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Grace and peace to you!

As summer winds down, we have a busy fall season ahead of us. I would like to take the opportunity in this Builder article to give you a preview of the Sunday Evening series I have planned during that time.

Starting in September, we will go through a nine-week series on Sunday evenings called "Typology- Patterns that Point to Christ." The last two Sunday evening series were "The Bible's Big Picture," which traced the overall narrative of Scripture, and "Jesus Is...," which focused on Christology, the doctrines of Christ. You could see this next study as sort of a hybrid of those two, as we will once again be tracing patterns in the Old Testament and seeing how they culminate and find ultimate fulfillment in the person and work of Jesus Christ. We will see how 5 people, 2 events, and 2 institutions point to Christ.

This study will be heavily based on a book entitled *Typology: Understanding the Bible's Promised Shape Patterns* by James M. Hamilton Jr., pastor of Kenwood Baptist Church and professor of biblical theology at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, both located in Louisville, KY (it may be worth noting that Dr. Hamilton is an Arkansas native and obtained his B.A. from the University of Arkansas. Go Hogs.) If you would like a head start learning the material we will be covering, you may consider ordering a copy of this book, although I will say that it is a bit technical and academic. A smaller, more digestible book that covers much of the same material is *What Is Biblical Theology?*, also by James M. Hamilton. Both of these titles have my full recommendation.

When we begin this study, we will meet for three weeks in September, October, and November. We have events planned for the fourth Sunday in both September and October, so that will help break up the study. The plan is also to include a potluck only on the first Sunday evening of each month (so three total) instead of every time we meet. Here is a breakdown of this plan, with the "Typology" study lesson titles in bold:

September 7- **People that Point to Christ- Adam** (potluck included)
September 14- **People that Point to Christ- Priests**
September 21- **People that Point to Christ- Prophets**
September 28- Hymn Fest
October 5- **People that Point to Christ- Kings** (potluck included)
October 12- **People that Point to Christ- the Righteous Sufferer**
October 19- **Events that Point to Christ- Creation**
October 26- Trunk or Treat
November 2- **Events that Point to Christ- Exodus** (potluck included)
November 9- **Institutions that Point to Christ- the Temple**
November 16- **Institutions that Point to Christ- Marriage** (end of study)

I am looking forward to leading you through this study, and I hope you will be able to join us. Consider inviting guests as well, as I believe anyone would benefit from these discussions which highlight the fulfillment of the gospel in the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Bro. Dalton Adger

FINDING YOUR VOICE

...TO BE LIKE JESUS

Ephesians 4:15

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children

Join the Story.

Join the Story! 2025 FirstKids Ministry Volunteer Training.

Every child is a story yet to be told—and you are invited to be part of it!

Who: All FirstKids Ministry volunteers (attendance required)

What: An evening of training, connection, and preparation

When: Choose one: Sunday, August 24 at 5pm OR Sunday, August 31 at 5pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Why: Because we play a vital role in a child's faith journey—and we want to do it with excellence!

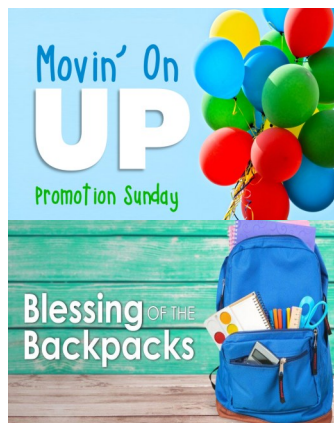
Attending **one** of these sessions is **mandatory** for each adult and student who would like to serve in the nursery, preschool, elementary, or preteen class for the 2025-2026 ministry year. This story-themed training session will cover safety policies and procedures, look ahead to exciting plans, and dream together about what God has in store for our kids. Plus, we will enjoy some great food and raffle prizes!

Please let me know which training session you will be attending by filling out this quick RSVP form: <https://bit.ly/3TU4DNE>. Respond by August 18, 2025.

Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks.

The start of a new school year will be acknowledged with a big Sunday for our FirstKids and Student Ministries. On Sunday, August 17, 2025, all ages will move up to their new Sunday school classes.

This is also the Sunday that we encourage each student, teacher, and administrator to bring your backpacks to morning worship so that we can equip them with Scripture and most importantly, pray over them for the coming school year.



2025 Hymn Festival:

The Prayers of Our Hearts

Sunday, September 28 | 5:00 PM

Join us for an evening of music, scripture, and reflection centered on The Prayers of Our Hearts, inspired by Colossians 4:2, "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

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

- Adoration – Praising God
- Confession – Seeking His grace
- Thanksgiving – Offering gratitude
- Supplication – Lifting up needs

Whether you are new to prayer or seeking renewal, this Hymn Festival invites you to connect with God and community. Save the date and bring a friend!



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Deacon of the Week

ROGER MINYARD

August 3, 2025

MAC NORTON

August 10, 2025

JIM SIMPSON

August 17, 2025

MARC STRATTON

August 24, 2025

RODNEY RODGERS

August 31, 2025

First Record

July 6, 2025

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| Budget Needs | \$12,601.70 |
| Budget Receipts | \$8,780.00 |
| TV Receipts | \$400.00 |
| Capital Needs & Repairs... | \$1,050.00 |
| Other | \$1,387.17 |
| TOTAL | \$11,617.17 |

July 13, 2025

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| Budget Needs | \$12,601.70 |
| Budget Receipts | \$5,565.00 |
| TV Receipts | \$60.00 |
| Capital Needs & Repairs..... | \$645.00 |
| Other | \$1,325.00 |
| TOTAL | \$7,595.00 |

July 20, 2025

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| Budget Needs | \$12,601.70 |
| Budget Receipts | \$7,085.00 |
| TV Receipts | \$0.00 |
| Capital Needs & Repairs..... | \$600.00 |
| Other | \$1,010.00 |
| TOTAL | \$8,695.00 |

July 27, 2025

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| Budget Needs | \$12,601.70 |
| Budget Receipts | \$8,605.00 |
| TV Receipts | \$25.00 |
| Capital Needs & Repairs..... | \$575.00 |
| Other | \$9,345.00 |
| TOTAL | \$18,550.00 |



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

The Deacons will meet on
Sunday, August 17 at 4:00 pm

Sunday, August 17, 2025
will be



SUNDAY

*Undesignated offering
will go to
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

Evening Service at Trinity Village

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

SYMPATHY

To Stacy and Rob Cheatwood, in the loss of her father, Eddie Medlock, who passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

To Stu Soffer, in the loss of his wife, Linda, who passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.



realm Let's get connected.

Our church moved to a new kind of church record keeping solution called Realm in 2020. It primarily serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church. Not only will this improve work life for our ministry staff, it will make it easier for our church family to connect with each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a connected community of believers.

Everyone in our church gets a unique profile. Your profile contains everything you want people to know about you. Your profile enables you to join a small group, RSVP to events, track your giving, update your contact information, change family details, or replace an outdated family photo.

Groups and classes are an important part of our church, and now you can connect with the people in them throughout the week.

Review your giving history or make new donations online or on your mobile phone. Simply sign in to look over your year-to-date giving, print a contribution statement or make a new one-time or recurring donation. It's always available and kept secure in an easy-to-use online environment.

Your privacy is very important to us. You have complete control over who can see your contact and personal information. Contact information is never public or searchable on the internet. Authorized staff will always have access to your profile information.

Our FirstKids Ministry is using the Check-in system. This helps with improving safety, efficiency, and overall experience. We would like to adopt this same check-in with our Sunday School classes. We are hoping to take out some of the paper waste of the church. This will also enable to email or group texts to the classes and members of the church in the event of a power loss at church that would cause cancellation of the services.

To make this all possible, you will need to create your profile, download the Connect app from your device's app store, or you can use your computer to sign-in. You will receive an invite from the church office to Realm. Please consider accepting this invite. It is completely up to you. If you do not receive an email invitation, contact the church office to confirm that your information is correct, and we'll gladly resend the invitation.

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With the summer heat upon us, please take the time to check on neighbors and friends. Remember to stay hydrated.



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

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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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