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Grace and peace to you!

We are approaching the year 2026. It is hard to believe how fast 2025 has gone, but here we are. I am sure I will use the article in next month's Builder to reflect on the Christmas season, so I will take the opportunity in this one to look ahead to next year, specifically what I plan to preach on Sunday mornings. I hope this will allow each of you to begin studying on your own and meditating on God's Word before you hear it proclaimed each week.

Starting in January, I will begin preaching through 1 and 2 Samuel. I would encourage you to go ahead and begin reading and studying this portion of Scripture for yourself. As you do, I'd like to highlight a few of the themes that are found in 1 and 2 Samuel that you can be on the lookout for-

1. The Kingship of God and Man- The Lord grants a king to Israel, but remains the one who reigns ultimately. The narrative also demonstrates that only the human king who submits to God's divine authority can bring lasting peace and righteousness.
2. God's Covenant Faithfulness- Despite the constant sin of the people, God remains faithful to the promises he made through His covenants with Israel. He expands on these by instituting another covenant with David, namely that He would establish an eternal house, throne, and kingdom through one of David's descendants.
3. Sin, Judgment, and Mercy- Throughout 1 and 2 Samuel, the people involved commit great acts of sin against God. As the narrative unfolds, these sins lead to great consequences, demonstrating God's holy judgment, but God still sustains and forgives His people, demonstrating His compassionate mercy.
4. The Heart- 1 and 2 Samuel teaches that God looks on the heart rather than outward appearance. He does not evaluate people based on external success but on inward faithfulness. This is shown in his interaction with his people throughout this portion of Scripture.

These are not the only four themes in 1 & 2 Samuel, but just some I wanted to highlight. We will also see the following- the Providence of God, the Presence of God, the Role of the Prophets, and the Rise and Fall of Leaders.

The main aspect of 1 & 2 Samuel that I want us to notice is that all of it points to and culminates in Jesus Christ. Each theme, each story, each figure, and each plot point ties into the grand redemptive narrative of Scripture that centers on Christ. I hope you are as excited as I am to dive into the Old Testament together and see Christ there.

In Christ,
Bro. Dalton Adger

FINDING YOUR VOICE

...TO BE LIKE JESUS

Ephesians 4:15

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children



The Sanctuary Choir Is Headed to Carnegie Hall!

The Sanctuary Choir is hard at work preparing *This Is Christmas*—both for our home concert and an exciting trip to New York City. This marks the choir's second time performing at the iconic Carnegie Hall.

A group of 20 choir members, along with family and friends, will travel to New York from November 28 to December 2, 2025. On Monday, December 1, they will join the Distinguished Concerts International Singers and a full professional orchestra for a special performance conducted by the composer herself, 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.

Please keep our choir in your prayers as they prepare for this incredible opportunity!

Trunk-or-Treat 2025: Rain Could Not Stop the Fun!

This past Sunday night, October 26, was our 16th annual Trunk-or-Treat Festival at FBC, and even though the rain changed our plans, it did not change the fun!

Instead of setting up trunks in the parking lot, we moved everything inside and turned tables in the gym into creative, colorful stations. It was different, but it worked beautifully.

I always look forward to this event. It is one of my favorite nights of the year. Seeing our church family come together to welcome kids and families from the community is such a joy. There was laughter, games, popcorn, and lots of candy—and most importantly, there were connections being made.

I am so thankful for everyone who helped make it happen. Whether you decorated a table, donated candy, served popcorn, helped with registration, or directed traffic, you played a part in something special.

We had a great turnout, with families from our church and the surrounding area filling the gym. Over 140 bags of popcorn were handed out, and the ten game tables stayed busy all night long. Kids and adults alike had a blast.

A big thank-you to:

- Everyone who donated candy and decorated tables
- Those who hosted games, served popcorn, and took care of the parking lot
- The amazing registration crew who handled their task with grace and efficiency
- All who helped set the scene and made the gym feel festive and fun

Thank you for making the 2025 Trunk-or-Treat Festival such a success. I am already looking forward to next year!



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Deacon of the Week

VERNON WALKER

November 2, 2025

JIM SIMPSON

November 9, 2025

MARC STRATTON

November 16, 2025

RODNEY RODGER

November 23, 2025

MAC NORTON

November 30, 2025

First Record

October 5, 2025

Budget Needs	\$12,601.70
Budget Receipts	\$5,970.00
TV Receipts	\$365.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$600.00
Other	\$2,183.10
TOTAL	\$9,118.10

October 12, 2025

Budget Needs	\$12,601.70
Budget Receipts	\$4,910.00
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$150.00
Other	\$1,440.99
TOTAL	\$6,505.99

October 19, 2025

Budget Needs	\$12,601.70
Budget Receipts	\$16,305.00
TV Receipts	\$0.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$75.00
Other	\$1,715.00
TOTAL	\$18,095.00

October 26, 2025

Budget Needs	\$12,601.70
Budget Receipts	\$4,560.00
TV Receipts	\$70.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$75.00
Other	\$295.00
TOTAL	\$5,000.00

Fall Bible Studies

Churchwide Bible Studies for Adults, Students and Kids.

Meeting Dates: November 2, 9, 16. On the first Sunday of each month, we will share a potluck meal before the study begins.

The Deacons will meet on Sunday, November 9 at 4:00 pm

The Admin. Board will meet on Sunday, November 16 at 4:00 pm

Sunday, November 16, 2025
will be



SUNDAY

*Undesignated offering
will go to
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

Evening Service at Trinity Village

Sunday, November 23, 4:00 pm
Trinity Village Great Hall

SYMPATHY

To Mike, Mary Ann and David Best, in the loss of Katie, who passed away in Conway, AR.



Thursdays
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Thank You

Dear Friends of First Baptist Church,

We want to thank all of you for your help and love when our PawPaw went to heaven. Thank you for allowing us to use your beautiful church and also for our family meal. We are thankful that PawPaw & Nana have such a loving church family.

Sincerely,
The Towers Family

CHURCH CLOSING

The church office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 26 and will be closed November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving.

Neighbor to Neighbor Holiday Food Baskets

N2N is planning for the handout of holiday food baskets for Christmas. FBC is being asked to provide 100 cans of sweet potatoes. The Christmas deadline to have them to the church is November 24.

They would like FBC to consider sponsoring at least 1 child for Christmas. A cash donation of \$60 per child will insure that a child will wake up Christmas morning with toys under their tree and food on their table.



There is still time to fill a box for Operation Christmas Child

There are still boxes to be filled and still time to do that! Children are waiting to receive the boxes. Here are 3 ways you can help: 1. Take a box (2,3), shop for items suitable for the age and gender you choose. 2. Bring suitable new items you've purchased or \$ to the Church. Please remember that shipping for the boxes is \$10. We have shoppers and packers ready to ship. 3. Build a box on line at SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC

We are asking that all OCC boxes be returned to the church by
November 9.

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
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Lynn King	540-7400	Vernon Walker	489-2683

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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