jesus Christ to us 2,000 years ago.

I would also like to wish each of you a Happy New Year! It is common practice for many at this time of the year to come up with some New Year's Resolutions in order to improve some aspect of their lives. This could be anything from eating healthier to reading more. These resolutions aren't always taken all that seriously, and they are often abandoned by February. However, I do see this as a good time to think ahead to the year 2024 and ask yourself- How can I grow to know God more next year? How can I better live for His glory? How can I share Christ with more people? How can I grow in fellowship and service to God's people in the local church? Come up with some New Year's Resolutions related to your walk with Christ! After all, **Ephesians 5:15-16** says, **"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil."**

The great 18th century preacher and theologian Johnathan Edwards made a list of 70 life resolutions. There are a small few that I wouldn't adopt (for example: "Resolved, never to speak anything that is ridiculous, or matter of laughter on the Lord's day." I think it is fine to say something funny on a Sunday), but all of them are incredibly thoughtful and worth considering. Here are a few that stood out to me:

- "Resolved, never to do any manner of thing, whether in soul or body, less or more, but what tends to the glory of God."
- "Resolved, never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do, if it were the last hour of my life."
- "Let there be something of benevolence, in all that I speak."

Lastly, I'd like to invite every member of the church to read through the entire Bible with me during the year 2024. There are a number of plans that you can follow in order to accomplish that. The one I will be using is the Navigators Bible Reading Plan. If you would like to use that one, simply google "navigators plan" and you will find it on the first link listed. I look forward to this year with you!

In Christ,
Bro. Dalton Adger

THE BEATITUDES

Blessings for a Joyful Journey

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children



Thank You Church Family and Friends

I want to express my gratitude and heart-felt "thank you" to you, *the Congregation*, for joining us for the wonderful Carol Sing that we had on Sunday, December 17. I also want to express my gratitude to all those who helped make this evening possible. First of all, thank you to our musicians, *Erin Bolton, Janine Tiner*, and *Glenn Crain*, who shared their gifts and talents to lead us in this musical celebration. Secondly, thank you to *those who shared* their beautiful nativity displays with us. We had 37 different nativity sets and three groups of Carolers on display. I found it interesting to see the wide variety of ways to represent the same event, and the many different materials that were used. All of the nativities were so lovely.

Festive accolades go to *Vincent Pryor* for setting up the tables and chairs; to *Susan Bitely* for providing leadership in coordinating the lovely Christmas deserts and cheerful warm drinks; to *the Members and Friends of the Sanctuary Choir* for making those lovely Christmas deserts and cheerful warm drinks. They all worked hard behind the scenes to ensure everything was ready for this special night. They all did a fantastic job.

This special evening of carol singing and fellowship was a memorable one and will be something that we need to do again. Go to our church website and Facebook page to view additional pictures from this special evening.



Organ Repair Update. I am happy to inform you that the pipe organ repairs are progressing well and the instrument will be fully restored by Easter Sunday 2024.

The repairs include tonal additions, pipework cleaning, water damage recovery, releathering of components, and minor mechanical fixes. The console (where Janine sits to play) will be removed on Wednesday, January 10, and be brought back along with all of the electrical upgrades on Tuesday, February 20. These improvements will enhance the organ's performance and reliability for years to come.

Thank you for your patience and support during this time of renovation. I look forward to celebrating its completion.

It is an honor to serve FBCPB and begin my fourteenth year working with some fabulous people. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!



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Deacon of the Week

BLASIOUS AWONSANG

January 7, 2024

M. H. BITELY

January 14, 2024

ZACK BOYCE

January 21, 2024

TRAVIS CHISOM

January 28, 2024

First Record

December 3, 2023

Budget Needs	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts	\$12,647.00
TV Receipts	\$615.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$50.00
Other	\$849.00
TOTAL	\$14,161.00

December 10, 2023

Budget Needs	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts	\$8,092.40
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$7,022.23
Other	\$1,459.50
TOTAL	\$16,579.13

December 17, 2023

Budget Needs	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts	\$28,055.00
TV Receipts	\$230.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$50.00
Other	\$2,903.00
TOTAL	\$31,238.00

December 24, 2023

Budget Needs	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts	\$18,860.00
TV Receipts	\$10.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$75.00
Other	\$2,305.00
TOTAL	\$21,250.00

The Deacons' Meeting will be
Sunday, January 14 at 4:00 pm.

The Admin. Board will meet on
Sunday, January 21 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 21, 2024
will be



SUNDAY

*Undesignated offering
will go to
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

SYMPATHY

To Jim McBurnett and family
in the loss of his granddaughter,
Emma Grace McBurnett, who
passed away in Star City, AR.

To Dalton Adger and family
in the loss of his cousin, Jessica
Hale, who passed away in LA.

Evening Service at Trinity Village

Sunday, January 28, 4:00 pm
Trinity Village Great Hall



The Quarterly Business
Meeting with potluck is
scheduled for January 28
immediately following the
morning service. Bring your
favorite dish and join us.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the cooperation, attendance, and especially the prayers
and acknowledgements you made in Horace's name.

Brother Adger and Dr. and Mrs. Bryan Bolton were especially helpful.

Pine Bluff and First Baptist Church will always be home, but I am here near
Fred, Michael, and their families, and I feel this is where I belong at this time.

Thank you again for taking such good care of us during such a difficult time.

In Jesus's love, Bonnie Green

Dear Friends and Family at First Baptist Church,

Wes and I want to thank you for how generously you support us and the min-
istry we're involved in and especially thank you for your recent increase in month-
ly support—Thank You so very much! That is a huge answer to prayer and a great
encouragement to us. Thank you!

We love and appreciate you all very much, and we look forward to the next
time we can come and worship with you all. Merry Christmas!

In Him, Kim and Wes Clement

Dear Church Family,

Words can't express my appreciation for the love, cards and prayers at the loss
of my granddaughter, Emma. Thank you so very much.

Jim McBurnett

Thank you so much for your hard work for the Operation Christmas Child
with Samaritan's Purse. We had a total of 1,847 boxes collected at the Family
Church Pine Bluff Campus Drop Off Location for 2023. Total of 13,449 boxes
from Stuttgart to Dallas. See you next year.

Merry Christmas, Betty Brown

Dear First Baptist Church members

I wanted to say thank you so much for your kind donation of \$230 to Neigh-
bor to Neighbor. We will use the funds to purchase presents for the children on our
waiting list and to provide food for our holiday bags. Thank you! Have a very Mer-
ry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Sincerely, Pat Tate



Winter 2024 Women's Bible Study

Winter Wonderland Luncheon

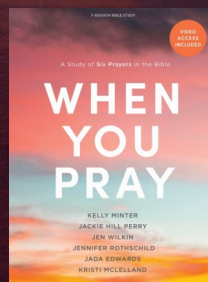
Saturday, January 20, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

7 week Bible Study

Sundays, January 28 to March 10

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Potluck dinner



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 2024

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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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