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# First Baptist Church Builder

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Grace and peace to you!

I want to take the opportunity in this article to express my appreciation and gratitude to the church for allowing me to continue my education while I serve as your pastor. As I press on in seminary toward my Master's degree, I have been able to grow in my knowledge of God's Word, and I pray that my seminary experience ultimately serves you well, as I take what I learn and apply it to the ministry at our church in various ways.

One of my most recent classes was Christology, which is the study of the person and work of Christ. In turn, I have begun a Christology series at our church on Sunday evenings called "Jesus Is..." We just had the first session this past Sunday, and have six more to go! If you weren't able to make it, I hope you will consider coming to the remaining sessions.

As a part of that Christology class, I was required to submit a paper on an aspect of Christ's person or work of my choice. I decided to write on his work as our intercessor, based on Hebrews 7:25, which states, "Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them." I titled the paper, "Since He Always Lives- An Examination of the Perpetuity of Christ's Intercessory Work," and I argued that Jesus's intercessory work, which is a necessary component of the work of redemption, is dependent on his eternality as God and his immortality as a risen and glorified man, as indicated in Hebrew 7:25, which states that he "always lives to make intercession." I would like to share some excerpts from that paper for two reasons- so that you might get a glimpse of my progress in seminary, which I know many of you pray about and are invested in, and so that you might be edified by these truths.

"Jesus continually lives in the presence of God as the God-man, with both a human and divine nature. This uniquely qualifies him to make perpetual intercession, as in his divinity he can know all things and present them to the Father, and in his humanity, he can sympathize with and rightly represent those for whom he intercedes."

"Hebrews 7:24, which says "...he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever," grounds the uninterrupted administration of Christ's priestly office in the continuance of his life. In v. 25, the phrase "since he always lives" parallels the phrase in v. 24, "because he continues forever." Both phrases indicate endurance with no end and no interruption. V. 24 is in regard to the priestly office in general, while v. 25 is to the specific priestly function of intercession. And so both the perpetual nature of the priestly office and the perpetual activity of intercession as a function of that office are secure in Christ's eternal and immortal life."

"The promise of Hebrews 7:25 is that the believer's salvation will not be partial, incomplete, or abandoned because Christ continues to intercede for those who draw near to God in him, and there is security in this intercession because it will never end. The unending nature of the intercession is guaranteed by the unending life of the intercessor, Jesus Christ, the eternal Divine Son and the immortal Risen Lord. This verse clearly indicates that the author of Hebrews views Christ's intercessory work as essential to salvation, and that only Jesus, who is eternal and immortal, could serve in that high priestly capacity."

I hope these excerpts serve to stir your affections for Jesus Christ, who is your intercessor before the Father.

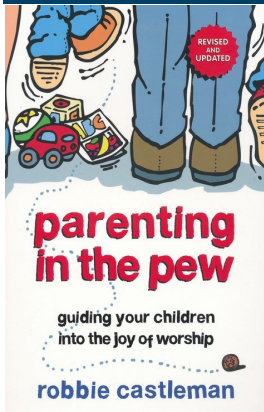
In Christ,

Bro. Dalton Adger

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# We Are God's Masterpiece

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children



## Special Gift for FirstKids Families!

To support families in guiding their children toward meaningful worship, we are excited to offer a free copy of *Parenting in the Pew* to all families with kids or grandkids in the FirstKids Ministry. This insightful book provides practical advice and heartfelt encouragement for parents seeking to nurture their children's spiritual growth during worship services. I will be in the Foyer on Sunday, May 11, 2025, to personally hand out these books. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect and share resources that can enrich your family's worship experience. I look forward to seeing you then!

## Family Dedication Sunday

We will be celebrating Family Dedication during our morning worship service on Sunday, May 11, 2025. This is a special opportunity for parents to commit to raising their children in a Christ-centered home and for our church family to commit to supporting them.

If you would like to participate, please contact me by email at [bbolton@cablelynx.com](mailto:bbolton@cablelynx.com) or by calling 870-534-4741 or 870-489-8970 by May 4, 2025.



## Graduate Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, May 18, 2025, during the morning worship, we will give special recognition to those who are graduating high school this year.

Graduates need to RSVP by email at [bbolton@cablelynx.com](mailto:bbolton@cablelynx.com) or by calling 870-534-4741 or 870-489-8970 by May 5, 2025. Include your name, school name, and future plans.

Join the Student Ministry as we celebrate the Class of 2025 and their exciting journey into a new chapter of their lives.



## One Day Vacation Bible School is Saturday, June 21, 2025!

One Day VBS registration is now open to kids who have completed Pre-K through 6th grade (must be 5 years old by 8/1/25). For more information, visit the web address below! Parents and VBS Volunteers use the same address to register: [www.fbcpinebluff.org/vbs](http://www.fbcpinebluff.org/vbs).

This year's theme, *Magnified!*, will help kids explore the details of God's amazing world and learn how they were made to proclaim His greatness.



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[www.facebook.com/themusicministry](http://www.facebook.com/themusicministry)

## Deacon of the Week

**LYNN KING**

May 4, 2025

**ROGER MINYARD**

May 11, 2025

**MAC NORTON**

May 18, 2025

**JIM SIMPSON**

May 25, 2025

## First Record

### April 6, 2025

Budget Needs .....	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$13,475.00
TV Receipts .....	\$715.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$300.00
Other .....	\$5,331.44
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$19,821.44</b>

### April 13, 2025

Budget Needs .....	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$9,260.00
TV Receipts .....	\$55.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$125.00
Other .....	\$1,769.25
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$11,209.25</b>

### April 20, 2025

Budget Needs .....	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$3,340.00
TV Receipts .....	\$0.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$50.00
Other .....	\$3,210.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$6,600.00</b>

### April 27, 2025

Budget Needs .....	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$8,825.00
TV Receipts .....	\$70.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$550.00
Other .....	\$185.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$9,630.00</b>



The Admin. Board will meet on  
Sunday, May 18 at 4:00 pm

The Deacons will meet on  
Sunday, May 18 at 4:30 pm

Sunday, May 18, 2025  
will be



**SUNDAY**

*Undesignated offering  
will go to  
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

**Evening Service at  
Trinity Village**

Sunday, May 25, 4:00 pm  
Trinity Village Great Hall

## Thank You

“Thank you” for your kindness  
and thoughtfulness of us, is always a  
blessing.

Your “Easter treats” bags,  
“sweetened” our dispositions and  
brought a smile to our faces!

Your Pastor’s visits, always  
brightens our hearts and feeds our  
soul.

We are Thankful for “Willing  
Workers” in Sunday School and  
Vespers as well!

From all of us,  
Trinity Assisted Living  
-W Wages

## CHURCH CLOSING

The church office will be closed  
Monday, May 26, for Memorial Day.



Fill A  
Bottle

to save a life  
known by GOD

Hope of the Delta  
Baby Bottle  
Offering

May 11—June 15  
2025

Checks are welcome



## SOME HOUSEKEEPING FYIS

As we go through seasons at the church, the activities seem to go up and down. Before you plan an event with friends or your Sunday School class, please contact the church office to make sure the calendar is clear and there are no scheduling conflicts.

Our beloved building is getting on in years. If you spot something that needs to be repaired, please complete a repair form located in the office. These forms are blue and located under the extra Builders and calendars on the counter. We will make sure to take care of it as soon as we can.



## Congratulation to all of our graduates!

Keith Bolton—White Hall  
High School  
Jay Duckworth—Sheridan  
High School

## SYMPATHY

To the Adger family in the  
loss of Dalton’s great aunt, Agnes  
Conley, who passed away in LA.

To Angela Thomasson, in the  
loss of her father, David Bush,  
who passed away in Pine Bluff,  
AR.

To Ouida Beck, in the loss  
her great granddaughter, Aria  
Johnson

To Bill Anderson, in the loss  
of his son, Billy Anderson, who  
passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

## Regular Schedule for Weekly Services

### SUNDAY:

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

### WEDNESDAY:

12:00 pm Prayer Meeting  
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir  
Rehearsal

### THURSDAY:

6:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
6:00 pm Griefshare

## Deacons 2025

Blasious Awonsang	318-278-4208	Roger Minyard	540-7836
Kenny Bonds	540-7001	Mac Norton	718-2895
Troy Cole	540-7393	Jim Simpson	692-3282
Dan Crowder	501-944-1236	Marc Stratton	329-6906
Larry Daniel	540-7534	Rodney Rodgers	543-9936
Lynn King	540-7400	Vernon Walker	489-2683

# News from the Pews

Anna Katherine Green, granddaughter of **Bonnie Green and the late Dr. Horace L Green**, became the bride of Andrew Boatman, son of Jay and Sandra Boatman on March 22, 2025.

## STAFF PHONE NUMBERS

**Bro. Dalton Adger**  
(318) 489-3106  
**Dr. Bryan Bolton**  
(870) 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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