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Grace and peace to you!

In last month's Builder article, as I anticipated finishing the Gospel of Mark on Sunday Mornings, I highlighted a few of the passages I most enjoyed studying and preaching. Well, as I write this month's article, I still have one more sermon to preach from Mark. So, in the same vein as last month, I have done some more reflecting on Mark. I went back to the very first sermon I preached in Mark, and would like to share an excerpt of that sermon-

"Mark begins- **v. 1- The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.** From the outset, Mark presents who is the central figure in this gospel. This verse sets the stage for the rest of the book- Mark is calling these first 13 verses the beginning of the gospel because these events initiate the ministry of Jesus. But if this is the beginning of the gospel, that means the rest of the book is the gospel. What does Mark mean by this? Gospel means "good news" or "joyful tidings." The life and ministry of Jesus, and specifically his death and resurrection, is good news! It is the good news of Jesus that brings salvation! It is the good news of Jesus that we are called to believe! It is the good news of Jesus that we are commissioned to share!

This is not just good news about anybody, but it is the gospel of "Jesus Christ, the Son of God." The name Jesus means "God is salvation." Christ is the Greek equivalent of "Messiah," the promised figure from the Old Testament that would come as a suffering servant and then reign as eternal king. Jesus is identified as the Son of God, meaning he is divine and has a unique relationship with God the Father. So here in verse 1 we get the picture of Jesus that Mark will go on to highlight for the rest of the book- he is Savior, Servant, and Son of God."

From that first sermon, we have taken the journey through Mark's Gospel account, and what he wrote rang true through the entire book- the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus certainly is good news! It is good news that centers on Jesus as the Christ and as the Son of God! I hope and pray that you are just as passionate about the gospel today as you were when you first heard it.

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 Set to Shine Again at Carnegie Hall

The Sanctuary Choir continues to prepare for their presentation of "This Is Christmas" here at home, and for their trip to Carnegie Hall in New York City. This exciting journey marks the choir's second trip to this iconic venue.

A group of 20 choir members, along with their families and friends, will travel to New York from November 28–December 2, 2025, to participate in a special performance of this work on Monday, December 1, 2025, with the composer, Mary McDonald, conducting the Distinguished Concerts International Singers and full professional orchestra.

The full choir will present this same program at home on Sunday, December 14, 2025, 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!



SAVE THE DATE!!

Trunk-or-Treat Festival

Sunday, October 26
5-6:30pm

Free family fun for everyone! Come, wear your costume*, invite friends and make lasting memories!

More info at

fbcpinebluff.org/trunkortreat25

Candy donations will begin collection on October 5.

*Please refrain from any scary masks/costumes.



Clue Catchers:

Bible Study for Kids

Sunday Nights at 5:00 pm

Calling all kids! Put on your detective hats and grab your magnifying glasses. It's time to solve some Bible mysteries!

Remaining Dates:

Oct 5, 12, 19 * Nov 2, 9, 16

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: FirstKids Ministry Room
(Next to the Gym)

Join us for fun, clues, and discovery as we explore the Bible together.



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Deacon of the Week

DAN CROWDER

October 5, 2025

LARRY DANIEL

October 12, 2025

LYNN KING

October 19, 2025

ROGER MINYARD

October 26, 2025

First Record

August 31, 2025

Budget Needs	\$12,601.70
Budget Receipts	\$9,630.00
TV Receipts	\$165.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$700.00
Other	\$3,620.00
TOTAL	\$14,115.00

September 7, 2025

Budget Needs	\$12,601.70
Budget Receipts	\$10,220.00
TV Receipts	\$305.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$625.00
Other	\$1,397.00
TOTAL	\$12,547.00

September 14, 2025

Budget Needs	\$12,601.70
Budget Receipts	\$6,050.00
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$75.00
Other	\$1,170.00
TOTAL	\$7,300.00

September 21, 2025

Budget Needs	\$12,601.70
Budget Receipts	\$4,830.00
TV Receipts	\$0.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$75.00
Other	\$635.00
TOTAL	\$5,540.00

Fall Bible Studies

Churchwide Bible Studies for Adults, Students and Kids.

Meeting Dates: October 5, 12, 19; 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, October 12 at 4:00 pm

The Admin. Board will meet on Sunday, October 19 at 4:00 pm

Sunday, October 19, 2025
will be



SUNDAY

*Undesignated offering
will go to
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

Evening Service at Trinity Village

Sunday, October 26, 4:00 pm
Trinity Village Great Hall

SYMPATHY

To Pat Towers, in the loss of her husband, Norman, who passed away in Rison, AR.



Thursdays
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Thank You

First Baptist Church of Pine Bluff,

Thank you so much for your donations for June and July. This \$200 will help us buy food for our pantry bags and our daily meals. We value our relationship with your church and appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,
Pat Tate

Dear FBC Family,

Thanks to everyone for making our 50th Anniversary even more memorable. The receptions, flowers, cards & wishes were so special & very much appreciated. We want you to know we are grateful for & love each of you. Thank you again!

Dan and Cindy Crowder

October 26 2025

Quarterly Business

Meeting with Potluck

Immediately following the

Morning service



IT IS TIME TO THINK ABOUT OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is time to pack your shoebox! Boxes will be out in the foyer soon, ready to be filled. Children are waiting to receive the boxes. Here are 3 ways you can help: 1. Take a box (or 2 or 3), shop for items suitable for the age and gender you choose. NO SOAP this year 2. Bring suitable new items you've purchased or \$ to the Church. We have shoppers and packers ready to ship. Don't forget that shipping has increased to \$10. 3. Build a box online at SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC

If you have paid online and activated your label to track, please let us know so there is no double shipping paid. Also, if you included your shipping in your contribution, please let us know. Remember, it's not just a shoebox. It's a demonstration of God's love in a tangible way that will deliver hope and joy to children around the world. It's a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship—transforming the lives of children & their families through the Good News of Jesus 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

Blasious Awonsang	318-278-4208	Roger Minyard	540-7836
Kenny Bonds	540-7001	Mac Norton	718-2895
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Larry Daniel	540-7534	Rodney Rodgers	543-9936
Lynn King	540-7400	Vernon Walker	489-2683

hope
of the delta

Fundraising Banquet
Watson Chapel Baptist Church Christian Life Center
Thursday, October 16, 2025, 6:00pm—8:00 pm
Seating begins at 5:45pm

If you are interested in hosting a table at the banquet, please contact Hope of the Delta

News from the Pews

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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