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Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ!

I am writing this article to you on the day before Good Friday, just a few days before we will celebrate Easter together. This weekend serves as a yearly focus on the most important events in redemptive history. The crucifixion and the resurrection are the foundational elements of the gospel message that we proclaim as believers in Christ. The apostle Paul calls them matters of "first importance."

1 Corinthians 15:3-7- "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles."

First, we see that "Christ died for our sins." Jesus, being God the Son, took on human flesh. He then lived a perfect, sinless life, completely obeying the Father and fulfilling all righteousness. Because of his sinless perfection, he was able to act as a substitute for sinners. When Jesus died on the cross, he became the atoning sacrifice for our sins. He took on the wrath of the Father in our place, bearing the penalty for sin so that we could be forgiven. This was all "in accordance with the Scriptures."

Second, we see that "he was buried" and "that he was raised on the third day." Though Jesus died on the cross for our sins, he did not remain dead. He was raised again, and in his resurrection several aspects of our salvation were accomplished. The resurrection of Christ validated the redeeming work of his death on the cross. It also served as a victory over death, therefore securing eternal life for those of us who are in Christ, and guaranteeing the future resurrection of our bodies. And just like the crucifixion, this was "in accordance with the Scriptures."

So it is through the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ that we have salvation- the forgiveness of our sins and the guarantee of eternal life with God. Without Jesus dying, we would still be in our sin, and without Jesus being raised to life, we would still be under the tyranny of death. Paul does not stop there- he goes on to emphasize the fact that Jesus appeared in his resurrected state to many people. These eyewitnesses confirm the truth of the resurrection, and demonstrate the power of the risen Christ to change lives.

Think about it: Paul says that Jesus appeared first to Cephas and the twelve. Cephas is another name for Peter, and of course the twelve refers to the rest of the twelve apostles. Almost all of these apostles had scattered and gone into hiding upon the arrest and crucifixion of Christ. Peter even denied knowing Jesus three times. But after Jesus appeared to them in his resurrected state, they began to boldly proclaim the Lordship of Christ and the saving gospel message. Church history tells us that almost all of them were killed for their message. Peter went from denying Jesus to dying for Jesus, as he was crucified for continuing to proclaim the message of Christ, although he was crucified upside-down because he did not consider himself worthy of dying in the same manner as Jesus. We also see that "he appeared to James, then to all the apostles." James refers to the half-brother of Jesus. Scripture tells us that the brothers of Jesus rejected him and did not believe in him during his earthly ministry, yet after the resurrection, James became one of the main leaders in the Christian church and even became a biblical author, with his epistle as one of our New Testament books. You see the difference that the resurrection makes!

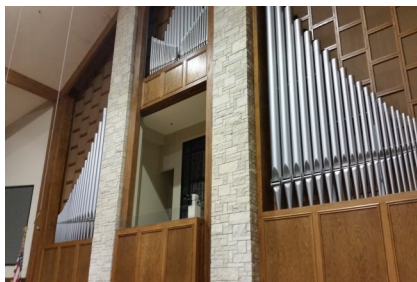
We have the privilege of also experiencing the resurrected Christ. No, he has not appeared to us bodily, but through his Spirit who dwells in us, we are placed in union with him. And if you have ever experienced the resurrected Christ, like the apostles, and like the brothers of Jesus, it will make a difference in your life. God bless you, and let us all thank the Lord for the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

In Christ,
Bro. Dalton Adger

THE BEATITUDES

Blessings for a Joyful Journey

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children



A Grand Crescendo: Celebrating the Renovation of a Musical Masterpiece.

I am delighted to share that after a period of detailed and careful restoration, our ambitious project to renovate the organ has been successful. This endeavor, driven by love and faith, has rejuvenated an essential element of our worship and community.

Our historic organ, a cornerstone of our church's musical liturgy for many generations, has been given a new lease on life through this comprehensive restoration. While maintaining the organ's traditional aesthetics, we have also integrated modern improvements to enhance the richness and clarity of its sound.

The dream of restoring our organ has been realized thanks to the commitment and skill of the esteemed organ artisans at R. A. Colby Incorporated, based in Johnson City, Tennessee. I am deeply grateful for the donations and support that have poured in from all corners of our community, reflecting a shared commitment to preserving our musical heritage.



I am also excited to begin organizing an organ rededication ceremony as a highlight of our annual Hymn Festival service, signifying the beginning of a new chapter for our organ. Please save the date for this event: Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 5:00 pm. The service promises to be a memorable celebration, with a varied program designed to demonstrate the organ's impressive range. Make plans to join us in marking this significant moment in the history of First Baptist Church and anticipating the beautiful music that awaits us in the future.

The successful completion of the renovation is a reminder of the power of community, craftsmanship, and the enduring beauty of music. We want to celebrate God's blessing and the remarkable achievement of restoring a piece of musical history, ensuring that the organ's majestic sounds continue to resonate both now and in the years to come.

FirstKids Ministry Team Meeting ***Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 4:00 PM***

The FirstKids Ministry Team will be meeting to discuss some important updates and plans for the ministry. The meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at 4:00 pm in the Children's Wing of the Main Building.



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Deacon of the Week

BILLY STONE

April 7, 2024

RODNEY RODGERS

April 14, 2024

VERNON WALKER

April 21, 2024

BLASIOUS AWONSANG

April 28, 2024

First Record

March 3, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$23,338.00
TV Receipts	\$585.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$100.00
Other	\$2,310.75
TOTAL	\$26,333.75

March 10, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$5,490.00
TV Receipts	\$250.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$175.00
Other	\$592.00
TOTAL	\$6,507.00

March 17, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$8,820.00
TV Receipts	\$25.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$50.00
Other	\$1,013.00
TOTAL	\$9,908.00

March 24, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$4,730.00
TV Receipts	\$145.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$100.00
Other	\$844.00
TOTAL	\$5,819.00

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

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

Sunday, April 21 2024
will be



SUNDAY

*Undesignated offering
will go to
Neighbor to Neighbor.*



You are invited to
a Baby Shower for
Tori and Dalton Adger
April 14, 2024
Immediately after Church
Room #202
Their registry is linked below

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/tori-adger-may-2024/2DLALA17699KO>



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 .

**Evening Service at
Trinity Village**
Sunday, April 28, 4:00 pm
Trinity Village Great Hall



Tuesdays, March, 6PM
Session is 13 weeks

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING WITH POTLUCK!

**FBC QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE APRIL 28
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MORNING SERVICE.**

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISHES AND DESSERTS!



SYMPATHY

To Donna Chisom and family,
in the loss of Travis, who
passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.



Thank You

First Baptist Church of Pine Bluff,

Thank you for being a blessing! We appreciate you providing a meal from
The Wood Shed for our Parent-Teacher Conference.

Sincerely,
Marcia Merritt
Coleman Middle School Principal



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:

6:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
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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