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Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ!

One of my favorite parts of the week is our Wednesday prayer meeting that we hold at noon. I know several of you are very faithful to join us at that meeting, and I want to express my appreciation for that. I know many of you are unable to regularly attend, and that is okay! I trust you are faithful to pray for our church members and their various physical and spiritual needs whether you attend the meeting or not.

For those that have not been able to join us, one thing that you have been missing out on is our current devotional study before we turn to the Lord in prayer. We have been going through the Attributes of God during that time, where we focus on one of the characteristics of God each meeting and we take the time to look at various parts of Scripture that teach us about that characteristic. The reason for this study during the prayer meeting is simple- we should know as much as we can about the God that we are praying to!

Theologians tend to place the Attributes of God into two major categories- God's Incommunicable Attributes and God's Communicable Attributes. Simply speaking, God's Incommunicable Attributes are those aspects of his nature and character that are unique to him and not shared with us, while God's Communicable Attributes are those aspects of his nature and character that he does share with us, and that we can emulate (although certainly to a much lesser degree).

For example, attributes such as God's omniscience (his knowledge of everything), God's independence (the fact that he does not rely on anyone or anything outside of himself for his existence), and God's eternality (the fact that he has no beginning or end) are *incommunicable attributes*. They are not shared with us, because we will never know everything, we will always depend on God for our existence, and we have a beginning.

On the other hand, attributes such as God's wisdom, God's righteousness, and God's love are *communicable attributes*. They are shared with us, as we were created with the capacity to exhibit them in our own lives. This capacity has of course been tarnished and twisted by sin, so that we do not and cannot possess true godly wisdom, practice true righteousness, or demonstrate biblical love until we are redeemed in Christ and given a new heart. But the fact remains, God created us with the capacity to share in those attributes, and that capacity is realized when trust in Jesus Christ.

I share all of this to say- we should learn both the Incommunicable and Communicable Attributes and meditate on them. As we focus on those ways in which God is not like us, we can declare, **"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!" (Romans 11:33)** And as we focus on those ways in which God has created us to be like him, we can strive in the power of Christ to **be imitators of God, as beloved children. (Ephesians 5:1).**

In Christ,  
Bro. Dalton Adger

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# THE BEATITUDES

## Blessings for a Joyful Journey

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



### **Good Friday Worship** **March 29, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.**

We invite you to join us for a special Good Friday worship service on March 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Good Friday is the day we remember the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. It is a solemn and sacred time to reflect on his love and sacrifice for us.

Our service will feature the Sanctuary Choir, and will include the reading of the Gospel Passion narrative, the adoration of the cross, and The Lord's Supper. We will also sing some hymns and songs that express our gratitude and devotion to Christ.

We hope you will join us for this meaningful and moving service, as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Resurrection Sunday. Please invite your friends and family to come with you, as we share the good news of God's grace and mercy.



### **Opportunities for Service and Ministry**

On behalf of the FirstKids Ministry Team, I want to say "thank you" to our Nursery and Extended Teaching Care Volunteers for their amazing service to our church and to our FirstKids Ministry. You are a vital part of our church family and are making a difference in the lives of our children and their families by providing a safe, loving, and fun environment for them to learn about God's love.

Your commitment to serve every week, month, or whenever you can is a blessing to the whole church community. We appreciate your willingness to share your gifts, talents, and time with our precious little ones. You are an example of Christ's love and grace to them and to us.

Thank you for being a part of our nursery team. You are truly appreciated and valued. I pray that God will continue to bless you and use you for His glory.

P.S.: If you would like to sign up to serve in the Nursery during Sunday school or Extended Teaching Care, please call Bro. Bryan at 534-4741 or 489-8970.

P.P.S.: We still need assistance with childcare for the Good Friday Worship service on Friday, March 29, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.



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### **Deacon of the Week**

**JAMES HOUSE**

March 3, 2024

**LYNN KING**

March 10, 2024

**BILLY KITTLER**

March 17, 2024

**ZACK BOYCE**

March 24, 2024

**JIM SIMPSON**

March 31, 2024

### **First Record**

#### **February 4, 2024**

Budget Needs .....	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$15,865.00
TV Receipts .....	\$55.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$300.00
Other .....	\$1,449.25
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$17,669.25</b>

#### **February 11, 2024**

Budget Needs .....	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$6,660.00
TV Receipts .....	\$505.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$100.00
Other .....	\$15,934.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$23,199.00</b>

#### **February 18, 2024**

Budget Needs .....	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$11,277.00
TV Receipts .....	\$0.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$50.00
Other .....	\$20,430.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$31,757.00</b>

#### **February 25, 2024**

Budget Needs .....	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$15,695.00
TV Receipts .....	\$0.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$100.00
Other .....	\$655.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$16,450.00</b>

The Deacons' Meeting will be  
Sunday, March 10 at 4:00 pm.

The Admin. Board will meet on  
Sunday, March 17 at 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 17 2024  
will be



**SUNDAY**

*Undesignated offering  
will go to  
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

**Evening Service at  
Trinity Village**

Sunday, March 24, 4:00 pm  
Trinity Village Great Hall



Tuesdays, March, 6PM  
Session is 13 weeks

### **SYMPATHY**

To Juli Robinson, in the loss  
of her mother, Loretta Culp, who  
passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

To Ouida Beck, in the loss of  
her brother, Paul Pettis.

To Dale and Jan Lovell, in  
the loss of his brother, Jimmy  
Lovell.

Annie  
Armstrong  
Easter  
Offering\*

**MAKE  
JESUS  
KNOWN**

March 3-10  
Church  
Goal: \$4,000



Please make sure the office has your email address. We send schedules, announcements, and updates from time to time in emails. Our FBC Builder and the Wednesday Noon Prayer list are sent out by email. We want to make sure that you are getting all the up to date information as it comes available. Also, from time to time, make sure to check your email. Some emails sent come back to the office due to mailboxes being full. Thank you.



FBC is collecting soda cans. The funds from the cans will be used for Operation Christmas Child expenses. Please leave them, in bags, in the wooden enclosure next to the kitchen.



## 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

Blasious Awonsang	318-278-4208	James House	692-7921
M. H. Bitely	718-3764	Lynn King	540-7400
Zack Boyce	636-244-7852	Billy Kittler	550-8910
Travis Chisom	489-3881	Bruce Morgan	370-8318
Troy Cole	540-7393	Jim Simpson	692-3282
Dan Crowder	501-944-1236	Billy Stone	692-1191
Larry Daniel	540-7534	Rodney Rodgers	543-9936
Tommy Fowler	501-517-0490	Vernon Walker	489-2683

# News from the Pews

## STAFF PHONE NUMBERS

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**Bryan Bolton**  
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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