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Grace and peace to you!

The holiday season is upon us once again! I am excited to spend another Christmas season with my church family. I love the lights, the decorations, the cold weather, the warm fellowship, and the emphasis on the greatest gift that God has ever given to the world- His Son.

But before Christmas, we still have Thanksgiving to celebrate. As I write this, we are one week away from Thanksgiving Day. And so, I thought this would be a good opportunity to reemphasize thanksgiving in our prayer life. The following is an excerpt from the sermon I preached last month on Thanksgiving in Prayer, as a part of our ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) Prayer series.

"1 Thessalonians 5:18- In everything give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Paul says to give thanks in everything. This is just like the command to rejoice always and to pray without ceasing. Once again, the idea is all-encompassing. There isn't a circumstance you can find yourself in where thanksgiving is inappropriate. There isn't a thing you can go through that drowns out all the reasons to be thankful. We are to give thanks in everything- not some things, not sometimes. In everything.

Paul says that this is God's will for us in Christ Jesus. A question that many believers have in their lives is, "How do I know what God's will for me is?" Well, when it comes to decisions, the solution is to pray to the Lord for wisdom and to apply it as He provides it. But there are many things we are told explicitly is the will of God for everyone. And here, Paul says one of those things that is the will of God for every believer is that they give thanks in everything.

The key to all of this is the phrase "in Christ Jesus." Our union to Christ through faith is the grounds for our rejoicing, our praying, and our thanksgiving. Because Christ died for us and rose again, granting us forgiveness of sins and eternal life, and because we have received those things by the grace of God through faith in Christ, and have thus been united to Christ, we can now rejoice always, we can pray to God without hindrance, and we have reason to be thankful no matter what. Think about it- things could go as bad as possible here on earth. You could lose everything. You could lose your health, your wealth, your family, your friends, but because you still have Jesus, you have a reason for thanksgiving. You are in Christ, which means if you have nothing in this life, you still have everything in eternity."

We have so much to be thankful for, and one day a year is not really sufficient for offering thanksgiving to the Lord. I hope that you, as Paul writes, have made a practice of giving thanks in everything. After all, this is God's will for you.

In Christ,
Bro. Dalton Adger



Wishing you the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and the peace
of His love at Christmas
and always.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your
First Baptist Church Staff
Bro. Dalton, Bro. Bryan, Renee, and Ann

FINDING YOUR VOICE

...TO BE LIKE JESUS

Ephesians 4:15

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children



This is Christmas: Celebrating the Heart of Christmas

This Christmas season, we are reminded of the true heart of Christmas—the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior. While the world often shifts the focus to gifts, decorations, and festivities, the real reason for the season is the good news of salvation. The angels proclaimed this message to the shepherds on that holy night: “A Savior, Christ the Lord, has been born for you.” This news brings great joy because it offers hope, forgiveness, and reconciliation with God. Jesus came to save us from our sins, and this salvation is available to all who put their faith in Him.

As Christians, we are called to share this message with others, just as the shepherds did. The good

news is for everyone—regardless of background or past mistakes. Let us celebrate the birth of Christ and make His message the center of our Christmas season.

In the spirit of sharing this joy, a group from the Sanctuary Choir is preparing for an exciting trip to New York City to perform at the iconic Carnegie Hall on Monday, December 1. They will join choirs from around the world for a special performance of “This is Christmas” conducted by the composer Mary McDonald.

The full choir will present the same program here at home on Sunday, December 14 at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary, accompanied by a string ensemble from the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra.

Make plans to join us for this unforgettable evening. We would love to see you there! Bring a friend or family member and celebrate the true heart of Christmas together.

The Advent Season is Fast Approaching.

Prepare to celebrate Christmas with us at First Baptist Church! This season is such a special time, and we will gather for meaningful worship, encouraging messages, and beautiful carols that remind us of the hope, peace, joy, and love Jesus brings. Bring your family and friends! We would be thrilled to share this joyful season with you!



Christmas Eve

We want you to join us on Wednesday, December 24, at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary for our annual candlelight and Lord's Supper service.

We will celebrate the birth of Jesus together through story, songs, and the beautiful glow of candlelight as we honor our Savior's arrival. Childcare will be available. We look forward to celebrating this special evening with you and your family!



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Deacon of the Week

BLASIOUS AWONSANG

December 7, 2025

KENNY BONDS

December 14, 2025

TROY COLE

December 21, 2025

DAN CROWDER

December 28, 2025

First Record

November 2 2025

Budget Needs	\$12,601.70
Budget Receipts	\$15,960.00
TV Receipts	\$505.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$75.00
Other	\$2,328.25
TOTAL	\$18,868.25

November 9, 2025

Budget Needs	\$12,601.70
Budget Receipts	\$7,985.00
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$75.00
Other	\$1,616.69
TOTAL	\$9,681.69

November 16, 2025

Budget Needs	\$12,601.70
Budget Receipts	\$5,620.00
TV Receipts	\$50.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$50.00
Other	\$1,093.00
TOTAL	\$6,813.00

November 23, 2025

Budget Needs	\$12,601.70
Budget Receipts	\$7,340.00
TV Receipts	\$70.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$100.00
Other	\$585.00
TOTAL	\$8,095.00

SYMPATHY

To Bobbette Snyder and family, in the loss of her mother, KarLynn Roberts, who passed away in TN.

To Lynn Heagler Davis, in the loss of her mother, Anne Heagler, who passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

To the family of Pat Towers, who passed away in Hot Springs, AR.

TOGETHER

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

National Goal \$210 million
Church Goal \$10,000

LOTTIE MOON WEEK OF PRAYER OFFERING
November 30-December 7

GRIEF SHARE

Thursdays
6:00 - 7:30 PM
The last meeting of this session is December 11.

Special Called Business Meeting

A Business Meeting will be held Sunday, December 7, immediately following the morning service.

Recommendation from the Administrative Board for the purchase of a new AC unit

Financial FYI

The 2025 offering envelopes are on their way. Once received, we will put them in your Sunday School classrooms.

Are your financial contributions up to date? If you wish to check what you have given so far this year, contact the church office.

Your 2025 contributions must be turned in Sunday, December 28, dropped off at the office by noon or postmarked on Wednesday, December 31 to be on your tax contribution statement.

Sunday, December 21, 2025
will be



SUNDAY

*Undesignated offering
will go to
Neighbor to Neighbor.*



The church office will close at noon on Wednesday, December 24 and will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26 for Christmas. The office will close at noon on Wednesday, December 31 and will be closed on Thursday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

Evening Service at Trinity Village

Sunday, December 28, 4:00 pm
Trinity Village Great Hall

Samaritan's Purse
OPERATION Christmas Child

the power of a simple gift

To everyone who helped with Operation Christmas Child 2025, THANK YOU! We packed 214 boxes plus 3 online for a total of 220!! Everything you do (praying, shopping, packing, delivering, making donations) is most important to this ministry. We shop year round so any time you can pick up a needed item or make a donation, it will be used to lead more children and families to Christ.

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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News from the Pews



Our website is live and online giving is available. 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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