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Grace and peace to you!

For this month's article, I thought I would share with you a devotion from John MacArthur's little book, *Truth for Today: A Daily Touch of God's Grace*. This book has a small devotional reading for each day of the year, and the one I am sharing is for June 24.

## **Unconditional Love**

*Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.*

*Ephesians 5:2*

The Bible doesn't refer to Christian love as an emotion but as an act of self-sacrifice. A person who truly loves someone else doesn't try to get anything out of that person. That's because godly love is never conditioned on a response- it is unconditional.

The world often defines love in terms of what it can get. But God loves even if He never gets anything in return. If that kind of love characterized our marriages, the divorce rate wouldn't be what it is today. If those who claim they don't love their spouses anymore would commit themselves to loving them unconditionally, they just might find that they can recapture or rebuild their love. Our Lord Jesus Christ doesn't love us for what He can get out of us; He loves us in spite of the hurt we cause Him. Make unconditional love your goal, and be humble, obedient, and self-sacrificing.

That excerpt by MacArthur is a great reminder of the kind of love Christ has for us, and the call each of us have to emulate sacrificial, unconditional love in our relationships with one another. I hope that was an encouragement to you, as it was to me.

In Christ,  
Bro. Dalton Adger

# We Are God's Masterpiece

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



This past Saturday's One Day VBS: Magnified! was filled with laughter, learning, and the powerful message of God's love—and it would not have been possible without the faithful hearts of our volunteers. Thank you for serving with such joy and grace! From crafts to snacks, music to Bible stories, your presence helped point children toward Christ. Events like VBS not only plant gospel seeds but also strengthen our mission to partner with families in discipleship, helping them grow together in faith at home.

The Sanctuary Choir wrapped up the 2024–2025 choir year with a final rehearsal followed by a well-earned time of fellowship at Chick-fil-A to celebrate. Laughter, shared memories, and of course, plenty of milkshakes made it a perfect ending to a season filled with joyful music and faithful service. The fellowship was a reminder that choir is more than just music—it is a family.



Meanwhile, the choir has selected their Top 10 favorite anthems from this past year. The countdown begins July 6 and will continue through September, with a new favorite revealed each Sunday.

The choir will resume regular rehearsals on Wednesday, July 23 at 6:30 pm. We will begin a new season with preparations for the Hymn Festival in September. Shortly after, we will begin working on our Christmas Concert in December. To get a head start, join us for a Special Music Preview Night on Wednesday, August 13 at 6:30 pm. Let's make the 2025-2026 choir year one to remember!

Thank you, Sanctuary Choir, for a year of dedication, ministry, and heartfelt worship. Enjoy a well-deserved rest—and get ready to sing again soon!



## 2025 Hymn Festival: The Prayers of Our Hearts Sunday, September 28, 2025 | 5:00 PM

Join us for an inspiring evening of music, scripture, and reflection at the 2025 Hymn Festival: The Prayers of Our Hearts. This year's festival centers on the theme of prayer, guided by Colossians 4:2: "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

Through powerful hymns and heartfelt readings, we will explore the rhythm of prayer using the A.C.T.S. model:

- ◇ Adoration – Praising God for who He is
- ◇ Confession – Humbly acknowledging our need for His grace
- ◇ Thanksgiving – Expressing gratitude for His blessings
- ◇ Supplication – Lifting up our needs and the needs of others

Whether you are new to prayer or seeking to deepen your spiritual walk, this evening will offer a meaningful opportunity to connect with God and our church community through worship.

Mark your calendars now and invite a friend! More details to come soon.



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## Deacon of the Week

**TROY COLE**

July 6, 2025

**DAN CROWDER**

July 13, 2025

**LARRY DANIEL**

July 20, 2025

**LYNN KING**

July 27, 2025

## First Record

### June 1, 2025

Budget Needs .....	\$12,601.70
Budget Receipts .....	\$13,290.00
TV Receipts .....	\$210.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$150.00
Other .....	\$8,880.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$22,530.00</b>

### June 8, 2025

Budget Needs .....	\$12,601.70
Budget Receipts .....	\$4,025.00
TV Receipts .....	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$625.00
Other .....	\$1,297.21
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$5,952.21</b>

### June 15, 2025

Budget Needs .....	\$12,601.70
Budget Receipts .....	\$6,275.00
TV Receipts .....	\$255.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$475.00
Other .....	\$2,636.85
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$9,641.85</b>

### June 22, 2025

Budget Needs .....	\$12,601.70
Budget Receipts .....	\$7,105.00
TV Receipts .....	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$1,012.00
Other .....	\$7,785.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$15,907.00</b>

**CHURCH CLOSING**

The church office will be closed Friday, July 4, for Independence Day.

The Admin. Board will meet on Sunday, July 20 at 4:00 pm

The Deacons will meet on Sunday, July 20 at 4:00 pm

Sunday, July 20, 2025  
will be



**SUNDAY**

*Undesignated offering  
will go to  
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

**Evening Service at  
Trinity Village**

Sunday, July 27, 4:00 pm  
Trinity Village Great Hall

**SYMPATHY**

To Cindy and Dan Crowder,  
in the loss of her mother, Marjorie  
Massey, who passed away in Pine  
Bluff, AR.

**Financial FYI**

Do you ever look at the numbers on page 2 and wonder what they mean? Each line represents a different aspect of the church's financial picture, helping to keep track of both regular and special contributions, as well as how funds are being allocated for specific needs. By reviewing these lines, church leadership can assess financial health, ensure resources are being directed appropriately, and make adjustments if necessary.

The first line is the budget needs for the week. The second line are the actual gifts received each week. The third line is what we receive to apply to the TV ministry, mainly from viewers. The fourth line goes directly to Capital Needs for repairs and large one time purchases. The fourth line is for any other designated gifts, memorials, funds from the Foundation trusts, Neighbor to Neighbor 3rd Sunday. Any funds that are not budgeted line items. Please call the office anytime you have questions.

**Thank You**

Dear FBC Family,  
Dan & I send heartfelt thanks to all that have reached out to us over these past few weeks with mom's illness & passing. The visits, calls, food, cards & especially your prayers have been such a blessing. A special thank you is extended to Bro. Dalton, Bro. Ken, Bro. Bryan, Erin & Christie for a beautiful celebration of mom's life. Once again we are reminded of how special our church family is! We love you & God Bless.

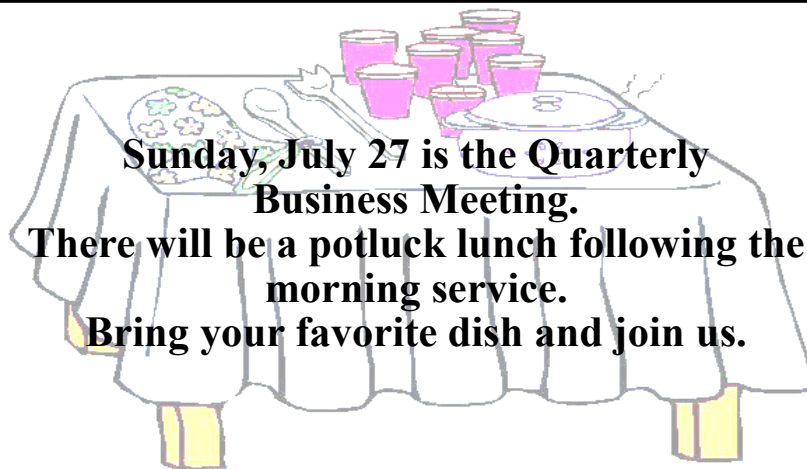
Cindy & Dan Crowder

Dear FBC,  
Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers and for all you have done for our family,

James, Matthew, Obie, Cassie and Rita Watson



**Sunday, July 27 is the Quarterly  
Business Meeting.  
There will be a potluck lunch following the  
morning service.  
Bring your favorite dish and join us.**





## 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

*Sue Smith* is the proud grandparent of:  
**Shep Jernigan**,  
graduated Santa Clara University, San Jose, CA. He will continue at Santa Clara Univ. Leavey School of Business MBA Program.  
**Miles Jernigan**,  
graduated Bronxville HS, NY. Entering South Shields Academy, Univ. of Sunderland, UK.  
**Emily Inzer**, graduated Univ. of Oklahoma. Entering Eastern VA Medical School, Norfolk, VA

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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](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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